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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.

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TOWNSEND	OTP-AM MAJ	H-1140
MICHAUD	OTP-AM MIN	H-1164 TOWNSEND

LD 2510 proposed the following:

PART A:

1. Proposed supplemental appropriations from the General Fund.
2. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund.
3. Proposed supplemental allocations from Other Special Revenue funds.
4. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund.
5. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Bureau of Revenue Services Fund.
6. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Alcoholic Beverage Fund.
7. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Prison Industries Fund.
8. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Seed Potato Board Fund.
9. Proposed supplemental allocations from the State Lottery Fund.

PART B:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.
2. Proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.
3. Proposed allocations from Other Special Revenue funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.
4. Proposed allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C proposed deappropriations from the General Fund to support approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART D proposed to specify the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 2000-01 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605.

PART E proposed to:

1. Amend the law as it relates to the mill rate for the state property tax on telecommunications personal property.
2. Amend the law to eliminate the requirement to pay an amount equal to 1/2 of the estimated future year's state property tax on telecommunications personal property.
3. Amend the law to allow municipalities to be reimbursed an amount equal to 90% of the adjusted per acre tax revenue lost as a result of valuing farmland at its current use.
4. Amend the law to exempt from the sales tax electricity used in commercial agricultural and aquacultural production and commercial fishing.
5. Repeal the 3.5% threshold for indexing individual income tax brackets and indexes the brackets for inflation using a formula similar to the one used at the federal level. The effective date is for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.
6. Amend the law to conform to the allowable percentage of health insurance premiums paid by self-employed individuals deductible under federal tax law.
7. Amend the law to provide a \$6,000 per recipient exemption for public pension income received by state, federal and military retirees.
8. Amend the law to strictly conform to the allowable federal personal exemption, including the phase-out of the personal exemption for high-income taxpayers.

PART F proposed to:

1. Amend the law to increase the "cap" of the Maine Rainy Day Fund to 8%.
2. Amend the law as it relates to the annual financial reports prepared by the State Controller.
3. Amend the law to extend the authorization for 2 limited-period positions in the Bureau of the Budget to June 30, 2001.
4. Amend the law to eliminate the requirement that the Fund for a Healthy Maine return a working capital advance to the General Fund.
5. Authorize the transfer of funds from the Telecommunications Property Tax Reserve to the General Fund.
6. Authorize the transfer of funds from the Transportation Funding Reserve to the Highway Fund.
7. Authorize the transfer of funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Highway Fund.
8. Authorize the transfer of funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Rainy Day Fund.

9. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Information Services to establish 3 limited-period positions to assist with the implementation of the E-911 system.
10. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Accounts and Control to establish one limited-period position for the design and implementation of the new automated time and attendance system.

PART G proposed to amend the law to establish the Associate Commissioner for Legislative and Program Services in the Department of Corrections at pay range 90.

Part H proposed to amend the law as it relates to the Land for Maine's Future credit card to allow funds to be used for administrative support directly related to land acquisition.

PART I proposed to establish legislative intent to use unallocated disaster assistance funds as state match for other federally approved disasters in Maine.

PART J proposed to lapse funds to the General Fund in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01.

PART K proposed to:

1. Repeal the bedding, upholstered furniture, stuffed toys and flammable fabrics laws effective 6/30/01.
2. Amend the law to make the General Fund, Governor's Training Initiative account nonlapsing.

PART L proposed to:

1. Amend the law to authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to compensate ad hoc committee members.
2. Repeal provisions of the law as they relate to regional family support councils.
3. Amend the law as it relates to the use of funds by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to develop community services.
4. Authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under Medicaid Title XIX for targeted case management.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1140), the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs proposed to replace the bill and proposed the following:

PART A:

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4. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund.

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11. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Office of Information Services Fund.

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PART E proposed to:

1. Implement the modified accrual method of accounting for revenue for the corporate income tax, the cigarette and tobacco tax, the estate tax and the real estate transfer tax.
2. Recognize the Estate Tax Suspense Account as General Fund revenue.

PART F proposed to:

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2. Establish the Chief Information Officer as a major policy influencing position.

3. Amend the law to extend the authorization for 2 limited-period positions in the Bureau of the Budget to June 30, 2001.
4. Authorize the transfer of funds from the Telecommunications Property Tax Reserve to the General Fund.
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6. Authorize the transfer of funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Highway Fund.
7. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Information Services to establish 3 limited-period positions to assist with the implementation of the E-911 system.
8. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Accounts and Control to establish one limited-period position for the design and implementation of the new automated time and attendance system.

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2. Repeal provisions of the law as they relate to regional family support councils.
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4. Authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under Medicaid Title XIX for targeted case management.
5. Authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to substitute a vacant position for a filled position on the list of positions at the Bangor Mental Health Institute that are scheduled to be eliminated.

PART M proposed to establish the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund for the state employee health insurance program. This Part also proposed to provide a transition provision to allow the operations of the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Dedicated Revenue Account to be transferred to the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund.

PART N proposed to authorize the extension of one limited-period Program Director of the Deaf position at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to June 30, 2001.

PART O proposed to authorize the transfer of funds held in the accounts of the Maine Sludge and Residuals Research Foundation to the BioResource Engineering Department of the University of Maine at Orono.

PART P proposed to authorize carrying balances in the Public Advocate Program from fiscal year 1999-00 to be expended for purposes established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 1702.

PART Q proposed to:

1. Clarify that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall pay all necessary costs for transportation and euthanasia of an undomesticated animal suspected of having rabies and clarify that the Department of Human Services shall pay for the costs of required rabies testing.
2. Authorize the transfer of funds in the Medicaid Program from Targeted Case Management - Child Welfare recoveries in the Department of Human Services to undedicated General Fund revenue.

PART R proposed to establish an effective date of January 1, 2001 for the repeal of the snack tax.

PART S proposed to provide an income tax deduction for public and private pension income to the extent that the pension income, together with social security benefits and railroad retirement benefits, does not exceed \$6,000. This Part proposed to make no change to the current law that exempts all social security and railroad retirement benefits from state income tax.

PART T proposed to provide that individual income tax rates will be maintained at their current levels for the 2000 and 2001 tax years, adjusted to prescribed levels for tax year 2002, and then adjusted for inflation for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003.

PART U proposed to provide for additional state-municipal revenue-sharing for all municipalities with a property tax rate in excess of 10 mills. The new program is funded in fiscal year 2000-01 by a one-time appropriation of \$3,600,000. Subsequent years are funded from amounts in excess of the annual growth ceiling on the Local Government Fund. Amounts in the new fund are distributed to municipalities based on the proportion of the municipality's property tax burden that exceeds 10 mills.

PART V proposed to create an earned income credit that is equal to 5% of the federal earned income credit and is nonrefundable.

PART W proposed to provide for the phased-in reduction of the tax rate on telecommunications personal property from 27 mills to 20 mills beginning in 2003. This Part also proposed to eliminate the prepayment of 1/2 of the next year's tax.

PART X proposed to establish conformity in the Maine income tax laws for the health insurance deduction for self-employed individuals.

PART Y proposed to reduce the withdrawal penalty under the Farm and Open Space Tax Law to the minimum required by the Constitution of Maine. This Part also proposed to make further changes to clarify the Farm and Open Space Tax Law.

PART Z proposed to repeal the repeal date of the Maine Environmental Protection Fund fee schedule.

PART AA proposed to require that the Commissioner of Human Services prepare and submit to the Legislature a monthly report containing detailed expenditure projections for the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program. Part AA also proposed to require the Commissioner of Human Services to submit monthly reports to the Legislature on the status of children served by the Bureau of Child and Family Services.

PART BB proposed to require transfers of allotment from the 4th or 3rd quarters of a fiscal year to the 3rd, 2nd or first quarters by financial order to be treated as "30-day" financial orders or, in the case of "extraordinary emergency," to be subject to a waiver vote by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs if the transfer will cause financial commitments to exceed current appropriations or allocations.

PART CC proposed to remove state police officers hired after September 15, 1984 and a special agent investigator hired after June 21, 1982 from the 1998 Special Retirement Plan. Part CC also appropriated funds to cover the resulting unfunded liability costs to the Maine State Retirement System and appropriated funds for increased employer retirement costs.

PART DD proposed to establish the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

PART EE proposed to transfer \$719,935 from Other Special Revenue funds within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to the General Fund. This amount equals the reserve for the hospital assessment repealed June 30, 1998. It also proposed to provide a supplemental appropriation from the General Fund to pay for additional claims in the Maine Residents Property Tax Program.

PART FF proposed to rename the Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund.

PART GG proposed to repeal certain allocations in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of Human Services.

PART HH proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of Human Services for fiscal year 2000-01.

PART II proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of the Attorney General for fiscal year 2000-01.

PART JJ proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for fiscal year 2000-01.

PART KK proposed to clarify that the Fund for a Healthy Maine is a funding source for the elderly prescription drug program.

PARTS LL, MM and NN proposed to provide allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Safety and the Finance Authority of Maine in fiscal year 2000-01.

PART OO proposed to establish criteria for the delivery of federally approved Medicaid services to families who fall under the nonfarm income official poverty line. Part OO also proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine and the Federal Expenditures Fund in fiscal year 2000-01 to carry out this purpose.

PART PP proposed to expand the eligibility of the Cub Care program to children who have not attained one year of age. This Part also proposed to provide an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the state share of these costs and a Federal Block Grant Fund allocation for the federal share.

PART QQ proposed to establish a new position of school nurse consultant jointly within the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education. This position will provide statewide nursing leadership for coordinated school health care programs. This Part also proposed to include an allocation to the Department of Education from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the salary, benefits, operating and start-up costs of an Education Specialist III position to function as the school nurse consultant.

PART RR proposed to establish a Biennial Reserve Account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to provide an allocation of funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to be used in future biennia. This Part also proposed to provide an allocation of funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine in accordance with specific provisions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22.

PART SS proposed to create the Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund to support bone marrow screening by eligible individuals and organizations as determined according to rules adopted by the Department of Human Services. This Part also proposed to establish income tax check-off funding and proposed to include a one-time allocation of funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the first year's funding of the Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund.

PART TT proposed to specify that the elderly low-cost drug program is subject to the same procedures and reimbursements as the federal Medicaid plan. Part TT also proposed to specify that funds appropriated for the elderly low-cost drug program are nonlapsing. Part TT proposed to allocate funds to the elderly low-cost drug program from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for fiscal year 2000-01.

PART UU proposed to allocate funds to the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program within the Department of Human Services from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for fiscal year 2000-01. Part UU also proposed to allocate federal funds to the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program for fiscal year 2000-01.

PART VV proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for one Drug Court Coordinator position in the Judicial Department.

PART WW proposed to authorize the State Controller to transfer \$15,000,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund.

PART XX proposed to reduce the statutory amortization schedule for the unfunded liability from 25 years to 19 years starting in fiscal year 2001, which has the effect of reducing the amortization schedule required by the Constitution of Maine by a total of 9 years and the present statutory amortization schedule by 4 years.

PART YY proposed to increase the school construction debt service limit over the next 2 biennia to \$74,000,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and to \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2002-03 and fiscal year 2003-04 and further increase the school construction debt service limit to \$84,000,000 in fiscal year 2004-05. Part YY also proposed to direct the State Board of Education to adopt rules to create a plan to address the needs beyond Project #22 on the major capital improvement priority list.

PART ZZ proposed to require the Governor to implement performance budgeting for the 2002-2003 biennium in the same form as the prototype budget bills and budget document presented to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1710-P, subsection 9.

PART AAA proposed to require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to attempt to sell or lease the property currently located at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville at its fair market value and deposit the proceeds from the sale in the General Fund as undedicated revenue.

PART BBB proposed to allow the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to approve payment of recruitment and retention adjustments for the positions of Director, Bureau of Information Services and Chief Information Officer.

PART CCC proposed to provide that a person in the employ of the Bangor Pre-Release Center on June 30, 2000 who would have qualified for a service retirement benefit if the Bangor Pre-Release Center had remained in operation may not be denied such a benefit by the closing of the Bangor Pre-Release Center.

PART DDD proposed to authorize the State Controller to advance to the Veterans Services program, General Fund account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus on July 1, 2000 for the purpose of establishing the Northern Maine Veterans' Cemetery. Any funds transferred for this purpose must be returned to the General Fund no later than June 30, 2001.

PART EEE proposed to create a Special Education Teacher position at the Maine Youth Center to be funded with existing federal funds.

PART FFF proposed to establish the Maine Learning Technology Endowment for the advancement of learning technology in Maine schools as determined by the Legislature. It also proposed to establish the Task Force on the Maine Learning Technology Endowment and require the submission of a report.

PART GGG proposed to establish the Maine Learning Technology Reserve in the General Fund for the purpose of accumulating funds for education technology.

PART HHH proposed to transfer one Deputy Commissioner position from the Board of Environmental Protection Fund to the Administration - Special Revenue Overhead account within the Administration - Environmental Protection program of the Department of Environmental Protection.

PART III proposed to eliminate one Police Communications Operator position and establish one Building Custodian position within the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police.

PART JJJ proposed to provide additional funds to increase and fully fund a Laborer II position from 24 weeks to 32 weeks and proposed to deappropriate unneeded operational costs within the Department of Conservation.

PART KKK proposed to increase the allowable interest rate for the University of Maine System in borrowing funds for capital improvements to support research and development.

PART LLL proposed to require that the General Fund share of the University of Maine School of Law's annual operating budget be equivalent to the General Fund share of the University of Maine System's annual operating budget.

PART MMM proposed to transfer funds within the Department of Economic and Community Development's Job Retention Program to the Administration program to be used for grants to municipalities to retain mature or dominant employers.

PART NNN proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities for the purpose of paying the cost associated with the psychiatric treatment facility located in Augusta.

PART OOO proposed to authorize the transfer of funds received from the Federal Government related to the construction costs of the psychiatric center in Augusta to the Maine State Retirement System for the Retirement Allowance Fund.

PART PPP proposed to establish the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund. It also proposed to authorize a transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Victims' Compensation Fund to the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund no later than June 30, 2001.

PART QQQ proposed to increase the maximum amount that the Victims' Compensation Board may award and pay from the Victims' Compensation Fund to the victim or family of the victim of crimes covered by the fund.

PART RRR proposed to require the Maine Turnpike Authority, beginning July 1, 2012, to submit its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Accounts and Control, the Department of Audit and the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and transportation matters.

PART SSS proposed to establish the Maine Biomedical Research Program and appropriate \$10,000,000 to the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide funding to Maine-based nonprofit institutions to conduct biomedical research.

PART TTT proposed to appropriate \$150,000 to support an office for the national headquarters of the American Association of the Forum Francophone des Affairs located in Lewiston and for the Maine International Trade Center to share the office.

PART UUU proposed to establish the Applied Technology Development Center System to foster new technology-based businesses and provide \$5,500,000 in General Fund appropriations for applied technology initiatives.

PART VVV proposed to establish several economic development initiatives including the establishment of the Maine Microenterprise Initiative, a Regional Economic Development Assistance Fund and the Maine Rural Development Council. It also authorized the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission to identify issues related to and analyze agriculturally derived fuel production in the State. It also proposed to amend the Maine Economic Development Venture Capital Revolving Investment Program and transfer \$3,000,000 from the Economic Recovery Program Fund to the Maine Economic Development Venture Capital Revolving Investment Program Fund. This Part proposed to appropriate a total of \$1,500,000 for several economic development initiatives.

PART WWW proposed to establish the Maine Patent Program administered by the University of Maine System and appropriate \$300,000 to the new program.

PART XXX proposed to appropriate \$145,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Maine Science and Technology Foundation to conduct an initial evaluation of the State's public investments in research and development.

PART YYY proposed to designate the Maine Poison Center at the Maine Medical Center as the official state poison control center and provide a \$255,000 General Fund appropriation for poison control services.

PART ZZZ proposed to implement the recommendations of the Court Unification Task Force as amended by the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

PART AAAA proposed to establish the Maine Firefighter Training Fund and appropriate initial funding of \$376,000 for the fund.

PART BBBB proposed to include several initiatives related to long-term care, including amendments to rules to increase flexibility of Medicaid benefits, expand eligibility for nursing facility services, address labor force issues in the nursing field, develop standardized contracts, provide default licensing for new applicants, reflect current costs in the principles of reimbursement, change staffing ratios and change the duration of licensing and the surveys required of providers of long-term care services. It also proposed to require a report on ways to expand delegation of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code, establish a Long-term Care Implementation Committee and provide General Fund appropriations of \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for long-term care initiatives.

PART CCCC proposed to increase from \$25 to \$50 the reimbursement rate for law enforcement personnel who testify in court.

PART DDDD proposed to provide funds on a one-time basis to be applied toward a principal payment remaining on a dormitory at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-1141), the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, proposed to replace the bill and proposed the following:

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1. Amend the law to authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to compensate ad hoc committee members.
2. Repeal provisions of the law as they relate to regional family support councils.
3. Amend the law as it relates to the use of funds by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to develop community services.

4. Authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under Medicaid Title XIX for targeted case management.
5. Authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to substitute a vacant position for a filled position on the list of positions at the Bangor Mental Health Institute that are scheduled to be eliminated.

PART M proposed to establish the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund for the state employee health insurance program. This PART also proposed to provide a transition provision to allow the operations of the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Dedicated Revenue Account to be transferred to the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund.

PART N proposed to authorize the extension of one limited-period Program Director of the Deaf position at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to June 30, 2001.

PART O proposed to authorize the transfer of funds held in the accounts of the Maine Sludge and Residuals Research Foundation to the BioResource Engineering Department of the University of Maine at Orono.

PART P proposed to authorize carrying balances in the Public Advocate Program from fiscal year 1999-00 to be expended for purposes established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 1702.

PART Q proposed to:

1. Clarify that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall pay all necessary costs for transportation and euthanasia of an undomesticated animal suspected of having rabies and clarify that the Department of Human Services shall pay for the costs of required rabies testing.
2. Authorize the transfer of funds in the Medicaid Program from Targeted Case Management - Child Welfare recoveries in the Department of Human Services to undedicated General Fund revenue.

PART R proposed to provide a sales tax exemption for electricity used in commercial agriculture, fishing or aquaculture beginning July 1, 2000.

PART S proposed to provide an income tax deduction for public and private pension income to the extent that the pension income, together with social security benefits and railroad retirement benefits, does not exceed \$6,000 in tax years beginning in 2000, 2001 or 2002; \$8,000 for tax years beginning in 2003 or 2004; and \$10,000 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005. This Part proposed to make no change to the current law that exempts all social security and railroad retirement benefits from state income tax.

PART T proposed to provide for full indexing of the individual income tax brackets for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

PART U proposed to provide an income tax exemption for individuals of up to \$1,500 of net long-term capital gains for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

PART V proposed to provide that the personal exemption of the state individual income is the same as the personal exemption for purposes of the federal income tax for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

PART W proposed to eliminate the prepayment of 1/2 of the next year's tax on telecommunications personal property.

PART X proposed to establish conformity in the Maine income tax laws for the health insurance deduction for self-employed individuals.

PART Y proposed to reduce the withdrawal penalty under the Farm and Open Space Tax Law to the minimum required by the Constitution of Maine. This Part also made further changes to clarify the Farm and Open Space Tax Law.

PART Z proposed to repeal the repeal date of the Maine Environmental Protection Fund fee schedule.

PART AA proposed to require that the Commissioner of Human Services prepare and submit to the Legislature a monthly report containing detailed expenditure projections for the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program. Part AA also proposed to require the Commissioner of Human Services to submit monthly reports to the Legislature on the status of children served by the Bureau of Child and Family Services.

PART BB proposed to require transfers of allotment from the 4th or 3rd quarters of a fiscal year to the 3rd, 2nd or first quarters by financial order to be treated as "30-day" financial orders or, in the case of "extraordinary emergency," to be subject to a waiver vote by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs if the transfer will cause financial commitments to exceed current appropriations or allocations.

PART CC proposed to remove state police officers hired after September 15, 1984 and a special agent investigator hired after June 21, 1982 from the 1998 Special Retirement Plan. Part CC also proposed to appropriate funds to cover the resulting unfunded liability costs to the Maine State Retirement System and proposed to appropriate funds for increased employer retirement costs.

PART DD proposed to establish the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

PART EE proposed to transfer \$719,935 from Other Special Revenue funds within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to the General Fund. This amount equals the reserve for the hospital assessment repealed June 30, 1998. It also proposed to provide a supplemental appropriation from the General Fund to pay for additional claims in the Maine Residents Property Tax Program.

PART FF proposed to rename the Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund.

PART GG proposed to:

1. Require that revenues deposited into the Fund for a Healthy Maine that are less than estimated for programs and services supported by the Fund for a Healthy Maine must be reduced proportionately to their share of the overall fund, except the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program.
2. Amend the law to eliminate the requirement that the Fund for a Healthy Maine return a working capital advance to the General Fund.

3. Provide allocations in 5 areas. It allocated 10% of estimated tobacco settlement revenue to the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine. The Partnership for a Tobacco-free Maine is funded to create a support system for those who want to quit smoking and for other statewide tobacco interventions. Funds are provided to implement the recommendations of the Substance Abuse Services Commission, and a program is established to improve delivery of and access to quality care for Medicaid recipients. Funding is also provided to cover an anticipated Medicaid shortfall.

PART HH proposed to expand the eligibility of the Cub Care program to children who have not attained one year of age. It also allocated funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of Human Services for fiscal year 2000-01 for that purpose.

PART II proposed to establish a new position of school nurse consultant jointly within the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education. This position will provide statewide nursing leadership for coordinated school health care programs. This Part also included an allocation to the Department of Education from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the salary, benefits, operating and start-up costs of an Education Specialist III position to function as the school nurse consultant.

PART JJ proposed to create the Maine Biomedical Research Program, using a \$10,000,000 allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine. Funds are intended to support biomedical research with priority given to research and research technologies with the potential to affect diseases, biomedical mechanisms or conditions that are either caused by or related to tobacco use. A report is due to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature concerning ways to share revenue, including royalties, generated by biomedical research funded by this Part.

PART KK proposed to expand the supplemental program of the low-cost drugs to Maine's elderly to cover 80% of the cost of generic drugs not covered in the basic program, to institute a catastrophic component whereby the Department of Human Services would establish an annual limit on the total costs to be paid by eligible persons in the program, after which the program must pay 80% of all covered drugs or medications, and to make the low-cost drugs to Maine's elderly program the payor of last resort through a 3rd-party liability recovery process.

PART LL proposed to reduce the statutory amortization schedule for the unfunded liability from 25 years to 19 years starting in fiscal year 2001, which has the effect of reducing the amortization schedule required by the Constitution of Maine by a total of 9 years and the present statutory amortization schedule by 4 years.

PART MM proposed to increase the school construction debt service limit over the next 2 biennia to \$74,000,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and to \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2002-03 and fiscal year 2003-04 and further increase the school construction debt service limit to \$84,000,000 in fiscal year 2004-05. Part MM also proposed to direct the State Board of Education to study the so-called "debt service circuit breaker." Part MM also proposed to direct the State Board of Education to adopt rules to create a plan to address the needs beyond Project #22 on the major capital improvement priority list.

PART NN proposed to require the Governor to implement performance budgeting for the 2002-2003 biennium in the same form as the prototype budget bills and budget document presented to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1710-P, subsection 9.

PART OO proposed to require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to attempt to sell or lease the property currently located at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville at its fair market value.

PART PP proposed to allow the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to approve payment of recruitment and retention adjustments for the positions of Director, Bureau of Information Services and Chief Information Officer.

PART QQ proposed to provide that a person in the employ of the Bangor Pre-Release Center on June 30, 2000 who would have qualified for a service retirement benefit if the Bangor Pre-Release Center had remained in operation may not be denied such a benefit by the closing of the Bangor Pre-Release Center.

PART RR proposed to authorize the State Controller to advance to the Veterans Services program, General Fund account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus on July 1, 2000 for the purpose of establishing the Northern Maine Veterans' Cemetery. Any funds transferred for this purpose must be returned to the General Fund no later than June 30, 2001.

PART SS proposed to create a Special Education Teacher position at the Maine Youth Center to be funded with existing federal funds.

PART TT proposed to:

1. Establish the Equity and Access to Education Technology Fund. The fund is to be used to support the education technology needs of the State's teachers and students. Expenditures from the fund may be made only as authorized by the Legislature. The funding source for the fund will be the unexpended balance from the so-called School and Library Network Project.
2. Add maintenance and operating expenses of the ATM Distance Learning network to the allowable uses from funds received by the 0.5% assessment on telecommunications services.
3. Provide an Other Special Revenue funds allocation in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Department of Education for the maintenance and network management of the ATM Distance Learning network.

PART UU proposed to transfer interest on investment earnings from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund.

PART VV proposed to transfer one Deputy Commissioner position from the Board of Environmental Protection Fund to the Administration - Special Revenue Overhead account within the Administration - Environmental Protection program of the Department of Environmental Protection.

PART WW proposed to eliminate one Police Communications Operator position and establish one Building Custodian position within the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police.

PART XX proposed to provide additional funds to increase and fully fund a Laborer II position from 24 weeks to 32 weeks and proposed to deappropriate unneeded operational costs.

PART YY proposed to increase the State's share for health insurance premiums for retired educators from 30% to 35% on July 1, 2001.

PART ZZ proposed to establish state death benefits for law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

PART AAA proposed to transfer funds within the Department of Economic and Community Development's Job Retention Program to the Administration program to be used for grants to municipalities to retain mature or dominant employers.

PART BBB proposed to:

1. Establish the transfer to the Retirement Allowance Fund as the first priority of the surplus revenue at the close of each fiscal year and increase the amount of that transfer to 1/2 the surplus revenue. The Maine Rainy Day Fund would receive 1/2 of the balance of the excess after the Retirement Allowance Fund transfer, or 1/4 of the surplus revenue. A similar change in the priority of claims for certain increases of General Fund revenue estimates was also included in this Part.
2. Establish a Debt Avoidance Fund that would receive the remainder of the excess revenue after the transfers to the Retirement Allowance Fund and the Maine Rainy Day Fund. The Debt Avoidance Fund was established to avoid the issuance of bonds authorized by the voters but as yet unissued.

PART CCC proposed to authorize the transfer of funds received from the Federal Government related to the construction costs of the psychiatric center in Augusta to the Maine State Retirement System for the Retirement Allowance Fund.

PART DDD proposed to establish the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund. It also proposed to authorize a transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Victims' Compensation Fund to the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund no later than June 30, 2001.

PART EEE proposed to increase the maximum amount that the Victims' Compensation Board may award and pay from the Victims' Compensation Fund to the victim or family of the victim of crimes covered by the fund.

PART FFF proposed to require the Maine Turnpike Authority, beginning July 1, 2012, to submit its annual financial report to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Accounts and Control, the Department of Audit and the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and transportation matters in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

PART GGG proposed to designate the Maine Poison Center at the Maine Medical Center as the official state poison control center and provide a \$255,000 General Fund appropriation for poison control services.

PART HHH proposed to implement the recommendations of the Court Unification Task Force as amended by the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

PART III proposed to establish the Maine Firefighter Training Fund and appropriate initial funding of \$376,000 for the fund.

PART JJJ proposed to include several initiatives related to long-term care, including amendments to address labor force issues in the nursing field, develop standardized contracts, provide default licensing for new applicants, reflect current costs in the principles of reimbursement, and change the duration of licensing and the surveys required of providers of long-term care services. It also proposed to require a report on ways to expand delegation of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code and proposed to provide General Fund appropriation of \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for long-term care initiatives.

PART KKK proposed to increase from \$25 to \$50 the reimbursement rate for law enforcement personnel who testify in court.

PART LLL proposed to provide funds on a one-time basis to be applied toward a principal payment remaining on a dormitory at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1142) proposed to provide funding for increased reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program for speech and language pathologist and audiologist services and occupational and physical therapy services. This amendment also proposed a study of reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program, with a report due to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 15, 2001. The study and funding for these rate increases were recommended by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services in the committee amendments to L.D. 2308 and L.D. 2324. This amendment proposed to decrease the appropriation for business attraction and marketing efforts by \$311,772 in order to fund the proposed reimbursement rate increases.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1143) proposed to fully fund the State's share of General Purpose Aid as required by law.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "B" (H-1147) proposed to remove \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Governor's Training Initiative Program and provide that amount to raise public awareness and educate the public and employers about the issues concerning the effects in the workplace of domestic violence.

House Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1146) proposed to remove \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Governor's Training Initiative Program and proposed to provide that amount to raise public awareness and educate the public and employers about the issues concerning the effects in the workplace of domestic violence.

House Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1144) proposed to fully fund General Purpose Aid as required by law.

House Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1150) proposed to strike those sections of Committee Amendment "A" that establish the Maine Learning Technology Endowment and instead appropriate the funds for school construction.

House Amendment "E" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1148) proposed to:

1. Strike the appropriation and allocation sections from the majority report and replace them with new appropriation and allocation sections.
2. Remove Parts D, R to W, GG to WW, AAA, FFF, GGG, LLL, NNN, SSS to XXX and BBBB from the majority report.
3. Add the following Parts to the majority report:

PART EEEE proposed to specify the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 2000-01 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605.

PART FFFF proposed to provide a sales tax exemption for electricity used in commercial agriculture, fishing or aquaculture beginning July 1, 2000.

PART GGGG proposed to provide an income tax deduction for public and private pension income to the extent that the pension income, together with social security benefits and railroad retirement benefits, does not exceed \$6,000 in tax years beginning in 2000, 2001 or 2002; \$8,000 for tax years beginning in 2003 or 2004; and \$10,000 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005. This Part proposed to make no change to the current law that exempts all social security and railroad retirement benefits from state income tax.

PART HHHH proposed to provide for full indexing of the individual income tax brackets for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

PART IIII proposed to provide an income tax exemption for individuals of up to \$1,500 of net long-term capital gains for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

PART JJJJ proposed to provide that the personal exemption of the state individual income is the same as the personal exemption for purposes of the federal income tax for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

PART KKKK proposed to eliminate the prepayment of 1/2 of the next year's tax on telecommunications personal property.

PART LLLL proposed to:

1. Require that revenues deposited into the Fund for a Healthy Maine that are less than estimated for programs and services supported by the Fund for a Healthy Maine must be reduced proportionately to their share of the overall fund, except the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program.
2. Amend the law to eliminate the requirement that the Fund for a Healthy Maine return a working capital advance to the General Fund.
3. Provide allocations in 5 areas. It allocates 10% of estimated tobacco settlement revenue to the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine. The Partnership for a Tobacco-free Maine is funded to create a support system for those who want to quit smoking and for other statewide tobacco interventions. Funds are provided to implement the recommendations of the Substance Abuse Services Commission, and a program is established to improve delivery of and access to quality care for Medicaid recipients. Funding is also provided to cover an anticipated Medicaid shortfall.

PART MMMM proposed to expand the eligibility of the Cub Care program to children who have not attained one year of age. It also proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of Human Services for fiscal year 2000-01 for that purpose.

PART NNNN proposed to establish a new position of school nurse consultant jointly within the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education. This position will provide statewide nursing leadership for coordinated school health care programs. This Part also proposed to include an allocation to the Department of Education from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the salary, benefits, operating and start-up costs of an Education Specialist III position to function as the school nurse consultant.

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PART QQQQ proposed to require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to attempt to sell or lease the property currently located at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville at its fair market value.

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1. Establish the Equity and Access to Education Technology Fund. The fund is to be used to support the education technology needs of the State's teachers and students. Expenditures from the fund may be made only as authorized by the Legislature. The funding source for the fund will be the unexpended balance from the so-called School and Library Network Project.
2. Add maintenance and operating expenses of the ATM Distance Learning network to the allowable uses from funds received by the 0.5% assessment on telecommunications services.
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PART TTTT proposed to establish state death benefits for law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

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PART VVVV proposed to include several initiatives related to long-term care, including amendments to address labor force issues in the nursing field, develop standardized contracts, provide default licensing for new applicants, reflect current costs in the principles of reimbursement, and change the duration of licensing and the

surveys required of providers of long-term care services. It also proposed to require a report on ways to expand delegation of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code and provide General Fund appropriations of \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for long-term care initiatives.

House Amendment "G" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1151) proposed to deallocate funds allocated from the Fund for a Healthy Maine in Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part PP for community family planning and pregnancy prevention services.

House Amendment "H" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1152) proposed to remove from Committee Amendment "A" the provisions establishing the Maine Learning Technology Endowment and the funding appropriated for that endowment.

House Amendment "I" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1153) proposed to require the Department of Human Services to adopt rules increasing annually the amount of income that may be retained by residents of nursing and residential care facilities by the cost of living. It also proposed to include an appropriation and an allocation.

House Amendment "J" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1154) proposed to remove that portion of Committee Amendment "A" that establishes an effective date of January 1, 2001 for the repeal of the snack tax, and instead allows the repeal of the snack tax to take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

House Amendment "K" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1155) proposed to:

1. Strike the appropriation and allocation sections from the majority report and replace them with new appropriation and allocation sections.
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PART WWWW proposed to require the Department of Human Services to adopt rules increasing the amount of income that may be retained by residents of nursing and residential care facilities.

House Amendment "L" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1156) proposed to provide a one-time appropriation of \$75,000 to the Sunrise Economic Development Council for cranberry development and marketing purposes.

House Amendment "M" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1157) proposed to deappropriate \$20,000 that would have been distributed to the City of Portland.

House Amendment "N" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1158) proposed to add a new sales tax exemption for pet food.

House Amendment "O" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1159) proposed to provide for the establishment of the Child-centered Scholarship program to provide 1,000 scholarships per year of \$3,000 each to families of children making less than \$25,000 per year living in school districts that rank in the lowest 20th percentile for academic performance if those children attend schools other than the local public school.

House Amendment "P" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1160) proposed to eliminate the Maine Learning Technology Endowment, the Maine Learning Technology Reserve and the amount up to \$20,000,000 that was designated to be set aside in the reserve for the endowment from excess revenues and unappropriated surplus.

This amendment also proposed to remove language that authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities to finance the construction of the psychiatric treatment facility and replaces that financing with a General Fund appropriation that is offset with the amounts appropriated for the Maine Learning Technology Endowment.

This amendment also proposed to implement the full indexing of the individual income tax brackets sooner beginning in tax year 2001.

House Amendment "Q" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1162) proposed to deappropriate \$20,000,000 from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment and instead uses those funds to establish the Maine Small Employer Health Insurance Program. Under the program, which would have taken effect June 30, 2001, employers with more than 5 and fewer than 26 employees would have been able to obtain health insurance for their employees through the program. The employers would pay 1/2 of the cost of the employee health insurance and the program would pay the remaining cost.

House Amendment "R" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1164) proposed to remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause. This amendment proposed to make a number of adjustments to the majority report to comport with the intent of the signers of that report.

It also proposed to shift certain appropriations, allocations and other changes in law from fiscal year 1999-00 to fiscal year 2000-01.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-716) proposed to raise the school construction debt service limit from \$84,000,000 to \$88,000,000 in 2005.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B" (S-718) proposed to provide funds to establish one Assistant District Attorney position to assist in the prosecution of juvenile crimes and domestic violence cases.

Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-717) proposed to provide funds to establish one Assistant District Attorney position to assist in the prosecution of juvenile crimes and domestic violence cases.

Senate Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-725) proposed to direct the State Controller to transfer \$5,000,000 from excess General Fund revenue to the Department of Education for use in school renovation projects.

Senate Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-726) proposed to strike the Maine Learning Technology Reserve, create a School Construction Reserve and also direct the State Controller to transfer any excess General Fund reserve to the Department of Education to buy down the debt on school construction.

Senate Amendment "E" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-727) proposed to provide a sales tax exemption for electricity used in commercial agricultural production, commercial fishing or commercial aquacultural production beginning July 1, 2000.

Senate Amendment "F" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-728) proposed to remove language that establishes the Maine Learning Technology Endowment and the Education Technology Reserve. It proposed to include a General Fund appropriation to provide funding for the psychiatric treatment facility and remove language that authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities to finance the construction of the facility. It also proposed to establish state death benefits for law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty and provide funds to reduce the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System.

Senate Amendment "G" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-729) proposed to:

1. Strike the appropriation and allocation sections from the majority report and replace them with new appropriation and allocation sections.
2. Remove Parts D, R to W, GG to WW, AAA, FFF, GGG, LLL, NNN, SSS to XXX and BBBB from the majority report.
3. Add the following Parts to the majority report:

PART EEEE proposed to specify the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 2000-01 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605.

PART FFFF proposed to provide a sales tax exemption for electricity used in commercial agriculture, fishing or aquaculture beginning July 1, 2000.

PART GGGG proposed to provide an income tax deduction for public and private pension income to the extent that the pension income, together with social security benefits and railroad retirement benefits, does not exceed \$6,000 in tax years beginning in 2000, 2001 or 2002; \$8,000 for tax years beginning in 2003 or 2004; and \$10,000 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005. This Part proposed to make no change to the current law that exempts all social security and railroad retirement benefits from state income tax.

PART HHHH proposed to provide for full indexing of the individual income tax brackets for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

PART IIII proposed to provide an income tax exemption for individuals of up to \$1,500 of net long-term capital gains for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

PART JJJJ proposed to provide that the personal exemption of the state individual income is the same as the personal exemption for purposes of the federal income tax for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

PART KKKK proposed to eliminate the prepayment of 1/2 of the next year's tax on telecommunications personal property.

PART LLLL proposed to:

1. Require that revenues deposited into the Fund for a Healthy Maine that are less than estimated for programs and services supported by the Fund for a Healthy Maine must be reduced proportionately to their share of the overall fund, except the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program.
2. Amend the law to eliminate the requirement that the Fund for a Healthy Maine return a working capital advance to the General Fund.
3. Provide allocations in 5 areas. It allocates 10% of estimated tobacco settlement revenue to the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine. The Partnership for a Tobacco-free Maine is funded to create a support system for those who want to quit smoking and for other statewide tobacco interventions. Funds are provided to implement the recommendations of the Substance Abuse Services Commission, and a program is established to improve delivery of and access to quality care for Medicaid recipients. Funding is also provided to cover an anticipated Medicaid shortfall.

PART MMMM proposed to expand the eligibility of the Cub Care program to children who have not attained one year of age. It also proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of Human Services for fiscal year 2000-01 for that purpose.

PART NNNN proposed to establish a new position of school nurse consultant jointly within the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education. This position will provide statewide nursing leadership for coordinated school health care programs. This Part also proposed to include an allocation to the Department of Education from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the salary, benefits, operating and start-up costs of an Education Specialist III position to function as the school nurse consultant.

PART OOOO proposed to create the Maine Biomedical Research Program, using a \$10,000,000 allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine. Funds are intended to support biomedical research with priority given to research and research technologies with the potential to affect diseases, biomedical mechanisms or conditions that are either caused by or related to tobacco use. A report is due to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature concerning ways to share revenue, including royalties, generated by biomedical research funded by this Part.

PART PPPP proposed to expand the supplemental program of the low-cost drugs to Maine's elderly to cover 80% of the cost of generic drugs not covered in the basic program, to institute a catastrophic component whereby the Department of Human Services would establish an annual limit on the total costs to be paid by eligible persons in the program, after which the program must pay 80% of all covered drugs or medications, and to make the low-cost drugs to Maine's elderly program the payor of last resort through a 3rd-party liability recovery process.

PART QQQQ proposed to require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to attempt to sell or lease the property currently located at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville at its fair market value.

PART RRRR proposed to:

1. Establish the Equity and Access to Education Technology Fund. The fund is to be used to support the education technology needs of the State's teachers and students. Expenditures from the fund may be made only as authorized by the Legislature. The funding source for the fund will be the unexpended balance from the so-called School and Library Network Project.
2. Add maintenance and operating expenses of the ATM Distance Learning network to the allowable uses from funds received by the 0.5% assessment on telecommunications services.
3. Provide an Other Special Revenue funds allocation in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Department of Education for the maintenance and network management of the ATM Distance Learning network.

PART SSSS proposed to transfer interest on investment earnings from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund.

PART TTTT proposed to establish state death benefits for law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

PART UUUU proposed to:

1. Establish the transfer to the Retirement Allowance Fund as the first priority of the surplus revenue at the close of each fiscal year and increase the amount of that transfer to 1/2 the surplus revenue. The Maine Rainy Day Fund would receive 1/2 of the balance of the excess after the Retirement Allowance Fund transfer, or 1/4 of the surplus revenue. A similar change in the priority of claims for certain increases of General Fund revenue estimates is also included in this Part.
2. Establish a Debt Avoidance Fund that would receive the remainder of the excess revenue after the transfers to the Retirement Allowance Fund and the Maine Rainy Day Fund. The Debt Avoidance Fund is established to avoid the issuance of bonds authorized by the voters but as yet unissued.

PART VVVV proposed to include several initiatives related to long-term care, including amendments to address labor force issues in the nursing field, develop standardized contracts, provide default licensing for new applicants, reflect current costs in the principles of reimbursement, and change the duration of licensing and the surveys required of providers of long-term care services. It also proposed to require a report on ways to expand delegation of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code and provide General Fund appropriations of \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for long-term care initiatives.

Senate Amendment "H" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-730) proposed to limit reimbursement under the business equipment tax reimbursement program for eligible property first placed in service in the State, or constituting construction in progress commenced in the State, after April 1, 2001 to 90% of the property taxes paid on that property.

Senate Amendment "I" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-731) proposed to exclude from eligibility for reimbursement for property taxes paid on business equipment personal property located in a tax increment financing district that is designated after July 1, 2000.

Senate Amendment "J" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-732) proposed to deappropriate \$30,000,000 from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment and deappropriate \$2,209,294 from the General Purpose Aid

for Local Schools program. The amendment also proposed to provide an additional General Fund appropriation of \$9,500,000 for General Purpose Aid to Local Schools and provide an additional General Fund appropriation of \$22,709,294 for school renovations. The amendment also proposed to establish the education hardship cushion for fiscal year 2000-01.

Senate Amendment "K" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-733) proposed to provide that roll call votes of the Legislature be available to the public via the Internet within one hour of the roll call.

Senate Amendment "L" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-734) proposed to increase the State's share for health insurance premiums for retired educators from 30% to 35% on July 1, 2001.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 1999, chapter 731 does the following, summarized below by part and section:

<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
A	A-1	Supplemental General Fund Appropriations/Deappropriations
	A-2	Supplemental Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations/Deallocations
	A-3	Supplemental Other Special Revenue funds Allocations/Deallocations
	A-4	Supplemental Federal Block Grant Fund Allocations/Deallocations
	A-5	Bureau of Revenue Services Fund Allocations
	A-6	Supplemental Alcoholic Beverage Fund Allocations/Deallocations
	A-7	Supplemental Prison Industries Fund Allocations
	A-8	Supplemental Seed Potato Board Fund Deallocations
	A-9	Supplemental State Lottery Fund Allocations
	A-10	Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund Allocations (Also see Part M)
	A-11	Supplemental Office of Information Services Fund Allocations
B	B-1	General Fund Appropriations for Reclassifications
	B-2	Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations for Reclassifications
	B-3	Other Special Revenue funds Allocations for Reclassifications
	B-4	Federal Block Grant Fund Allocations for Reclassifications
	B-5	Central Motor Pool Allocations for Reclassifications
C	C-1	General Fund Deappropriations to Fund Reclassifications
D	D-1	Establishes the education hardship cushion for fiscal year 2000-01
	D-2, D-5	Establishes the per pupil guarantee and statewide factor for fiscal year 2000-01
	D-3	Changes statewide local share for education operating costs allocation for fiscal year 2000-01
	D-4, D-6, D-7, D-8, D-9	Establishes basic elementary and secondary per pupil operating rates, foundation allocation and appropriation for education funding for fiscal year 2000-01

- D-10, D-13 Establishes debt service appropriation and allocation for education funding for fiscal year 2000-01
- D-14 - D-15 Establishes adjustments, miscellaneous costs appropriation and totals for education funding for fiscal year 2000-01
- D-16 Permits unexpended balances in individual GPA programs to be applied to other GPA programs to avoid prorating payments
- D-17 Limits state GPA payments to amounts appropriated for GPA
- E
 - E-1 Implements the modified accrual method of accounting for Corporate Income Tax, Cigarette and Tobacco Tax, Estate Tax and the Real Estate Transfer Tax (Also see PL 1999, c. 732, Part F, Section F-1)
 - E-2 Recognizes payments to the Estate Tax Suspense Account as General Fund Revenue beginning in fiscal year 2000-01(Also see PL 1999, c. 732, Part F, Section F-2)
- F
 - F-1 Establishes salary range 90 for the position of Chief Information Officer, Department of Administrative and Financial Services and Associate Commissioner for Legislative and Program Services, Department of Corrections
 - F-2 - F-3 Establishes the position of Chief Information Officer as a major policy-influencing position within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services
 - F-4 Extends 2 limited-period positions in the Bureau of the Budget to 6/30/01
 - F-5 Transfers \$14,662,083 from the Telecommunications Personal Property Tax Reserve to General Fund unappropriated surplus in fiscal year 1999-00 to offset impact of the elimination of the prepayment (Not effective due to effective date of bill) (Also see PL 1999, c. 732, Part G, Section G-1)
 - F-6 Provides a transfer from the Transportation Funding Reserve in the General Fund to the Highway Fund in fiscal year 2000-01
 - F-7 Provides a transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Highway Fund in fiscal year 2000-01
 - F-8 Authorizes 3 limited period cartographer positions in the Bureau of Information Services through 4/15/01 to implement E-911 system
 - F-9 Authorizes one limited period position in Bureau of Accounts and Control through 12/31/00 to design and implement a new automated time and attendance system
- G
 - G-1 - G-2 Establishes the position of Associate Commissioner for Legislative and Program Services in the Department of Corrections

Services in the Department of Corrections

- G-3 Authorizes the Department of Corrections to establish intermittent positions to avoid unbudgeted overtime
- H H-1 Requires funds received by the Land for Maine's Future Board from its credit card to be deposited in a separate account and authorizes the board to expend funds from the account for administrative costs
- I I-1 Establishes Legislative intent that unallocated disaster assistance funds may be used as match for claims associated with federally approved disasters in Maine (Also see PL 1999, c. 732, Part D, Section D-1)
- J J-1 - J-3 Provides that certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife funds lapse to the General Fund to reconcile collective bargaining amounts and cover the cost of conversion to Microsoft (Also see Part III)
- K K-1, K-3 Repeals laws relating to Department of Labor oversight of safety of bedding, upholstered furniture, stuffed toys and flammable fabrics effective 6/30/01
 - K-2 Provides that funds appropriated for the Governor's Training Initiative Program do not lapse
- L L-1, L-3 - L-4 Repeals requirements for state and regional mental health family support councils
 - L-2 Permits Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to compensate consumers or their family members who are members of ad hoc committees up to \$25 per day and payment of expenses
 - L-5 Extends to 6/30/01 authority of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to allot by financial order funds received as Medicaid reimbursement from private nonmedical institutions and requires the funds to be used for community development
 - L-6 Removes requirement that the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services transfer funds from AMHI to community services to fund a safe house for trauma victims in southern Maine
 - L-7 Requires the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to seek Medicaid reimbursement for targeted case management and administrative costs for deposit in the General Fund (Also see Part JJJ)
 - L-8 Authorizes the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to substitute vacant positions for filled positions scheduled for elimination at the Bangor Mental Health Institute

M	M-1	Establishes the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund
	M-2	Provides transition language to transfer the operations of the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Dedicated Revenue Account to the Internal Service Fund
N	N-1	Authorizes the extension of one limited-period Program Director position at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to June 30, 2001
O	O-1	Authorizes the transfer of funds from the Maine Sludge and Residuals Research Foundation to the BioResource Engineering Department, University of Maine at Orono, for a State-University project
P	P-1	Changes the purpose for which funds carried forward in the Public Advocate program from fiscal year 1999-00 can be spent
Q	Q-1	Clarifies statutory language regarding the responsibility of rabies testing (See LD 1662)
	Q-2	Authorizes a transfer from Targeted Case Management - Child Welfare recoveries in the Department of Human Services to General Fund undedicated revenue
R	R-1	Delays the repeal of the Snack Tax until January 1, 2001 (See LD 2602)
S	S-1 - S-4	Provides income tax deduction of public and private retirement benefits for each individual up to \$6,000, effective with tax years beginning 2000 (See LD 2459, LD 2542 and LD 2641)
	S-5	Provides a General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2000-01 for a Tax Examiner position in the Bureau of Revenue Services to administer the new income tax exemption for pensions
T	T-1 - T-11	Indexing of income tax brackets: increases the brackets in 2002 and indexes the brackets for tax years beginning in 2003
U	U-1 - U-6	Establishes the Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund, a new state-municipal revenue-sharing program, and provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$3,600,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 (See LD 2541 and LD 2669)
V	V-1 - V-2	Establishes a non-refundable state earned income credit equal to 5% of the federal earned income credit (See LD 103)
	V-3	Provides a General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2000-01 for computer programming and a Tax Examiner position in the Bureau of Revenue Services
W	W-1 - W-4	Telecommunications personal property tax: a phased-in reduction from 27 mills to 20 mills beginning in 2003 and eliminates the prepayment of 1/2 of the next year's tax (See LD 2458 and PL 1999, c. 732, Part H)

X	X-1 - X-5	Conforms state income tax to federal treatment of deduction for health insurance costs of self-employed individuals effective with tax years beginning on or after 1/1/98
Y	Y-1 - Y-6	Clarifies Farm and Open Space property tax treatment and reduces the withdrawal penalty to the Constitutional minimum
Z	Z-1	Continues a provision related to the ability of the Maine Environmental Protection Fund to assess fees for the review of license and permit applications
AA	AA-1 - AA-2	Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services to provide monthly expenditure projections of Medicaid spending to the Appropriations Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee
	AA-3 - AA-5	Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services to provide monthly reports on the children served by the Bureau of Child and Family Services to the Appropriations Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee
BB	BB-1 - BB-2	Requires that Financial Orders that transfer 3rd or 4th quarter allotments that result from trends that cause financial commitments to exceed budgeted amounts are subject to review by the Appropriations Committee
CC	CC-1 - CC-15	Changes retirement provisions for certain state police officers and special agent investigators (see LD 2363)
	CC-16	Provides General Fund appropriations for the retirement changes made for certain state police officers and special agent investigators
DD	DD-1 - DD-2	Establishes the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and provides funding from certain excess General Fund revenues that would have been transferred to the Maine Rainy Day Fund had that fund not been at its 6% limit effective June 30, 2001
EE	EE-1	Requires Other Special Revenue funds from the reserve for hospital assessments to lapse to the General Fund (Also see PL 1999, c. 732, Part I)
	EE-2	Provides General Fund adjustments in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to provide \$850,000 to the Maine Residents Property Tax Program in fiscal year 1999-00 (Also see PL 1999, ch. 732, Part I)
FF	FF-1 - FF-6	Renames the Adaptive Equipment Loan Program to the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program
GG	GG-1 - GG-2	Repeals certain allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine authorized during 1 st Regular Session of the 119 th Legislature
HH	HH-1 - HH-2	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for tobacco prevention and cessation programs within the Department of Human Services and specifies certain criteria pertaining to grants awarded

criteria pertaining to grants awarded

II	II-1	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Department of the Attorney General
JJ	JJ-1	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for substance abuse services (See LD 1360)
KK	KK-1	Amends the specific funding requirement for the Drugs for the Elderly program and the Medicaid prescription drug waiver statutes that must be funded from the Fund for a Healthy Maine (Also see Part TT)
LL	LL-1	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Department of Human Services to expand home-visiting services to parents of newborn children
MM	MM-1	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Department of Human Services for child care and Head Start programs
NN	NN-1	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund within FAME
OO	OO-1 - OO-2	Provides Medicaid to parents and caretaker relatives under 150% of the poverty line, increases the income limit for pregnant women to 200% and amends transitional Medicaid provisions
	OO-3 - OO-5	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations to support the Medicaid expansions in OO-1 thru OO-2
PP	PP-1 - PP-2	Provides Cub Care coverage to infants under one year of age equivalent to children over one year of age (currently 200% of the poverty line) (see LD 2269)
	PP-3 - PP-4	Provides an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine and a Federal Block Grant allocation for the Cub Care expansion in PP-1 thru PP-2
QQ	QQ-1 - QQ-2	Establishes a School Nurse Consultant within the Department of Education and provides an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the related costs
RR	RR-1	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the Biennial Reserve Account to be used in future biennia and to the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine
SS	SS-1 - SS-3	Establishes the Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund and provides a one-time allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of Human Services for the first year of the screening fund (see LD 2368)

TT	TT-1 - TT-12	Expands access to the Low Cost Drugs for Maine's Elderly program by providing a benefit for generic drugs and a limit on out-of-pocket expenses in the supplemental component and provides an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of Human Services for these costs (Also see Part KK)
UU	UU-1 - UU-2	Provides an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine and a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation to the Department of Human Services for tobacco-related chronic disease prevention services
VV	VV-1	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for a Drug Court Coordinator position within the Judicial Department (see LD 2014)
WW	WW-1	Transfers \$15,000,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2001
XX	XX-1	Reduces the amortization schedule of the retirement system
YY	YY-1 - YY-6	Establishes school construction debt service amounts for fiscal years 2001-02 thru 2004-05 and requires the State Board of Education to study the debt service circuit breaker and the State Board and the Department of Education to adopt rules to create a plan to address capital improvement projects (see LD 870)
ZZ	ZZ-1	Requires the Governor to implement performance budgeting for the 2002-2003 biennium
AAA	AAA-1	Requires that proceeds from the sale or lease of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy be deposited in the General Fund
BBB	BBB-1	Provides for the payment of recruitment and retention adjustments for the Director, Bureau of Information Services and the Chief Information Officer
CCC	CCC-1	Amends retirement provisions for certain Department of Corrections employees due to the closing of the Bangor Pre-Release Center
DDD	DDD-1	Provides a working capital advance to establish the Northern Maine Veterans' Cemetery (See LD 2337)
EEE	EEE-1	Provides Federal Expenditures Fund headcount for one Special Education Teacher at the Maine Youth Center (See LD 2598)
FFF	FFF-1 - FFF-3	Establishes the Maine Learning Technology Endowment, creates a Task Force to make recommendations regarding the Endowment and appropriates funds to the Legislature for expenses related to the Task Force
GGG	GGG-1- GGG-4, GGG-7	Establishes the Maine Learning Technology Reserve and details General Fund transfers to the reserve up to a maximum of \$20,000,000 at the end of fiscal year 1999-00

	GGG-5	Authorizes transfer from the Salary Plan in fiscal year 2000-01 for the retroactive payment of approved reclassifications and range changes
	GGG-6	Authorizes the State Controller to keep the accounting system open to make post closing entries and adjustments related to GGG-1:GGG-3
HHH	HHH-1	Provides offsetting Other Special Revenue funds allocations and deallocations to the Department of Environmental Protection for the transfer of a Deputy Commissioner position (see LD 2547)
III	III-1 - III-2	Provides a General Fund deappropriation and Highway Fund deallocation to eliminate a vacant position in the Department of Public Safety
JJJ	JJJ-1	Provides a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Conservation to increase the number of weeks of a Laborer II position
KKK	KKK-1 - KKK-2	Increases the allowable interest rate for the University of Maine System in borrowing for capital improvements to support research and development
LLL	LLL-1	Requires that the share of the University of Maine's School of Law's operating budget that is supported by the General Fund be equivalent to the share of the University of Maine System's operating budget that is supported by the General Fund by 6/30/06
MMM	MMM-1 - MM-2	Establishes a grant program for municipalities to retain mature or dominant employers and authorizes a one-time transfer of \$345,000 from the Job Retention Program to DECD's Administration Program to provide funding for the grants
NNN	NNN-1 - NNN-3	Authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue up to \$33,000,000 for a new psychiatric treatment facility (See LD 271)
OOO	OOO-1 - OOO-2	Requires federal funds received by DMHMR&SAS related to the construction of a new psychiatric treatment facility be deposited in the Maine State Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability and requires the department to report on the amount transferred (See LD 271)
PPP	PPP-1 - PPP-2	Establishes the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund and authorizes a one-time \$1,000,000 transfer from the Victims' Compensation Fund
QQQ	QQQ-1 - QQQ-2	Increases the cap for compensation from the Victims' Compensation Fund from \$7,500 to \$15,000
RRR	RRR-1	Amends the provisions of the annual financial report of the State
SSS	SSS-1 - SSS-2	Establishes the Maine Biomedical Research Program and provides a \$10,000,000 General Fund appropriation to the Department of Economic and Community Development (see LD 2365)

TTT	TTT-1	Provides General Fund appropriations to DECD for the Forum Francophone and the Maine International Trade Center to support a shared office in Lewiston (see LD 2456)
UUU	UUU-1 - UUU-4	Establishes the Applied Technology Development Center System and provides General Fund appropriations to DECD totaling \$5,500,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 (see LD 2506)
VVV	VVV-1 - VVV-21	Establishes the Maine Microenterprise Initiative and several new economic development programs and provides General Fund appropriations to DECD, the Maine Rural Development Council and the Maine Technical College System for related purposes (see LD 2683)
WWW	WWW-1 - WWW-4	Establishes the Maine Patent Program and provides a General Fund appropriation and an Other Special Revenue funds allocation to the University of Maine System for related costs (see LD 2396)
XXX	XXX-1 - XXX-4	Requires the Maine Science and Technology Foundation to conduct an evaluation of the State's investments in research and development and provides a General Fund appropriation for the costs (see LD 2631)
YYY	YYY-1 - YYY-3	Establishes the Maine Poison Center as the official state poison control center and provides a General Fund appropriation of \$255,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for poison control services (see LD 2399)
ZZZ	ZZZ-1 - ZZZ-42	Implements the recommendations of the Court Unification Task Force and provides a General Fund appropriation to the Judicial Department for related expenses (see LD 2563)
AAAA	AAAA-1 - AAAA-2	Establishes the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission and provides General Fund appropriations totaling \$376,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for various related purposes (see LD 2685)
BBBB	BBBB 1 - BBBB-17	Requires several Long Term Care rule amendments and provides General Fund appropriations totaling \$5,000,000 to DHS and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations to implement the long term care policy changes (see LD 42)
CCCC	CCCC-1 - CCCC-2	Increases the reimbursement fee paid to municipal and county law enforcement agencies by the court from \$25 to \$50 and provides an Other Special Revenue funds allocation from the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund to support the additional costs (see LD 1251)
DDDD	DDDD-1	Provides a one-time General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Department of Education toward a principal payment at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics (see LD 2393) Not effective due to effective date of bill

EEEE	EEEE-1 - EEEE-2	Authorizes carrying balances within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to lapse to the General Fund in FY 2000-01 and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$400,000 for automating Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's licensing, registration and permit processes
FFFF	FFFF-1 - FFFF-2	Establishes Adult Education as a separate program within the Department of Education's budget
GGGG	GGGG-1 - GGGG-3	Authorizes the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to carry forward to fiscal year 2000-01 up to \$100,000 in the Personal Services line category as unallocated General Fund resources to support initiatives for approval and improvement of the school
HHHH	HHHH-1 - HHHH-6	Provides supplemental General Fund appropriations, Federal Expenditures Fund allocations, Other Special Revenue fund allocations, Bureau of Revenue Services Fund allocations and Alcoholic Beverage Fund allocations in fiscal year 2000-01
IIII	IIII-1	Provides that certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife funds lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2000-01 to offset cost of collective bargaining (Also see Part J)
JJJJ	JJJJ-1	Requires the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to seek Medicaid reimbursement for targeted case management and administrative costs for deposit in the General Fund (Also see Part J-7)
KKKK	KKKK-1	Provides supplemental allocations of Federal Block Grant Funds in fiscal year 2000-01

As a result of an August 2000 effective date for this bill, FY 1999-00 appropriations and allocations will not be effective in fiscal year 1999-00 and, consequently, lapse without becoming effective.

LD 2534 **An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund, and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001** **PUBLIC 737
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LD 2534 proposed the following:

PART A

1. Proposed to make supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund.