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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.

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**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROWE MURRAY	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 2598 proposed to make an appropriation to the Southern Maine Juvenile Facility to enhance teacher development and meet special educational needs of students at the facility. Specifically, the bill proposed to provide \$100,000 for professional development in special education and alternative education, \$39,794 for an additional special education teacher and \$75,000 for tutors and short-term substitutes necessary to address the educational needs of students when the student population is at maximum capacity.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-900) proposed to replace the bill and include an appropriation section to provide funding to the Southern Maine Juvenile Facility to enhance teacher development and meet the special educational needs of students at the facility. Specifically, the amendment proposed to provide \$100,000 for professional development in special education and alternative education, \$39,794 for an additional special education teacher and \$75,000 for substitute teachers necessary to address the educational needs of students when the student population is at maximum capacity.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-919) proposed to maintain the same funding contained in the committee amendment but also provide funding for 2 part-time teacher positions and one teacher aide position due to a loss of federal funding. It also proposed to add an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the amendment.

LD 2609 Resolve, to Ensure Adequate Funding for the Lewiston District Court RESOLVE 120

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERUBE MENDROS	OTP-AM	S-561 S-708 MICHAUD

LD 2609 proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in the amount of \$2,000,000 to replace the Lewiston District Court. This authorization would be in addition to the \$5,000,000 previously approved. The additional authority would be needed to meet increased construction costs and to provide an expansion in the size of the facility.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-561) proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-708) proposed to specify that the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority may issue additional securities on or after July 1, 2001. The amendment also proposed to strike the appropriation section.

Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 1999, chapter 120 authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in its own name in the amount of \$2,000,000 on or after July 1, 2001 to replace the Lewiston District Court.