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*State Of Maine
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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 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 (Pocket Veto).....	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 August 23, 2006.

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LD 180 **An Act To Appropriate State Funds To Protect Potato Farmland in Aroostook County from Blight and Other Diseases That Could Occur with the 2004 Crop Unless Cull Potatoes Are Dumped Properly** **P & S 59**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARADIS MARTIN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-206 S-678 ROTUNDO

LD 180 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$750,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 for the Maine Potato Board to purchase rotting potatoes in need of proper disposal.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-206) proposed to reduce the appropriation to \$50,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and eliminating the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

Senate Amendment “A” to Committee Amendment “A” (S-678) proposed to eliminate the appropriation in fiscal year 2005-06 and appropriates \$5,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to assist farmers who are in need of assistance with the disposal of rotting table stock potatoes.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 59 provides a \$5,000 appropriation in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Maine Potato Board to assist farmers who are in need of assistance with the disposal of rotting stock potatoes.

LD 198 **An Act To Enhance the Role of the Fogler Library as the Research Library for the State of Maine** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN SCHNEIDER	ONTP	

LD 198 proposed an appropriation of \$1,500,000 each year to the University of Maine System's Fogler Library to develop and support a digital library.

LD 199 **An Act To Support and Expand Regional Teacher Development Centers** **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NORTON TURNER	OTP-AM	H-205

LD 199 proposed ongoing appropriations of \$1,000,000 in each year of the biennium to support and expand the University of Maine System's Regional Teacher Development Centers.

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Committee Amendment “A” (H-205) proposed to reduce the appropriation to \$100,000 in each year of the biennium to support and expand the University of Maine System's Regional Teacher Development Centers.

LD 228 **An Act To Provide Funding for the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education** **P & S 53**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RAYE DUGAY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-679 ROTUNDO
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LD 228 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$15,000 in each year of the biennium to the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education.

Senate Amendment “A” (S-679) proposed to eliminate the \$15,000 General Fund appropriation for fiscal year 2005-06.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 53 provides an ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$15,000 beginning in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education.

LD 248 **An Act To Provide Funding for Dues for the International Northeast Biotechnology Corridor** **P & S 55**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FINCH GAGNON		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-680 ROTUNDO
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LD 248 proposed ongoing annual appropriations of \$11,000 beginning in fiscal year 2005-06 for dues associated with the International Northeast Biotechnology Corridor as agreed upon at the September 2003 Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers.

Senate Amendment “A” (S-680) proposed to eliminate the fiscal year 2005-06 appropriation.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 55 provides an appropriation of \$11,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Department of Economic and Community Development for dues associated with the International Northeast Biotechnology Corridor.