

# 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>
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

those other sources and provide for reimbursement to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for costs incurred in the process of collective bargaining, contract administration and related costs.

**House Amendment "A" (H-916)** proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

***Enacted Law Summary:***

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 72 implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the State and the Maine State Troopers Association for employees in the Maine State Police bargaining unit. It provides for a lump sum payment in fiscal year 1999-00 for bargaining unit members, adjusts the salary schedules in fiscal year 1999-00 and 2000-01 for bargaining unit members, provides 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 and provides for similar and equitable treatment of probationary and other employees in classifications in the bargaining unit.

Part B, chapter 72 authorizes use of the Salary Plan program to fund the collective bargaining agreements and other cost items provided that positions supported from other funds must be funded whenever possible from those other sources and provides for reimbursement to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for costs incurred in the process of collective bargaining, contract administration and related costs.

Chapter 72 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 31, 2000.

**LD 2647**                      **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,550,000 to Renovate Teaching Laboratories, Classrooms and Dormitories of the Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine Technical College System and the University of Maine System**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 2647 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$25,550,000, that would have been used to renovate higher education laboratories, classrooms and dormitories of the Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine Technical College System and the University of Maine System.

While this bill was reported Ought Not to Pass, General Fund appropriations for capital improvement for these institutions were included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part A-1.

**LD 2653**                      **An Act to Create an Assessment Resource Center for Maine's Homeless and At-risk Youth**                      **ONTP**

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