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# STATE OF MAINE
## 119TH LEGISLATURE

### SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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

## JULY 2000

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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.

A General Fund deappropriation of $5,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Department of Education, Professional Development program is also included to offset the additional funds to support the Maine Writing Project.

**LD 2420**  **Resolve, to Enhance Opportunities in Math and Science for Maine Students**  **ONTP**

| Sponsor(s) | Committee Report | Amendments Adopted |
|---|---|---|
| MURPHY T | ONTP | |
| KONTOS | | |

LD 2420 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of $1,250,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the University of Maine System for approximately 1/4 of the costs of construction of a new building on the campus of the University of Southern Maine to house a new proposed program, developed jointly through a partnership between the University of Maine System, the University of Southern Maine, the Maine Medical Center and the Foundation for Blood Research, whose purpose is to provide for training postgraduate students with math or science degrees in education; these students would be encouraged to enter the field of teaching, thus aiding in the amelioration of the shortage of math and science teachers in secondary education. The proposed funding and the development of the program would have been contingent on the provision of adequate funding from sources other than the University of Maine System to cover the balance of the costs of constructing the new building.

**LD 2452**  **An Act to Appropriate Funds to Help Restore Historic St. Lawrence Church**  **ONTP**

| Sponsor(s) | Committee Report | Amendments Adopted |
|---|---|---|
| DUDLEY | ONTP | |
| RAND | | |

LD 2452 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of $100,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to aid the Friends of the St. Lawrence Church in the restoration of the St. Lawrence Church, a locally and nationally designated landmark in Portland, Maine.

**LD 2456**  **An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Forum Francophone**  **INDEF PP**

| Sponsor(s) | Committee Report | | Amendments Adopted |
|---|---|---|---|
| MAILHOT | OTP-AM | MAJ | |
| LAWRENCE | ONTP | MIN | |

LD 2456 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of $150,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Economic and Community Development for the Forum Francophone.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-907)** proposed to strike and replace the appropriation section and add a fiscal note.

While this bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation of $75,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 was included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part TTT to support the Forum Francophone.

**LD 2481**          **An Act to Establish the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund and**          **PUBLIC 782**
                     **Reconstruct 2 Small Dams in Whiting**

| Sponsor(s) | Committee Report | Amendments Adopted |
|---|---|---|
| BAGLEY | OTP-AM | H-1137 |
|  |  | S-760   MICHAUD |

LD 2481 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of $148,800 in fiscal year 2000-01 to reconstruct 2 dams on Rocky Lake in Whiting, Maine which were breached, causing a lowering of the water level on Rocky Lake of 4 to 5 feet.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-1137)** proposed to provide an allocation of $148,800 from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund to reconstruct 2 dams on Rocky Lake in the Town of Whiting.  It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-760)** proposed to appropriate $400,000 on a one-time basis from the General Fund to establish the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund to be administered by the Department of Environmental Protection for repair or reconstruction of dams that are breached and thereby cause a lowering of water levels and that meet the criteria developed by the department.  The amendment also proposed to transfer the General Fund appropriation to a dedicated program and then allocate $148,800 from the fund to repair 2 dams in Whiting.

*Enacted Law Summary:*

Public Law 1999, chapter 782 provides a General Fund appropriation of $400,000 on a one-time basis in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund to be administered by the Department of Environmental Protection for repair or reconstruction of dams that are breached and thereby cause a lowering of water levels and that meet the criteria developed by the department.  It also transfers the $400,000 to a dedicated program and allocates $148,800 on a one-time basis in fiscal year 2000-01 for the reconstruction of 2 dams in Whiting.

**LD 2483**          **An Act to Appropriate Funds for Acquisitions for the Maine State**          **INDEF PP**
                     **Library**

| Sponsor(s) | Committee Report | Amendments Adopted |
|---|---|---|
| COLWELL | OTP |  |
| TREAT |  |  |