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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).

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

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**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GOLDTHWAIT BERRY, R	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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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.