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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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

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TO: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
 FROM: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst
 DATE: July, 2000
 RE: **BILL SUMMARIES, 119th LEGISLATURE, 2nd REGULAR SESSION**

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 2nd Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The summary describes each bill or order and relevant amendments as well as the final action. Also included is a statistical summary of bill activity by the committee. Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the 2nd Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000. Joint Orders are effective when passed.

The bill summaries for your committee also include 4 bills that, although discussed in work sessions, were never referred. LD's 2589, 2646, 2664 and 2692 were discussed as part of your committee process and are therefore included in this document for your information.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the committee this session. It is organized by bill (LD) number and two indices are located at the back of the document that group bills by subject and by LD number. Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CON RES XXX Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE ... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX Chapter # of finally passed Resolve

UNSIGNED..... Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto
READ AND PASSED Joint Order passed by the House and Senate
PASSED AS AMENDED..... Joint Order passed as amendment by the House and Senate

A complete summary of bills for all committees will be available in the very near future. Copies will be on file in the Law and Legislative Reference Library and Senate and House offices. You will also soon be able to access these bill summaries from our website.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

Sponsor(s)
MURPHY T

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2555 proposed to 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.

The bill also proposed to create a program, administered by the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health to encourage and assist primary and secondary schools to develop comprehensive school health education and school health services that, in coordination with a program of community health initiatives, would reduce the rates of tobacco addiction, physical inactivity, poor nutrition and tobacco-related chronic disease.

The bill further proposed to create a similar program for communities that develop comprehensive community health interventions and health services that reduce the rates of tobacco addiction, physical inactivity, poor nutrition and tobacco-related chronic disease.

Sections 4 and 5 proposed to make allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for a comprehensive health effort that encourages state agencies, communities, schools and health care providers to work together to address tobacco-related chronic disease in Maine.

While this bill was reported Ought Not to Pass, allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine were included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part GG to Part VV and Part HHHH-3.

LD 2568

Resolve, to Provide Temporary Relief from the Excise Tax on Diesel Fuel

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

Sponsor(s)
WINSOR

Committee Report
OTP-AM MAJ
ONTP MIN

Amendments Adopted
H-901
H-912 WINSOR

LD 2568 proposed to provide immediate relief to the trucking industry in Maine by suspending the excise tax of 23¢ per gallon imposed on distillates, also known as "diesel fuel." The suspension would have been for 30 days, but may have been extended for 15 more days if the Governor determined that the retail price of distillates had not decreased below \$1.50 per gallon. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services would be required to provide notice of the provisions of this bill to suppliers and retail dealers of distillates.

The bill also proposed to transfer from the General Fund to the Highway Fund the amount of revenue lost due to the suspension of the distillates excise tax, as determined by the Bureau of Revenue Services.

This bill was jointly referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-901) proposed to change the bill to a resolve. It proposed to establish a rebate for qualifying diesel fuel purchases made in this State during the period from February 1, 2000 to March 15, 2000. The rebate would have been equal to the 23¢-per-gallon excise tax on diesel fuel.

It also proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

House Amendment "A" (H-912) proposed to strike the emergency preamble and clause and change the fiscal year for which the appropriation is provided.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-968) proposed to change the source of the funds for the rebate of the excise taxes on diesel fuel from the General Fund to the Highway Fund.

LD 2572 **An Act to Fund the Cost of the Waiver of Tuition, Fees and Other Expenses for Native American Students in the Maine Technical College System, University of Maine System and Maine Maritime Academy** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARADIS MURPHY T	ONTP	

LD 2572 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$4,222,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to cover the cost of the waiver of tuition, fees and other expenses for students who are Native Americans in the Maine Technical College System, the University of Maine System and the Maine Maritime Academy.

LD 2589 **An Act to Appropriate Matching Funds for the Study of Nondefense Uses of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard** **INDEF PP**

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

LD 2589 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to match funds to provide for an evaluation of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to determine the utility of the facilities and technologies available at the shipyard for use by private sector industries for nondefense-related projects. The evaluation would have been conducted by the Southern Maine Economic Development District in coordination with the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Economic Development Administration, and the Town of Kittery, among others. At the completion of the evaluation, the same group would have been required to develop a marketing plan to advertise the assets available at the shipyard and in the Town of Kittery.

While this bill was indefinitely postponed, General Fund appropriations for this purpose were included in Private and Special Law 1999, Chapter 99.

LD 2598 **An Act to Enhance Teacher Development and Meet the Special Needs of Students at the Southern Maine Juvenile Facility** **DIED BETWEEN HOUSES**