

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
121st Legislature*

*Second Regular Session and  
Second Special Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

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*Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees*

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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/billsumm.htm](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla/billsumm.htm)).

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
- 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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is April 30, 2004; and non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Special Session is July 30, 2004. Four bills (LD's 1572, 1629, 1636 and 1637) that were considered at the First Special Session in August 2003 are also included in these summaries.

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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

**LD 1021**

**Resolve, To Renew the Veterans' Emergency Assistance Program**

**RESOLVE 145**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DOUGLASS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-600 CATHCART
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LD 1021 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to appropriate money from the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04 for the administration of the veterans' emergency assistance program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 505, subsection 1-A, paragraph B.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-600)** proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation from \$250,000 to \$50,000 and to provide the funds in fiscal year 2004-05.

***Enacted Law Summary:***

Resolve 2003, chapter 145 appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 2004-05 for the administration of the veterans' emergency assistance.

**LD 1089**

**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$15,000,000 for Energy Conservation in State Buildings and Facilities**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HALL BLISS	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1089 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$15,000,000 to be used for energy efficiency improvements at state buildings and facilities. The bill also proposed to authorize a transfer of \$250,000 from the Conservation Program Fund to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for completion of an audit of state energy consumption and opportunities for increased energy efficiency at state buildings and facilities.

**LD 1149**

**An Act To Support the Kennebec-Chaudiere International Corridor**

**P & S 49**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAGGETT COLWELL	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-391 S-591 CATHCART
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LD 1149 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed ongoing funds in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 for publicity, signs, kiosks, brochures and other materials and services associated with promoting Franco-American heritage and the Kennebec-Chaudiere International Corridor.