

# 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*

*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](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 1841**

**An Act To Appropriate Funds for World War II and Korean  
War Memorial Plaques in the Hall of Flags**

**P & S 51**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCGLOCKLIN GAGNON	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-597 CATHCART
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LD 1841 proposed to provide funds for World War II and Korean War memorial plaques in the Hall of Flags.

**Senate Amendment “A” (S-597)** proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation from \$25,000 to \$20,000.

***Enacted Law Summary:***

Public Law 2003, chapter 51 provides \$20,000 for World War II and Korean War memorial plaques in the Hall of Flags.

**LD 1875**

**An Act To Authorize Bond Issues for Ratification by Voters  
at the November 2004 Election**

**FAILED  
ENACTMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAMON MARLEY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-560
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LD 1875 proposed to provide a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$18,250,000 to be used for improvements to and development of highways and bridges; airports; ferry vessels, port facilities and marine infrastructure; rail corridors and structures; intermodal facilities; and trail and pedestrian facilities.

**Committee Amendment “A” (S-560)** proposed 4 referenda questions to approve bond issues for the following purposes:

Part A proposed a bond issue, in the amount of \$18,250,000 that would be used for improvements to and development of highways and bridges; airports; ferry vessels, port facilities and marine infrastructure; rail corridors and structures; intermodal facilities; and trail and pedestrian facilities.

Part B proposed a bonds issue for the following:

1. Three million seven hundred thousand dollars for Maine Technology Institute's Natural Resources Applied Research Fund competitive grants for applied research in natural-resource-based industries, including forest bio-products, marine fisheries and agriculture. These funds leverage \$4,000,000 in required matching funds;
2. Two million dollars for the Small Enterprise Growth Fund for equity investments in small Maine companies with potential for high growth. These funds leverage private equity investments;