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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.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 1999, chapter 787 increases the bonding limit of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority from \$83,000,000 to \$93,000,000 to provide \$10,000,000 for the construction of court facilities in the state. No issuances will take place until approved by the Legislature.

LD 2630 An Act to Support Maine's Only Representative to the Nation's Capital Bicentennial Celebration P & S 89

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUHLIN CAMPBELL	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	S-701 MURRAY

LD 2630 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$12,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Brewer Hometown Band, which is representing the State at the Nation's Capital Bicentennial Celebration in October. These funds would be matched by funds to be raised by the band.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-605), the minority report, proposed to remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill, move the appropriation to fiscal year 2000-01 and add a fiscal note.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-701), a Committee of Conference amendment, proposed to provide up to \$10,000 to the Brewer Hometown Band. These funds would be matched by funds to be raised by the band.

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 89 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Brewer Hometown Band, which will represent the State at the Nation's Capital Bicentennial Celebration in October. The funds match funds to be raised by the band.

LD 2632 An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Sunset Bay Company ONTP

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

LD 2632 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Eagle Island ferry service.

While this bill was reported Ought Not to Pass, a General Fund appropriation of \$5,000 was provided in fiscal year 2000-01 in Private and Special Law 1999, Chapter 91 for the Eagle Island Ferry Service.

LD 2635 An Act to Promote Equity in Funding of Ferry Services ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUDLEY	ONTP MAJ	
ABROMSON	OTP MIN	

LD 2635 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Transportation for the operation of the ferry operated by the Casco Bay Island Transit District.

LD 2637 An Act to Fund the State's Share for Salt or Sand-salt Storage ONTP
Facilities Construction

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

LD 2637 proposed to provide a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,820,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Transportation for use in the construction of salt or sand-salt storage facilities.

LD 2646 An Act to Fund the Collective Bargaining Agreements and Benefits P & S 72
of Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining and for Certain EMERGENCY
Employees Excluded from Collective Bargaining

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROWE		H-916 Townsend
LAWRENCE		

Part A of LD 2646 proposed the following:

1. Reflect the costs from the General Fund to fund the bargaining agreements.
2. Reflect the costs from the Highway Fund to fund the bargaining agreements.
3. Provide for a lump sum payment in fiscal year 1999-00 for bargaining unit members.
4. Provide for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 1999-00 for bargaining unit members.
5. Provide for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 2000-01 for bargaining unit members.
6. Provide for the addition of a new step at the top of the salary schedules and the elimination of the lowest step for bargaining unit members.
7. Provide for similar and equitable treatment of probationary and other employees in classifications in the bargaining unit.

Part B proposed to authorize use of the Salary Plan program to fund the collective bargaining agreements and other cost items, provide that positions supported from other funds must be funded whenever possible from