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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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TO: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
 FROM: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst
 DATE: July, 2000
 RE: **BILL SUMMARIES, 119th LEGISLATURE, 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000. Joint Orders are effective when passed.

The bill summaries for your committee also include 4 bills that, although discussed in work sessions, were never referred. LD's 2589, 2646, 2664 and 2692 were discussed as part of your committee process and are therefore included in this document for your information.

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:

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 amendment 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.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 88 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$34,052 and \$20,757 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, on a one-time basis for the Department of Labor for safety-related equipment for the Maine Conservation Corps.

Chapter 88 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2000.

**LD 2378 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of ONTP
Maine Establishing a Budget Stabilization Fund**

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

LD 2378 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to establish a reserve fund that would act to stabilize the General Fund in the event of an economic downturn as well as to provide resources for debt payments on general obligation bonds, unfunded liabilities and capital construction projects exceeding \$1,000,000.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-709) was the majority report and proposed to add a fiscal note to the resolution.

**LD 2380 An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Commission on PUBLIC 561
Performance Budgeting**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MICHAUD BERRY R | OTP | |

LD 2380 proposed to amend certain provisions concerning the Commission on Performance Budgeting to clarify the terms of the members and to change the date for the commission to report its auditing recommendation.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 1999, chapter 561 amends 2 provisions concerning the Commission on Performance Budgeting to clarify the time of appointment of the members and to change the date for the commission to report its audit recommendations.

LD 2383 An Act to Help Support the Medical Ride Volunteer Service P & S 97

Sponsor(s)
PARADIS

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-517
S-750 MICHAUD

LD 2383 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$85,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Department of Human Services for grants to local area agencies on aging to support the medical ride volunteer service that provides transportation to medical appointments for older citizens on Medicare.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-517) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation request from \$85,000 to \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 and clarify that these funds are pass-through money that cannot be used for administrative costs. The amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-750) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation request from \$85,000 to \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 and clarify that this one-time funding is pass-through money that can not be used for administrative costs. The amendment also proposed to transfer funds from the Purchased Social Services program within the Department of Human Services to the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services to support the medical ride volunteer service.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 97 provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Department of Human Services for direct grants to local area agencies on aging to support the medical ride volunteer service program. This law also provides a deappropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Purchased Social Services program within the Department of Human Services to transfer available funds to the medical ride volunteer service program.

LD 2393

An Act to Appropriate Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics for Fiscal Year 1999-00

**P & S 100
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
O'NEAL
PARADIS

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-1180 TOWNSEND

LD 2393 proposed to appropriate \$160,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-842) proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause and change the General Fund appropriation request to fiscal year 1999-00 in order to provide \$171,000 on a one-time basis to be applied toward a principal payment remaining on a \$3,000,000 dormitory at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

House Amendment "A" (H-1180) proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause and change the General Fund appropriation request to fiscal year 1999-00 in order to provide \$171,000 on a one-time basis to be applied toward a principal payment remaining on a \$3,000,000 dormitory at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.