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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.

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.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-876) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation from \$470,046 to \$424,545 in fiscal year 2000-01, add a report requirement for domestic violence prosecutors and add a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-751) proposed to eliminate the General Fund appropriation for 9 Assistant District Attorney positions and include a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation for one Assistant District Attorney position in Cumberland County.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 1999, chapter 746 provides a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation for the Department of the Attorney General to establish one Assistant District Attorney General position for Cumberland County to assist in the prosecution of domestic violence cases. It also requires the Attorney General to compile data from domestic violence prosecutors statewide and report on this information annually.

In addition, Public Law 1999, chapter 731, section A-1 provides a General Fund appropriation to the Department of the Attorney General of \$426,077 in fiscal year 2000-01 for 8 additional Assistant District Attorney positions to prosecute domestic violence cases, five of which were previously funded through Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue funds allocations.

LD 2414

An Act to Support and Expand the Maine Writing Project

P & S 78

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GREEN CATHCART	OTP-AM	H-859

LD 2414 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to support and expand the Maine Writing Project. The Maine Writing Project follows the National Writing Project model of collaborative university and school programs, the goals of which are to improve student achievement in learning and writing, which is a major feature of the Maine Learning Results and the Maine Educational Assessment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-859) proposed to decrease the amount appropriated to the Maine Writing Project from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and require that the money appropriated must be supplemented by funds provided by the University of Maine System of \$4,500 in fiscal year 2000-01 in the form of scholarships for teachers in the Maine Writing Project. The amendment also proposed to add a General Fund deappropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Professional Development program within the Department of Education and a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 78 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the University of Maine System to support the Maine Writing Project and to expand the project to teachers in diverse geographic and curriculum areas. This amount will be supplemented by \$4,500 in fiscal year 2000-01 in the form of scholarships provided by the University of Maine System for teachers in the Maine Writing Project.