

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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
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
ONT P.....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OT P ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OT P 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 1378**

**An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$36,700,000 for the State's Public Universities, the Maine Maritime Academy and other Public Learning Centers**

**P & S 37**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CATHCART	OTP-AM MAJ	S-350
THOMAS	OTP-AM MIN	S-373 SMALL

LD 1378 proposed a bond issue, in the amount of \$65,200,000, to be used to fund a variety of construction projects and improvements at the State's 7 public universities and the Maine Maritime Academy.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-350)** proposed to decrease the amount of the bond from \$65,200,000 to \$35,200,000 for improvements at 6 of the State's public universities and rather than 7.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-373)** proposed to decrease the amount of the bond issue from \$65,200,000 to \$36,700,000. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$36,700,000, would be used to fund a variety of improvements at the State's public universities, the Maine Maritime Academy and other public learning centers.

***Enacted Law Summary:***

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 37 provides for a bond issue in the amount of \$36,700,000, to be used to fund a variety of improvements at the State's public universities, the Maine Maritime Academy and other public learning centers. Four million dollars of the bond proceeds are allocated to the University of Maine for the costs of an Arts Center. Four million eight hundred thousand dollars are allocated to the University of Maine at Farmington for the construction of an education classroom facility. Five million six hundred thousand dollars are allocated to the University of Maine at Presque Isle for the construction of a health and physical education complex. Four million dollars are allocated to the University of Maine at Augusta to pay a portion of the construction of a technology classroom and student center facility. Three million two hundred thousand dollars are allocated to the University of Maine at Fort Kent to pay a portion of the construction of a health/tech center and renewal of a library/classroom. Eight million dollars are allocated to the University of Southern Maine for the construction of a community education facility and the renewal of the combination of a classroom and library. Four million dollars are allocated to the Maine Maritime Academy for the construction and renovation of dormitories, classrooms and laboratories. One million dollars are allocated to the Maine Technical College System to renovate and equip classroom space at the Bath Higher Education Center. One million eight hundred thousand dollars are allocated to the University of Maine System to renovate and equip classroom space at the Western Maine University Center. Two hundred thousand dollars are allocated to the Maine Technical College System to renovate and equip classroom space at the Katahdin Area K-Tech Center. One hundred thousand dollars are allocated to the University of Maine System to renovate and equip classroom space at the Calais Center.