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STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE

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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 1886**An Act to Appropriate Funds for Marketing to Promote Economic Development****VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD	OTP-AM MAJ	S-120
CLARK	OTP-AM MAJ	S-409 MICHAUD

LD 1886 proposed General Fund appropriations in fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01 to continue business attraction and marketing efforts and for additional funds for the Maine Extension Partnership due to declining federal funds, the Small Business Development Commission for targeted rural counseling and the promotion of international trade and cultural affairs with the French-speaking nations of the world. The bill also proposed to provide funds for the "Strategic Technology Initiative."

Committee Amendment "A" (S-120) proposed to clarify that funding for business marketing and attraction was to be awarded through a competitive procedure administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development. It also clarified that funding for the Strategic Technology Initiative was provided on a one-time basis. It further required both the Department of Economic and Community Development and the University of Maine System to provide annual reports on the programs funded in the bill. Finally, the amendment added a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-409) proposed to eliminate several appropriations that were included in the bill. Of the appropriation proposals that were eliminated, two were included, in amended form, in Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part HH. Provided in that part was an appropriation of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Department of Economic and Community Development for business attraction and marketing efforts and an appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 to the University of Maine System to support the "Strategic Technology Initiative." The amendment continued to appropriate funds for the Maine Extension Partnership.

The bill, as amended by these amendments, was vetoed by the Governor and the veto sustained.

LD 1911**An Act to Relocate the Maine Legislative Law and Reference Library to Comply with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROWE LAWRENCE		

LD 1911 proposed to amend the current bonding authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority debt limit so that securities could be issued in the amount of \$5,070,000 for the construction of a new legislative law library, renovations to the space presently occupied by the Law and Legislative Reference Library and other State House renovations, including projects to comply with federal accessibility standards. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.