

# 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 1915**

**An Act To Increase Supervision of Red Tide on the Maine Coast**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERRY A		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1915 proposed General Fund appropriations of \$38,444 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$124,681 in fiscal year 2006-07 to establish 4 additional seasonal Conservation Aide Intern positions for the periods April 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006 and from April 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007 to be used for water monitoring purposes.

(Note: 2005 Public Law, chapter 519, Part A provided appropriations of \$92,002 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$246,171 in fiscal year 2006-07 and created 7 seasonal Conservation Aide positions to the program identified above.)

**LD 1940**

**An Act To Provide an Energy Emergency Relief Fund To Provide Assistance for Home Heating Fuel Costs for Residents of This State, for Gasoline Costs for Service Providers and for Heating Fuel for Health Care Services Providers**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LERMAN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1940 proposed a \$5,000,000 General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2005-06 to supplement low-income home heating fuel programs, to supplement mileage reimbursement for service providers, including, but not limited to, those in the meals on wheels program and to supplement reimbursement for heating fuel for health care services providers, including, but not limited to, nursing homes, residential care facilities and community-based residential services providers.

**LD 1941**

**An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Clean Election Fund**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1941 proposed the transfer of \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to the Maine Clean Election Fund no later than July 31, 2006 to assure gubernatorial and legislative candidates sufficient funding in the 2006 elections.

(Note: 2005 Public Law, chapter 519, Part KK authorized a transfer of \$1,200,000 from the undedicated revenue of the General Fund to the Maine Clean Election Fund.)