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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

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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-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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLWELL TREAT	OTP	

LD 2483 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to increase the Maine State Library's acquisition budget to the level of the other Area Reference and Resource Centers located at the Bangor and Portland public libraries and allow the Maine State Library to continue to purchase books, magazines and on-line products essential to the library's statewide role as a research facility and information provider.

While this bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation for this purpose of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 was included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part A-1.

LD 2492 An Act to Ensure Adequate Funding of Adult Education

**P & S 96
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TOWNSEND MICHAUD	OTP-AM	H-848 S-756 MICHAUD

LD 2492 proposed to appropriate \$78,855 and \$163,937 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, to the Department of Education to increase the state subsidy for adult education.

Committee Amendment "A " (H-848) proposed to strike the appropriation section of the bill and replace it with a new appropriation section and an allocation section. The new sections would organize "Adult Education" into a separate program within the Department of Education and provide a 3% increase in funding in fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A "to Committee Amendment "A " (S-756) proposed to eliminate the appropriations and allocations in fiscal year 2000-01 and provide a General Fund appropriation of \$78,855 in fiscal year 1999-00 only.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 96 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$78,855 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the Department of Education, Adult Education program to increase the state subsidy for adult education.

Chapter 96 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 10, 2000.

**LD 2493 An Act to Provide Funding to Wild Blueberry Growers to Develop
Alternative Water Sources**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRACY LAWRENCE	ONTP	