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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*  
*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*

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.

**LD 300**

**An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2001, June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003**

**PUBLIC 358  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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PART A proposed appropriations and allocations of funds.

PART B proposed appropriations and allocation of funds representing reduction proposals or adjustments.

PART C proposed to specify the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 2000-01 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605.

PART D proposed to:

1. Amend the law to increase the rate of excise tax on cigarettes from 74¢ to \$1 per pack effective November 1, 2001;
2. Amend the law as it relates to the Real Estate Transfer Tax in order to apply the tax to transfers of controlling interests in entities with an interest in real property in the same manner as transfers by deed;
3. Amend the law to enact positive income modifications for individuals and corporations, requiring the add-back of any net operating loss deduction carried back for federal income tax purposes. A corresponding negative income modification for individuals and corporations would allow the deduction of any net operating loss carry-back deduction disallowed;
4. Amend the law to clarify the high-technology investment tax credit by limiting it to designers and producers of computer software and hardware effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001; and
5. Authorize the Bureau of Revenue Services in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to implement tax revenue compliance initiatives.

PART E proposed to repeal the quality child care credit investment and related provisions in the income and insurance premium taxes retroactively to June 4, 1999.

PART F proposed to amend the law to eliminate the transfer of funds from the Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements-Administration program within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Reserve Fund for State House Preservation and Maintenance.

PART G proposed to continue the voluntary employee incentive program for the 2002-2003 biennium.

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PART H proposed to:

1. Increase the statutory amortization schedule for the Maine State Retirement System unfunded actuarial liability from 19 years to 22 years starting in fiscal year 2001-02;
2. Authorize the State Budget Officer to calculate the amount of savings that apply against each affected account and make appropriation and allocation adjustments to those accounts by financial order; and
3. Authorize the State Budget Officer to adjust the employer retirement rates in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 based on the actuarial amounts and rates provided by the Maine State Retirement System.

PART I proposed to amend the law that provided for reimbursement by the State of certain property taxes paid by businesses. Certain property is currently excluded from the program, and, with these changes, certain additional property will be excluded on a prospective basis. Applications for reimbursement would now be made on a single form submitted annually. The Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Fund, a nonlapsing dedicated account, is created in order to administer the program established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 915.

PART J proposed to include unallocated language to guide the management of numerous Other Special Revenue, Federal Block Grant funds and enterprise funds.

PART K proposed to:

1. Authorize funds to be transferred from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund;
2. Authorize funds to be transferred from the Bureau of Medical Services, Federal Expenditures Fund in the Department of Human Services to the General Fund; and
3. Authorize funds to be transferred from the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

PART L proposed to:

1. Lapse funds from the carrying balance program in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the General Fund;
2. Clarify the nature of funds appropriated to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for search and rescue as it relates to the Constitution of Maine.

PART M proposed to amend the law to provide for the closing of all state-operated liquor stores by October 31, 2001, and the privatization of the sale of liquor in Maine.

PART N proposed to present a comprehensive list of tax expenditures for the consideration of the Legislature.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-55)**

PART A proposed to make current services appropriations and allocations and establish certain budgetary constraints for the operation of State Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003.

PART B proposed to make adjustments to current services appropriations and allocations.

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PART C proposed to:

1. Establish the eligibility criteria for the "cushion" funding portion of General Purpose Aid for Local Schools;
2. Set the per pupil guarantee for fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03;
3. Set the statewide local share amount of operating cost allocation for fiscal year 2001-02;
4. Authorize the Commissioner of Education to spend \$1,300,000 from adjustments and miscellaneous costs appropriations to assist local school units in implementing learning results;
5. Establish the basic elementary and secondary and foundation per pupil operating rates for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools;
6. Establish the per pupil guarantee and statewide factor for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools;
7. Establish the basic education allocation and appropriation funding levels for fiscal year 2001-02; and
8. Identify the fiscal year 2001-02 and 2002-03 funding levels for the foundation, debt service and adjustments components of General Purpose Aid for Local Schools.

PART D proposed to authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to implement tax revenue compliance initiatives under current tax law.

PART E proposed to eliminate the contingent effective date for the Quality Child Care Tax Credit and eliminated the transfer from the Fund for a Healthy Maine that offsets the General Fund revenue loss.

PART F proposed to eliminate the transfer of funds from the Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Administration program to the Reserve Fund for State House Preservation and Maintenance.

PART G proposed to establish voluntary employee incentive programs.

PART H proposed to authorize transfers from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03 and allowed the General Fund to retain the interest earnings on the balances in the Maine Rainy Day Fund. It also proposed to increase the amount of the transfers to the Maine Rainy Day Fund at the end of fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03 from 1/2 of excess General Fund revenue to 3/4 of excess General Fund revenue and prohibited transfers of excess revenue to the Retirement Allowance Fund pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1517.

PART I proposed to change the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) to one payment per year.

PART J proposed to permit changes to several dedicated funds and to federal block grant allocations to cover any approved salary plan adjustments and approved reclassifications and range changes. It proposed to restrict use of allocations from the State Alcoholic Beverage Fund and the State Lottery Fund. It proposed to establish guidelines for carrying forward federal block grant funds and to establish guidelines for carrying forward several dedicated environmental funds.

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PART K proposed to authorize the transfer of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$400,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 from one-time enhanced federal matching funds in the Department of Human Services to General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART L proposed to lapse \$1,027,712 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$2,444,416 in fiscal year 2002-03 from the Carrying Balances - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to the General Fund. It proposed to provide that appropriations to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife associated with search and rescue are not considered amounts appropriated to the department for purposes of the Constitutional requirement that appropriations to the department may not be less than revenues.

PART M proposed to provide for the closing of state liquor stores.

PART N proposed to present a list of tax expenditures for continuation by the Legislature.

PART O proposed to increase the cigarette tax from 74 cents to \$1.00 per pack and reduce the amount of the increase that licensed distributors retain.

PART P proposed to increase the sales tax on prepared food from 5% to 7% and amend the definition of prepared food.

PART Q proposed to restrict the high-technology investment tax credit to computer hardware and software activities and the provision of Internet access and advanced telecommunications services.

PART R proposed to:

1. Repeal the sawmill biomass tax credit;
2. Authorize the carrying forward of balances within certain General Fund programs within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services;
3. Recognize General Fund revenue from the recovery of reserve for accounts receivable; and
4. Recognize General Fund revenue from the sale of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

PART S proposed to authorize the transfer of up to \$150,000 of unencumbered General Fund balances in the Harness Racing Commission program in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the Harness Racing Promotional Fund, Other Special Revenue account.

PART T proposed to:

1. Repeal the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine;
2. Repeal the working capital advance from the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Maine Rx Program;
3. Require the State Treasurer to transfer the balance remaining in the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund on June 30, 2001;
4. Transfer to the General Fund a portion of the estimated year-end balances remaining as of June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003 in the Fund for a Healthy Maine;



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5. Transfer a portion of the estimated balance remaining available in the fund from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund as a result of unexpended balances as of June 30, 2001;
6. Transfer unexpended funds in the Tobacco Prevention and Control, Other Special Revenue account in the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health to the General Fund. These funds are not from the Fund for a Healthy Maine;
7. Deallocate the amounts allocated to the biennial reserve to make it available within the Fund for a Healthy Maine; and
8. Deallocate amounts that will not be expended during fiscal year 2000-01 from allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine so that they are available for transfer to the General Fund pursuant to section 10 of this Part.

PART U proposed to transfer an available balance in the Federal Expenditures Fund Maximus Fund program to the General Fund. It proposed to clarify that revenue from the hospital assessment collected by the Bureau of Revenue Services and transferred to the Department of Human Services would be deposited as General Fund undedicated revenue and lapse to the General Fund balances related to the hospital assessment in the Department of Human Services.

PART V proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation for the demolition of the State Prison in Thomaston.

PART W proposed to authorize a balance in the Education in Unorganized Territory account within the Department of Education to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

PART X proposed to establish the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund within the Department of Economic and Community Development and dedicate a portion of meals and lodging tax collections to this fund to fund the Office of Tourism program.

PART Y proposed to adjust appropriations for the Low-cost Drugs for Maine's Elderly program and proposed to provide funding to establish the Healthy Maine Prescription Program.

**House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-60)**

This amendment proposed to remove that part that provides for the closing of state liquor stores.

**House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-61)**

This amendment proposed to remove language closing the state liquor stores. It also proposed to transfer funds from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to offset the cost of not closing the state liquor stores.

**House Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-62)**

This amendment proposed to remove funding for the fingerprinting and background checks of teachers and educational personnel.

**House Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-63)**

This amendment proposed to remove the Part of the committee amendment that raised the tax on cigarettes.

**House Amendment "E" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-64)**

This amendment proposed to establish one regional distribution center for liquor in each of the 16 counties of the State.

**House Amendment "F" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-65)**

This amendment proposed to:

1. Transfer \$500,000 from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the General Fund;
2. Deappropriate funding provided for the demolition of the Maine State Prison in Thomaston; and
3. Provide funding for the federal match for a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for nursing facilities.

**House Amendment "G" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-66)**

This amendment proposed to:

1. Strike Part M of the committee amendment, which provides for the closing of state liquor stores;
2. Transfer funds from the Abandoned Property Fund that result from the liquidation of securities held in excess of 3 years; and
3. Deappropriate funds from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to the General Fund.

**House Amendment "H" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-67)**

This amendment proposed to increase the State's share of general purpose aid for local schools to reach the statutory intent of 55% of education costs.

**House Amendment "I" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-68)**

This amendment proposed to repeal the law requiring background checks and fingerprinting of school employees. This amendment also proposed to correct cross-references to the repealed provisions.

This amendment also proposed to remove funding for the fingerprinting and background checks of teachers and educational personnel.

**House Amendment "J" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-69)**

This amendment proposed to increase funding for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools to "hold harmless" those local school districts that lost funding so that they are funded at the same level as in fiscal year 2000-01. This amendment proposed to transfer the funds for this increase from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment.

**House Amendment "K" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-70)**

This amendment proposed to increase funding for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools to "hold harmless" those local school districts that lost funding so that they are funded at the same level as in fiscal year 2000-01. This amendment also proposed to transfer the funds for this increase from the Maine Rainy Day Fund.

**House Amendment "L" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-71)**

1. Proposed to strike the increase in taxes on cigarettes and prepared foods proposed in the committee amendment.
2. Proposed to strike the restriction on the high-technology investment tax credit and repeal the sawmill biomass tax credit proposed in the committee amendment.
3. Proposed to strike the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund created in Committee Amendment "A" because the source of the funding was the increase in taxes on prepared foods.
4. Proposed to increase funding for general purpose aid to local schools by \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2002-03.
5. Proposed to reduce the appropriations to all state departments and agencies by 5% except for the following accounts: General Purpose Aid to Local Schools, Education in the Unorganized Territory, Debt Service, Teacher Retirement, General Assistance and Medical Care - Payments to Providers. Proposed to place a hiring freeze on all departments and agencies except for those personnel determined by the Governor to be essential to the safety, care and welfare of the people of Maine.
6. Proposed a cost-of-living adjustment to nursing home workers and nursing home residents.
7. Proposed to prohibit the State from paying for any portion of health care coverage provided to unmarried partners of employees of the State.

**House Amendment "M" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-72)**

This amendment proposed to provide additional funds for a cost-of-living adjustment for nursing facilities to partially offset funds deappropriated and deallocated in Part B of Committee Amendment "A."

**House Amendment "N" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-91)**

This amendment proposed to provide a 2nd tier of cushion funding for general purpose aid. The cushion is in addition to any other 2nd tier cushion that may be provided by law. Funding from the cushion would not be available to any school administrative unit that receives more than \$400,000 in adjustments to component funding.

**House Amendment "O" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-576)**

This amendment proposed to amend Part M of the Part I budget, which proposed to close all 27 state liquor stores. This amendment proposed to close 17 stores and maintained 10 to be operated by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations as regional wholesale and retail distribution centers. Under this amendment, the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement is authorized to license 6 agency stores in municipalities with a population in excess of 20,000 where a state store has been closed and 3 agency stores in municipalities with a population less than 20,000 where a state store has been

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closed. It also proposed to provide assistance for state employees laid off as a result of the closing of 17 state liquor stores.

**House Amendment "P" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-607)**

This amendment proposed to:

1. Remove Part H, which authorized transfers from the Maine Rainy Day Fund, allowed the General Fund to retain interest earned on that fund and increased the transfers to the fund for 2 fiscal years; Part M, which proposed to close state liquor stores; Part O, which increased the cigarette tax; and Part P, which increased the sales tax on prepared food.
2. Reduce the appropriations to all state departments and agencies by 5% except for the following accounts: General Purpose Aid for Local Schools, Education in the Unorganized Territory, Debt Service, Teacher Retirement, General Assistance and Medicaid programs and any accounts under the Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine Technical College System and the Legislature. It also proposed to place a hiring freeze on all departments and agencies except for those personnel determined by the Governor to be essential to the safety, care and welfare of the people of Maine.
3. Transfer \$35,000,000 from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to the General Fund.
4. Establish a 3% cost-of-living adjustment to nursing home workers and residents.
5. Increase funding for the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools account to "hold harmless" those local school districts that lost funding so that they are funded at the same level as in fiscal year 2000-01.
6. Increase the percentage of state-municipal revenue sharing to 5.2% from 5.1% beginning January 1, 2003.
7. Restore funding for certain child care services.
8. Restrict reimbursement of property taxes under the business equipment tax reimbursement program if the taxes also are reimbursed under a tax increment financing district agreement. Effective for property tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2003, reimbursement under the BETR program is limited to 75% of taxes paid.
9. Require that military retirement benefits are not subject to the offset for social security and railroad retirement benefits effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001. In the same Part, this amendment also proposed to correct a conflict created by Public Law 1999, chapters 708 and 731, each of which enacted a new Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph M. This amendment also proposed to resolve the conflict by reallocating one of the new paragraphs to be the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph N.
10. Add a delayed closure of the state liquor stores. It directed the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to close 8 state liquor stores by December 31, 2001 and an additional 6 stores no sooner than June 1, 2002, but not later than December 31, 2002 and established a commission to develop a plan to implement an appropriate statewide liquor distribution system.
11. Provide funds for the new classifications and pay ranges for Department of Corrections staff.
12. Set aside funds in the General Fund salary plan for collective bargaining agreements.

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13. Provide funds to reduce the unfunded liability for retiree health insurance.

**House Amendment "Q" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-609)**

This amendment proposed to deappropriate all General Fund funding for the Forum Francophone and appropriate \$75,000 per year for fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 to support the employment and economic development activities of Spanish-speaking people in the State.

**House Amendment "R" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-610)**

This amendment proposed to increase general purpose aid to local schools by 3% in fiscal year 2003 and require the Department of Human Services to adopt rules increasing the amount of income that may be retained by residents of nursing and residential care facilities.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-25)**

This amendment proposed to restore funds deallocated for child care initiatives and pays for this cost with cuts in the legislative budget.

**Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-26)**

This amendment proposed to provide funding for an increased cushion to eligible local school administrative units. The cost of the increased cushion is funded through a transfer from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment.

**Senate Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-27)**

This amendment proposed to remove the cap on military pension benefits, thus allowing them to be fully deductible from the state income tax.

This amendment also proposed to correct a conflict created by Public Law 1999, chapters 708 and 731, each of which enacted a new Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph M. This amendment proposed to resolve the conflict by reallocating one of the new paragraphs to be the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph N.

This amendment proposed to transfer an amount from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to fund the loss in revenue created by the removal of the cap.

**Senate Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-28)**

This amendment proposed to remove the cap on military pension benefits, thus allowing them to be fully deductible from the state income tax.

This amendment also proposed to correct a conflict created by Public Law 1999, chapters 708 and 731, each of which enacted a new Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph M. This amendment proposed to resolve the conflict by reallocating one of the new paragraphs to be the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph N.

This amendment proposed to transfer an amount from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to fund the loss in revenue created by the removal of the cap.

**Senate Amendment "E" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-29)**

This amendment proposed to remove the cap on military pension benefits, thus allowing them to be fully deductible from the state income tax.

This amendment also proposed to correct a conflict created by Public Law 1999, chapters 708 and 731, each of which enacted a new Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph M. This amendment proposed to resolve the conflict by reallocating one of the new paragraphs to be the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph N.

This amendment proposed to transfer an amount from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to fund the loss in revenue created by the removal of the cap.

**Senate Amendment "F" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-30)**

This amendment proposed to remove funding of the "cushion" for school funding and applied it to general purpose aid for local schools.

**Senate Amendment "G" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-31)**

This amendment proposed to:

1. Transfer \$500,000 from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the General Fund;
2. Deappropriate funding provided for the demolition of the Maine State Prison in Thomaston; and
3. Provide funding for the federal match for a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for nursing facilities.

**Senate Amendment "H" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-32)**

This amendment proposed to provide funding for a 2nd tier of cushion funding for general purpose aid for local schools. This amendment also proposed to provide for the transfer of unobligated balances from general purpose aid for local schools and the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the General Fund.

**Senate Amendment "I" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-34)**

This amendment proposed to remove Part P, which increased the sales tax on prepared food, and fund the cost from a transfer from the Maine Rainy Day Fund. This amendment also proposed to eliminate Part X, but provide the same additional funding for tourism promotion in fiscal year 2002-03 as the committee amendment by providing a General Fund appropriation to tourism.

**Senate Amendment "J" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-35)**

This amendment proposed to appropriate \$75,000 in each year of the biennium to the Forum Francophone Des Affaires. This amendment also expressed the intent of the Legislature that such legislative funding would not continue beyond the end of fiscal year 2002-03 without affirmative action by the Legislature.

**Senate Amendment "K" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-36)**

This amendment proposed to:

1. Strike from the committee amendment Part M, which closed the state liquor stores, Part O, which increased the cigarette tax, Part P, which increased the sales tax on prepared food, Part V, which provided for the demolition of the Maine State Prison in Thomaston and Part X, which established the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund.
2. Provide funds for a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for nursing facilities.
3. Provide funding for a 2nd tier of cushion funding for general purpose aid for local schools. This amendment also provided for the transfer of unobligated balances from general purpose aid for local schools and the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the General Fund.
4. Increase the percentage of state-municipal revenue sharing to 5.2% from 5.1% beginning July 2002 and provide an \$800,000 appropriation for state-municipal revenue sharing in fiscal year 2001-02. It also required Verizon to transfer \$5,000,000 from the School and Library Network project to the Maine Learning Technology Endowment. The amendment also transferred \$5,000,000 from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to the General Fund to offset the costs of this amendment.
5. Provide additional appropriations for infant, toddler and preschool child care subsidies, school-aged child care subsidies and full-day, year-round Head Start programs to offset deallocations from Part B.
6. Appropriate \$75,000 in each year of the biennium to the Forum Francophone Des Affaires. This amendment also expressed the intent of the Legislature that such legislative funding would not continue beyond the end of fiscal year 2002-03 without affirmative action by the Legislature.
7. Require the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to close 5 state liquor stores by December 31, 2001 and established a commission to develop a plan to implement the closure of the remaining state liquor stores by December 31, 2002. The department is directed to close the remaining state liquor stores no sooner than June 1, 2002 but not later than December 31, 2002.
8. Amend the law that provides for reimbursement by the State of certain property taxes paid by businesses. Certain property is currently excluded from the BETR program, and, with these changes, certain additional property will be excluded on a prospective basis.
9. Transfer \$2,000,000 from the Abandoned Property Fund resulting from the liquidation of securities held in excess of 3 years to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.
10. Establish a funding mechanism for the demolition of the Maine State Prison in Thomaston.
11. Remove the cap on military pension benefits, thus allowing them to be fully deductible from the state income tax. In the same part, this amendment also corrected a conflict created by Public Law 1999, chapters 708 and 731, each of which enacted a new Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph M. This amendment resolved the conflict by reallocating one of the new paragraphs to be the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph N.
12. Establish the Maine Learning Technology Endowment within the Maine Rainy Fund to consist of no more than \$50,000,000, which is the amount of the principal of the original endowment. Interest earned on that segregated

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amount must be transferred to the Maine Learning Technology Endowment Fund to accomplish the purposes of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Part 9.

13. Provide the same additional funding for tourism promotion in fiscal year 2002-03 as the committee amendment by providing a General Fund appropriation to tourism.

**Senate Amendment "L" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-43)**

This amendment proposed to:

1. Strike from the committee amendment Part M, which closed the state liquor stores, and replaced it with a delayed closure of the state stores. It directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to close 8 state liquor stores by December 31, 2001 and an additional 6 stores no sooner than June 1, 2002, but not later than December 31, 2002, and establishes a commission to develop a plan to implement an appropriate statewide liquor distribution system.
2. Eliminate Part O, which increased the cigarette tax, and Part P, which increased the sales tax on prepared food. It provided that military retirement benefits are not subject to the offset for social security and railroad retirement benefits. In the same Part, this amendment also corrected a conflict created by Public Law 1999, chapters 708 and 731, each of which enacted a new Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph M. This amendment resolved the conflict by reallocating one of the new paragraphs to be the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph N.
3. Amend the law that provides for reimbursement by the State of certain property taxes paid by businesses. Certain property is currently excluded from the BETR program, and, with these changes, certain additional property will be excluded on a prospective basis.
4. Increase the percentage of state-municipal revenue sharing to 5.2% from 5.1% beginning January 2003.
5. Transfer \$51,500,000 from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to the General Fund. The amendment appropriated \$2,300,000 to the endowment to implement a portion of the plan and required the Commissioner of Education to report back to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the technology expenditures. It also required Verizon to transfer \$2,000,000 from the School and Library Network project to the Maine Learning Technology Endowment.
6. Replace Part C and provided funding for a 2nd tier of cushion funding for general purpose aid for local schools. This amendment also provided for the transfer of unobligated balances from general purpose aid for local schools and the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the General Fund.
7. Double the amount of budgeted savings from projected vacancies to realize an additional \$2,000,000 per year in personal services savings.
8. Transfer to the General Fund the estimated remaining balance in the Fund for a Healthy Maine at the end of fiscal year 2002-03. To address the cash flow needs of the programs funded from the Fund for a Healthy Maine, the amendment authorized a working capital advance from the General Fund to avoid delays in program implementation until the April 2004 Tobacco Settlement Payment is received. Fiscal year 2003-04 is the first year when no January payment is scheduled.
9. Provide funds for a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for nursing facilities.



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10. Replace Part V, which provided for the demolition of the Maine State Prison in Thomaston as an appropriation. Instead, the amendment funded the demolition through the use of lapsed balances, or the Maine Rainy Day Fund if lapsed balances are insufficient to fund the cost.
11. Replace Part X, which established the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund that was funded through an increase of the tax on prepared foods. A similar proposal is implemented, dedicating 7% of the tax on meals and lodging taxed at 7% to generate approximately the same amount of revenue for tourism promotion as the committee amendment.
12. Provide additional appropriations for infant, toddler and preschool child care subsidies, school-aged childcare subsidies and full-day, year-round Head Start programs to offset deallocations from Part B.
13. Appropriate \$75,000 in each year of the biennium to the Forum Francophone Des Affairs. This amendment also expressed the intent of the Legislature that such legislative funding would not continue beyond the end of fiscal year 2002-03 without affirmative action by the Legislature.
14. Transfer \$2,000,000 from the Abandoned Property Fund resulting from the liquidation of securities held in excess of 3 years to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

**Senate Amendment "M" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-44)**

This amendment proposed to:

1. Strike from the committee amendment Part M, which closed the state liquor stores, and replaced it with a delayed closure of the state stores. It directed the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to close 8 state liquor stores by December 31, 2001 and an additional 6 stores no sooner than June 1, 2002, but not later than December 31, 2002, and established a commission to develop a plan to implement an appropriate statewide liquor distribution system.
2. Eliminate Part O, which increased the cigarette tax, and Part P, which increased the sales tax on prepared food. It provided that military retirement benefits are not subject to the offset for social security and railroad retirement benefits effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001. In the same Part, this amendment also corrected a conflict created by Public Law 1999, chapters 708 and 731, each of which enacted a new Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph M. This amendment resolved the conflict by reallocating one of the new paragraphs to be the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph N.
3. Amend the law that provides for reimbursement by the State of certain property taxes paid by businesses. Certain property is currently excluded from the BETR program, and, with these changes, certain additional property will be excluded on a prospective basis.
4. Increase the percentage of state-municipal revenue sharing to 5.2% from 5.1% beginning January 2003.
5. Transfer \$51,500,000 from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to the General Fund. The amendment appropriated \$2,300,000 to the endowment to implement a portion of the plan and required the Commissioner of Education to report back to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the technology expenditures. It also required Verizon to transfer \$2,000,000 from the School and Library Network project to the Maine Learning Technology Endowment.

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6. Replace Part C and it provide funding for a 2nd tier of cushion funding for general purpose aid for local schools. This amendment also provided for the transfer of unobligated balances from general purpose aid for local schools and the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the General Fund.
7. Double the amount of budgeted savings from projected vacancies to realize an additional \$2,000,000 per year in personal services savings.
8. Transfer to the General Fund the estimated remaining balance in the Fund for a Healthy Maine at the end of fiscal year 2002-03. To address the cash flow needs of the programs funded from the Fund for a Healthy Maine, the amendment authorized a working capital advance from the General Fund to avoid delays in program implementation until the April 2004 Tobacco Settlement Payment is received. Fiscal year 2003-04 is the first year when no January payment is scheduled.
9. Provides funds for a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for nursing facilities.
10. Replace Part V, which provided for the demolition of the Maine State Prison in Thomaston as an appropriation. Instead, the amendment funded the demolition through the use of lapsed balances, or the Maine Rainy Day Fund if lapsed balances are insufficient to fund the cost.
11. Replace Part X, which established the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund that was funded through an increase of the tax on prepared foods. A similar proposal is implemented, dedicating 7% of the tax on meals and lodging taxed at 7% to generate approximately the same amount of revenue for tourism promotion as the committee amendment.
12. Provide additional appropriations for infant, toddler and preschool child care subsidies, school-aged childcare subsidies and full-day, year-round Head Start programs to offset deallocations from Part B.
13. Appropriate \$75,000 in each year of the biennium to the Forum Francophone Des Affairs. This amendment also expressed the intent of the Legislature that such legislative funding would not continue beyond the end of fiscal year 2002-03 without affirmative action by the Legislature.
14. Transfer \$2,000,000 from the Abandoned Property Fund resulting from the liquidation of securities held in excess of 3 years to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

**Senate Amendment "N" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-256)**

This amendment proposed to:

1. Strike from the committee amendment Part M, which closed the state liquor stores, and replaced it with a delayed closure of the state stores. It directed the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to close 8 state liquor stores by December 31, 2001 and an additional 6 stores no sooner than June 1, 2002, but not later than December 31, 2002, and established a commission to develop a plan to implement an appropriate statewide liquor distribution system.
2. Eliminate Part O, which increased the cigarette tax, and Part P, which increased the sales tax on prepared food.
3. Replace Part C and provide additional funding for the first tier of cushion and new funding for a 2nd tier of cushion for general purpose aid for local schools.

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4. Lapse \$4,000,000 from the General Fund salary plan program at the close of fiscal year 2000-01.
5. Transfer \$12,000,000 to the General Fund from the estimated remaining balance in the Fund for a Healthy Maine at the end of fiscal year 2002-03. Proposed to address the cash flow needs of the programs funded from the Fund for a Healthy Maine, the amendment authorized a working capital advance from the General Fund to avoid delays in program implementation until the April 2004 Tobacco Settlement Payment is received. Fiscal year 2003-04 is the first year when no January payment is scheduled.
6. Replace Part V, which provided for the demolition of the Maine State Prison in Thomaston as an appropriation. Instead, the amendment funded the demolition through the use of lapsed balances, or the Maine Rainy Day Fund if lapsed balances are insufficient to fund the cost. It also dedicated the proceeds of the sale of the Maine State Prison to the Maine Rainy Day Fund.
7. Strike Part X, which established the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund that was funded through an increase of the tax on prepared foods.
8. Transfer \$2,000,000 from the Abandoned Property Fund resulting from the liquidation of securities held in excess of 3 years to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.
9. Reduce a portion or all of the General Fund appropriations in fiscal year 2002-03 representing the growth over fiscal year 2001-02 funding for general purpose aid for local schools and the public higher education institutions.
10. Provide funds for the Department of Human Services to increase wages and benefits for nonadministrative personnel employed in nursing facilities and home care agencies.
11. Provide funds for the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to increase payments for wages and benefits for direct care personnel employed by certain agencies providing mental health and mental retardation services to adults and children.
12. Clarify the application of the high-technology investment tax credit and makes changes to limitations on the credit.
13. Provide a working capital advance of \$1,700,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to provide start-up funds for the Maine Rx Program and allocates funds to implement the Maine Rx Program.
14. Require the Medicaid reimbursement rate for routine home care under the hospice program to be set at the Medicare rate plus 23% beginning April 1, 2002.
15. Provide ongoing funds for the Maine Hospice Council to support volunteer hospice programs.
16. Provide that military retirement benefits are not subject to the offset for social security and railroad retirement benefits effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001. In the same Part, this amendment also corrected a conflict created by Public Law 1999, chapters 708 and 731, each of which enacted a new Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph M. This amendment resolved the conflict by reallocating one of the new paragraphs to be the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph N.
17. Revise the hospital assessment revenue projections to reflect a recent acceptance of an offer in compromise.

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18. Remove amounts reserved for the Healthy Maine Prescription Program, L.D. 1790, Public Law 2001, chapter 293.
19. Appropriate \$75,000 in each year of the biennium to the Forum Francophone Des Affairs. This amendment also expressed the intent of the Legislature that such legislative funding will not continue beyond the end of fiscal year 2002-03 without affirmative action by the Legislature.
20. Amend the laws related to the Maine Learning Technology Endowment. It transferred \$20,000,000 of the original amount appropriated to the Maine Learning Technology Endowment, plus an estimated \$3,000,000 in interest income earned from the investment of the \$50,000,000 in the endowment by August 1, 2001, to the General Fund. It required the State to raise a minimum of \$15,000,000 in contributions from nonstate sources by January 8, 2003 in order to establish the endowment. Failure of the State to raise these contributions from nonstate sources by this date will result in the removal of the limitation on the endowment principal in implementing the learning technology plan in fiscal years 2002-03 to 2005-06. It stipulated that the principal and income of the endowment may not be used to implement the fundraising plan. It allowed limited use of the initial principal to ensure timely start-up and implementation of Phase I of the task force plan. It established a mechanism to allow donors to redirect their contributions to the endowment if the State fails to raise sufficient contributions by January 8, 2003.
21. Lapse \$512,384 of balances available within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services resulting from savings in the amounts appropriated from the renovation of the State Office Building.
22. Recognize General Fund savings in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program as a result of a recognition of the State's share of child support collections earned but not yet transferred.

**Senate Amendment "O" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-260)**

This amendment proposed to require individual and group health insurance policies to provide coverage for hospice care services to persons who are terminally ill. The amendment applied to all policies issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2002.

It also proposed to require the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health to solicit grants and funding from other outside funding sources to establish and operate the Maine Center for End-of-life Care and proposed to require that the center be hosted by an educational institution, professional association or other entity interested in the care of the terminally ill.

It proposed to require the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing and Registration to compile a report on the current entry-level and continuing educational requirements related to end-of-life care issues for licensed health care professions.

It proposed to require the Maine Health Data Organization to gather baseline data and standardized assessment tools regarding end-of-life care within the organization's existing database.

***Enacted Law Summary:***

Public Law 2001, chapter 358 is the "Part 1 Budget Bill for fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03." It contains the following provisions.

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PART	SECTION	DESCRIPTION
A	A-1: A-24	Budget Preamble
	A-25	"Current Services" Appropriations & Allocations
	A-26	Technical Changes to "Current Services" Appropriations & Allocations
B	B-1	Adjustments to "Current Services" Appropriations & Allocations
C	C-1	Authorizes the Bureau of Revenue Services to implement tax revenue compliance initiatives under current tax law
D	D-1	Eliminates contingent effective date for the Quality Child Care Tax Credit and eliminates the transfer from the Fund for a Healthy Maine that offsets the General Fund revenue loss.
E	E-1	Eliminates the transfer of funds from the Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements-Administration program to the Reserve Fund for State House Preservation and Maintenance
F	F-1:F-4	Establishes voluntary employee incentive programs
G	G-1:G-2	Authorizes transfers of \$17,278,982 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$18,234,610 in fiscal year 2002-03 from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the General Fund and allows the General Fund to retain the interest earnings on the balances in the Maine Rainy Day Fund during fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03
	G-3	Increases the amount of the transfers to the Maine Rainy Day Fund at the end of fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03 from 1/2 of excess General Fund revenue to 3/4 of excess General Fund revenue and prohibits transfers of excess revenue to the Retirement Allowance Fund pursuant to Title 5, §1517
H	H-1:H-3	Changes BETR reimbursement to one payment per year
I	I-1	Permits changes to several dedicated funds and to federal block grant allocations to cover any approved salary plan adjustments and approved reclassifications and range changes
	I-2; I-5:I-6	Restricts use of allocations from the State Alcoholic Beverage Fund and the State Lottery Fund
	I-3:I-4	Establishes guidelines for carrying forward Federal Block Grant Funds
	I-7	Establishes guidelines for carrying forward several dedicated environmental funds
J	J-1	Authorizes the transfer of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$400,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 from one-time enhanced federal matching funds in the Department of Human Services to General Fund unappropriated surplus

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K	K-1	Lapses \$1,027,712 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$2,444,416 in fiscal year 2002-03 from the Carrying Balances - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to the General Fund	
	K-2	Provides that appropriations to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife associated with search and rescue are not considered amounts appropriated to the department for purposes of the Constitutional requirement that appropriations to the department may not be less than revenues	
L	L-1	Presents a list of tax expenditures for continuation by the Legislature	
M	M-1:M-6	Restricts the high-technology investment tax credit to computer hardware and software activities and the provision of internet access and advanced telecommunication services	
N	N-1	Lapses to General Fund unappropriated surplus the revenues collected under the former hospital assessment and directs that any future hospital assessment collections be credited to General Fund undedicated revenue	
O	O-1; O-6	Repeals the Sawmill Biomass Tax Credit	
	O-2:O-3	Authorizes the carry forward of balances within certain General Fund programs within Department of Administrative and Financial Services	
	O-4	Recognizes General Fund revenue from the recovery of reserve for accounts receivable	
	O-5	Recognizes General Fund revenue from the sale of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy	
P	P-1	Authorizes the transfer of up to \$150,000 of unencumbered General Fund balances in the Harness Racing Commission program in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the Harness Racing Promotional Fund, Other Special Revenue account	
Q	Q-1:Q-5	Repeals the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine	
	Q-6:Q-7; Q-14	Repeals the working capital advance from the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Maine Rx Program	
	Q-8	Requires the State Treasurer to transfer the balance remaining in the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund on June 30, 2001	
	Q-9	Transfers to the General Fund a portion of the estimated year-end balances remaining as of June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003 in the Fund for a Healthy Maine	
	Q-10	Transfers a portion of the estimated balance remaining available in the fund from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund as a result of unexpended balances as of June 30, 2001	
	Q-11	Transfers unexpended funds in the Tobacco Prevention and Control, Other Special Revenue account in the Bureau of Health to the General Fund (these funds are not from	

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			the Fund for a Healthy Maine)
		Q-12	Deallocates the amounts allocated to the biennial reserve to make it available within the Fund for a Healthy Maine
		Q-13	Deallocates amounts that will not be expended during fiscal year 2000-01 from allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine so that they are available for transfer to the General Fund pursuant to Section Q-10
R		R-1	Transfers an available balance in the Federal Expenditures Fund Maximus Fund program to the General Fund
S		S-1	Lapses \$2,500,000 of available balances in fiscal year 2001-02 to the General Fund from the Education in the Unorganized Territory account within the Department of Education
T		T-1	Deappropriates funding in excess of projected expenditures for the Low-cost Drugs for Maine's Elderly program
U		U-1	Establishes the eligibility criteria for the "cushion" funding portion of General Purpose Aid
		U-2	Sets the "per pupil guarantee" for fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03
		U-3	Sets the statewide local share amount of operating cost allocation for fiscal year 2001-02
		U-4	Authorizes Commissioner of Education to spend \$1,300,000 from Adjustments and Miscellaneous Costs Appropriation to assist local school units in implementing "learning results"
		U-5	Establishes the basic elementary and secondary and foundation per pupil operating rates for General Purpose Aid
		U-6	Establishes per pupil guarantee and statewide factor for General Purpose Aid
		U-7:U-18	Establishes the basic education allocation and appropriation funding level for fiscal year 2001-02
		U-19	Identifies the fiscal year 2001-02 and 2002-03 funding levels for the foundation, debt service and adjustments components of General Purpose Aid
		U-20	Appropriates funds for the Tier 2 cushion and provides additional funds for the Tier 1 cushion
V		V-1:V:8	Provides for the closure of 14 state liquor stores and establishes a planning process for the closure of additional stores and the development of a statewide distribution system
W		W-1	Requires the Treasurer of State to transfer \$1,000,000 from the Abandoned Property Fund

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			to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by June 30th of each year of the biennium
X	X-1:X:2		Provides funding for the demolition of the Maine State Prison at Thomaston through the transfer of up to \$3,800,000 from the available balance of the General Fund in fiscal year 2000-01 and, if the balance is insufficient to fund the \$3,800,000 cost, the remainder from the Maine Rainy Day Fund in fiscal year 2001-02
	X-3		Requires all proceeds from the sale of the Maine State Prison in Thomaston be transferred to the Maine Rainy Day Fund
Y	Y-1		Authorizes a working capital advance of \$25,500,000 from the General Fund to the Fund for a Healthy Maine, beginning July 1, 2003, to be repaid as a first priority from amounts credited to the Fund for a Healthy Maine
	Y-2		Requires the State Controller to transfer \$12,000,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2003
Z	Z-1		Lapses \$4,000,000 from the General Fund Salary Plan program to the General Fund unappropriated surplus at the close of fiscal year 2000-01
AA	AA-1		Makes adjustments to appropriations for General Purpose Aid and for higher education in fiscal year 2002-03
BB	BB-1		Appropriates \$75,000 in each year of the biennium for the Forum Francophone and provides that funding does not continue past fiscal year 2002-03 without affirmative action by the Legislature
CC	CC-1:CC-4		Provides that the \$6,000 income tax exemption for military pensions is not reduced by the amount of social security or railroad retirement plan benefits
DD	DD-1:DD-3		Provides for a 2.5% increase in wages and benefits for nonadministrative personnel employed in home care agencies and adjusts funding for nursing facilities to reflect revised estimates
EE	EE-1:EE-3		Restores a cost-of-living adjustment for nursing facilities and for a 3% increase in wages and benefits for "front-line" employees in nursing facilities
FF	FF-1:FF-3		Provides for a 2.5% increase in wages and benefits for direct care personnel in agencies under contract to provide mental health and mental retardation services to children and adults
GG	GG-1:GG-4		Provides for an increase in reimbursement for hospice care for routine home care services to the level paid under Medicare plus an additional 23% and requires the Department of Human Services to analyze the savings resulting from that increase
HH	HH-1		Appropriates \$25,000 in each year of the biennium to support volunteer hospice programs



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II	II-1:II-8	Amends the laws related to the Maine Learning Technology Endowment and the requirement of an annual learning technology plan
	II-9	Requires the transfer of \$20,000,000 from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to the General Fund unappropriated surplus
	II-10	Requires the transfer of all interest income earned prior to August 1, 2001 by the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to the General Fund unappropriated surplus
JJ	JJ-1	Authorizes a \$1,700,000 advance from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Maine Rx Dedicated Fund on July 1, 2001 that must be repaid by June 30, 2010
	JJ-2	Allocates funds for implementation of the Maine Rx Program
KK	KK-1	Lapses \$512,384 in Capital Construction-Repairs-Improvements-Renovation of State Facilities account to General Fund unappropriated surplus in fiscal year 2001-02 from savings from renovation of the State Office Building
	KK-2:KK-4	Recognizes General Fund savings in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program as a result of a recognition of child support collection earned but not yet transferred
LL	LL-1:LL-6	Requires insurance coverage of hospice care, palliative care and end-of-life care
	LL-7; LL-10	Authorizes the establishment of the Maine Center for End-of-Life Care
	LL-8; LL-10	Requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing and Registration to report on entry level and continuing education requirements related to end-of-life care
	LL-9	Requires the Maine Health Data Organization to gather baseline data and standardized assessment tools regarding end-of-life care