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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 a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

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. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet ([www.state.me.us/legis/opla](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla)).

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:

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| <i>CON RES XXX</i> .....                              | <i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>            |
| <i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....                | <i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>                      |
| <i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i> .....                      | <i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>                                  |
| <i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....                      | <i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i> |
| <i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....                      | <i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>                         |
| <i>EMERGENCY</i> .....                                | <i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>                            |
| <i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> ..... | <i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>                                   |
| <i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....           | <i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>  |
| <i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....                 | <i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>                      |
| <i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....             | <i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>                 |
| <i>INDEF PP</i> .....                                 | <i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>   |
| <i>ONTP</i> .....                                     | <i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>                                       |
| <i>OTP ND</i> .....                                   | <i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>                             |
| <i>OTP ND/NT</i> .....                                | <i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>                   |
| <i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....                              | <i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>                          |
| <i>PASSED</i> .....                                   | <i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>                                       |
| <i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....                               | <i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>   |
| <i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....                              | <i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>                                     |
| <i>UNSIGNED</i> .....                                 | <i>Bill held by Governor</i>   |
| <i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....                           | <i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>                          |

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

LD 1561

## An Act to Require Sprinkler Protection in all Secondary and Postsecondary Dormitories

ONTP

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>DUPLESSIE<br>MICHAUD MH | <u>Committee Report</u><br>ONTP | <u>Amendments Adopted</u><br>H-595 |
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LD 1561 proposed that all dormitories of public and private secondary and postsecondary educational institutions be equipped with automatic sprinkler systems within 5 years and proposed to establish a fund to provide 10-year, low-interest loans to help the educational institutions to meet this requirement.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-595)** proposed to replace the bill. This amendment proposed to require public educational institutions to install automatic sprinkler systems in their dormitories; proposed to provide a 10-year phase-in schedule for installation of automatic sprinkler systems in existing dormitories in public educational institutions; proposed to authorize a \$10,000,000 bond to provide low interest loans, administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, to public and private educational institutions; proposed to make the previously described provisions conditional upon approval in a statewide referendum of the bond funding; and proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

See also LD 2128.

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

**LD 1668**

## An Act to Expand Research and Development Facilities within the University of Maine System

ONTP

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>MICHAUD MH<br>SAXL | <u>Committee Report</u><br>ONTP | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------|

LD 1668 proposed to provide the University of Maine System with authority to issue \$25,000,000 in revenue bonds for capital improvements to support research and development as part of the next phase of the university system's research and development capital improvement plan. It also proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to support the additional debt services costs.

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