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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 100 provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$171,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Department of Education to be applied toward a principal payment remaining on a \$3,000,000 dormitory at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Chapter 100 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 18, 2000.

LD 2399 An Act to Designate a Poison Control Center and to Adequately Fund Poison Control Services INDEF PP

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

LD 2399 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$255,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Human Services to fund poison control services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-849) proposed to designate the Maine Poison Center as the official poison control center in the State, encourage the center to achieve certification from a national association of poison control centers prior to May 1, 2003, require the center to do so by December 1, 2004 and require the center to pursue alternative funding sources to fully support the level of services it offers. It also proposed to require the center to report on its progress in pursuing alternative funding sources and the status of its efforts to achieve certification to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and health and human services matters no later than February 15, 2001.

This amendment would have clarified that the Maine Poison Center must seek funding from other sources and also would have added a fiscal note to the bill.

While this bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation of \$255,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 was included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part YYY.

LD 2402 Resolve, to Promote Maine's Dairy Industry RESOLVE 105 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WESTON	OTP-AM MAJ	H-858
MILLS	ONTP MIN	S-562 KILKELLY

LD 2402 proposed to provide an allocation of \$30,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Maine Dairy Stabilization Fund to the Maine Dairy Industry Association to allow it to retain the services of a spokesperson to represent the Maine dairy industry.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-858) proposed to change the bill to a resolve. It proposed to add a section to the bill that requires the Maine Dairy Industry Association to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters by November 1, 2000 on the interest of the State's dairy farmers to form a cooperative association. It also proposed to reduce the allocation to \$10,000 and provide these funds in fiscal year 1999-00. The amendment proposed to add a fiscal note, an emergency preamble and an emergency clause.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-562) proposed to increase the allocation to the Maine Milk Commission to \$30,000 from \$10,000.

Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 1999, chapter 105 allocates \$30,000 from the Maine Dairy Stabilization Fund on a one-time basis in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Maine Milk Commission for outreach efforts through the Maine Dairy Industry Association to assess the interest of the State's dairy farmers in forming a cooperative association. It also requires the Maine Dairy Industry Association to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters by November 1, 2000 on the interest of the state dairy farmers to form a cooperative association.

Chapter 105 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 10, 2000.

LD 2404 An Act to Provide Juvenile Drug Court Prosecutors ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JABAR DAVIS P	ONTP	

LD 2404 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$365,592 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of the Attorney General for 7 additional Assistant District Attorneys to handle cases in the Juvenile Drug Court.

LD 2405 An Act to Increase the Number of Domestic Violence Prosecutors PUBLIC 746

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JABAR DAVIS P	OTP-AM	H-876 S-751 MICHAUD

LD 2405 proposed to appropriate \$470,046 to the Department of the Attorney General in fiscal year 2000-01 for 9 additional Assistant District Attorney positions to be used for the prosecution of domestic violence cases.