

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE WHEELER G	OTP-AM	S-616 S-796 MICHAUD

LD 2611 proposed to appropriate matching funds of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Southern Maine Economic Development District to provide for an evaluation of the United States Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine to determine the utility of the facilities and technologies available at the shipyard for use by private sector industries for nondefense-related projects. The proposed evaluation would be conducted by the Southern Maine Economic Development District in coordination with the Department of Economic and Community Development, the federal Economic Development Administration and the Town of Kittery, among others. At the completion of the evaluation, the same group would be required to develop a marketing plan to advertise the assets available at the shipyard and in the Town of Kittery.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-616)** proposed to prohibit the expenditure of funds appropriated in the bill unless matching funds are received from the federal Economic Development Administration. If matching funds were not received, the funds appropriated in the bill would revert to the General Fund. The amendment also proposed to change the appropriation to the Department of Economic and Community Development for the Southern Maine Economic Development District and proposed that the district submit a plan for the use of the funds to the department, which has approval and oversight authority.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-759)** proposed to add an appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the bill to provide funds to the Department of the Attorney General to be used to respond to the complaint filed by New Hampshire against Maine in the United States Supreme Court seeking to resolve the dispute regarding the boundary between Maine and New Hampshire and would require the Attorney General to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs concerning expenses incurred.

**Senate Amendment "B" (S-796)** proposed to add an appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the bill to provide funds to the Department of the Attorney General to be used to respond to the complaint filed by New Hampshire against Maine in the United States Supreme Court seeking to resolve the dispute regarding the boundary between Maine and New Hampshire and would require the Attorney General to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs concerning expenses incurred.

### ***Enacted Law Summary:***

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 99 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 to the Department of Economic and Community Development for the Southern Maine Economic Development District to match an anticipated federal grant of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to evaluate the United States Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine to determine the potential use by private sector industries for nondefense-related projects. The funds will lapse to the General Fund if the federal grant is not received.

A General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 is also included in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of the Attorney General to meet legal costs related to legal proceedings concerning the location of the United States

Naval Shipyard in Kittery. The Department of the Attorney General is also required to report to the joint standing committee of the legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs each December 31st concerning expenses incurred in the contingent account.

**LD 2616**                      **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$17,250,000 to Construct Water Pollution Control Facilities, to Close and Clean Up Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, to Make Drinking Water System Improvements and to Construct New or Retrofit Existing Pollution Control Structures on Maine Farms to Protect the Environment**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 2616 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$17,250,000 that would have been used for the following purposes:

1. \$8,000,000 to construct water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
2. \$1,250,000 to close and clean up municipal solid waste landfills;
3. \$3,000,000 to address environmental health deficiencies in public water supplies, providing the state match for \$15,000,000 in federal funds; and
4. \$5,000,000 to construct new or retrofit existing pollution control structures on Maine farms to protect the environment.

**LD 2619**                      **An Act to Fund the Construction of Court Facilities in Maine**                      **PUBLIC 787**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE CAMPBELL	OTP-AM    MAJ ONTP        MIN	S-757

LD 2619 proposed to raise the bonding limit of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority from \$83,000,000 to \$98,000,000. The increase of \$15,000,000 would be used for the construction of court facilities in the State.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-757)** was the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. It proposed to strike the bill and replace it with a provision that would raise the bonding limit of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority from \$83,000,000 to \$93,000,000. The increase of \$10,000,000 would be used for the construction of court facilities in the State. No issuances would take place until approved by the Legislature. This amendment proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.