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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*

May 2004

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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).

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

Sponsor(s) HALL BLISS	Committee Report ONTP	Amendments Adopted
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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

Sponsor(s) DAGGETT COLWELL	Committee Report OTP-AM	Amendments Adopted 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.

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Committee Amendment “A” (S-391) proposed to provide ongoing funds for publicity, signs, kiosks, brochures and other materials and services associated with promoting Franco-American heritage and the Kennebec-Chaudiere International Corridor in fiscal year 2004-05 only.

Senate Amendment “A” to Committee Amendment “A” (S-591) proposed to provide ongoing funds for publicity, signs, kiosks, brochures and other materials and services associated with promoting the Kennebec-Chaudiere International Corridor.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special 2003, chapter 49 provides on-going funds beginning in fiscal year 2004-05 for publicity, signs, kiosks, brochures and other materials and services associated with promoting the Kennebec-Chaudiere International Corridor.

LD 1249 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Quality Child Care Tax Credit ONTP

Sponsor(s) SIMPSON DOUGLASS	Committee Report ONTP	Amendments Adopted
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LD 1249 was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, recommitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over from the First Regular Session. The bill proposed to provide that a taxpayer that made an investment in child care services certified under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5219-Q during the tax year would be eligible for the tax credit provided in that section. A taxpayer would not be required to own or operate a child care site to be eligible for the tax credit.

LD 1292 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$20,000,000 for Capital Projects and Major Maintenance at State and Municipal Parks and Historic Sites, for Acquiring Land for Coastal and Inland Waterway Access and for Capitalizing a Revolving Loan Fund for Land Trusts and Municipalities To Acquire Land and Conservation Easements for Public Access ONTP

Sponsor(s) DAGGETT COLWELL	Committee Report ONTP	Amendments Adopted
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LD 1292 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to provide funds in the amount of \$20,000,000 to be used to make capital improvements and conduct major maintenance at state parks and