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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

Second Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Transportation*

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 Transportation

LD 1881 proposed to increase the dollar amount that the Department of Transportation can pay landowners for property without a formal appraisal from \$5,000 to \$15,000. A market analysis would be performed in place of the formal appraisal. In cases in which the landowner does not consent to the amount, a formal appraisal would be performed.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 485 increases the dollar amount that the Department of Transportation can pay landowners for property without a formal appraisal from \$5,000 to \$15,000. A market analysis will be performed in place of the formal appraisal. In cases in which the landowner does not consent to the amount, a formal appraisal will be performed.

LD 1896

An Act to Simplify the Process by Which a Financial Institution Transfers Motor Vehicle Title to a Lessee

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
YOUNGBLOOD	ONTP	

LD 1896 proposed to expand the ability of a financial institution to sell a motor vehicle that it leased to the lessee of the vehicle. The bill also proposed to permit financial institutions to use agents rather than employees to accomplish such sales.

LD 1907

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow for Loans to be Repaid With Federal Transportation Funds

CON RES 1

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE C FISHER	OTP-AM	H-842 FISHER S-419

LD 1907 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to allow the State to issue temporary debt to be repaid with federal transportation funds to facilitate the development of highways, bridges and other transportation projects.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-419) proposed to limit the amount of short-term debt that can be issued under the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Maine to 50% of federal transportation funds allocated in the prior fiscal year.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-842) proposed to clarify that the transportation funds are funds that were appropriated by the Federal Government in the prior federal fiscal year.

Enacted law summary

Constitutional Resolution 2001, chapter 1 proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to allow the State to issue temporary debt to be repaid with federal transportation funds to facilitate the development of highways, bridges and other transportation projects. It limits the amount of short-term debt that can be issued under the proposed