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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.

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LD 214 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Economic Recovery **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GILES SCHNEIDER	ONTP	

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to increase 2 Finance Authority of Maine business programs, a direct loan program and a loan insurance program by \$10,000,000 each to assist businesses facing loss of revenues and that require business restructuring.

LD 222 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve State Parks **ONTP**

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$15,000,000, will be used to improve facilities at state parks.

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

LD 230 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Purchase and Protection of Traditional Hunting Grounds **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERCY TRAHAN	ONTP	

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used to provide funds for the purchase and protection of traditional hunting grounds.

LD 280 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Repairs to Traditional Meetinghouses **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SCHATZ DAMON	ONTP	

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$2,500,000, will be used for the repair of traditional meetinghouses in the State, such as grange halls, community houses and other traditional public areas of gathering in

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a community.

LD 302 An Act To Require Review by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs of Transfers of MaineCare Funds

ONTP

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

This bill eliminates authority previously granted to the Department of Health and Human Services for the 2008-2009 biennium to transfer funds between MaineCare programs by financial order without approval of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Public Law 2009 chapter 213 Part SSSS extends the termination date for the additional authority granted to transfer funds between MaineCare programs to June 30, 2011.

LD 353 An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011

**PUBLIC 213
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN DIAMOND	OTP-AM	H-350 H-408 CAIN

LD 353 is the Governor's proposed 2010-2011 Biennial Budget Bill.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-350)

Committee Amendment "A" (H-350) is the unanimous report of the Committee in response to the Governor's proposed bill.

House Amendment "E" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-408)

This amendment makes the following technical corrections to Committee Amendment "A": clarifies that the transfers made under Part RRR are being made to the General Fund; Corrects the total for the number of members on the Task Force on the Sustainability of the Dairy Industry in Maine in Part TTT; corrects allocation amounts for revenue-sharing programs based upon available revenues in a new Part; and eliminates position counts added in error for limited-period positions authorized in Resolve 2009, chapter 46.

Enacted Law Summary

PART A makes appropriations and allocations of funds for the 2010-2011 biennium.

PART B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C relates to the funding of K-12 education.