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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124th Maine Legislature coming from the

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

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.....	Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
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; bill died
ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died
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

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature is September 12, 2009. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

PART W allows remaining All Other balances in the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Medical Services, General Fund account to carry forward to June 30, 2010.

PART X authorizes the transfer of funds to the Callahan Mine Site Restoration, Other Special Revenue Funds program.

PART Y authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer of All Other funds by financial order between accounts within the same fund for specified purposes.

PART Z delays the tax credit for rehabilitation of historic properties with respect to the Kennebec Arsenal District National Historic Landmark.

PART AA transfers overpayments for retiree health insurance with respect to the Maine Community College System to the General Fund.

PART BB lapses projected salary savings in the Compensation and Benefit Plan, General Fund account.

PART CC repeals the current provision of the statute regarding the distribution of rental income to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and gives the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services more discretion regarding the level of funding transferred.

Public Law 2009, chapter 1 was enacted as an emergency measure effective January 29, 2009.

**LD 153 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Land for
Maine's Future Board**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FLOOD BARTLETT	ONTP	

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$30,000,000, will be used to recapitalize the Land for Maine's Future Fund over 2 years to continue the State's land conservation efforts, leveraging a minimum of \$15,000,000 in required matching funds.

LD 913, as enacted, contains a similar bond proposal.

**LD 203 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Assist the
University of Maine System in the Conversion of the Educational
Broadband Spectrum from Analog to Digital**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL HOBBINS	ONTP	

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$2,000,000, will be used to provide funds for the University of Maine System to convert current analog educational broadband spectrum to digital in order to comply with the FCC mandate and not lose the opportunity to lease excess broadband capacity.