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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

LD 1902

An Act to Fund the Maine Biomedical Research Program

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDTHWAIT BERRY R	ONTP	

LD 1902 proposed to appropriate funds to the Maine Biomedical Research Fund to support biomedical research in the State for the fiscal year 2002-03 in the amount of \$5,000,000.

LD 1910

An Act to Establish the Retired Teacher Health Insurance Contribution Fund

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CATHCART DAVIS G	ONTP	

LD 1910 proposed to establish the Retired Teacher Health Insurance Contribution Fund to pay for increasing the State's contribution toward payment of retired teachers' health insurance premiums by 5% per year. Beginning July 1, 2002, the State pays 35% of those premium costs. The Retired Teacher Health Insurance Contribution Fund is funded by transfers from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

LD 1931

Resolve, Appropriating Funds for the Seeds of Peace International Camp

RESOLVE 122

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GREEN CATHCART	OTP-AM	H-859 S-590 GOLDTHWAIT

LD 1931 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$26,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 for the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield to be used for the payment of property taxes and to fund 2 student scholarships.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-859) proposed to provide a one-time appropriation of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 for scholarships to the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-590) proposed to increase the funding for scholarships for the Seeds of Peace International Camp from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for fiscal year 2002-03. This amendment also proposed to repeal the resolve that established the John H. Reed - Kenneth M. Curtis Peace Fellowship in that section that would have repealed the fellowship as of June 11, 2002.