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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 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:

*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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***Enacted Law Summary:***

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 72 authorizes a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$25,000,000 to raise funds to build a new correctional facility in Machias and to make improvements to the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham.

**LD 2130**

**An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$34,970,000 to Stimulate Job Growth in Maine, to Renovate Certain State Facilities and to Promote Homeland Security and Tourism**

**P&S 73**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD MH	OTP-AM A	S-561 TURNER
RICHARDSON	OTP -AM B	H-1107 BERRY, R
	OTP-AM C	

LD 2130 proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue, in the amount of \$31,150,000, to be used for the following purposes:

1. To capitalize the Maine Rural Development Authority to facilitate job creation through the development and redevelopment of commercial and industrial buildings in Maine, \$15,000,000;
2. For the Municipal Investment Trust Fund, providing loans and grants to municipalities for public infrastructure to support economic development and other purposes of the fund, \$4,000,000;
3. For the renovation of buildings and associated infrastructure at the Schoodic Education and Research Center, \$2,150,000. State bond funds would match \$3,000,000 in federal funds; and
4. To the Finance Authority of Maine to create and retain Maine jobs through the funding of community, regional and state business financing programs, \$10,000,000.

**Committee Amendment “A” (S-561)** proposed the following:

Part A of this amendment proposed to provide for a bond issue at a referendum to be held in June 2002 in the amount of \$27,100,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. For the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to provide loans and grants to municipalities for public infrastructure to support economic development and other purposes of the fund, \$4,000,000;
2. To the Finance Authority of Maine to create and retain Maine jobs through the funding of community, regional and state business financing programs, \$10,000,000;
3. To renovate the Augusta East Campus Harlow Office Building, including all electrical, water and mechanical systems, roof replacement and asbestos and mold abatement, \$8,000,000;
4. To raise funds for the protection of the lives and property of Maine citizens, \$4,600,000; and

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5. To renovate a building in the Portland area to establish a center for homeless teens, \$500,000.

Part B of this amendment proposed to provide for a bond issue at a referendum to be held in November 2002 in the amount of \$28,630,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. To capitalize the Maine Rural Development Authority to facilitate job creation through the development and redevelopment of commercial and industrial buildings in Maine, \$10,000,000;
2. For the renovation of buildings and associated infrastructure at the Schoodic Education and Research Center, \$1,100,000. State bond funds would match \$4,000,000 in federal funds;
3. For the construction of 2 facilities for product development and support that would provide the University of Maine and the University of Southern Maine with the resources needed to help solve daily manufacturing and engineering problems for Maine companies, \$9,000,000;
4. For biomedical research and development by Maine-based nonprofit and state research institutions, \$6,000,000;
5. For the planning and construction of the Franco-American Heritage Center at St. Mary's in Lewiston, \$1,500,000;
6. To assist the Moosehead Marine Museum in the renovation of its flagship, the Katahdin, \$30,000;
7. For the renovation of the Center Theater in downtown Dover-Foxcroft, \$500,000; and
8. To plan and construct the Downeast Heritage Center on the St. Croix River in Calais and to promote tourism in Washington County, \$500,000.

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

**House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1107)** proposed to strike the referenda in Committee Amendment "A" and combine all the bond issues into one referendum to be held in June 2002 in the amount of \$34,970,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. A sum of \$4,000,000 for the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to provide loans and grants to municipalities for public infrastructure to support economic development and other purposes of the fund;
2. A sum of \$8,000,000 to the Finance Authority of Maine to create and retain Maine jobs through the funding of community, regional and state business financing programs;
3. A sum of \$540,000 for the protection of the lives and property of Maine citizens, \$20,000 of which is for a computerized emergency notification program in the Maine Drinking Water Program and \$520,000 of which is for metal detectors, x-ray machines and security packages for court facilities;
4. A sum of \$6,000,000 to capitalize the Maine Rural Development Authority to facilitate job creation through the development and redevelopment of commercial and industrial buildings in Maine;
5. A sum of \$400,000 for the renovation of buildings and associated infrastructure at the Schoodic Education and Research Center. State bond funds would match \$4,000,000 in federal funds;

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6. A sum of \$9,000,000 for the construction of 2 facilities for product development and support that would provide the University of Maine and the University of Southern Maine with the resources needed to help solve daily manufacturing and engineering problems for Maine companies;
7. A sum of \$5,500,000 for biomedical research and development by Maine-based nonprofit and state research institutions;
8. A sum of \$1,000,000 for the planning and construction of the Franco-American Heritage Center at St. Mary's in Lewiston;
9. A sum of \$30,000 to assist the Moosehead Marine Museum in the renovation of its flagship, the Katahdin; and
10. A sum of \$500,000 for the renovation of the Center Theater in downtown Dover-Foxcroft.

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

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 73 authorizes a General Fund bond issue to be submitted to the voters in June, 2002 in the amount of \$34,970,000 to stimulate job growth, renovate buildings, defend against terrorism in Maine and promote tourism to be used for the following purposes:

1. Funds of \$4,000,000 for the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to provide loans and grants to municipalities for public infrastructure to support economic development and other purposes of the fund;
2. Funds of \$8,000,000 for the Finance Authority of Maine to create and retain Maine jobs through the funding of community, regional and state business financing programs;
3. Funds of \$540,000 for the protection of the lives and property of Maine citizens;
4. Funds of \$6,000,000 to capitalize the Maine Rural Development Authority to facilitate job creation through the development and redevelopment of commercial and industrial buildings in Maine;
5. Funds of \$400,000 for the renovation of buildings and associated infrastructure at the Schoodic Education and Research Center. State bond funds will match \$4,000,000 in federal funds;
6. Funds of \$5,000,000 for the construction of a facility for product development and support that will provide the University of Maine with the resources needed to help solve daily manufacturing and engineering problems;
7. Funds of \$4,000,000 for the construction of a facility for product development and support that will provide the University of Southern Maine with the resources needed to help solve daily manufacturing and engineering problems;
8. Funds of \$5,500,000 for medical research and development by Maine-based biomedical research institutions in order to obtain matching federal funds for health research to cure disease and to retain Maine graduates by providing quality Maine jobs;

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9. Funds of \$1,000,000 for the planning and construction of the Franco-American Heritage Center at St. Mary's in Lewiston;
10. Funds of \$30,000 to assist the Moosehead Marine Museum in the renovation of its flagship, the Katahdin; and
11. Funds of \$500,000 for the renovation of the Center Theater in downtown Dover-Foxcroft.

**LD 2214**

**Resolve, to Establish and Fund the Task Force on Rail Transportation**

**RESOLVE 120  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report  
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2214 proposed to establish and fund the Task Force on Rail Transportation.

***Enacted Law Summary:***

Resolve 2001, chapter 120 establishes and funds the Task Force on Rail Transportation.

Resolve 2001, chapter 120 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 11, 2002.

**LD 2215**

**An Act to Address the Cash Flow and Funding Needs of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003**

**PUBLIC 705**

Sponsor(s)  
GOLDTHWAIT  
BERRY, R

Committee Report  
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2215 proposed to address the cash flow and funding needs of State Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003. This bill proposed to strike the limit on the tax anticipation note authority currently established at \$100,000,000. In the absence of this statutory restriction, the limitation of the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14 restricts this borrowing authority to the lesser of 10% of all the money appropriated, authorized and allocated by the Legislature from undedicated revenues to the General Fund and dedicated revenues to the Highway fund for that fiscal year, exclusive of proceeds or expenditures from the sale of bonds, and 1% of the total valuation of the State. In fiscal year 2000-01, that limit would have been \$293,843,735 based on final General Fund appropriations and Highway Fund allocations for that fiscal year.