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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

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:

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

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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4. Requiring the foundation to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters rather than to the Legislature as a whole;
5. Requiring the Governor to call the first meeting of the foundation's directors and to appoint an acting chair;
6. Limiting General Funds for the foundation to its first full year of operation; and
7. Changing the fiscal year for the seed money appropriation section.

The amendment also added an appropriation.

LD 2176

Resolve, to Require Certain Reports Concerning the Use of Automated Telephone Answering Equipment by State Government

**RESOLVE 90
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER	OTP-AM MAJ	S-488
MAYO	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 2176 proposed to require agencies and departments of State Government to have a live operator answer all incoming telephone calls to the agency or department during business hours, except for emergency hot lines and telephone lines that provide general information.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-488), was the majority report. It proposed to convert the original bill into an emergency resolve that would require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to make both preliminary and final reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters on the implementation of a new policy on the use of automated telephone answering equipment by state agencies. The amendment also proposed to grant authority to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters to report out a bill during the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-489), which was not adopted, retained the original bill's requirement that agencies and departments of State Government have a live operator answer all incoming calls during business hours, except for emergency hot lines and telephone lines that provide general information. It also proposed to require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to make both preliminary and final reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters on the implementation of a new policy on the use of automated telephone answering equipment by state agencies. The amendment also proposed to grant authority to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters to report out a bill during the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 90 requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to make both preliminary and final reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters on the implementation of a new policy on the use of automated telephone answering equipment by state agencies. It also grants authority to the joint standing committee of the

Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters to report out a bill in response to the reports during the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Resolve 1999, chapter 90 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 14, 2000.

LD 2261

**An Act to Make Technical Changes in the Law Authorizing the
Capital Riverfront Improvement District**

P & S 68

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	S-495

LD 2261 proposed to amend the Private and Special law (1999, chapter 58) that established the Capital Riverfront Improvement District. The bill proposed to allow the Governing Board of the Capital Riverfront Improvement District to add additional members and to alter the boundaries of the district. It also proposed to change the reporting date of the governing board.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-495), was the majority report. It proposed to require the district governing board to elect co-chairs. The amendment also proposed to delete a reporting requirement on the district master plan to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-496), which was not adopted, was the minority report. It also proposed to require the district governing board to elect co-chairs. The amendment also proposed to authorize the district to alter the district's permanent boundaries once prior to August 31, 2000 without legislative approval. The amendment also proposed to delete a reporting requirement on the district master plan to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 68 amends the law establishing the Capital Riverfront Improvement District (Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 58) to allow the Governing Board of the Capital Riverfront Improvement District to appoint additional members and to alter the boundaries of the district. The law also requires the district governing board to elect co-chairs and deletes a reporting requirement regarding the district master plan to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.