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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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- 12. The sum of \$4,000,000 to outfit the Laboratory for Surface Science Technology clean room facility at the University of Maine with state-of-the-art nanofabrication tools and instrumentation to leverage \$4,000,000 in federal grants and contracts for research;
- 13. The sum of \$3,000,000 to renovate Camden Hall on the University of Maine-Bangor campus for a graduate school for biomedical science;
- 14. The sum of \$2,000,000 for capital costs and equipment for the career center facility at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College;
- 15. The sum of \$1,000,000 for education loan repayment incentives through the Finance Authority of Maine to retain and recruit skilled workers in Maine;
- 16. The sum of \$3,000,000 for recapitalization of the Economic Recovery Program through the Finance Authority of Maine;
- 17. The sum of \$1,000,000 for the development of the Sunrise Business and Career Center in the Town of Jonesboro;
- 18. The sum of \$4,000,000 to provide funds for the development of affordable workforce housing and downtown housing and for weatherization and home repair in anticipation of an additional \$9,000,000 in other public and private funding; and
- 19. The sum of \$1,000,000 for family and elderly housing options for Native American tribes through the Four Directions Development Corporation to help attract \$1,000,000 in federal funds.

Part B of this bill proposed establishment of a grant program for the acquisition of real estate that constitutes working waterfront in coastal harbors.

Part C of this bill proposed reorganizing the laws governing the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund.

Part D of this bill proposed establishing the Maine Recruitment and Retention Program within the Finance Authority of Maine to provide repayment of educational loans of individuals who have a bachelor's degree and work in Maine for 4 years.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, citing Joint Rule 309, took possession of the bill on May 23, 2006 and directed the bill be delivered to the Clerk of the House.

LD 1035

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds for the Land for Maine's Future Program

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FISCHER BRYANT B	ONTP	

LD 1035 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000 to recapitalize the Land for Maine's Future program to continue the State's land conservation efforts, to be matched by at least \$25,000,000 in private

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and public funds. In addition, the bill proposed to amend the land acquisition priorities of the Land for Maine's Future program to include service center communities.

LD 1043 An Act To Provide Funds for Online Reference Materials

P & S 57

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EDMONDS	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	S-691 ROTUNDO

LD 1043 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$72,556 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$114,410 in fiscal year 2006-07 for a digital records management analyst position within the Department of the Secretary of State, Maine State Archives, beginning October 1, 2005 to provide technical and professional leadership and management for the preservation of the State's permanently valuable digital records.

Senate Amendment “A” (S-691) proposed to eliminate the appropriation for fiscal year 2005-06, reduce the appropriation for fiscal year 2006-07 to \$25,000 and amend the initiative to reflect that the appropriation is for the Maine State Library to fund online reference materials to provide access to information from schools and libraries through statewide licensing of reference materials.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 57 provides an appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Maine State Library to fund online reference materials to provide access to information from schools and libraries through statewide licensing of reference materials.

**LD 1234 An Act To Reestablish the Maine Coast Environmental Trust
Fund within the Department of Marine Resources**

PUBLIC 641

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KAELIN WESTON	OTP-AM	H-218 S-683 ROTUNDO

LD 1234 proposed reestablishing the Maine Coast Environmental Trust Fund in the Department of Marine Resources to protect and improve the quality of the State's marine environment by providing grants to qualifying organizations. This bill proposed the department develop a competitive grant program, including qualifications and application procedures, and report back to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature with the department's recommendations.

The bill proposed a start-up appropriation of \$52,300 in fiscal year 2005-06 for the competitive grant program and to restore the clam flats in Stockton Harbor.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-218) proposed the following.

1. Clarify that the Maine Coast Environmental Trust Fund is an Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Marine Resources.