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STATE OF MAINE 120TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

AUGUST 2001

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MEMORANDUM

To:

Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From:

J. Timothy Leet, Senior Analyst

Date:

August 8, 2001

Re:

Bill Summaries, 120th Legislature, 1st Regular Session

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature. The summary describes each bill 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 1st Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is September 21, 2001. Joint orders are effective when passed.

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:

CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to the Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX	. Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
	Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House & Senate disagree; bill died
	ly accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAC	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
	Bill failed to get majority vote
	Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY	
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP	Bill Indefinitely PostponedOught Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND	
OTP ND/NT	
P&S XXX	
PUBLIC XXX	
RESOLVE XXX	
UNSIGNED	
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

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.

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 interim.

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

LD 205 An Act to Provide Continued Funding for the Maine Airs Program

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MAYO	OTP-AM	H-268
DAGGETT		

LD 205 proposed to appropriate \$45,000 in each year of the biennium to the Department of Labor for the continuation of the Maine Airs program through the Iris Network for people who are blind or visually impaired and other people who are unable to access printed information due to a disability.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-268) proposed to clarify that funding is to be provided on an on-going basis.

An appropriation of \$35,000 in each year of the biennium of on-going funding for the Maine Airs program was included in the Part 2 Budget Bill, Public Law 2001, chapter 439, Part AAAAA. See LD 855.