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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).

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:

<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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 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.

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Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 2001, chapter 122 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to support scholarships for the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield.

LD 1938

**An Act to Make Changes to the Respite Care Fund Administered
by the Department of Human Services**

PUBLIC 487

Sponsor(s)
DUDLEY
MARTIN

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-771

LD 1938 proposed to appropriate \$250,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services to serve as the 25% state match for the federal family caregiver initiative under Title III-E.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-771) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to make changes to the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services’ Respite Care Fund within the Department of Human Services and proposed to authorize the department to designate an amount from the fund to carry out the purposes of the National Family Caregiver Support Program. It also proposed to change the title and add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2001, chapter 487 authorizes the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services to designate an amount from the Respite Care Fund to carry out the purposes of the National Family Caregiver Support Program.

LD 1957

**An Act to Allow the State to Maximize Funds for Meals for
the Elderly in the State**

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
SAXL
MICHAUD MH

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1957 proposed to provide additional funding to the Meals on Wheels program within the Department of Human Services, to be matched by federal funds.