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*State Of Maine  
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*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:

<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 2093

An Act to Promote Cultural Tourism and Economic Growth

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD MH PARADIS	ONTP	

LD 2093 proposed to appropriate:

1. \$3,000,000 to provide assistance in the planning and construction of the Franco-American Heritage Center at St. Mary's in Lewiston to promote the academic, economic, social and cultural heritage of Franco-Americans in the State. The center would transform the existing St. Mary's Church into an all-purpose performance hall, museum and learning center;
2. \$30,000 to the Moosehead Marine Museum to assist the museum in the renovation of its flagship, the Katahdin, including repairs to its deck;
3. \$1,000,000 to the Center Theater, Inc. to provide assistance in the planning and construction of the Center Theater in Dover-Foxcroft. The Center Theater, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation that would renovate and operate the existing Center Theater as a performing and visual arts center in downtown Dover-Foxcroft; and
4. \$1,000,000 to match federal grants to plan and construct the Downeast Heritage Center on the St. Croix River in Calais and to promote tourism and economic growth in Washington County. These funds, combined with the \$1,000,000 already appropriated, would provide a total of \$2,000,000 for the center.

**LD 2120**

**An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$24,100,000 for Water Pollution Control, Drinking Water, Water for Crops and Fish-rearing Facilities, to Clean up Hazardous Substances and Tire Stockpiles, Promote Public Geographic Data, Recapitalize the Potato Marketing Fund and Capitalize the Dam Repair Fund**

P&S 71

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD	OTP-AM A OTP-AM B OTP-AM C	S-607

LD 2120 proposed a bond issue, to be submitted to the voters in November, 2002, in the amount of \$19,300,000 to be for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$8,000,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
2. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds to remove and replace overboard discharges;

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3. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds to remove and replace failing septic systems;
4. The sum of \$500,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds for the clean up of tire stockpiles;
5. The sum of \$1,000,000 to clean up uncontrolled hazardous substance sites;
6. The sum of \$500,000 to remediate solid waste landfills;
7. The sum of \$1,800,000 to support drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the State match for \$6,000,000 in federal funds;
8. The sum of \$4,000,000 to acquire the technology and services required to establish an Internet-based Maine public library of geographic information, improve citizens' access to public geographic information, make grants to municipalities for voluntary automation of parcel and zoning maps to uniform standards, provide the State match for at least \$1,600,000 in federal funds and participate in intergovernmental data development agreements; and
9. The sum of \$1,500,000 to support household hazardous waste collection.

**Committee of Conference Amendment “A” (S-607)** was the unanimous report of the Committee of Conference. This amendment proposed to provide for a bond issue, to be submitted to the voters in November, 2002, in the amount of \$24,100,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$5,000,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
2. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds to remove overboard discharges;
3. The sum of \$7,000,000 to make renovations and enhance wastewater treatment at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's fish-rearing facilities;
4. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds to remove and replace failing septic systems;
5. The sum of \$1,000,000 to clean up uncontrolled hazardous substance sites;
6. The sum of \$500,000 to remediate solid waste landfills;
7. The sum of \$500,000 to clean up tire stockpiles;
8. The sum of \$500,000 to provide funds for the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund and the renovation of and capital repairs and improvements to locks under the control of the Bureau of Parks and Lands;
9. The sum of \$1,800,000 to support drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$6,000,000 in federal funds;

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10. The sum of \$2,300,000 to acquire the technology and services required to establish an Internet-based Maine public library of geographic data, to improve citizens' access to public geographic data, to make grants to municipalities for voluntary automation of parcel and zoning maps to uniform standards, to provide the state match for at least \$1,600,000 in federal funds and to participate in intergovernmental data development agreements;
11. The sum of \$1,500,000 to support public recycling and household hazardous wastes management infrastructure;
12. The sum of \$1,000,000 to construct new or retrofit existing pollution control structures on Maine farms to protect the environment;
13. The sum of \$500,000 to construct environmentally sound water sources that help avoid drought damage to crops; and
14. The sum of \$500,000 to recapitalize the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund.

This amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

### ***Enacted Law Summary:***

Public and Special Law 2001, chapter 71 authorizes a General Fund bond issue to be submitted to the voter in November, 2002 in the amount of \$24,100,000 for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$5,000,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
2. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds to remove overboard discharges;
3. The sum of \$7,000,000 to make renovations and enhance wastewater treatment at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's fish-rearing facilities;
4. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds to remove and replace failing septic systems;
5. The sum of \$1,000,000 to clean up uncontrolled hazardous substance sites;
6. The sum of \$500,000 to remediate solid waste landfills;
7. The sum of \$500,000 to clean up tire stockpiles;
8. The sum of \$500,000 to provide funds for the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund and the renovation of and capital repairs and improvements to locks under the control of the Bureau of Parks and Lands;
9. The sum of \$1,800,000 to support drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$6,000,000 in federal funds;

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10. The sum of \$2,300,000 to acquire the technology and services required to establish an Internet-based Maine public library of geographic data, to improve citizens' access to public geographic data, to make grants to municipalities for voluntary automation of parcel and zoning maps to uniform standards, to provide the state match for at least \$1,600,000 in federal funds and to participate in intergovernmental data development agreements;
11. The sum of \$1,500,000 to support household hazardous waste collection and public recycling;
12. The sum of \$1,000,000 to construct new or retrofit existing pollution control structures on Maine farms to protect the environment;
13. The sum of \$500,000 to construct environmentally sound water sources that help avoid drought damage to crops; and
14. The sum of \$500,000 to recapitalize the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund.

**LD 2121**

**An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$9,500,000 to Construct New or Retrofit Existing Pollution Control Structures on Maine Farms to Protect the Environment, to Construct Environmentally Sound Water Sources that Help Avoid Drought Damage to Crops, to Recapitalize the Potato Market Improvement Fund and to Make Renovations and Enhance Wastewater Treatment at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Fish-rearing Facilities**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARTIN BRYANT	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2121 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$9,500,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$1,500,000 to construct new or retrofit existing pollution control structures on Maine farms to protect the environment;
2. The sum of \$500,000 to construct environmentally sound water sources that help avoid drought damage to crops;
3. The sum of \$500,000 to recapitalize the Potato Market Improvement Fund; and
4. The sum of \$7,000,000 to make renovations and enhance wastewater treatment at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's fish-rearing facilities.