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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 1946

An Act To Ensure the Continued Ability of the Maine Economic Growth Council To Produce the Measures of Growth Report and Provide Financial Assistance for Flood Damage

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EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROMLEY RECTOR	OTP	H-1114 BRANNIGAN S-693 ROTUNDO

LD 1946 proposed a one-time appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the Maine Economic Growth Council in order to continue to produce the Measures of Growth report.

Senate Amendment “A” (S-693) proposed to reduce the appropriation to the Maine Economic Growth Council to \$20,000 in fiscal year 2006-07; proposed an appropriation of \$880,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Maine Emergency Preparedness Agency to assist certain municipalities that suffered flood damage that occurred in spring 2005; proposed a deappropriation of \$400,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 from the Baxter Compensation Authority; and a deappropriation of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 from the Gambling Control Board.

House Amendment “A” to Senate Amendment “A” (H-1114) proposed an emergency preamble to ensure that the funding provided in Senate Amendment “A” may occur and proposed increasing the deappropriation to the Baxter Compensation Authority to \$425,000 in fiscal year 2005-06.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 66 provides a one-time appropriation of \$20,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the Maine Economic Growth Council in order that it may continue to produce the Measures of Growth report. It provides an appropriation of \$880,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to assist certain municipalities that suffered flood damage that occurred in spring 2005, and deappropriates \$425,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 from the Baxter Compensation Authority and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 from the Gambling Control Board.

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 66 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 1, 2006.

LD 1948

An Act To Save the Marine Technology Center and Strengthen Maine's Boatbuilding Workforce

P & S 54

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE EMERY	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	S-637 S-694 ROTUNDO S-704 ROTUNDO

LD 1948 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$433,877 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the Marine Technology Center of Washington County Community College, or “MTC for the following purposes:

1. To ensure the core level of staffing necessary to maintain a sustainable and world-class boatbuilding program at the MTC;

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2. To allow the MTC to deliver boatbuilding training at various sites along the Maine coast in order to more fully meet the statewide workforce needs of Maine's marine industry; and
3. To subsidize the cost of planning and delivering a statewide expansion of the registered apprenticeship program and customized training of existing workers.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-637) incorporated a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-694) proposed to eliminate the appropriation for the Marine Technology Center; required the Washington County Community College and the City of Eastport to explore the possibility of forming partnerships with interested parties to strengthen and secure the future of the Marine Technology Center and report the results of their efforts and their recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by February 1, 2007; and proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 to the Department of Economic and Community Development for a grant to the City of Eastport.

Senate Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" (S-704) proposed that the Department of Economic and Community Development facilitate the formation of partnerships and, with input and assistance from the Washington County Community College and the City of Eastport, report on the results of those efforts to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by February 1, 2007; and proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 to the Department of Economic and Community Development for a grant to the City of Eastport.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 54 requires the Department of Economic and Community Development to facilitate the formation of partnerships to strengthen and secure the future of the Marine Technology Center at Eastport. It requires the department, with input and assistance from the Washington County Community College and the City of Eastport, to report the results of its efforts and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters; and it provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to facilitate these efforts.

LD 1956

An Act To Recapitalize the Maine Downtown Center

P & S 61

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RICHARDSON J		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-699 ROTUNDO
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LD 1956 proposed a one-time appropriation of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for recapitalization of the Maine Downtown Center.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-699) proposed to reduce the one-time appropriation to \$75,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for recapitalization of the Maine Downtown Center strikes and providing a one-time appropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board.