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STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

AUGUST 1999

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst

Date: August, 1999

Re: Bill Summaries, 119th Legislature, 1st Regular Session

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 1st Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The summary describes each bill or order and relevant amendments as well as the final action. Also included is a statistical summary of bill activity by the committee. Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the 1st Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999. Joint orders are effective when passed.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the committee this session. It is organized by bill (LD) number and two indices are located at the back of the document that group bills by subject and by LD number. Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER *Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
CON RES XXX..... *Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... *Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... *House & Senate disagree; bill died*
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... *One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT *Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
EMERGENCY..... *Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... *Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE *Bill failed to get majority vote*
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... *Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY *Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died*
INDEF PP *Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
ONTP *Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
OTP ND..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
OTP ND/NT *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
P&S XXX *Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
PUBLIC XXX..... *Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
RESOLVE XXX..... *Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
UNSIGNED *Bill held by Governor*
VETO SUSTAINED..... *Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*
READ AND PASSED..... *Joint Order passed by the House and Senate*
PASSED AS AMENDED *Joint Order passed as amended by the House and Senate*

A complete summary of bills for all committees will be available in the very near future. Copies will be on file in the Law and Legislative Reference Library and Senate and House offices. You will also soon be able to access these bill summaries from our website.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

LD 1599**An Act to Allow Philip Wolley to Receive Certain Legal Costs from the State****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MURRAY BAKER	ONTP	

LD 1599 proposed to provide funds in the amount of \$28,000 to reimburse Philip Wolley for litigation expenses incurred in connection with his termination and subsequent reinstatement as a state employee.

LD 1617**An Act to Improve Accountability in the Budget Process****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGLEY	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1617 proposed to prohibit the transfer of any available balance from a "children's program" for any other purpose without the specific authorization of the Legislature. The bill proposed to define some of the existing programs that fall under this prohibition. The bill also proposed to require the State Budget Officer to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by January 7, 2000 that identified all resources within State Government used primarily for children's programs, a statement about the purpose of the programs and the amounts available in each fiscal year of the next biennium.

LD 1641**An Act to Provide Financial Support for Teachers Seeking National Board Certification****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCKEE CATHCART	ONTP	

LD 1641 proposed General Fund appropriations of \$50,000 in each year of the biennium to provide grants of \$2,000 each to teachers who were seeking certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

LD 1651**An Act to Ensure that Tobacco Settlement Funds Are Used for Health Purposes****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GERRY PENDLETON	ONTP	

LD 1651 proposed to create the Tobacco Settlement Dedicated Fund to receive revenue from the settlement of litigation between the State and the tobacco manufacturers. The fund could have been used for payment of health care costs for persons who use tobacco products; smoking cessation public education, seminars, treatment clinics and costs; expansion of the elderly low-cost drug program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 254 to cover health care expenses for smoking-related illness and disease; and health care coverage for persons who are unable to afford coverage. Expenditures