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Bill Summaries

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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, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, 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:

| CON RES XXX | Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses |
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| | 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 |
| | Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days |
| FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL | L PASSAGE Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote |
| FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE | Bill failed to get majority vote |
| FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT | |
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| INDEF PP | Bill Indefinitely Postponed |
| ONTP | Ought Not To Pass report accepted |
| <i>OTP ND</i> | 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 | |
| | Bill held by Governor |
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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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demonstration sites be located in Portland, Lewiston, Bangor, Augusta and Caribou. It proposed that the Department of Education create a grant program to subsidize the added cost of providing these services. It proposed that the Department of Education submit a preliminary report on the success of the grant program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by January 15, 2003 and a final report by December 15, 2003. This amendment was not adopted.

See LD 2080, Public Law 2001, chapter 559, Part DD, appropriating \$10,000 for adult remedial education services for former students of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and the Maine School for the Deaf.

LD 1931

Resolve, Appropriating Funds for the Seeds of Peace International Camp

RESOLVE 122

| Sponsor(s) | Committee Report | Amendments Adopted |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| GREEN | | H-859 |
| CATHCART | | S-590 |

LD 1931 was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. This bill proposed to provide funding to the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield, Maine to be used by the camp for the payment of property taxes on the campsite and to fund 2 student scholarships.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-859) proposed to provide a one-time appropriation of \$10,000 for scholarships to the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield in support of its unique role in providing conflict resolution and peacemaking experiences for teenagers from regions in conflict throughout the world.

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 in the resolve that established the John H. Reed - Kenneth M. Curtis Peace Fellowship that section that would have repealed the fellowship as of June 11, 2002.

Enacted law summary

Resolves 2001, chapter 122 provides a one-time appropriation of \$25,000 for fiscal year 2002-03 to support scholarships for the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield. The law also repeals in the resolve that established the John H. Reed - Kenneth M. Curtis Peace Fellowship that section that would have repealed the fellowship as of June 11, 2002.