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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 organized by committees 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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).

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:

- CARRIED OVER Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session
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
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
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 the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

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LD 410

An Act To Provide Funding for Hospices in Maine

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND BRENNAN	ONTP	

LD 410 proposed to appropriate funds for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants to build new hospices and to establish new hospice services. These funds would have to be awarded through a competitive bidding process, the funds would be awarded equally among the following 3 areas of the State: Lewiston and Auburn; Augusta; and Scarborough and South Portland. Grantees would need to have plans in place by June 1, 2005 to qualify for these grants.

LD 411

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$1,000,000 To Support Construction of a "Curtis Class" Vessel for the Maine State Ferry Service

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAMON PINGREE	ONTP	

LD 411 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$1,000,000, to be used to support the construction of a "Curtis Class" vessel for the Maine State Ferry Service.

LD 468

An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2005, June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007

PUBLIC 12

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRANNIGAN	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-35 S-56 ROTUNDO

LD 468 was the Governor's proposed "Current Services" or "Part 1" Budget Bill for the 2006-2007 biennium.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-35) was the majority report.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-36) was the minority report.

Senate Amendment "V" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-56) was adopted as proposed to strike the emergency preamble and the emergency clause.

This amendment proposed to change a date in Part U to correspond to changes made in law.

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This amendment proposed to amend Part PP to correct chapter number and section number to avoid a conflict.

This amendment proposed to add a section inadvertently left out of Part SS.

This amendment proposed to amend Part AAA and proposed to remove the provision that imposes a \$10 fee on nonmotorized watercraft such as rowboats, canoes and kayaks. The amendment also proposed to change the fines for failure to wear a seat belt or to properly secure a child in a vehicle from a minimum and maximum fine to a fine of \$50 for the first offense, \$125 for the 2nd offense and \$250 for a 3rd or subsequent offense.

This amendment also proposed to amend language to clarify the application provision in Part DDD.

This amendment proposed to eliminate in Part III the nonconsumption user permit study by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Conservation.

This amendment proposed to strike that section of Part OOO that proposed to authorize the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to examine certain personnel issues. This amendment also proposed to authorize, rather than proposed to require, the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to review the programs specified in Part OOO, section 2, proposed to strike requirement that the committee review whether the public benefit of the program justifies the public expense and proposed to remove the reporting date.

This amendment also proposed to strike duplicative language contained in Part JJJJ, section 1.

This amendment proposed to add Part QQQQ and proposed to provide that targeted funds, identified under essential programs and services for technology, assessment and kindergarten to grade 2, be paid to the school administrative unit or private school that each student from the unorganized territory attends in addition to tuition rates calculated pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 219.

This amendment proposed to remove the section of Committee Amendment “A” that made failure to wear a seat belt a primary offense and thereby retain the current law that allows enforcement of the seat belt requirement only if the operator is detained for a suspected violation of another law. This amendment also proposed to add an appropriation to offset the savings that had been anticipated through implementing the primary enforcement of seat belt requirements.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 12 does the following:

<u>Part</u>	<u>Description</u>
A	Appropriations and allocations of funds reflecting Current Services.
B	Makes appropriations and allocations of funds representing reduction proposals or adjustments to Current Services.

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- C** Specifies a mill expectation of 8.26 mills for fiscal year 2005-06, the cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, consisting of total operating allocation, total debt service allocation and total adjustments and miscellaneous costs, and the state and local shares of those costs.
- D** Clarifies certain provisions of the education funding laws including the Commissioner's authority to pay certain miscellaneous costs related to the laptop program, emergency bus loans and EPS data management and support services. Also transfers \$6,194,152 from the General Fund undedicated revenue to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, Other Special Revenue funds account within the Department of Education in fiscal year 2006-07.
- E** Delays the increase in state-municipal revenue sharing from 5.1% to 5.2% of sales and income tax revenues from July 1, 2005 to July 1, 2007.
- F** Authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in an amount up to \$9,000,000 for improvements to state-owned facilities.
- G** Designates the Department of Administrative and Financial Services as the fiscal agent for the Workers' Compensation Board and the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices and requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to review statewide financial and human resources services and identify savings attributable to improvements in organizational efficiency and cost-effectiveness. Deappropriates the projected statewide consolidation savings.
- H** Extends through fiscal year 2006-07 a change in the distribution formula for the state's share of the Real Estate Transfer Tax by reducing the amount paid to the Maine State Housing Authority by \$7,500,000 in each fiscal year.
- I** Requires the Chief Information Officer to review statewide information technology functions and systems and identify savings and position eliminations attributable to improvements in organizational efficiency and cost-effectiveness. Deappropriates the projected savings.
- J** Requires Judicial Department to implement an accelerated fine collection effort and to fill vacant positions to generate additional General Fund revenue.
- K** Requires the review of the statewide administrative hearing functions to improve efficiency and cost effectiveness. Deappropriates the projected savings.
- L** Extends through 2007 nonconformity with a federal deduction for student loan interest paid 60 months after the start of loan repayment and extends through 2007 a reduction in the child and dependent care credit under the income tax from 25% of the federal credit to 21.5% of the federal credit.
- M** Provides that property transferred by a nonresident decedent to a pass-through entity is included in the estate for purpose of determining the Maine taxable estate under the estate tax.
- N** Provides a special estate tax election at the state level so that the estate of an individual with a surviving spouse may fully fund the taxable estate with an amount equal to the federal exclusion without changing the taxable nature of the estate for Maine purposes.

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- O** Applies the 7% sales tax on lodging to casual rental of living quarters for more than 14 days in a calendar year, including cottages, condominium units and vacation homes, beginning July 1, 2005.
- P** Provides for general conformity with the Internal Revenue Code as of 1/7/05 except that it does not conform with federal increases in the Section 179 business expensing deduction, does not conform with the new federal deduction for certain domestic production activities, does not conform with new federal option that permits the deduction of sales and use taxes rather than income taxes and makes permanent Maine's nonconformity with federal increases in the standard deduction for married joint returns.
- Q** Delays until tax years beginning in 2007, credits under the income tax and the insurance premium tax for contributions to qualified scholarship organizations and for certain employer repayments of education loans on behalf of employees.
- R** Makes permanent the schedule that provides for amortization of the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System by 2028 and provides for related transfers and deappropriations and deallocations.
- S** Delays until 6/30/07 implementation of a sales tax exemption on machinery and equipment used in generation of radio and television broadcast signals.
- T** Part T places into statute, provisions formerly contained in budget preambles relating to general budget administration.
- U** Increases the assessment made to the unorganized territories to help pay for the costs of the Land Use Regulation Commission, authorizes a pilot project with a reporting requirement for the Department of Conservation to issue burn permits electronically, authorizes a \$1.00 increase in the adult day-use fee charged at state parks that provide lifeguard coverage, recognizes revenue from demonstration forestry activities by the Bureau of Parks and Lands with the Department of Conservation and provides appropriations to the Department of Conservation.
- V** Establishes the voluntary employee incentive program for the biennium and lapses \$350,000 of savings to the General Fund in each year of the biennium.
- W** Requires the Commissioner of DEP to review the organizational structure and functions of the department and calculate the amount of savings against each account. It also deappropriates the projected savings.
- X** Increases the state share of retired teachers health insurance from 40% to 45% beginning 10/1/05 and provides that the state will share any rebates, investment gains or other gains under the health insurance plan for teachers at the same percentage as the state percentage of funding of the costs of the insurance.
- Y** Authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer funds among accounts by financial order for the purpose of paying overtime expenses and recognizes additional revenue from boarding juveniles from other governmental entities and from working with the Judicial Department to assess fees on probationers and to enhance collection of supervision fees.
- Z** Delays until the 2008-2009 biennial budget the requirement of an additional 18% General Fund appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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AA	Continues tax expenditures for the 2006-2007 biennium.
BB	Reduces funding in the Department of Labor through efficiencies gained through the department's "Bend the Curve" initiative and directs the Commissioner of Labor to identify the related savings in the Department's General Fund accounts. It also requires the State Budget Officer to transfer those savings by financial order.
CC	Authorizes the Governor, when funds in the State Contingency Account are insufficient, to access up to \$750,000 from any funds available to the State to address certain emergencies.
DD	Requires the Maine State Museum to be open on Sundays and Mondays and transfers to the General Fund unappropriated surplus income from admission fees in the amounts of \$41,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$43,000 in fiscal year 2006-07.
EE	Authorizes the Commissioner of Public Safety to increase the number of speed details using aircraft by 60 per year resulting in an increase in undedicated revenue to the General Fund of \$300,000 in each year of the biennium. It also transfers funds from the State Fire Marshal's Other Special Revenue funds to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.
FF	Increases various filing fees and penalties assessed by the Secretary of State.
GG	Reduces the period for presumption of abandonment of gift obligations from 3 years to 2 years and includes stored-value cards, changes the reporting period for abandoned property reports and requires the Treasurer of State to implement a policy regarding the sale of unclaimed shares of stock.
HH	Requires the State Budget Officer to transfer amounts attributable to savings in state employee health insurance and education health insurance costs resulting from reductions in hospital inpatient rates. Deappropriates projected health insurance savings.
II	Requires the State Budget Officer to calculate and transfer by financial order amounts attributable to savings in the cost of employee health insurance. Deappropriates and deallocates funds to reflect projected savings.
JJ	Establishes minimum fines for the crime of assault and for driving to endanger and transfers funds from an Other Special Revenue account in the Department of the Secretary of State to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.
KK	Authorizes the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to increase license fees through rulemaking for home child care, child care centers and nursery schools.
LL	Clarifies legislative authority with regard to the legislative budget and appropriates and deappropriates funds for the operation of the Legislature.
MM	Authorizes the transfer by financial order from salary savings to All Other as a result of physician vacancies at Bangor Mental Health Institute in each year of the biennium.
NN	Requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to organize working groups to achieve reductions in regulatory and administrative burdens for providers in the areas of licensing, contracting, auditing, billing and other administrative processes.

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OO	Deappropriates \$500,000 in FY 2004-05, \$250,000 in FY 2005-06 and \$250,000 in FY 2006-07 in the Department of Corrections from salary savings.
PP	Establishes the Pharmaceutical Cost Management Council to develop options and make recommendations to maximize the cost effectiveness of the pharmaceutical benefit offered by health plans financed with public dollars and requires the State Budget Officer to calculate and transfer the savings by financial order.
QQ	Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to engage a private vendor to audit providers located outside the State and base the compensation on a percentage of the amount of overpayment received by the department.
RR	Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to change the rate for foster board and care paid to unlicensed homes and permit those homes to apply for licensure to receive a higher reimbursement rate.
SS	Restructures the provisions of information and technology services.
TT	Provides that the fee for a retail tobacco license must be set according to a sliding scale determined by the Department of Health and Human Services according to the relative size of the licensee.
UU	Clarifies that targeted funds distributed to school administrative units (SAU's) must be provided as targeted allocations and requires that all SAU's receive an allocation of targeted funds for technology, assessment and kindergarten to grade 2 education in fiscal year 2005-06. Provides that school administrative units may not be penalized for failing to adhere explicitly to the intent of the targeted fund allocations for that fiscal year only and requires the Commissioner to submit provisionally-adopted rules that establish the requirements for school administrative units plans and the use of the targeted funds. It also provides transition adjustments to certain SAU's in fiscal year 2005-06 that meet certain specifications and adds analysis and reporting requirements for the Commissioner of Education and the Maine Education Policy Research Institute.
VV	Expands the service provider tax to apply to community support services for adults or emancipated children. The additional revenues are transferred to dedicated accounts for the costs of the tax and to fund services previously supported by the General Fund. Adjusts appropriations and allocations accordingly.
WW	Provides technical changes to Public Law 2005, Chapter 2 and Title 20-A. Public Law 2003, chapter 712. Provides revisions to local budget articles for local voters to approve the level of funding that must be revised to meet the funding requirement of essential programs and services. This Part also includes minor technical revisions to sections in Title 20-A to align statutory language with the new school funding law in Title 20-A, chapter 606-B. Provides 7/1/05 effective date for Parts B, C and D of PL 2005, c. 2.
XX	Provides a statewide deappropriation of \$5,750,000 in each year of the biennium from reductions in All Other and requires the State Budget Officer to calculate the savings against each General Fund account for all departments and agencies statewide.
YY	Requires the Commissioner of Education to present a plan to restructure the Child Development Services System and reduces funding which must be absorbed through administrative savings.

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ZZ	Adjusts the base year used to calculate the hospital tax. The taxable base year is rolled forward for state fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07 but fixed for subsequent years. Allocates and deappropriates funds accordingly.
AAA	Establishes minimum and maximum fines for failure to wear a seat belt or to properly secure a child. Retains the current law that provides that seat belt infractions may not be enforced unless the operator has been stopped for another violation of law.
BBB	Excludes certain retail property from BETR reimbursement prospectively. Also requires the State Tax Assessor to report to the Legislature annually on the overlap between BETR reimbursement and benefits received under a tax increment financing agreement. Also requires an annual financial report on the projected cost of the BETR program.
CCC	Provides for a transfer at the end of fiscal year 2005-06 from unappropriated surplus to the Baxter Compensation Authority in an amount up to \$8,122,000 reduced by the amount transferred at the end of fiscal year 2004-05.
DDD	Makes adjustments to the laws of the Department of Health and Human Services related to an estate recovery initiative to generate General Fund savings.
EEE	Increases fees for registration of commercial fertilizer and for a seed labeling license. It also requires the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to deposit amounts in the undedicated revenue of the General Fund from reimbursement for services provided to partner agencies and the United States Department of Agriculture.
FFF	Permits available balances of appropriations in MaineCare General Fund accounts in fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07 to be transferred between accounts by financial order.
GGG	Amends the sales tax exemption for agricultural products to include certain products sold in animal agricultural production and limits the sales tax exemption for products sold for agricultural crop production to those used in commercial production.
HHH	Provides for transfers, appropriations and allocations for programs within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.
III	Increases various hunting and fishing fees; transfers funds from the Carrying Balance program to the General Fund and appropriates funds for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.
JJJ	Appropriates funds for the Fractionation Development Center and for the Maine Small Business Development Centers.
KKK	Specifies how savings in the elderly low-cost drug program resulting from implementation of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, are to be used.
LLL	Transfers funds from the Rehabilitation Services -- Medicaid account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by 6/30/05.
MMM	Provides flexibility in funding and establishing positions for the Maine Military Authority.

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NNN	Authorizes the State to enter into a contract for employee health insurance on a pilot basis that does not adhere to geographic access requirements or rules of the Superintendent of Insurance.
OOO	Authorizes the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to evaluate certain economic development programs and submit its report to the legislative Government Oversight Committee.
PPP	Implements the terms of the collective bargaining agreements made with the Maine State Employees Association, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the Maine State Troopers Association.
QQQ	Implements the terms of the collective bargaining agreements for employees of the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory bargaining unit and the professional bargaining unit of the Judicial Department.
RRR	Identifies the increase in the mileage allowance for employees traveling on state business.
SSS	Authorizes the transfer from the Salary Plan for the implementation of collective bargaining agreements for state employees and other economic items and for the reimbursement of costs associated with contract resolution.
TTT	Extends the service provider tax on extended cable television services to include extended satellite television services.
UUU	Identifies the seven universities of the University of Maine System; appropriates \$3,000,000 in each year of the biennium and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 for reaccreditations planning for the University of Maine at Augusta.
VVV	Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to include provisions under Chapter II, Section 65, Mental Health Services, that were previously included in Section 37, Home Based Mental Health Services as of April 1, 2002.
WWW	Prohibits the Department of Health and Human services from adopting rules to change the eligibility of care requirements for MaineCare community support services during fiscal year 2005-06.
XXX	Requires the Department of Health and Human Services convene a working group to develop a regional system for financing, management, and oversight of the mental health system beginning in fiscal year 2006-07.
YYY	Requires the Department of Health and Human Services adopt rules regarding the benefit package for the MaineCare noncategorical adults program effective through June 30, 2006, and establishes requirements for developing the benefit package effective July 1, 2006. It also establishes requirements for rates of reimbursement for mental health services provided to individuals eligible under the MaineCare noncategorical adults program and adjusts funding as a result of the redesign of the MaineCare noncategorical adults program.
ZZZ	Increases payments to critical access hospitals, the state share of the costs of which is funded by a portion of the hospital tax revenue that was allocated in Part A to fund critical access hospital transition

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	costs related to the federal Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003.
AAAA	Requires that by July 31, 2005, the Superintendent of Insurance deposit \$6,335,897 in excess insurance assessments to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.
BBBB	Establishes requirements for the development and implementation of the MaineCare mental retardation Individual Service Option (ISO) model. Deappropriates funds for savings anticipated from converting the living arrangements of approximately 100 individuals from group homes to living in shared living ISO models.
CCCC	Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to report by 6/1/05 on the development of a rate schedule of services under the MaineCare mental retardation waiver and adopt rules by 1/1/06.
DDDD	Provides for the carry forward of \$3,672,000 in the State Treasurer's General Fund Debt Service account and the transfer to the Budget Stabilization Fund of any balance not needed to pay the cost of debt service.
EEEE	Transfers funding for the Committee on Transition, a statewide network that focuses on the transition of teens and graduates into the adult services system from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Education.
FFFF	Appropriates funds for local adult education programs and for secondary students taking postsecondary courses at eligible institutions.
GGGG	Provides that balances of funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year in the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services appropriated for homemaker or home-based care services must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.
HHHH	Deappropriates funds from the homestead property tax reimbursement program that are no longer needed for that program.
IIII	Provides a cost-of-living adjustment for nursing homes and residential care facilities to be funded from nursing home tax revenue balances.
JJJJ	Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services to use broadly representative working groups to advise on the adult mental retardation services system, and children's mental health and child welfare systems.
KKKK	Increases licensing fess under the Revised Securities Act for broker-dealers, sales representatives and investment advisers.
LLLL	Provides that nonresidents must include in their Maine income the proceeds from any gambling activity conducted in Maine.
MMMM	Provides that under the income tax, for nonresident individuals, that a gain or loss from the sale of a partnership interest is sourced to Maine to the extent the gain or loss is based on property located in Maine.
NNNN	Provides for the setoff of liquidated tax liabilities against payment owed to a taxpayer under a contract

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with a state agency and department.

- OOOO** Reduces allocation for Lottery Operations to reflect the overbudgeting of information technology expenses.
- PPPP** Authorizes the issuance of \$410,000,138 in bonds through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to fund prepayment to the Maine State Retirement System of a portion of the Unfunded Actuarial Liability. The bonds are secured by a stream of dedicated revenues and do not pledge the credit of the state. The bond proceeds replaced General Fund appropriations for Teachers Retirement during the 2006-2007 biennium and along with an additional transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus provided additional payments for future retirement liabilities. It also transfers \$66,656,703 to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund in fiscal year 2006-07.
- QQQQ** Authorizes school administrative units or private schools approved for tuition purposes to receive targeted funds for students in the unorganized territory and appropriates funds to the Department of Education for the additional cost of providing targeted funds to students in the unorganized territory.

LD 508

An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005

**PUBLIC 3
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRANNIGAN		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-23
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LD 508 was the Governor's proposed Fiscal Year 2004-05 Emergency Supplemental Budget Bill.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-23) was the unanimous report of the committee in response to the Governor's proposed bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 3 does the following:

<u>Part</u>	<u>Description</u>
A	Authorizes appropriations and allocations of funds.
B	Authorizes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.
C	Amends the law to increase the maximum limit on transfers to the circuit breaker reserve from \$24,742,857 to \$26,777,647 in fiscal year 2004-05.
	Lapses balances in the Health Reform Reserve Fund account and the General Fund Compensation and Benefit Plan account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2004-05.