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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

Second Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Appropriations And Financial Affairs*

May 2002

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 2002

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing select committees of the Maine Legislature this past session.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (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
PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
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

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Committee Amendment “A” (S-353) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

LD 1471

**An Act to Create a Digital Library to Meet the Educational
Research, Business and Economic Needs of Maine**

**PUBLIC 522
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ROSEN EDMONDS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-767
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LD 1471 proposed General Fund appropriations of \$2,500,000 in each year of the biennium to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to be used for the creation of a digital library that is accessible statewide.

Committee Amendment “B” (H-767) proposed to require the Public Utilities Commission to order the National Exchange Carrier Association to transfer funds from the Telecommunications Education Access Fund to the University of Maine System for the infrastructure needs associated with creating a digital library. This amendment also proposed changes to the provisions of law that address the uses and guidelines for the Telecommunications Education Access Fund. It also proposed to add an appropriation section and fiscal note to the bill.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2001, chapter 522 provides Other Special Revenue fund allocations of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to be used for the creation of a digital library that is accessible statewide. It also requires the Public Utilities Commission to order the National Exchange Carrier Association to transfer \$500,000 by June 30, 2002 and \$500,000 by June 30, 2003 from the Maine Telecommunications Education Access Fund to the University of Maine System to support the creation of the library.

Public Law 2001, chapter 522 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 12, 2002.