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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 2253

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$50,000,000 to Finance the Acquisition of Lands and Interests in Lands for Conservation, Water Access, Outdoor Recreation, Wildlife and Fish Habitat and Farmland Preservation and to Access \$25,000,000 in matching Contributions from Public and Private Sources

PUBLIC 514

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted
H-762 Townsend

LD 2253 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000 to finance the acquisition of lands and interests in lands for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat and farmland preservation and to access \$25,000,000 in matching contributions from public and private sources. This bill was reported by the Majority from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Order H. P. 1540.

House Amendment “A” (H-762) proposed to correct a clerical error in the bill concerning disbursement of proceeds.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 514 authorizes a bond issue to be presented to the voters at the November 1999 general election in the amount of \$50,000,000 to finance the acquisition of lands and interests in lands for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat and farmland preservation. This bond issue will access \$25,000,000 in matching contributions from public and private sources and requires that certain Land for Maine’s Future Board acquisitions in the unorganized territories be approved by the affected county.

LD 2254

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$30,000,000 to Finance the Acquisition of Lands and Interests in Lands for Conservation, Water Access, Outdoor Recreation, Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Farmland Preservation and to Access \$25,000,000 in matching Contributions from Public and Private Sources

DIED IN CONCURRENCE

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2254 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$30,000,000 to finance the acquisition of lands and interests in lands for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat and farmland preservation and to access \$25,000,000 in matching contributions from public and private sources. This bill was reported by the Minority from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Order H. P. 1540.

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LD 2258

An Act to Improve Financing Opportunities for the Cranberry Industry

**PUBLIC 533
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2258 proposed to allow the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund to increase loans for the total cost of any cranberry project from 45% to 90% until December 31, 2001. This bill also proposed to require \$1,000,000 to be made available from the fund for cranberry project loans from bond funds approved pursuant to Private and Special Law 1995, chapter 81 and to require the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Finance Authority of Maine to jointly report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on the status of loans made for cranberry projects.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 533 allows the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund to increase loans for the total cost of any cranberry project from 45% to 90% until December 31, 2001. Chapter 533 also requires \$1,000,000 to be made available from the fund for cranberry project loans from bond funds approved pursuant to Private and Special Law 1995, chapter 81. It also requires the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Finance Authority of Maine to jointly report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on the status of loans made for cranberry projects.