

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

*Second Regular Session and
Second Special Session*

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

May 2004

Members:

*Sen. Mary R. Cathcart, Chair
Sen. Margaret R. Rotundo
Sen. Karl W. Turner*

*Rep. Joseph C. Brannigan, Chair
Rep. Richard H. Mailhot
Rep. Scott W. Cowger
Rep. Benjamin F. Dudley
Rep. Sean Faircloth
Rep. Hannah Pingree
Rep. Richard W. Rosen
Rep. S. Peter Mills
Rep. H. Sawin Millett, Jr.
Rep. Julie Ann O'Brien*

Staff:

James K. Dionne, Principal Analyst

*Office of Fiscal and Program Review
5 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0005
(207) 287-1635*

Maine State Legislature



*Office Of Policy And Legal Analysis
Office Of Fiscal And Program Review*

*121st Maine Legislature
Second Regular Session and
Second Special Session*

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.

David C. Elliott, Director
Offices located in Room 215 of the Cross Office Building

**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
---	--------------------------------	---

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
--------------------------------------	-----------------------------------	------------------------------------

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;

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

3. One million dollars for the New Century Community Program for capital improvements to cultural resources;
4. Two million dollars for weatherization of single and multifamily homes occupied by low-income persons;
5. Two million dollars for family and elderly housing options for Native American tribes through the Four Directions Development Corporation. These funds would help attract \$2,000,000 in federal funds;
6. Two million dollars for critical improvements and expansion plans for the Raymond H. Fogler Library at the University of Maine, the state research library for business, science and technology;
7. Three million dollars to repair and upgrade Maine Army National Guard armories and facilities located throughout the State; and
8. One million two hundred thousand dollars to purchase the property known as Black Duck Cove on Great Wass Island, which includes a 9,000-square-foot building, a working wharf and 2 lobster pounds, to serve as the home of the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education.

Part C proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$17,775,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$11,000,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
2. The sum of \$3,275,000 to abate, clean up and remediate threats to public health and the environment from uncontrolled hazardous substance sites, landfills and municipal brownfields;
3. The sum of \$500,000 to provide grants to assist urban municipalities and publicly funded higher education institution generators in complying with new federal stormwater regulations;
4. The sum of \$2,000,000 to construct and upgrade public water systems to address public health threats, providing the state match for \$10,000,000 in federal funds; and
5. The sum of \$1,000,000 to provide grants for lead paint remediation in low-income households.

Part D proposed to recapitalize the program administered by the Land for Maine's Future Board with \$60,000,000 over 3 years to continue Maine's land conservation efforts, leveraging a minimum of \$30,000,000 in required matching funds. The funding priorities proposed to include:

1. Conservation properties in the rapidly developing areas of southern and coastal Maine;
2. Public access to outdoor recreational opportunities statewide;
3. Protection via easement of traditional public access and uses in the North Woods and support for sustainable forestry and strategically targeted fee acquisitions in areas of very high public value;
4. Farmland protection to support an economically viable agricultural sector;

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

- 5. Public access to coastal and inland waters; and
- 6. Highly significant wildlife habitat and ecological areas.

This part of the bond issue also proposed to provide additional funds of \$5,000,000 for capital improvements to state parks, historic sites and other state-owned parks, including \$1,000,000 for Capitol Park in Augusta. This bond anticipates a total of an additional \$30,250,000 in matching funds from federal and other sources.

LD 1876	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$16,600,000 To Construct and Upgrade Water Pollution Control Facilities, To Remediate Solid Waste Landfills, To Clean Up Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites, To Provide Municipal Stormwater Management Assistance, To Investigate and Remediate Municipal Brownfields, To Construct and Upgrade Public Water Systems and To Remediate Lead Paint in Low-income Households	ONTP
----------------	---	-------------

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN KOFFMAN	ONTP	

LD 1876 proposed to provide a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$16,600,000 to be used for the following purposes:

- 1. The sum of \$11,000,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
- 2. The sum of \$2,100,000 to abate, clean up and remediate threats to public health and the environment from uncontrolled hazardous substance sites, landfills and municipal brownfields;
- 3. The sum of \$500,000 to provide grants to assist urban municipalities in complying with new federal stormwater regulations;
- 4. The sum of \$2,000,000 to construct and upgrade public water systems to address public health threats, providing the state match for \$10,000,000 in federal funds; and
- 5. The sum of \$1,000,000 to provide grants for lead paint remediation in low-income households.