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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.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD	OTP	

LD 2079 proposed to require the State Tax Assessor to report to the Legislature by November 1st of each year concerning the amount of capital gains or losses experienced by the State's income taxpayers for tax years ending in the previous calendar year.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 169 requires the State Tax Assessor to report to the Legislature by November 1st of each year concerning the amount of capital gains or losses experienced by the State's income taxpayers for tax years ending in the previous calendar year.

**An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues in the Amount \$56,042,031 to Match Available Federal Funds for Improvements to Highways and Bridges, Airports and State-owned Ferry Facilities; Development of Rail Corridors and Marine Infrastructure; and Replacement of Public Transportation Fleets Statewide**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'GARA TOWNSEND	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	S-417

LD 2089 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$56,616,000 which would have been used for the following purposes:

1. \$25,000,000 from the Highway Fund to improve highways and bridges;
2. \$3,000,000 from the General Fund to improve airports;
3. \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to improve state-owned ferry facilities;
4. \$17,700,000 from the General Fund to develop rail corridors;
5. \$8,476,000 from the General Fund for the development of marine infrastructure; and
6. \$1,440,000 from the General Fund to replace public transportation fleets statewide. These state matching funds would make the state eligible for up to \$112,000,000 in federal funds.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-417)**, the majority report of the committee, proposed to lower the Highway Fund component of the bond issue by \$5,773,969 and increase the General Fund components for the development of rail corridors by \$2,000,000 and for the development of marine infrastructure by \$3,200,000. The proposed combined principal amount of the bond issue was \$56,042,031.

***Enacted law summary***