

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
122nd Legislature*

*Second Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

*July 2006*

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### 122nd Maine Legislature Second Regular 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 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 (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.

*Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

**LD 588**

**An Act To Restore Support for HIV and AIDS Treatment and Prevention**

**INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUDLEY	OTP MAJ	
COWGER	ONTP MIN	

LD 588 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$350,000 annually in fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07 for the Bureau of Health within the Department of Health and Human Services for HIV and AIDS treatment and prevention.

(Note: 2005 Public Law, chapter 519, Part BBB appropriated \$52,231 for the purpose identified above.)

**LD 622**

**An Act To Provide Funding towards the Employment of a Demersal Finfish Ecologist by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute** **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KAELIN	OTP-AM MAJ	H-230
	ONTP MIN	

LD 622 proposed a \$100,000 ongoing General Fund appropriation in each year of the biennium for the Department of Marine Resources to use to pay for its share of the costs of a demersal finfish ecologist to be employed by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-230)** proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation to \$75,000 in each year of the biennium for the Department of Marine Resources to use to pay for its share of the costs of a demersal finfish ecologist to be employed by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute and restricts funding to the 2006-2007 biennium only.

**LD 636**

**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Construct a Freshwater Aquaculture and Freshwater Species Biotechnology Center** **ONTP**

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

LD 636 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,000,000 to construct a freshwater aquaculture and freshwater species biotechnology center.