

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

LD 1

An Act to Transfer Funds from the Service Retirement Benefit Reserve to the Maine State Retirement System in Order to Fund the Modification of Retirement Laws for Certain Law Enforcement Personnel

**P & S 1
EMERGENCY**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> MICHAUD KNEELAND | <u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-7 |
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LD 1 proposed to authorize the transfer of the full actuarial costs to the Maine State Retirement System to fully implement the retirement law modifications for certain law enforcement officers that were enacted by Public Law 1997, chapter 740. Implementation of those modifications, however, required that sufficient funds first be set aside in a newly created account called the Service Retirement Benefit Reserve. The source of the funds to be set aside would be those funds that would otherwise be transferred to the Retirement Allowance Fund. The second step needed to modify those retirement laws required the Legislature to take action to direct payment of the full actuarial costs to implement the modification of the retirement laws, estimated to be \$3,250,000 as of July 1, 1998, from the Service Retirement Benefit Reserve to the Maine State Retirement System.

Committee Amendment " A " (S-7) proposed to establish February 1, 1999 as the effective date for the State Controller to transfer funds from the Service Retirement Benefit Reserve to the Maine State Retirement System. It also proposed to reduce the amount of funds to be transferred from \$3,250,000 to \$3,065,000.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 1 directs the transfer of \$3,065,000, no later than February 1, 1999, from the Service Retirement Benefit Reserve to the Maine State Retirement System for the full actuarial costs to the Maine State Retirement System to fully implement the retirement law modifications for certain law enforcement officers that were enacted by Public Law 1997, chapter 740.

LD 35

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Create Affordable Housing

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRENNAN | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 35 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$10,000,000, that would have been used for affordable and accessible housing for persons who are homeless, mentally retarded or mentally ill. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 36

An Act to Appropriate Funds to Ensure Forestry Industry Training Education

ONTP

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

LD 36 proposed to provide funds to Northern Maine Technical College to train employees for the forestry industry.

LD 45

An Act to Appropriate \$50,000 for the Muskie Memorial Committee in Rumford

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| FERGUSON CAMERON | OTP | |

LD 45 proposed to appropriate \$50,000 on a one-time basis in fiscal year 1999-00 for the Muskie Memorial Committee in Rumford.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 43 appropriates \$50,000 on a one-time basis in fiscal year 1999-00 for the Muskie Memorial Committee in Rumford.

LD 50

An Act to Make Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1999

**PUBLIC 4
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| TOWNSEND MICHAUD | OTP-AM | H-18 |

LD 50 proposed the following:

PART A

1. Proposed supplemental appropriations from the General Fund;
2. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund;
3. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Other Special Revenue funds;
4. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Block Grant Funds; and
5. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Alcoholic Beverage Fund.

PART B

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
2. Proposed allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
3. Proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
4. Proposed allocations from the Other Special Revenue funds for approved reclassifications and range changes;
5. Proposed allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes; and
6. Proposed allocations from the Central Motor Pool fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund as reductions to support approved reclassifications and range changes; and
2. Proposed allocations from the Highway Fund as reductions to support approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART D proposed to:

1. Amend the law to increase the statutory cap of the Maine Rainy Day Fund to 6% and to restore funds to the Maine Rainy Day Fund pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1811, that could not be transferred because of the existing 5% cap;
2. Amend the law to authorize transfers from the Maine Rainy Day Fund;
3. Authorize unencumbered balances in the General Fund Retirement - Federal Recovery account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward to June 30, 2000;
4. Authorize unencumbered balances in the General Fund Capital Construction - Repairs - Improvements - Administrative account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward;
5. Authorize unencumbered balances in the General Fund Capital Construction - Repairs - Improvements - Renovation of State Facilities account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward;
6. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for the acquisition of motor vehicles; and
7. Authorize the balance in the General Fund Statewide - Unfunded Liability - Retirement account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to be paid to the Maine State Retirement System.

PART E proposed to amend the law to authorize a working capital advance to the Division of Plant Industry in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

PART F proposed to:

1. Establish the effective date of Memorandums of Agreement between the Maine State Employees Union and the Judicial Department; and
2. Authorize transfers from the Salary Plan program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Judicial Department.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-18) replaced the bill and proposed the following:

Part A proposed the following:

1. Proposed supplemental appropriations from the General Fund;
2. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund;
3. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Other Special Revenue funds;
4. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Block Grant Funds; and
5. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Alcoholic Beverage Fund.

Part B proposed the following:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
2. Proposed allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
3. Proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
4. Proposed allocations from the Other Special Revenue funds for approved reclassifications and range changes;
5. Proposed allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes; and
6. Proposed allocations from the Central Motor Pool fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C proposed the following:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund as reductions to support approved reclassifications and range changes; and
2. Proposed allocations from the Highway Fund as reductions to support approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part D proposed to:

1. Amend the law to authorize transfers from the Maine Rainy Day Fund;
2. Authorize unencumbered balances in the General Fund Retirement - Federal Recovery account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward to June 30, 2000;
3. Authorize unencumbered balances in the General Fund Capital Construction - Repairs - Improvements - Administrative account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward;
4. Authorize unencumbered balances in the General Fund Capital Construction - Repairs - Improvements - Renovation of State Facilities account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward;
5. Authorize unencumbered salaries in the General Fund Salary Plan Program to carry forward to June 30, 2000;
6. Authorize unencumbered balances in the General Fund - Land for Maine's Future Fund program to carry forward to June 30, 2000;

7. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for the acquisition of motor vehicles; and
8. Authorize the balance in the General Fund Statewide - Unfunded Liability - Retirement account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to be paid to the Maine State Retirement System.

Part E proposed to amend the law to authorize a working capital advance to the Division of Plant Industry in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

Part F proposed to:

1. Establish the effective date of Memorandums of Agreement between the Maine State Employees Association and the Judicial Department; and
2. Authorize transfers from the Salary Plan program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Judicial Department.

Part G proposed to amend the law by which funds may be transferred to the Community Development Fund - Children in the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

Part H proposed to amend the law establishing the Maine Clean Election Fund to allow revenue from a \$3 tax checkoff program to be transferred by the State Controller to the fund, rather than receiving General Fund appropriations by the Legislature.

Part I proposed to amend the law specifying the date by which the State Budget Officer shall calculate and transfer \$949,000 in anticipated fiscal year 1998-99 General Fund lapsed balances from May 15, 1999 to June 30, 1999.

Part J proposed to postpone until July 1, 1999 the dates by which the Department of Transportation and the State Planning Office must submit their final reports to the Legislature pertaining to the development and economic impact of a west-east highway in Maine.

Part K proposed to:

1. Appropriate \$27,504 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1998-99 to transfer 1 1/2 positions in the Division of Plant Industry from Other Special Revenue; and
2. Appropriate \$10,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1998-99 to the Seed Potato Board for a bin piler machine.

Part L proposed to appropriate \$75,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1998-99 for the Katahdin Area Training Center to assist in providing transitional services for the region.

Part M proposed to appropriate \$15,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1998-99 to the Bridgton Transition Center for displaced workers who incurred training or educational expenses that were not eligible for state or federal training assistance.

Part N proposed to:

1. Appropriate \$602,040 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1998-99 to the Department of Human Services to reduce waiting lists for homemaker, adult day care, Alzheimer's respite care and home-based care services; and
2. Direct the Department of Human Services to submit a plan to the Legislature by February 1, 1999 that revises the cost-sharing requirements of the various home care programs funded by the Department of Human Services in a way that would ensure that persons with higher incomes would pay a proportionately higher share of the cost.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 4

| Part | Section | Description/Issue |
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| A | A-1 | Supplemental General Fund Appropriations |
| | A-2 | Supplemental Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations |
| | A-3 | Supplemental Other Special Revenue Funds Allocations |
| | A-4 | Supplemental Federal Block Grant Fund Allocations |
| | A-5 | Supplemental Alcoholic Beverage Fund Allocation |
| B | B-1 | General Fund Appropriations for Reclassifications |
| | B-2 | Highway Fund Allocations for Reclassifications |
| | B-3 | Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations for Reclassifications |
| | B-4 | Other Special Revenue Funds Allocations for Reclassifications |
| | B-5 | Federal Block Grant Fund Allocations for Reclassifications |
| | B-6 | Central Motor Pool Fund Allocation for Reclassifications |
| C | C-1 | General Fund Deappropriations to fund Part B reclassifications |
| | C-2 | Highway Fund Deallocations to fund Part B reclassifications |
| D | D-1 | Increases the transfer from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the Retirement - Federal Recovery Program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services |
| | D-2 | Authorizes General Fund balances in the Retirement - Federal Recovery program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward to 6/30/00 |
| | D-3 | Authorizes General Fund balances in the Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Administration program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward indefinitely |
| | D-4 | Authorizes General Fund balances in the Capital Construction - Repairs - Improvements - Renovation of State Facilities program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward each fiscal year until the completion of the State Office Building project |
| | D-5 | Authorizes General Fund balances in the Salary Plan program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward to 6/30/00 |
| | D-6 | Authorizes General Fund balances in the Land for Maine's Future Fund program to carry forward to 6/30/00 |
| | D-7 | Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into a lease purchase agreement for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Motor Pool |
| | D-8 | Authorizes General Fund balances in the Statewide - Unfunded Liability - Retirement Account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to be paid to the Maine State Retirement System no later than 6/30/99 |

- E E-1 Authorizes a working capital advance from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus to the Division of Plant Industry program in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources for any fiscal year if requested by the Director of the Division
- F F-1 Establishes an implementation date of 3/1/99 for the collective bargaining agreements between the Judicial Department and the Maine State Employees Association
- F-2 Authorizes a transfer from the Salary Plan program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Judicial Department
- G G-1 Specifies that cost savings to be transferred from mental health services for children programs within DHS Medicaid programs and from DMHMR&SAS to the Community Development Fund - Children must occur within 30 days after the close of FY 99, implemented by financial order, approved by the Governor and reviewed by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
- H H-1 Requires the State Tax Assessor to report annually to the State Controller regarding the amounts to transfer to the Maine Clean Election Fund
- I I-1 Extends the reporting date to June 30, 1999 for the State Budget Officer to report on amounts transferred from balances that would remain on 6/30/99 in all lapsing General Fund accounts
- J J-1 Extends the reporting date to July 1, 1999 for the Department of Transportation and the State Planning Office to report on the west-east highway
- J-2 Extends the reporting date to July 1, 1999 for the State Planning Office to report on economic trade issues associated with the west-east highway
- K K-1 General Fund Appropriations for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
- K-2 Other Special Revenue Funds Allocations for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
- L L-1 General Fund Appropriation for the Katahdin Area Training Center
- M M-1 General Fund Appropriation for the Bridgton Transition Center
- N N-1 General Fund Appropriation for the DHS for homemaker services, adult day care, Alzheimer's respite care and home-based care
- N-2 Requires DHS to submit a plan by February 1, 1999 that revises the cost-sharing requirements of various home care programs and implement rules no later than July 1, 1999

LD 103

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Poverty Among Working Parents with Regard to State Earned Income Credit

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| POVICH DAGGETT | | |

LD 103 proposed to establish a Maine earned income tax credit for low-income families. The credit would be 20% of the federal earned income tax credit for families below 100% of the federal poverty level, 15% for families whose income is from 100% to below 133% of the federal poverty level and 10% for families whose income is from 133% to below 185% of the federal poverty level.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-119) proposed to replace the original bill and create a state earned income credit equal to 5% of the federal earned income credit. The credit would be nonrefundable. The amendment also proposed to change the application date and added an appropriation and fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-421) proposed to change the amount of the earned income credit to 0.5% of the federal credit and changed the application date to January 1, 2001. The amendment also proposed to eliminate the appropriation.

The bill was originally referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation and was recommitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 104

An Act to Fund a Cranberry Specialist Position in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| KNEELAND CASSIDY | ONTP | |

LD 104 proposed to appropriate \$38,782 and \$48,155 from the General Fund in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources for one Cranberry Specialist position, necessary start-up and ongoing operational costs.

LD 121

An Act to Require the State to Fully Fund Out-of-district Placement of Special Education Students

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| GOLDTHWAIT BAKER | ONTP | |

LD 121 proposed to fully fund the out-of-district placement adjustment costs of school administrative units. Appropriations for the past several years had addressed less than 25% of the amount needed to fully fund this adjustment.

LD 123

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 for the Acquisition of Water Access Sites by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| KILKELLY HONEY | ONTP | |

LD 123 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$5,000,000, that would have been used to provide funds for the acquisition of water access sites by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The primary purpose of the funds would have been to purchase property or interests in property to provide public access to fresh or coastal waters that presently have either no public access or very limited public access and to provide any necessary minor capital improvements on the property for the purpose of providing public access or improved accessibility.

While LD 123 was not enacted, Public Law 1999, chapter 514 (see LD 2253) was enacted which authorized a \$50,000,000 bond issue for public land acquisition subject to voter approval in November 1999.

LD 132

An Act to Increase the Cap on the Maine Rainy Day Fund

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| LAWRENCE | | |

LD 132 proposed to increase the limit on the percent of the total General Fund revenues that may be transferred into the Maine Rainy Day Fund from 5% of the actual General Fund revenues received in the immediately preceding fiscal year to 7%. It also would have required that all funds in the Reserve for Sales Tax account be transferred to the Maine Rainy Day Fund. The “Part 2” budget bill, Public Law 1999, chapter 401, increased the cap on the Maine Rainy Day Fund from 5% to 6% (See Part GGG) and transferred all of the funds in the Reserve for Sales Tax account to the General Fund (See Part E, section E-12). This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 135

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 to Help Increase Fish Production at the State Hatcheries

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| DUNLAP KILKELLY | | |

LD 135 proposed a bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000 that would have been used by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to improve and expand fish hatcheries.

This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 152

An Act to Enhance Economic Development in Hancock County

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| POVICH RUHLIN | ONTP | |

LD 152 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$40,000 to initiate economic development projects in Hancock County. The funds would have been administered by the Eastern Maine Development Corporation, which was directed to work with the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce in the development of the projects.

LD 154

An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MAYO MURRAY | | |

LD 154 proposed to appropriate \$90,000 and \$60,000 to the Department of Labor in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, to establish an audio information service for people who are blind or visually impaired and other people in the State who are unable to access printed information due to a disability. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 172

An Act to Enhance Maine's Relationship with Aomori, Japan by Hosting a Cultural Exchange

PUBLIC 452

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| DAGGETT BRENNAN | OTP-AM | S-144 S-389 MICHAUD |

LD 172 proposed to appropriate funds for a cultural exchange between the State of Maine and Aomori, Japan. The bill also authorized the acceptance of grants, private gifts and donations in support of bringing the Aomori exhibit to Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-144) proposed to require the State Controller to transfer \$200,000 from the State Contingent Account in fiscal year 1999-00 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. This transfer would fund the \$200,000 General Fund appropriation in the same fiscal year to bring an art exhibit in Aomori, Japan to Maine. This amendment clarified that the appropriation is one-time funding only.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-389) proposed to reduce the appropriation to the Maine State Museum to \$110,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 and offset these costs with a deappropriation of \$110,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 from the Executive Department.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 452 appropriates \$110,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Maine State Museum to bring an art exhibit from Aomori, Japan to Maine as part of a cultural exchange and offsets these costs with a deappropriation of \$110,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 from the Governor's Office within the Executive Department.

LD 190 **An Act to Designate the Allagash Wilderness Waterway as a Separate Program for Budgeting Purposes** **ONTP**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> BENNETT | | <u>Committee Report</u> ONTP | | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 190 proposed to ensure that the Allagash Wilderness Waterway would appear in any appropriation or allocation section as a separate program within the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

LD 191 **An Act to Provide Equitable Treatment of Visitor Information Centers** **CARRIED OVER**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> BENNETT | | <u>Committee Report</u> | | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 191 proposed to provide funding to the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism and Community Development to support the visitor centers in the Town of Bethel and the Town of Fryeburg. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 214 **An Act to Provide Funds for the Repair of Schools** **ONTP**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> BROOKS | | <u>Committee Report</u> ONTP | | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 214 proposed to appropriate funds that would be distributed as grants by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to schools that had lost their accreditation due to the inadequacies or defects in the physical state of the schools.

LD 217 **An Act to Increase the Appropriation to the Saco River Corridor Commission** **P & S 54**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> O'NEIL | | <u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM | | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-160 |
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LD 217 proposed to increase the appropriation to the Saco River Corridor Commission by \$40,000 in each year of the biennium.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-160) proposed to reduce the additional appropriation to the Saco River Corridor Commission to \$25,000 in each year of the biennium.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 54 increases the appropriation to the Saco River Corridor Commission by \$25,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01.

LD 269 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Repair and Renovation of Schools** **CARRIED OVER**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRENNAN | | <u>Committee Report</u> | | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 269, in Part A of the bill proposed a \$35,000,000 bond issue for public school construction, renovation and repairs that would be presented to the voters in November 1999. This bond proposal was in line with a recommendation of the Governor's Commission on School Facilities which presented a plan to the Governor and the Legislature designed to address Maine's public school construction, renovation and repair needs. That recommendation was that the State issue \$35,000,000 in general obligation bonds in each of fiscal years 1998-99 and 1999-00.

The commission also recommended an immediate General Fund appropriation of \$30,000,000. Public Law 1997, chapter 787 included a General Fund appropriation of \$20,000,000 to the School Revolving Renovation Fund. Part B of this bill proposed to appropriate \$10,000,000 to the program to bring the total appropriation level to \$30,000,000. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 271 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 to Build or Rehabilitate Regional Psychiatric Facilities** **CARRIED OVER**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRENNAN DAGGETT | | <u>Committee Report</u> | | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 271 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$25,000,000, that would have been used to construct or rehabilitate regional psychiatric facilities. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 288 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 to Assist Municipalities to Provide Water and Sewer Service to Areas Zoned by Municipalities for Industrial and Light Industrial Uses** **ONTP**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> WHEELER G LAWRENCE | | <u>Committee Report</u> ONTP | | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 288 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$5,000,000, that would have been used by the Department of Economic and Community Development to assist municipalities to provide water and sewer service to areas zoned by municipalities for industrial and light industrial uses.

LD 360

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Place Critical Land Tracts in Southern Maine into the Land for Maine's Future Program

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
ANDREWS
LAWRENCE

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 360 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$500,000, that would have been used to acquire public lands in Southern Maine.

While LD 360 was not enacted, Public Law 1999, chapter 514 (see LD 2253) was enacted which authorized a \$50,000,000 bond issue for public land acquisition subject to voter approval in November 1999.

LD 361

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 for the Expansion of the Fogler Library and Laboratories at the University of Maine

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
DUNLAP
CATHCART

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 361 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$25,000,000, that would have been used to expand the Fogler Library on the campus of the University of Maine.

LD 389

An Act to Achieve Equity in Transportation Funding

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
BULL

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 389 proposed to appropriate \$500,000 to the Department of Transportation in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01. These funds were to be used for public transportation purposes. While this bill was not enacted into law, P.L. 1999, c. 401, Part A, did provide \$100,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 for the same purpose.

LD 444

An Act to Permit Senior Citizens to Remain in Their Homes by Providing Funds for Necessary Modifications

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Sponsor(s)
COLWELL
MILLS

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

LD 444 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$2,750,000 over the 2000-2001 biennium to the Maine State Housing Authority to support the Keeping Seniors Home program, which assists certain residents over 60 years of age with modifications to their homes to prevent or delay placement in nursing facilities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-244) proposed to reduce the amount of General Fund appropriations to a total of \$2,000,000 over the 2000-2001 biennium to the Maine State Housing Authority to support the Keeping Seniors Home pilot program. It also added provisions that governed program expenditures and required a report on savings to existing General Fund programs that result from the Keeping Seniors Home program.

The bill, as amended by this amendment, was indefinitely postponed off the Special Appropriations Table.

LD 462 An Act to Require That All Fines Collected by State Agencies Be CARRIED OVER
Deposited in the General Fund

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 462 proposed to require the Treasurer of State to deposit all fines, penalties and forfeitures received by all state departments and agencies into the General Fund. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 475 An Act to Promote Adult Education ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| PENDLETON BERRY D | ONTP | |

LD 475 proposed that funding for the state subsidy for public school adult education in fiscal years 1998-99 and 1999-00 be no less than the level appropriated for fiscal year 1996-97 and required that the state subsidy for adult education increase in proportion to any increase in the state subsidy to public education for grades kindergarten to 12.

LD 487 An Act to Strengthen Child Abuse Prevention in Maine ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SNOWE-MELLO PARADIS | ONTP | |

LD 487 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$1,150,000 in the 2000-2001 biennium for the Department of Human Services to increase funding to local child abuse and neglect prevention programs throughout the State.

LD 499

An Act to Appropriate Funds for Acquisitions for the Maine State Library and for Library Resource Sharing

**P & S 55
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| COLWELL | OTP MAJ | S-391 MICHAUD |
| CATHCART | ONTP MIN | |

LD 499 proposed to increase the Maine State Library's acquisition budget to the level of the other area reference and resource centers located at the Bangor and Portland Public Libraries. The bill also provided funds to merge the current CD ROM program, MaineCat, with the on-line Maine Info Net project to produce a single comprehensive and accurate statewide library catalog immediately accessible from any computer with an Internet connection.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-391) proposed to eliminate the appropriation of \$75,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 to support an improved version of MaineCat since funding for this program was included in the "Part 2" budget bill, (see Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part A).

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 55 increases the Maine State Library's acquisition budget for the purchase of library materials by providing an additional General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 1999-00.

LD 516

An Act to Restore and Improve Family Planning and Pregnancy Prevention Services

CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| TOWNSEND MILLS | | |

LD 516 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$1,000,000 during the 2000-2001 biennium to purchase family planning and pregnancy prevention services. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 547

An Act to Restore Advocacy Services for Children with Disabilities

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| WATSON KONTOS | ONTP | |

LD 547 proposed the appropriation of \$80,000 in each year of the 2000-2001 biennium for the Disability Rights Center, formerly Maine Advocacy Services, to continue funding that was provided for fiscal year 1998-99 in Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 84. While this bill was not enacted into law, General Fund appropriations for this purpose equal to these amounts were included in Public Law 1999, chapter 16, Part A.

LD 548

An Act to Appropriate Funds for Conservation at the Local Level

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| KNEELAND KILKELLY | OTP-AM | H-173 |

LD 548 proposed to appropriate \$800,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01. These funds were to be provided as grants to the 16 local soil and water conservation districts across the State. These funds were intended to be used for operating costs to better enable the districts to respond effectively to local conservation needs.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-173) reduced the proposed appropriation to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to \$560,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01.

The bill, as amended by this amendment, was vetoed by the Governor and the veto sustained.

LD 549

An Act to Fund Maine Agricultural Education Programs

P & S 41

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| KNEELAND KILKELLY | OTP | |

LD 549 proposed to appropriate \$20,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01. These funds were to be provided as grants to statewide agricultural organizations for the purpose of furthering the development of agricultural education programs across the State.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 41 appropriates \$20,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01. These funds will be provided as grants to statewide agricultural organizations for the purpose of furthering the development of agricultural education programs across the State.

LD 565

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$30,000,000 for Infrastructure Improvements for the Maine Technical College System

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| CAMPBELL MURRAY | ONTP | |

LD 565 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$30,000,000, that would have been used for infrastructure improvements at Maine's 7 technical colleges. The \$30,000,000 was required to be matched by \$15,000,000 of private or in-kind donations.

LD 585 **An Act to Appropriate \$4,000,000 for School-based Health Clinics** **ONTP**

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

LD 585 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$4,000,000 in the 2000-2001 biennium for the Department of Human Services to increase funding for school-based health clinics throughout the State.

LD 591 **An Act to Increase Access to Primary Health Care in Rural Maine** **INDEF PP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MICHAUD | OTP-AM | |

LD 591 proposed to provide funds for the operation of the Maine Area Health Education Centers System as designated in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12851. The system would implement the mission as originally established in Public Law 1991, chapter 372.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-66) reduced the appropriation to \$100,000 each year. The amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill. While this bill was indefinitely postponed, many of the provisions of the bill were included, in amended form, in Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part OO.

LD 599 **An Act to Expand Peer Support Services for the Mentally Ill** **ONTP**

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

LD 599 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$4,000 over the 2000-2001 biennium to support volunteer peer support programs for people with chronic mental illness.

LD 613 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$7,000,000 to Purchase School Buses for Public Schools** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MCALEVEY | ONTP MAJ | |
| O'GARA | OTP MIN | |

LD 613 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$7,000,000, that would have been used to purchase school buses for Maine's public schools. Proceeds of the bond issue were to be disbursed over a 3-year period.

The bill also proposed that the Department of Education adopt rules to determine the criteria for bus replacement, which at a minimum, would require buses to be replaced be at least 10 years old and have mileage in excess of 150,000 miles.

LD 614

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$26,420,000 for Maine's 7 Technical Colleges

P & S 40

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| ROWE LAWRENCE | OTP-AM | H-751 |

LD 614 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$26,850,000, that would have been used for high-technology laboratories and libraries, facility improvements and expansions and upgrading telecommunications and information technology at Maine's 7 technical colleges.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-751) proposed to lower the principal amount and term of the bond issue, adjusted the allocations, required the Maine Technical College System to secure at least a \$7,000,000 match to the principal over the term of the bond and rewrote the ballot question.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 40 authorizes a bond issue to be presented to the voters at the November 1999 general election in the amount of \$26,420,000 to be used for high-technology laboratories and libraries, facility improvements and expansions and upgrading telecommunications and information technology. Allocations from the General Fund bond issue are as follows:

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| Central Maine Technical College | \$3,250,000 |
| Eastern Maine Technical College | \$4,370,000 |
| Kennebec Valley Technical College | \$3,400,000 |
| Northern Maine Technical College | \$3,000,000 |
| Southern Maine Technical College | \$5,000,000 |
| Washington County Technical College | \$3,100,000 |
| York County Technical College | \$4,300,000 |

LD 617

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001

**PUBLIC 401
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| TOWNSEND MICHAUD | OTP-AM | H-713 H-732 TOWNSEND |

LD 617 proposed the following.

Part A:

1. Proposed supplemental appropriations from the General Fund;
2. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund;
3. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Other Special Revenue funds;
4. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund;
5. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Office of Information Services Fund;
6. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Risk Management Fund;
7. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Workers' Compensation Management Fund;
8. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Real Property Lease Internal Service Fund; and
9. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Island Ferry Services Fund.

Part B:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
2. Proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
3. Proposed allocations from the Other Special Revenue funds for approved reclassifications and range changes;
4. Proposed allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes; and
5. Proposed allocations from the Central Motor Pool funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C proposed appropriations from the General Fund as reductions to support approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part D proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for capital construction, repairs and improvements.

Part E proposed to:

1. Amend the law to allow departments and agencies to place a surcharge on credit card transactions to cover administrative expenses;
2. Amend the law to allow certain accounts in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward;
3. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into lease purchase agreements for the purchase of vehicles; and
4. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to retain the proceeds from the sale of property at the Maine Youth Center in South Portland.

Part F proposed to authorize the voluntary employee incentive to continue for the 2000-2001 biennium.

Part G proposed to rename the Maine Advocacy Services program.

Part H proposed to:

1. Establish the Rural Rehabilitation Operating Fund as a nonlapsing fund in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources;
2. Amend the law as it pertains to the licensing of apiaries; and
3. Amend the law as it pertains to use of fees for bees shipped or moved into the State.

Part I proposed to amend the law as it pertains to fund sources for the Shore and Harbor Management Fund.

Part J proposed to:

1. Rename the Probation and Parole program in the Department of Corrections;
2. Authorize the Department of Corrections to establish intermittent positions;
3. Rename the Maine Youth Center in the Department of Corrections effective March 1, 2001; and
4. Rename the Northern Maine Regional Juvenile Detention Facility in the Department of Corrections effective June 1, 2001.

Part K proposed to establish the Loring Center for Excellence Operations and Maintenance Fund in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

Part L proposed to:

1. Amend the law as it relates to the Audit, Contracting and Licensing Service Center that serves the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; and
2. Authorize the transfer of funds to General Fund undedicated revenue in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01.

Part M proposed to:

1. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the General Fund "Carrying Balances - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" program to the "Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" program in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; and
2. Establish that certain appropriations to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife are not subject to the provisions of the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 22.

Part N proposed to authorize the Judicial Department to establish limited-period positions for activities relating to the Maine Judicial Information System.

Part O proposed to rename the Library Development Services program in the Maine State Library.

Part P proposed to rename programs in the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

Part Q proposed to rename the Administration - Museum program in the Maine State Museum.

Part R proposed to amend the law as it relates to General Fund subsidy appropriated to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-713) Part A proposed the following:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund;
2. Proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund;
3. Proposed allocations from Other Special Revenue funds;
4. Proposed allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund;
5. Proposed allocations from the Office of Information Services Fund;
6. Proposed allocations from the Risk Management Fund;
7. Proposed allocations from the Workers' Compensation Management Fund;
8. Proposed allocations from the Real Property Lease Internal Service Fund;
9. Proposed allocations from the Island Ferry Services Fund; and
10. Proposed allocations from the Highway Fund.

Part B proposed the following:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund for reclassifications and range changes;
2. Proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for reclassifications and range changes;
3. Proposed allocations from Other Special Revenue funds for reclassifications and range changes;
4. Proposed allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund for reclassifications and range changes; and
5. Proposed allocations from the Central Motor Pool Fund for reclassifications and range changes.

Part C proposed appropriations from the General Fund as reductions to support approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part D proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for capital construction, repairs and improvements at the Department of Corrections.

Part E proposed to:

1. Amend the law to allow departments and agencies to accept payment by credit cards or other electronic means for the payment of goods, services, fines, forfeitures or other fees;
2. Amend the law to allow certain accounts in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward;
3. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into lease purchase agreements for the purchase of vehicles;
4. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to retain the proceeds from the sale of property at the Maine Youth Center in South Portland;
5. Authorize the Bureau of the Budget to establish 2 limited-period positions;

6. Clarify that the March 1999 and May 1999 revenue reprojections will not require an increase in the transfer to the Maine Rainy Day Fund or an increase in the appropriation to the Retirement Allowance Fund;
7. Allow certain accounts in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward to June 30, 2000; and
8. Require \$11,128,776 that was transferred from the General Fund in advance of the statutory reduction in sales and use tax in fiscal year 1998-99 to be transferred back to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2000.

Part F proposed to authorize the voluntary employee incentive programs to continue for the 2000-2001 biennium.

Part G proposed to rename the Maine Advocacy Services program.

Part H proposed to:

1. Establish the Rural Rehabilitation Operating Fund as a nonlapsing fund in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources;
2. Amend the law as it pertains to the licensing of apiaries; and
3. Amend the law as it pertains to use of fees for bees shipped or moved into the State.

Part I proposed to amend the law as it pertains to fund sources for the Shore and Harbor Management Fund.

Part J proposed to:

1. Rename the Probation and Parole program in the Department of Corrections;
2. Provide that any temporary positions established by financial order may not be continued without specific appropriations or allocations made by the Legislature;
3. Rename the Maine Youth Center in the Department of Corrections effective March 1, 2001;
4. Rename the Northern Maine Regional Juvenile Detention Facility in the Department of Corrections effective June 1, 2001;
5. Authorize the Department of Corrections to transfer funds between line categories by financial order to pay overtime expenses and labor market adjustments to teachers at the Maine Youth Center; and
6. Authorize the Department of Education to transfer funds between line categories and, as a 2nd priority, access funding in the salary plan to pay market salary adjustments to teachers at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

Part K proposed to:

1. Transfer responsibility for the Civil Air Patrol from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management; and
2. Establish the Loring Center for Excellence Operations and Maintenance Fund in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

Part L proposed to:

1. Amend the law as it relates to the Audit, Contracting and Licensing Service Center that serves the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; and

2. Authorize the transfer of funds to General Fund undedicated revenue in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01.

Part M proposed to:

1. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the General Fund "Carrying Balances - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" program to the "Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" program in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; and
2. Establish that certain appropriations to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife are not subject to the provisions of the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 22 and that the General Fund's liability for those costs is limited to the amount appropriated.

Part N proposed to authorize the Judicial Department to establish limited-period positions for activities relating to the Maine Judicial Information System.

Part O proposed to rename the Library Development Services program in the Maine State Library.

Part P proposed to:

1. Rename programs in the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services;
2. Authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to establish limited-period positions using fiscal year 1998-99 balances;
3. Require the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under the Medicaid program for cost settlements due from private nonmedical institutions;
4. Allow certain year-end balances in the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to carry to June 30, 2000 to be used for community development; and
5. Allow the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to transfer appropriations and positions between certain accounts by financial order as an interim strategy to reduce the size of the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute. Approximately \$300,000 will be used to fund a safe house for trauma victims in southern Maine.

Part Q proposed to rename the Administration - Museum program in the Maine State Museum.

Part R proposed to restore the calculation of "rent constituting property taxes" under the Maine Residents' Property Tax Program to 18% of gross rent.

Part S proposed to allow the Department of Human Services to expend additional funds for child support collection efforts, increases payments from the TANF program and proposed other changes to TANF. This Part also repeals the sunset provision authorizing food stamps for legal immigrants.

Part T proposed to establish that it is the policy of the Legislature that federally qualified health centers continue to be reimbursed at a rate no less than 100% of reasonable costs for services provided.

Part U proposed to incorporate the substance of L.D. 943, as amended by Committee Amendment "A." Except for a few minor technical changes, this Part is identical to the model statute provided in the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) that Maine, together with 45 other states, 5 territories and the District of Columbia, entered into with participating national tobacco manufacturers.

The Master Settlement Agreement contained economic provisions that obligate the participating manufacturers to pay Maine a portion of the State's cost associated with the tobacco companies' misrepresentations and distributions of cigarettes in Maine. In addition, the participating manufacturers have agreed to certain noneconomic terms that restrict their advertising and marketing practices and control their corporate behavior.

Part V proposed to establish the Fund for a Healthy Maine to receive funds pursuant to the settlement in the lawsuit *State of Maine v. Philip Morris, et al.*, Kennebec County Superior Court, Docket No. CV-97-134 as well as money from other sources and interest or income earned on the money in the fund.

It required the Treasurer of State to make annual reports to the Legislature regarding the amount of money available in the fund. During the first 5 years of the fund, the State may expend 90% of the funds actually received; the remaining 10% must be allocated to the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine. The funds may only be spent for specific, enumerated purposes such as smoking prevention, cessation and control activities; prenatal care; children's care; children's and adults' health insurance; and prescription drugs.

After the first 5 years, the State may expend for the same enumerated purposes 90% of the amount in the fund, including the money received pursuant to the settlement, money received from other sources, any interest or income earned on the fund and the amount of any contingency reserve.

The Treasurer of State is directed to develop an investment plan for the money remaining in the fund.

Allocations from the fund are intended to be in addition to any amounts customarily appropriated to those purposes. Expenses from the Fund for a Healthy Maine may not be transferred to the General Fund without specific legislative approval.

It also proposed to repeal an appropriation to the Department of Human Services that was provided in Public Law 1999, chapter 16 and instead authorized a working capital advance for the Department of Human Services to continue the tobacco prevention and control initiative.

Part W proposed to authorize government organizations that use the services of the State Bureau of Investigation to charge fees for those services and allowed the revenues from those fees to be credited to the General Fund and the Highway Fund.

Part X proposed to reduce the sales and use tax rate to 5% effective July 1, 2000. It also repealed the provisions of law that can trigger a 1/2¢ reduction when General Fund revenues exceed those of the previous fiscal year by 8% or more.

Part Y proposed to allocate funds to the Department of Human Services for additional caseworkers to expand the department's capacity to complete adoptions and reduce the time a child waits to be placed with an adoptive family.

Part Z proposed to authorize a transfer of \$300,000 from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the Maine Emergency Management Agency to be used as the state match for disaster assistance for storms that occurred from October 8 to October 11, 1998.

It also proposed to authorize the transfer of up to \$5,260,000 from the Maine Rainy Day Fund in fiscal year 1999-00 for the purchase of land from Plum Creek and up to \$1,600,000 for the purchase of land at Scarborough Beach.

Part AA proposed to require the Director of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency to develop a plan to reduce the agency's reliance on the General Fund in accordance with the Legislature's intent to eliminate General Fund subsidy for the agency's operational costs in fiscal year 2000-01.

Part BB proposed to reorganize the Atlantic Salmon Authority as the Atlantic Salmon Commission. It established the responsibility for management of Atlantic salmon in a commission governed by a policy-making board consisting of 3 members: the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Commissioner of Marine Resources and an at-large public member appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The commission's duties are expanded to include protection, preservation, enhancement, restoration and management of Atlantic salmon as well as to secure a sustainable recreational fishery. The commission will also administer the State's Atlantic salmon conservation plan.

Advisory panels from river basin complexes representing the historical range of Atlantic salmon in the State would assist the Atlantic Salmon Commission in developing plans and programs.

This commission also would have responsibility for administration of the Atlantic salmon conservation plan. An executive director, appointed by the board, will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Atlantic Salmon Commission.

Part CC proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue up to \$600,000 in securities to make renovations at the York District Court. It also required the Judicial Department to absorb the cost of the additional debt service within its existing budget for the 2000-2001 biennium.

Part DD proposed to provide the University of Maine System a General Fund appropriation of \$1,200,000 for construction costs related to the Northern Maine Health Initiative.

Part EE proposed to provide the University of Maine System a General Fund appropriation of \$3,500,000 for the costs to construct or reconstruct the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service.

Part FF proposed to provide General Fund appropriations to various programs in the Legislature.

Part GG proposed to include the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. It proposed to amend the School Finance Act of 1985 and the School Finance Act of 1995 and proposed to accomplish the following:

1. Address the gap between the per pupil guarantee and the actual level of per pupil costs in local school administrative units by increasing the per pupil guarantee to \$4,020 for fiscal year 1999-00 and by establishing a target per pupil guarantee amount for fiscal years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 that would close the gap between the per pupil guarantee amount and actual per pupil costs.
2. Address the insufficient level of state funding for program costs by establishing a 4-year plan to increase the level of funding for program costs that would gradually eliminate the subsidy reductions for these costs.
3. Address the problem faced by school administrative units that are currently losing students and the corresponding state subsidy, but that still face many fixed costs of education that can not be reduced, by providing a declining pupil adjustment to these school units.
4. Address the concerns that some school administrative units have with the use of income and cost-of-living factors as measures of local property taxpayers' ability to raise local appropriations to support public education by eliminating the cost-of-living factor and by freezing the income factor at the income levels used for fiscal year 1997-98 funding after adjusting for unusually large annual increases from the prior year.
5. Address the need for targeted legislative policies regarding appropriation amounts for certain categories of general purpose aid by establishing a separate appropriation for debt service, adjustments and foundation costs, which include operating costs and program costs.
6. Establish a "hold harmless" provision to ensure that no school administrative unit receives a smaller state subsidy in fiscal year 1999-00 than it received in fiscal year 1998-99 or than it would receive under the Part I budget enacted by the Legislature in 1999.

This Part also proposed to direct the State Board of Education to work with the Department of Education to revise the department's data collection methods to acquire the data, including school-level data, needed to implement the essential programs and services model of school funding proposed by the state board. It further directed the state board, in conjunction with the Education Research Institute, to arrange for research regarding local school policies and expenditures on transportation, special education, vocational education, efficiency of school operations and school performance.

It directed the State Board of Education to study practices in other states regarding the amounts and types of state and local revenues used to fund public education, the use of a regional "cost of education" adjustment and how the various states calculate and use an income measure in the school funding formula. The state board shall develop recommendations on how its findings may be used to improve the State's system of school funding.

It established the basic elementary and secondary per pupil operating rates, the foundation per pupil operating rate, per pupil guarantee and statewide factor. It established the foundation, debt service and adjustment and miscellaneous costs totals.

It proposed additional General Fund appropriations to increase state funding for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools to provide a one-time hardship cushion and to fund data collection and research efforts related to essential services and programs that will be undertaken by the State Board of Education.

Part HH proposed the following:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund to state departments and agencies;
2. Proposed an Other Special Revenue funds allocation to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; and
3. Proposed a Federal Block Grant Fund allocation related to the ice storm of January 1998.

Part II proposed to remove certain restrictions on accepting land for use as a veteran's memorial cemetery. It also provides appropriations to expand the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery and to develop property in Caribou that will be used as a veterans' cemetery.

Part JJ proposed the following:

1. Required that a school administrative unit that places a student in an approved transitional instruction program using English as a 2nd language or bilingual techniques under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 4701, subsection 2 must receive an adjustment in its state subsidy equal to the amount of supplemental costs for certified instruction programs that teach English as a 2nd language instruction in the approved program. The adjustment to state subsidy is limited to the salary and benefit costs of certified teachers with an endorsement in English as a 2nd language or bilingual education as well as the salary and benefit costs of education technicians providing services through a transitional instruction program using English as a 2nd language or bilingual techniques that has been approved by the Commissioner of Education;
2. Further required that this adjustment is limited to the amount of funds appropriated to general purpose aid to local schools for this purpose. It also permitted the Department of Education to prorate payments to school units if insufficient funds are appropriated for this adjustment, but prohibits the department from redistributing existing appropriations for general purpose aid to local schools if insufficient funds are appropriated for this purpose; and
3. Proposed General Fund appropriations of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$1,600,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the adjustment and offsets those costs by requiring the Department of Education to lapse the same amounts from the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program to the General Fund.

Part KK proposed to establish a one-time grant program administered by the Department of Education to encourage schools that have a high percentage of their student body who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals to establish school breakfast programs.

Part LL proposed to establish the Maine Communities in the New Century Program to preserve, revitalize and improve the State's cultural resources in order to provide the State's citizens with: preservation of the character and quality of life of the State, improved educational resources and access to them and expanded community and economic development

opportunities. The program falls under the auspices of and will be monitored and evaluated by the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council, a legislatively mandated entity that coordinates the needs of the State's public cultural resources. The participating agencies in the program are the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, the Maine State Library, the Maine State Museum, the Maine Historical Society, the Maine State Archives and the Maine Humanities Council. The program will provide matching grants, technical assistance and other services to local, nonprofit, community-based organizations. It also contains an appropriations section.

Part MM proposed to provide funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to increase access to oral health care for low-income children and adults by providing for the establishment and expansion of oral health programs that will be available to all people regardless of income. By using a sliding fee scale and accepting Medicaid without restrictions, these programs will increase access to oral health care for the uninsured and underinsured and Medicaid patients.

Part NN proposed to establish the Maine Dental Education Loan Program. Under the program, the Finance Authority of Maine will award loans to Maine residents who have been accepted into dental school. If, upon completing dental education, the loan recipient elects to practice dentistry in an area determined to be underserved, the loan recipient may be forgiven a portion of the loan. It also provided that the program will offer loan forgiveness to assist a licensed dentist in paying off existing loans if the dentist practices dental medicine in an underserved population area.

It also proposed to allocate \$60,000 from amounts available in the Fund for a Healthy Maine to fund the program.

Part OO proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for operating costs of the Maine Area Health Education Centers System.

Part PP proposed to provide allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for grants to family planning and pregnancy prevention services.

Part QQ proposed to model the Cub Care drug rebate program after the Medicaid drug rebate program to allow a broader spectrum of pharmaceuticals to be covered. It allocates funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to increase access to Cub Care.

Part RR proposed to create the Peer Support Program for Displaced Workers as a pilot program within the Department of Labor to provide advocacy and information to employees affected by significant layoffs. Under the pilot program, the department would initiate a peer support project and hire peer support workers when layoffs of 100 or more employees occur or when 50 or more employees are laid off and a project is warranted by the nature of the workforce or the community.

Part SS proposed General Fund appropriations and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations to increase wages of direct care workers employed by community mental retardation services providers.

Part TT is part of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development. It proposed appropriations from the General Fund for several state departments and agencies.

Part UU is part of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development. It proposed to designate the Raymond H. Fogler Library as the State Research Library for Business, Science and Technology and provides appropriations for additional resources, equipment and staff.

Part VV is part of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development. It proposed to authorize the University of Maine System to issue up to \$25,000,000 to support capital improvements related to research and development and provides appropriations for additional debt service costs.

Part WW proposed to transfer certain positions within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

Part XX proposed to require executive branch agencies to purchase information services and equipment in excess of \$250,000 through the Bureau of Information Services. It also restricted the provision of information technology services to

the Bureau of Information Services. It also required the Director of the Bureau of Information Services to provide a comprehensive technology plan for the executive branch to the Legislature by July 1, 2000.

Part YY proposed a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Part ZZ proposed a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Transportation for capital projects as a way to avoid Highway Fund debt. It also authorized the Transportation Funding Reserve to be funded from certain fiscal year 1998-99 lapsed balances for the same purpose.

Part AAA is part of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development. It proposed to establish the Maine Technology Institute.

Part BBB is part of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development. It proposed to require that the Maine Science and Technology Foundation periodically develop and submit a comprehensive research and development evaluation of state investments in research and development.

Part CCC is part of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development. It proposed to transfer responsibility for administering the Maine Technology Investment Fund from the Maine Science and Technology Foundation to the Maine Technology Institute.

Part DDD proposed to repeal the requirement that the Department of Transportation make expenditures, not to exceed \$80,000 per year, to maintain the Baxter State Park road, effective October 1, 2000.

Part EEE proposed to establish a reserve from available balances in the General Fund at the end of fiscal year 1998-99. The reserve will set aside funds to offset the cost of eliminating the practice of accruing revenue from the Telecommunications Personal Property Tax and the requirement that 1/2 of the estimated tax be prepaid. The State Tax Assessor is required to report on the status of the reserve and to submit any implementing legislation necessary.

Part FFF proposed to add 4 more legislative members to the Substance Abuse Services Commission. There remains at least one Senator appointed to the commission, and the remaining 5 members of the Legislature may come from either body and must be appointed by the respective leaders of that body. Also, 2 members must sit on the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. This Part also added a requirement to the duties of the commission, which is to report annually to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Part GGG proposed to increase the cap of the Maine Rainy Day Fund for fiscal year 1998-99 only, effective June 30, 1999.

Part HHH proposed to clarify that the Office of the Treasurer of State may invest in the debt instruments of various agencies of the United States Government.

Part III proposed funding for a Principal Health Care Specialist position to assist hospitals and nonhospital health care providers with the submittal of their outpatient and ambulatory services data and to utilize the data and develop analytical reports for distribution to the public.

Part JJJ proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Education to assume and exercise authority of the school board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf in certain emergency situations.

It also proposed to allow the school to carry unexpended General Fund balances not to exceed \$100,000 to June 30, 2000.

Part KKK proposed to expand the elderly low-cost drug program by increasing base income eligibility to 185% of the federal poverty line and expanded the number of drugs eligible under this program by creating a supplemental component of the program.

This Part also proposed to require the Department of Human Services to apply to the federal Health Care Financing Administration for a waiver authorizing the department to provide Medicaid prescription drug benefits to qualified persons with household incomes up to 185% of the nonfarm income official poverty line.

It proposed a General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 1999-00 and an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for these purposes in fiscal year 2000-01.

Part LLL proposed to allocate from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for home visiting services, allows voluntary donations on a sliding scale by families upon termination of services to those families and provided appropriations and allocations to fund home visiting services.

Part MMM proposed to direct the Department of Human Services to adopt rules related to the provision of child care services. It provided a one-time General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 1999-00 and Other Special Revenue allocations in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to support child care programs.

Part NNN proposed to double the income tax credit for employer-assisted day care and credits for individuals for day care if expenses were incurred by using quality child care. It also established a quality child care investment credit. General Fund revenue that would decrease as a result of these tax credits will be offset through transfers from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund.

Part OOO proposed to establish the Early Care and Education Revolving Loan Program. The program is open to nonprofit or governmental economic development corporations or entities capable of providing financial assistance to businesses providing early care and education. It also created the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund to be used to provide scholarships for Maine residents enrolled in early childhood education or child development courses at institutions of higher education and Proposed a one-time General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 1999-00 to the fund to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine in overseeing the awarding of scholarships.

It also proposed that funds in the Early Care and Education Revolving Loan Program Fund may be used to make loans of up to \$5,000 to perform lead abatement.

It proposed to expand the Regional Economic Development Revolving Loan Program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine by allowing funds to be used for loans to quality child care projects. The Finance Authority of Maine must reserve \$300,000 for loans to quality child care projects. Loans can be made to quality child care projects directly by the authority or by participating corporations. Quality child care projects will not be required to provide matching loan funds. Loans may not bear a rate of interest that when added to the commitment fee and administrative and technical costs is less than 6% or exceeds the prime rate of interest.

Part PPP proposed to authorize the Snowmobile Trail Fund within the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands to be used to provide grants to snowmobile clubs, municipalities and counties for the acquisition of snowmobile trail maintenance equipment. It also provided a one-time General Fund appropriation for this purpose.

Part QQQ proposed to increase the personal exemption under Maine individual income tax law to \$2,850 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000 and eliminated the indexing of the personal exemption.

Part RRR proposed a state income tax credit equal to the federal income tax credit for rehabilitation of certified historic structures. The credit is limited to \$100,000 per taxpayer, is nonrefundable and is subject to the same recapture provisions as apply under federal law.

Part SSS proposed General Fund appropriations of \$669,209 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$1,338,417 in fiscal year 2000-01, for the Department of Human Services to increase the reimbursement rates of consumer-directed personal care attendants.

It proposed to require a review of rates of reimbursement for consumer-directed personal care attendant services every 2 years beginning January 1, 2002. When the Commissioner of Human Services determined that an increase in one or more

of the reimbursement rates is necessary after the review, the commissioner shall adopt routine technical rules to accomplish the increase.

It proposed to require the Department of Human Services to adopt rules by October 1, 2000 to increase the reimbursement rates of consumer-directed personal care attendants. It also enacted a mechanism to ensure a review of the reimbursement rates every 2 years and required input from consumers and the Long-term care Steering Committee as part of the review process.

Part TTT proposed a one-time \$33,940 General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 1999-00 and a \$33,940 allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine in fiscal year 2000-01 to support the Donated Dental Services program. This program provided free dental services to financially challenged individuals.

It also proposed a \$1,500,000 allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to support the Head Start Program.

House Amendment "K" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-732) proposed some technical corrections to the committee amendment. It also proposed other changes to comply with the committee's intent.

Specifically the amendment proposed to:

1. Clarify transfers from the Maine Rainy Day Fund;
2. Correct a program name of the University of Maine;
3. Correct a reference to the John F. Murphy Homes;
4. Clarify how unobligated balances from General Purpose Aid will carry forward;
5. Establish a permanent 6% cap on the Maine Rainy Day Fund rather than a temporary 6% cap;
6. Clarify how unobligated balances from the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf program will carry forward;
7. Clarify the effective date for the increase in the personal exemption;
8. Correct a date reference for the personal care attendants; and
9. Adjust appropriations to provide enhanced workplace skills for juveniles.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 401

| Part | Section | Description/Issue |
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| A | A-1 | Supplemental General Fund Appropriations |
| | A-2 | Supplemental Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations |
| | A-3 | Supplemental Other Special Revenue Funds Allocations |
| | A-4 | Supplemental Federal Block Grant Fund Allocations |
| | A-5 | Supplemental Office of Information Services Fund Allocations |
| | A-6 | Supplemental Risk Management Fund Allocations |
| | A-7 | Supplemental Workers Compensation Management Fund Allocations |
| | A-8 | Supplemental Real Property Lease Internal Service Fund Allocation |
| | A-9 | Supplemental Island Ferry Services Fund Allocations |
| | A-10 | Supplemental Highway Fund Allocations |
| B | B-1 | General Fund Appropriations for Reclassifications |

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| | B-2 | Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations for Reclassifications |
| | B-3 | Other Special Revenue Funds Allocations for Reclassifications |
| | B-4 | Federal Block Grant Fund Allocations for Reclassifications |
| | B-5 | Central Motor Pool Fund Allocation for Reclassifications |
| C | C-1 | General Fund Deappropriations to Fund Part B Reclassifications |
| D | D-1 | Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations for capital construction, repairs and improvements for the Department of Corrections |
| E | E-1 | Authorizes departments and agencies to place a surcharge on credit card or other electronic transactions to cover administrative expenses |
| | E-2 | Authorizes unencumbered balances in certain accounts in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward each year |
| | E-3 | Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into a \$4,600,000 lease-purchase agreement to acquire vehicles for the Central Motor Pool |
| | E-4 | Allows the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to retain proceeds from the sale of property at the Maine Youth Center |
| | E-5 | Authorizes limited-period positions in the Bureau of the Budget |
| | E-6 | Provides that March and May 1999 increases in revenue estimates do not require a transfer to the Maine Rainy Day Fund |
| | E-7 | Provides that March and May 1999 increases in revenue estimates do not require a transfer to the Retirement Allowance Fund |
| | E-8 | Carries forward up to \$1,100,000 of unencumbered balance from FY 99 in the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement program |
| | E-9 | Carries forward up to \$60,000 of unencumbered balance from FY 99 in the Homestead Property Tax Exemption - Mandate Reimbursement program |
| | E-10 | Carries forward up to \$1,800,000 of unencumbered balance from FY 99 in the Maine Residents Property Tax Program |
| | E-11 | Carries forward up to \$700,000 of unencumbered balance from FY 99 in the Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement program |
| | E-12 | Transfers to the General Fund \$11,128,776 that resulted from the statutory reduction of the sales tax in fiscal year 1998-99 |
| F | F-1:F-4 | Continues the voluntary employee incentive programs (Note: Funds deappropriated in Part B of C. 16) |

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| G | G-1 | Renames Maine Advocacy Services to Disability Rights Center |
| H | H-1 | Establishes the Rural Rehabilitation Operating Fund as a non-lapsing fund in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources |
| | H-2 | Clarifies that the honey bee licensing fee can be used to fund the cost of apiary inspection and licensing |
| | H-3 | Clarifies that the fee for bees shipped or moved into the State can be used to fund the cost of apiary inspection and licensing |
| I | I-1 | Amends the law to specify what funds must be deposited in the Shore and Harbor Management Fund |
| J | J-1 | Provides that temporary positions created by financial order may not continue past the statutory adjournment date unless authorized by the Legislature |
| | J-2 | Renames the Probation and Parole program in the Department of Corrections to the Adult Community Corrections program |
| | J-3:J-4 | Renames the Maine Youth Center to the Southern Maine Juvenile Facility, effective March 1, 2001 |
| | J-5:J-6 | Renames the Northern Maine Regional Juvenile Detention Facility to the Northern Maine Juvenile Facility, effective June 1, 2001 |
| | J-7 | Authorizes the Department of Corrections, for the 2000-2001 biennium, to transfer by financial order funds for payment of overtime as well as labor market adjustments for M.Y.C. teachers |
| | J-8 | Authorizes the Department of Education, for the 2000-2001 biennium, to transfer by financial order funds for market salary adjustments for teachers at Governor Baxter School for the Deaf |
| K | K-1:K-2 | Changes supervision of funds for the Civil Air Patrol from the Dept. of Transportation to the Adjutant General |
| | K-3 | Establishes the Loring Center for Excellence Operations and Maintenance Fund as a non-lapsing fund in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management |
| L | L-1:L-2 | Renames the Audit, Contract and Licensing Service Center in the Department of Human Services to the Community Services Center, increases its responsibilities and names the contracting unit the Division of Contracted Community Services |
| | L-3 | Authorizes \$900,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$900,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to be transferred from the Foster Care program Federal Expenditures Fund to General Fund undedicated revenue |

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| M | M-1 | Provides that appropriations for search and rescue are not covered by Article IX, Section 22 of the Constitution of Maine |
| | M-2 | Authorizes the transfer of \$10,000 in the Carrying Balances - IF&W program to the IF&W Special Revenue Promotional Account in fiscal year 1999-00 |
| N | N-1 | Authorizes the Judicial Department to continue 2 limited period positions created by financial order through December 31, 2000 and requires that the positions be funded within existing resources |
| O | O-1 | Renames the Library Development Services program within the Maine State Library to the Maine State Library |
| P | P-1 | Renames programs within the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services |
| | P-2 | Authorizes certain limited period positions in the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services |
| | P-3 | Requires the DMH/MR/SAS to seek Medicaid reimbursement for cost settlements due the department from private nonmedical institutions; revenue deposited in Other Special Revenue; authority terminates 1/31/00; Dept. to report to Legislature by 1/14/00 |
| | P-4 | Provides that any FY 99 balance in the Mental Health Services - Community, Mental Retardation Services - Community and Mental Health Services - Children accounts are carried forward to 6/30/00 to be used for community development; report back by 1/14/00 |
| | P-5 | Permits transfer of positions from Augusta Mental Health Institute and Bangor Mental Health Institute to the Mental Health Services - Community program; authorizes the transfer of appropriations and allocations between several accounts available as AMHI and BMHI are reduced, including at least \$300,000 to fund a safe house for trauma victims in southern Maine; Dept. to report to Legislature by 1/14/00 |
| Q | Q-1 | Renames the Administration - Museum program within the Maine State Museum to the Maine State Museum |
| R | R-1:R-3 | Increases the renter's benefit under the Maine Residents Property Tax Program from 15% to 18% of gross rent |
| S | S-1 | Increases amount the Department of Human Services is authorized to spend for child support collection |
| | S-2:S-4 | Makes changes in the TANF program, including a 5% increase in maximum amount of assistance and standard of need |
| T | T-1 | Provides that federally qualified health centers are entitled to |

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| | | reimbursement for 100% of reasonable costs |
| U | U-1 | Enacts the "Master Settlement Agreement" that Maine, together with 45 other states, 5 territories and the District of Columbia, entered into with participating national tobacco manufacturers (see LD 943) |
| | U-2 | States legislative intent about the technical changes made to the Master Settlement Agreement in order to conform to Maine statutory conventions |
| | U-3 | Allocates funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to support one Research Assistant position in the Department of the Attorney General to enforce escrow payments required by nonparticipating manufacturers |
| V | V-1 | Establishes the Fund for a Healthy Maine, the purposes for which it can be used, restrictions of the fund under certain circumstances and limitations on the General Fund. It also establishes the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine and how it is to be invested |
| | V-2 | Requires Treasurer of State to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; authorizes committee to report legislation |
| | V-3:V-4 | Replaces appropriation for tobacco prevention and control with working capital advance |
| W | W-1 | Permits State Bureau of Identification to charge fees for its services to governmental organizations |
| X | X-1; X-3:X-5 | Reduces general sales tax to 5% on July 1, 2000 |
| | X-2; X-5 | Repeals sales tax reduction trigger retroactive to May 15, 1999 |
| Y | Y-1:Y-2 | Provides Federal Expenditure Funds allocations and positions for adoption assistance; DHS to report by Nov. 30th each year to the Legislature concerning the number of adoptions completed, etc. |
| Z | Z-1 | Authorizes transfers from Maine Rainy Day Fund for disaster assistance and land purchases by Bureau of Parks and Lands |
| AA | AA-1:AA-2 | Requires Maine Drug Enforcement Agency to develop plan to reduce the agency's reliance on the General Fund |
| BB | BB-1 | Changes certain duties of the Atlantic Salmon Authority to the Atlantic Salmon Board |
| | BB-2; BB-4 | Clarifies definition of "Atlantic salmon" |
| | BB-5 | Clarifies definition of "landlocked salmon" |

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| | BB-3; BB-6:BB-19 | Changes certain duties of the Atlantic Salmon Authority to the Atlantic Salmon Commission |
| | BB-20:BB-21 | Establishes transition and revision provisions |
| | BB-22 | Provides General Fund appropriations to the Atlantic Salmon Commission |
| CC | CC-1 | Authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities up to \$600,000 for renovations at York District Court |
| | CC-2 | Requires the Judicial Department to absorb the costs of the newly-authorized MGFA debt service within its existing budget for the 2000-2001 biennium |
| DD | DD-1 | Provides a General Fund appropriation for the construction costs for the Northern Maine Health Initiative at the University of Maine at Fort Kent |
| EE | EE-1 | Provides a General Fund appropriation for the construction or reconstruction costs for the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service |
| FF | FF-1 | Provides General Fund appropriations for various programs of the Legislature |
| GG | GG-1 | Establishes a "hold harmless" provision so that no school unit receives less school subsidy in FY 00 than it would have received in FY 99 or under the "Part I" funding amount. |
| | GG-2 | Sets the program cost percentage reduction for FY 00 and establishes target percentage reductions for FY 01, FY 02 and FY 03 |
| | GG-3:GG-4 | Requires the General Fund appropriations for school subsidy to be appropriated in 3 separate categories within the General Purpose Aid program, foundation costs, debt service and adjustments and miscellaneous costs and allows funds within the 3 categories to be transferred among the categories |
| | GG-5 | Repeals the cost-of-living factor |
| | GG-6 | Establishes the per pupil guarantee for FY 00 and sets targeted per pupil guarantees for FY 01, FY 02 and FY 03 |
| | GG-7 | Establishes the statewide local share mill rate at 6.67 mills |
| | GG-8 | Changes the method for counting pupils to address the issue of decreasing pupil counts without a corresponding decrease of costs |
| | GG-9 | Freezes the local median household income factor at the FY 98 level until final year 2000 census figures are established |

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| | GG-10 | Repeals the FY 00 GPA rates, guarantees, statewide factor, allocations, etc. established in PL 1999, C. 16 (the "Part 1" budget) |
| | GG-11:GG-12 | Directs the State Board of Education to determine the school funding data and school-level reporting data needed to monitor the implementation of the essential programs and services model |
| | GG-13 | Requires the State Board of Education to research local school and practices in other states and make recommendations to improve the State's system of school funding |
| | GG-14:GG-27 | Establishes the basic elementary and secondary per pupil operating rates, per pupil guarantee, statewide factor and the basic allocation and appropriation levels for fiscal year 1999-00 |
| | GG-28 | Allows the Commissioner to distribute school subsidy in such a way that school units receive the total subsidy provided in the Part I and Part II budgets by the end of fiscal year 1999-00 |
| | GG-29 | Allows any funds raised locally to be credited as the local share of the foundation allocation or debt service allocation |
| | G-30 | Provides additional General Fund appropriations for school subsidy, the hardship cushion and to determine data collection needs and conduct research |
| HH | HH-1 | Provides miscellaneous General Fund appropriations |
| | HH-2 | Provides an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Office of Substance Abuse |
| | HH-3 | Provides a Federal Block Grant Fund allocation for additional disaster recovery funds received due to the January 1998 ice storm |
| II | II-1 | Amends current law to establish a Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System |
| | II-2 | Appropriates funds for expansion of Veterans' Memorial Cemetery and development of land in Caribou for a veteran's cemetery |
| JJ | JJ-1:JJ-6 | Provides for an adjustment in state subsidy for students placed in approved transitional language programs (i.e., English as 2nd language) |
| KK | KK-1:KK-3 | Provides that schools with at least 30% of the students participating in free or reduced price meals may qualify for one-time grants of up to \$3,000 to establish school breakfast programs |
| LL | LL-1:LL-2 | Establishes and funds Maine Communities in the New Century Program |

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| MM | MM-1:MM-5 | Provides for oral health services for low-income residents with emphasis on undeserved areas, funded in FY 01 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine |
| NN | NN-1: NN-4 | Establishes the Maine Dental Education Loan Program, funded in FY 01 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine |
| OO | OO-1 | Allocates funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Maine Area Health Education Centers System |
| PP | PP-1 | Allocates funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for grants to community based agencies for family planning and pregnancy prevention services |
| QQ | QQ-1 | Expands eligibility for Cub Care to 200% of the nonfarm income official poverty line |
| | QQ-2 | Establishes the Cub Care drug rebate program |
| | QQ-3:QQ-4 | Provides funds for expansion of Cub Care, beginning in FY 01 with an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine |
| | QQ-5 | Provides for a contingent effective date for the Part |
| RR | RR-1:RR-5 | Requires the Department of Labor to establish the Peer Support Program for Displaced Workers as a pilot program; funded in FY00 with a General Fund appropriation |
| SS | SS-1:SS-4 | Provides funds for retention of qualified direct-care workers employed by community mental retardation services providers |
| TT | TT-1 | Provides various General Fund appropriations for a portion of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Research & Development |
| UU | UU-1: UU-2 | Designates and funds the State Research Library for Business, Science & Technology (recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research & Development) |
| VV | VV-1 | Directs the University of Maine to issue up to \$25,000,000 in bonds to support research and development capital improvements in the University of Maine System (recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research & Development) |
| | VV-2 | Provides a General Fund appropriation for the 1st year's debt service payment on Research and Development bonds |
| WW | WW-1:WW-2 | Transfers General Fund and Other Special Revenue funds positions within the Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources |
| XX | XX-1:XX-2 | Clarifies the role of the Director of the Bureau of Information Services |

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| | | concerning the coordination of purchasing information services & equipment |
| | XX-3 | Requires the BIS Director to report to the Legislature with a comprehensive technology plan for the executive branch by July 1, 2000. |
| YY | YY-1 | Provides a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics |
| ZZ | ZZ-1 | Provides a one-time General Fund appropriation for Highway & Bridge capital improvements so as to avoid debt issuance |
| | ZZ-2:ZZ-4 | Establishes a Transportation Funding Reserve, which will receive certain lapsed balances at the end of FY 99; also requires a report to the Legislature concerning the reserve by 12/15/99 |
| AAA | AAA-1:AAA-7 | Establishes the Maine Technology Institute (recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research & Development) |
| BBB | BBB-1:BBB-2 | Requires the Maine Science & Technology Foundation to submit a comprehensive evaluation of state investments in R & D (recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research & Development) |
| CCC | CCC-1:CCC-3 | Renames the Maine Technology Investment Fund as the Maine Technology Capacity Fund and restructures its functions |
| DDD | DDD-1:DDD-2 | Repeals the requirement that the Department of Transportation spend up to \$80,000 to maintain the Baxter State Park road |
| EEE | EEE-1:EEE3 | Establishes the Telecommunications Personal Property Tax Reserve to eliminate certain practices regarding the Telecommunications Personal Property Tax |
| FFF | FFF-1:FFF3 | Changes the membership of the Substance Abuse Services regarding needs related to drug abuse prevention |
| GGG | GGG-1:GGG-2 | Increases the cap on the Maine Rainy Day Fund to 6% |
| HHH | HHH-1 | Clarifies the authority of the Treasurer of State to invest in the debt instruments of agencies of the United States |
| III | III-1 | Allocates Other Special Revenue funds to assist hospitals and other providers in submitting data to analyze the data and prepare reports |
| JJJ | JJJ-1 | Authorizes the Commissioner of Education to assume control of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf if an emergency exists that threatens the health, safety or welfare of students or there is a substantial and persistent violation of federal and state law |

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| | JJJ-2 | Carries forward \$100,000 to support improved management and operation of the Baxter School for the Deaf |
| KKK | KKK-1;KKK-4: KKK-5 | Expands eligibility, coverage and drugs under the elderly low-cost drug program |
| | KKK-2;KKK-3 | Requires Department of Human Services to seek Medicaid waiver to provide Medicaid prescription drug benefits to qualified elderly and disabled adults and clarifies sources of funding to implement the waiver |
| | KKK-6 | Requires Department of Human Services to report its progress in obtaining the waiver to the Legislature by 10/1/99 |
| | KKK-7 | Appropriates funds for expanded eligibility for fiscal year 1999-00 only |
| | KKK-8 | Allocates funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for expanded eligibility for fiscal year 2000-01 |
| | KKK-9 | Provides matching federal allocations for the expanded eligibility |
| | KKK-10 | Provides a contingent effective date |
| LLL | LLL-1 | Requires DHS to expand home visiting services to the parents of all newborn children in the State who desire the services, effective 7/1/00, provided there are sufficient funds available |
| | LLL-2 | Provides an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine in FY 01 |
| MMM | MMM-1 | Requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to provide after school care to students 12 to 15 years of age and allow the provision of full-day, year-round Head Start programming |
| | MMM-2:MMM-3 | Provides a General Fund appropriation in FY 00 and an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine in FY 01 to fund various child care services |
| NNN | NNN-1:NNN-9 | Expands tax incentives for quality child care |
| OOO | OOO-1:OOO-4 | Provides for loans for quality child care projects through the Early Care and Education Revolving Loan Program |
| | OOO-5:OOO-6 | Establishes the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund |
| | OOO-7 | Provides a General Fund appropriation in FY 00 for the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund |
| PPP | PPP-1 | Authorizes the Department of Conservation to provide grants to snowmobile clubs, municipalities and counties for the acquisition of snowmobile trail maintenance equipment |

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| | PPP-2 | Provides a one-time General Fund appropriation in FY 00 to the Snowmobile Trail Fund for trail maintenance equipment |
| QQQ | QQQ-1 | Increases the personal exemption under the Maine individual income tax law to \$2,850 beginning on or after 1/1/00 and eliminates the indexing of the personal exemption. |
| RRR | RRR-1:RRR-3 | Provides a state income tax credit equal to the federal income tax credit for the rehabilitation of certified historic structures |
| SSS | SSS-1:SSS-2 | Requires a biennial review and rulemaking related to the rates of reimbursement for consumer-directed personal care attendants |
| | SSS-3:SSS-4 | Provides General Fund appropriations and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations for personal care attendants |
| TTT | TTT-1 | Provides a one-time General Fund appropriation in FY 00 for the Donated Dental Services program |
| | TTT-2 | Provides an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine in FY 01 for the Donated Dental Services program and for additional Head Start activities |
| UUU | UUU-1 | Adjusts appropriations in order to provide funds to deliver enhanced workplace skills for juveniles |
| | UUU-2 | Authorizes funds in certain departments to carry to June 30, 2000 |

LD 618

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, 1999, June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> TOWNSEND MICHAUD | <u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-43 H-51 TOWNSEND |
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Part A proposed the budget preamble and current services appropriations and allocations of funds.

Part B proposed the following:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund representing reduction proposals or adjustments;
2. Proposed allocations from Federal Expenditures to support the General Fund reduction proposals or adjustments; and

3. Proposed allocations from the State Alcoholic Beverage Fund to support the General Fund reduction proposals or adjustments.

Part C proposed to specify the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 1999-00 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605.

Part D proposed to:

1. Provide that the personal exemption amount for income tax purposes is subject to adjustment only when inflation is greater than 3.5%; and
2. Reduce the benefit base for nonelderly rent participants in the Maine Residents Property Tax Program from 18% of gross rent paid during the tax year to 15%.

Part E proposed to provide for the closing of all state-operated liquor stores by October 31, 1999 and the privatization of the sale of liquor in Maine.

Part F proposed to decrease the State's share of a retired educator's health insurance premium to 25% on July 1, 1999.

Part G proposed to lapse funds to the General Fund in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01.

Part H proposed to present a comprehensive list of tax expenditures for the consideration of the Legislature.

Part I proposed to include unallocated language to guide the management of numerous Other Special Revenue funds, Federal Block Grant funds and enterprise funds.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-43) Part A proposed the following:

1. Proposed budgetary guidance to Maine State Government for the 2000-2001 biennium; and
2. Proposed appropriations and allocations of funds for current services for the 2000-2001 biennium.

Part B proposed the following:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund as adjustments to the amounts in Part A;
2. Proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund to support the General Fund reduction adjustments;
3. Proposed allocations from Other Special Revenue funds to support the General Fund reduction proposals or adjustments; and
4. Proposed allocations from the Retiree Health Insurance Fund for the 2000-2001 biennium.

Part C proposed to specify the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 1999-00 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605.

Part D proposed to reduce the benefit base for nonelderly rent participants in the Maine Residents Property Tax Program from 18% of gross rent paid during the tax year to 15%.

Part E proposed to replace the authority of the State Tax Assessor to make expenditures for audit and collection services without accounting for those expenditures as part of the State's normal process of authorizing and accounting for expenditures. Those funds that were previously expended on a basis other than a contingency basis are appropriated from the General Fund. The expenditures for audit and collection services that are contracted out on a contingency basis would

be paid from a dedicated revenue account. The State Controller would transfer amounts necessary to cover these contingency-based services authorized by the State Tax Assessor. The amounts would be expended and accounted for in the same manner as all other state funds.

Part F proposed to provide for the costs associated with a collective bargaining agreement between the Maine Technical College System and its employees to be considered and included in the Governor's operating budget. Rejection by the Legislature of any cost items would require the parties to continue their bargaining.

Part G proposed to:

1. Change the expanded archery deer hunting license and season;
2. Lapse funds from the Carrying Balances - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to the General Fund; and
3. Appropriate funds from the General Fund to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Part H proposed to present a comprehensive list of tax expenditures for the consideration of the Legislature.

Part I proposed to include unallocated language to guide the management of numerous Other Special Revenue funds, Federal Block Grant and enterprise funds.

Part J proposed to appropriate \$800,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1998-99 for the Preschool Handicapped program.

Part K proposed to continue the Voluntary Employee Incentive Program.

Part L proposed to direct the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to review the licensing boards administered by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to assess the continuing need for each board and any administrative efficiencies that could result by combining 2 or more boards. The commissioner would be required to report any recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by December 31, 1999.

Part M proposed to:

1. Rename the General Fund program the "Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund" at the Maine State Housing Authority, the "Shelter Operating Subsidy" program; and
2. Direct the Maine State Housing Authority to expend \$600,000 each year of the 2000-2001 biennium from its real estate transfer tax receipts for Shelter Operating Subsidy program purposes.

Part N proposed to exempt the Maine Seed Potato Board from certain state purchasing requirements.

Part O proposed to direct the Commissioner of Human Services, the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Director of the State Planning Office to review the missions and services provided by those state programs receiving fees or assessments from nuclear facilities and from license holders for any nuclear reactor or generators of nuclear radioactive waste and assess any administrative efficiencies that could be achieved among those programs. The group would be required to report any recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy by December 31, 1999.

Part P proposed to require the Department of Human Services to report annually on or before January 15th to the Legislature on the impact of the elimination of Medicare Part A crossover payments.

House Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-51) corrected a clerical error in a program name and clarified reporting requirements regarding recommendations of various state agencies.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 16

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| A | A-1: A-24 A-25 | Budget Preamble "Current Services" Appropriations & Allocations |
| B | B-1 B-2 B-3 B-4 | General Fund Appropriations and Deappropriations as Adjustments to Current Services Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations and Deallocations Other Special Revenue Funds Allocations and Deallocations Retiree Health Insurance Fund Allocations |
| C | C-1 C-2:C-6 | Establishes the basic elementary and secondary per pupil operating rates, per pupil guarantee and statewide factor for General Purpose Aid Establishes the basic education allocation and appropriation funding level for fiscal year 1999-00 |
| D | D-1:D-2 | Reduces the benefit base for nonelderly renter participants in the Maine Residents Property Tax Program from 18% to 15% of gross rent paid for applications filed on or after 8/1/99 |
| E | E-1 E-2 E-3 E-4 | Requires that expenditures for audit and collection services that are contracted out on a contingency basis by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services be paid from a dedicated revenue account and accounted for in the same manner as all other state funds Appropriates funds from the General Fund to the Bureau of Revenue Services for 24 positions and "fixed costs" associated with audit and collection services Allocated Other Special Revenue funds to the Bureau of Revenue Services for "contingency-based" revenue collection efforts Provides a July 1, 1999 effective date for the Part |
| F | F-1 | Requires the costs associated with a collective bargaining agreement between the Maine Technical College System and its employees be included in the Governor's operating budget |
| G | G-1:G-5 G-6:G-7 | Makes changes to the expanded archery deer hunting license and season Lapses funds in the carrying balances in the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to the General Fund in fiscal years 1999-000 and 2000-01 |

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| | G-8 | Appropriates funds from the General Fund to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife |
| H | H-1 | Presents a list of tax expenditures to be continued by the Legislature in accordance with Title 5, section 1666 |
| I | I-1:I-7 | Provides unallocated language directives for Other Special Revenue funds, Federal Block Grant funds and enterprise funds |
| J | J-1 | Appropriates \$800,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1998-99 for the Preschool Handicapped program |
| K | K-1:K-4 | Continues the Voluntary Employee Incentive Program |
| L | L-1:L-2 | Directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to review the licensing boards administered by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to assess the continuing need for each board and present recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 1999 |
| M | M-1: M-2 | Renames the General Fund program "Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund" in the Maine State Housing Authority, the "Shelter Operating Subsidy" program |
| | M-3 | Directs the Maine State Housing Authority to expend additional funds from the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund for the Shelter Operating Subsidy program |
| N | N-1 | Exempts the Maine Seed Potato Board from certain state purchasing requirements |
| O | O-1:O-2 | Directs the Commissioner of Human Services, the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Director of the State Planning Office to develop a cost savings plan for those agencies receiving fees or assessments from nuclear facilities and present their recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 1999 |
| P | P-1 | Requires the Department of Human Services to report annually to the Legislature on the impact of the elimination of Medicare Part A crossover payments |

LD 674

An Act to Support Community Radio

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| PINGREE TOWNSEND | ONTP | |

LD 674 proposed annual appropriations of \$100,000 to provide support for community nonprofit radio stations in Maine.

LD 690

An Act to Appropriate Funds for Staff Development to Meet the Learning Results Standards

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| CAMERON FERGUSON | ONTP | |

LD 690 proposed General Fund appropriations of \$2,149,000 annually for professional staff development related to the learning results standards. Funds would be allocated at a rate of \$10 per student.

LD 729

An Act to Increase State Funding for the Purchase of School Buses

INDEF PP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BERRY R NUTTING J | OTP-AM | |

LD 729 proposed to increase the funding available for school bus purchases. It would have required the Department of Education, in distributing the additional funds, to give priority to the replacement of buses that were at least 10 years old in school administrative units whose current state percentage of aid for program costs was more than 50%.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-157) proposed to clarify that with the General Fund appropriations included in the bill, the State's subsidy for school bus purchases would be \$6,500,000 annually.

The bill, as amended by this amendment, was indefinitely postponed off the Special Appropriations Table.

LD 740

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Public Land Acquisition

ONTP

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

LD 740 proposed a bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000 that would have been used to acquire public lands for citizens of this State and for future generations for hunting, fishing and other outdoor pursuits to create greater recreational opportunities within the State. The Land for Maine's Future Board would work with citizen groups such as landowners, a statewide alliance representing sportsmen, environmental organizations and outdoor conservation groups to determine the best parcels of land to purchase with the proceeds from this bond issue.

While LD 740 was not enacted, Public Law 1999, chapter 514 (see LD 2253) was enacted which authorized a \$50,000,000 bond issue for public land acquisition subject to voter approval in November 1999.

LD 797

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$9,400,000 to Enable Maine Public Broadcasting to Implement the Federally Mandated Conversion to Digital Broadcasting

P & S 57

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| AMERO SAXL M | OTP-AM | S-443 |

LD 797 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$9,400,000 that would have been used by the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation to implement the federally mandated conversion to digital broadcasting.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-443), the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs proposed to lower the term of the bond, clarified possible repayment provisions should the Federal Government contribute toward the conversion costs.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 57 authorizes a bond issue to be presented to the voters at the 1999 general election in the amount of \$ 9,400,000 to be used to implement the conversion to digital broadcasting by the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.

LD 807

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Establishing a Rainy Day Fund **CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BENNETT | | |

LD 807 proposed to establish a General Fund reserve fund. The fund would be used to cover actual or projected General Fund revenue shortfalls in any state fiscal year; for prepayment of outstanding General Fund bonds; for prepayment of any unfunded liabilities of the Maine State Retirement System related to state government employees or teachers; and for major construction projects exceeding \$1,000,000. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 827

An Act to Promote the Cranberry Industry and to Encourage Cultivation of Cranberries in the State

**P & S 45
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SHOREY CASSIDY | OTP-AM | H-156 S-392 MICHAUD |

LD 827 proposed to provide funding of \$50,000 a year for the next 2 years for the Integrated Pest Management Fund for cranberries and proposed additional funding of \$44,467 a year for 2 years for a full-time cranberry entomologist position for the program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-156) proposed to continue funding for an integrated pest management program for cranberries at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension by proposing the appropriation of funding through the

LD 864

An Act to Establish the Expenditure Forecasting Committee

CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| O'NEIL HARRIMAN | | |

LD 864 proposed to establish an Expenditure Forecasting Committee in order to provide the executive and legislative branches with analyses, findings and recommendations related to the projection of expenditures for the General Fund, Highway Fund and other funds of State Government. The committee is modeled on the Revenue Forecasting Committee, originally established in statute in 1995. This bill also proposed to make technical changes to the authorizing legislation of the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission and the Revenue Forecasting Committee. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 882

An Act to Require Live Answering of Department of Human Services Hot Lines

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| POWERS CATHCART | ONTP | |

LD 882 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$362,649 in the 2000-2001 biennium for the Department of Human Services to handle all incoming hot line calls so that no calls would be answered by voice mail.

LD 887

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Expenditure of \$1,000,000 to Provide Water Safety Zone Marker Buoys for Maine's Lakes and Ponds for the Facilitation of Compliance with Safe Boating Laws

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| DUNLAP KILKELLY | ONTP | |

LD 887 proposed to appropriate \$1,000,000 to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in fiscal year 1999-00. These funds were to be used to provide grants to local lake associations for the purpose of purchasing marker buoys. Any marker buoys purchased with state grant funds would have been maintained by the purchasing lake association in accordance with current Maine law with assistance from the Bureau of Warden Service.

LD 937

An Act to Improve Access to Health Care for School-age Children

CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| FULLER LIBBY | | |

LD 937 proposed to provide support for the 14 school-based health centers in Maine to allow them to continue to provide a wide range of easily accessible health-related services to Maine students. Support was considered necessary because existing state, federal and private funding sources have traditionally been available only to start up these centers and

because operating revenues, which were primarily derived from 3rd-party payors of health services, were frequently insufficient to maintain many essential services. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 943

An Act Regarding Tobacco Manufacturers

INDEF PP

Sponsor(s)
TOWNSEND

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

LD 943 proposed to enact the Tobacco Liability Act. The Attorney General negotiated and settled Maine's legal claims against the major national tobacco manufacturers. In consummation of that settlement, Maine, together with 45 other states, 5 territories and the District of Columbia, entered into a Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) with those national tobacco manufacturers, participating manufacturers. This bill was intended to enact the model legislation contained in the MSA.

The MSA contains economic provisions that obligate the participating manufacturers to pay Maine a portion of the State's cost associated with the tobacco companies' misrepresentations and distributions of cigarettes in Maine. In addition, the participating manufacturers have agreed to certain noneconomic terms that restrict their advertising and marketing practices and control their corporate behavior. Although the MSA made great strides in ensuring the accountability of the tobacco manufacturers, if Maine is to ensure the long-term public health and financial gains in the MSA, it is critical that all manufacturers of cigarettes marketed in Maine be made accountable for the potential costs associated with their Maine cigarette sales.

The goal of this legislation was to provide assurance that all companies that sell cigarettes in Maine, including those companies that have not entered into the MSA, nonparticipating manufacturers, are financially capable of fulfilling their economic obligations, if any, to Maine and its citizens.

In addition, passage of this legislation was intended to protect Maine's annual payments from a potential dramatic nonparticipating manufacturers adjustment. This legislation was the subject of extensive and difficult negotiations, including discussions on whether the legislation would survive legal challenges. The legislation was reviewed by a number of antitrust and constitutional law experts who opined that this legislation would survive legal challenge.

The Department of the Attorney General would have been responsible for enforcing the Act. Rulemaking would have been required of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-448) proposed to replace the bill. Except for a few minor changes to conform to Maine statutory conventions, Part A is identical to the model statute provided in Exhibit T of the MSA. Although this bill as amended by this amendment was indefinitely postponed off the Special Appropriations Table, this model statute of the MSA was included in the "Part 2" budget bill, Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part U.

Part B proposed to create the Tobacco Settlement Fund to receive any award or settlement amount due the State from a tobacco company pursuant to any action brought against cigarette manufacturers. The fund would also receive any other funds due the State as a result of any action involving the tobacco industry. Although this bill as amended by this amendment was indefinitely postponed off the Special Appropriations Table, the "Part 2" budget bill, Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part V contains provisions establishing funds into which tobacco settlement money will be deposited.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-247) proposed to require that proceeds from the Tobacco Settlement Fund must be expended for health-related purposes only. Although this bill as amended by this amendment was indefinitely postponed off the Special Appropriations Table, the "Part 2" budget bill, Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part V contains provisions establishing funds into which tobacco settlement money will be deposited.

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| LAWRENCE MURPHY T | OTP-AM | S-62 |

LD 983 proposed that funding for the Centers for Innovation program that was included in the total appropriation of the Maine Science and Technology Foundation be established as a separate entity for budgeting purposes, and that the funding level be at least the amounts allocated to the program in fiscal year 1998-99.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-62) proposed to deappropriate \$308,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 from the Maine Science and Technology Foundation program and appropriate the same amounts to the Centers for Innovation program as a separate appropriation. The funding level provided represented the amount allocated to the Centers for Innovation program in fiscal year 1998-99. The amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 420 establishes the Centers for Innovation program as a separate appropriation and requires that the funding level for the program be at least the amounts allocated to the program in fiscal year 1998-99. To accomplish this, it appropriates \$308,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 to the Centers for Innovation program and deappropriates the same amounts from the Maine Science and Technology Foundation.

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| TREAT SHIAH | ONTP | |

LD 990 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,000,000 to reduce household hazardous waste and mercury contamination and to increase recycling of municipal solid waste.

The amount of \$1,500,000 would have been provided to the State Planning Office to provide funds for the municipal recycling capital grants program to be used for the purchase of recycling and other equipment and construction in order to increase recycling; and for programs to reduce hazardous materials in the waste stream through source separation, collection and return to manufacturers, recycling or proper disposal. The remaining \$500,000 would have been allocated to the Department of Environmental Protection to provide funds to establish regional household hazardous waste and mercury collection programs, including battery collection.

LD 993

An Act to Reinvest in the Land for Maine's Future Fund

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| PINGREE ROWE | ONTP | |

LD 993 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$75,000,000, the funds of which would be used by the Land for Maine's Future Board to acquire lands and easements from willing sellers for public outdoor access and recreation, farmland preservation and conservation and to protect wildlife habitat. To maximize the effectiveness of this investment in Maine's future, the board would have been required to secure at least \$37,500,000 in other public and private contributions.

Part B of this bill proposed to provide for a \$20,000,000 appropriation from the General Fund to the Land for Maine's Future Fund.

As with Part A, the funds would have been used by the Land for Maine's Future Board to acquire lands and easements. The board would have been required to secure at least \$10,000,000 in other public and private contributions.

While LD 993 was not enacted, Public Law 1999, chapter 514 (see LD 2253) was enacted which authorized a \$50,000,000 bond issue for public land acquisition subject to voter approval in November 1999.

LD 996

An Act to Strengthen the Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence

P & S 10

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| HARRIMAN BRUNO | OTP-AM | S-61 |

LD 996 proposed to allocate funds to the Department of the Attorney General to establish 2 additional Assistant District Attorney positions in Cumberland County from a portion of the federal grant funds received by the Cumberland County Integrated Family Crisis Response Project to establish a domestic violence unit in the Cumberland County District Attorney's Office.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-61) proposed to increase the Other Special Revenue funds allocation to \$98,210 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$106,526 in fiscal year 2000-01. It also provided position end date clarification and added a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 10 establishes two Assistant District Attorney positions in Cumberland County as a result of a federal grant to establish a domestic violence unit in the Cumberland County District Attorney's office. This law was amended by Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 29 (see LD 2232), to change the effective date to June 1, 1999.

LD 1004

An Act Regarding Access to Higher Education

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BRENNAN BERUBE | ONTP | |

LD 1004 proposed to appropriate funds to continue and expand payment of the state subsidy for high school students enrolled in postsecondary institutions in the next biennium.

LD 1013

An Act to Provide Funding to Install Water Mains on Certain Roads in Standish

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MACK LIBBY | ONTP | |

LD 1013 proposed to appropriate \$300,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Department of Environmental Protection for the remaining costs of installing water mains for the Highland Road, the Stuart-Shores Road and the Ridgeview Road in the Town of Standish. These new water mains were needed to provide water to residents whose wells have been polluted by MBTE. The bill also proposed to appropriate funds for the costs of connecting any residences with private wells contaminated with MBTE and any other residence whose owner wished to be connected to public water mains.

LD 1022

An Act to Provide Funding for the Advisory Commission on Women Veterans

P & S 50

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| TESSIER DAGGETT | OTP-AM | H-158 |

LD 1022 proposed to appropriate \$25,000 to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 for the Advisory Commission on Women Veterans to cover the costs of holding public hearings, contracting with a consultant to do public survey work, advertising, rent and attending national meetings.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-158) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation to \$10,000 in fiscal year 1999-00.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 50 appropriates \$10,000 in one-time funding in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the Advisory Commission on Women Veterans to conduct a survey to identify the statewide needs of women veterans.

LD 1024 **An Act to Revise the Purpose and Authority of the Long-term Care Steering Committee** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SAMSON DOUGLASS | ONTP | |

LD 1024 proposed to establish the independent status of the Long-term Care Steering Committee, enable it to have its own budget line within the budget of the Department of Human Services, and expand its duties to include input on legislation and advice to the Governor, the Legislature and the Commissioner of Human Services on all matters within its jurisdiction.

LD 1028 **Resolve, to Prevent Tampering With Indian Archeological Sites** **RESOLVE 23**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SOCTOMAH CASSIDY | OTP-AM | H-257 |

LD 1028 proposed to appropriate an additional \$10,000 annually to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to be used for Indian archeological site monitoring.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-257) proposed to eliminate the \$10,000 General Fund appropriation and replace it with a requirement to report on the protection of Indian archeological sites by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission with assistance from the Representatives of the Penobscot Nation and Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 23 requires a joint report from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Representatives of the Penobscot Nation and Passamaquoddy Tribe on the protection of Native American archeological sites from looting and vandalism in the State of Maine.

LD 1037 **An Act to Protect Children from Internet Predators** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| O'NEIL | ONTP | |

LD 1037 proposed to appropriate funds for one additional Assistant Attorney General position and one Investigator position in the Department of Attorney General to establish a program to protect children from internet predators.

LD 1059 **An Act to Appropriate \$20,000 from the General Fund to Assist the Salmon Restoration Project on the St. Croix River** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| CASSIDY SHOREY | ONTP | |

LD 1059 proposed to appropriate \$20,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 to the St. Croix International Waterway Commission for the operating costs of the St. Croix River salmon restoration program.

LD 1118 An Act to Enhance the Drug Testing Law ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| HATCH RAND | ONTP | |

LD 1118 proposed to provide additional staff to the Department of Human Services and the Department of Labor to enhance their abilities to perform timely certifications of drug and alcohol testing programs and employee assistance programs.

LD 1143 An Act to Provide Funding for the Education Research Institute P & S 42

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MARTIN | OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | H-174 S-404 MICHAUD |

LD 1143 proposed General Fund appropriations to the Legislature for the Education Research Institute in the amount of \$150,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to maintain the kindergarten to grade 12 education database and support targeted research projects.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-174) proposed to eliminate the reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs in the appropriation to the Education Research Institute and to clarify that the appropriated funds may not be used for travel.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-404) proposed to deappropriate funds from General Purpose Aid for Local Schools and the University of Maine System to offset the appropriations for the Education Research Institute.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 42 provides General Fund appropriations of \$150,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 to the Legislature for the Education Research Institute to maintain the education database and support targeted research projects through a contract with the University of Maine System. This bill also deappropriates, in each fiscal year of the biennium, \$75,000 from the Department of Education, General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, and \$75,000 from the University of Maine System to offset the General Fund appropriations for the Education Research Institute.

LD 1152 An Act to Fund the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption Program ONTP

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

LD 1152 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$40,000,000 for use under the Maine resident homestead property tax exemption program during fiscal year 1999-00.

LD 1187

Resolve, to Preserve the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Block Grant Funds Reserved for Future Use

**RESOLVE 61
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
MICHAUD

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-40

LD 1187 proposed to clarify the Legislature's intent to reserve some funding from the federal block grant for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families by stating that the funding was considered to be encumbered for reporting purposes to the Federal Government.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-40) proposed to add the required fiscal note to the resolve.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 61 clarifies the Legislature's intent to reserve some funding from the federal block grant for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families by stating that the funding is considered to be encumbered for reporting purposes to the Federal Government.

LD 1191

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 to Promote the Cranberry Industry

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
CASSIDY
ROWE

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 1191 proposed to create the Cranberry Product Loan Fund and the Cranberry Product Loan Program as mechanisms to promote the cranberry industry in Maine. The Cranberry Product Loan Program would be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine. The authority would make loans under the program to eligible borrowers for cranberry growing, harvesting, processing or marketing projects. Because of the length of time it takes to raise a marketable crop of cranberries, the authority would have the ability to defer loan payments if necessary.

The bill also proposed a bond issue of \$5,000,000 to capitalize the Cranberry Product Loan Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-416), the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

The bill was recommitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 1198

An Act to Expand Opportunities for Education, Training and Employment for Displaced Homemakers

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

Sponsor(s)
PINGREE
HATCH

Committee Report
OTP MAJ
ONTP MIN

Amendments Adopted
S-405 MICHAUD

LD 1198 proposed to increase funding for the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community program statewide to sustain and expand education and training, employment and self-employment training, placement and transitional support services for displaced homemakers to lead to economic self-sufficiency. The funding would have provided for increased costs for existing centers and the creation of new service delivery sites in unserved areas of the State.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-405) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriations provided for the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community.

The bill, as amended by this amendment, was vetoed by the Governor and the veto sustained.

LD 1234 An Act to Establish the Maine School Technology Fund ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| WINSOR AMERO | ONTP | |

LD 1234 proposed to establish the Maine School Technology Fund, the funding for which would have been provided from annual transfers of net state lottery revenues. The fund would have been used to assist schools maintain an ongoing technology replacement program and would have provided assistance to school staff in the use of instructional technology.

LD 1238 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of CARRIED OVER
\$10,000,000 for Historic Preservation

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| DUNLAP CATHCART | | |

LD 1238 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$10,000,000, that would have been used to support the preservation of battle flags of the Maine's volunteer regiments and other projects designated by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 1275 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Wage Fairness Task INDEF PP
Force

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| LAWRENCE BERRY R | OTP-AM | |

LD 1275 proposed to implement the recommendations of the Wage Fairness Task Force. It would have provided funding to achieve wage parity between direct-care workers employed by intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation and direct-care workers providing other community services for persons with mental retardation. The appropriation mirrored the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services' budget request for fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-229) proposed to provide funding for wage increases to workers employed by community mental retardation services providers. It directed the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to implement the wage increases through contracts and service agreements with community agencies. While this bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation of \$1,199,000 and \$1,600,000 in fiscal years 1999-2000 and 2000-01 respectively for this purpose was enacted as part of the "Part 2" budget bill (see Public Law 1999, chapter 401, part SS).

LD 1279 An Act to Provide Funds for a New Historical Atlas of Maine INDEF PP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| STEVENS | OTP-AM MAJ | |
| CATHCART | ONTP MIN | |

LD 1279 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$800,000 to the University of Maine System to allow the Cultural Heritage Preservation Committee at the University of Maine to develop and publish a new Historical Atlas of Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-297) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation by \$440,000, and provided an appropriation of \$360,000 to develop and publish a new Historic Atlas of Maine. While this bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation of \$160,000 for this purpose was included in Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part HH.

LD 1302 An Act to Provide Partial Funding for Construction of the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service INDEF PP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MARTIN | OTP MAJ | |
| LAWRENCE | ONTP MIN | |

LD 1302 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$3,500,000 to be used with other public and private funding sources to construct the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service on the campus of the University of Southern Maine. While this bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation of \$3,500,000 for this purpose was included in Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part EE.

LD 1317 An Act to Appropriate Additional Funding for Court-appointed Counsel INDEF PP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| LAWRENCE | OTP-AM | |
| ROWE | | |

LD 1317 proposed to appropriate from the General Fund \$3,000,000 in 1990-00 and \$3,175,000 in 2000-01 to increase the rate paid to court-appointed counsel from \$40 per hour to \$60 per hour.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-123) proposed to appropriate from the General Fund \$1,500,000 in 1999-00 and \$1,587,500 in 2000-01 to increase the rate paid to court-appointed counsel from \$40 per hour to \$50 per hour. This bill as amended by this amendment was indefinitely postponed off the Special Appropriations Table. The "Part 2" budget bill, Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part HH, includes funding to increase the rate paid to court-appointed counsel to \$50 per hour effective July 1, 2000.

LD 1321

An Act to Increase Long-term Health Care Options

INDEF PP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| PINGREE TOWNSEND | OTP-AM | |

LD 1321 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$2,400,000 in the 2000-2001 biennium for up to 3 new assisted living facilities in Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-75) proposed to reduce the appropriation to \$1,000,000 annually and required a competitive bid process for the new assisted living facilities. While this amendment was not adopted and the bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation of \$900,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for congregate housing was included in Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part A-1.

LD 1341

An Act to Provide Additional Funding for the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission

P & S 51

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| AHEARNE CATHCART | OTP-AM | H-161 |

LD 1341 proposed to provide additional funding to the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission to meet its obligations under the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-161) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation in the bill to \$15,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 51 provides one-time additional funding of \$15,000 in each year of the 2000-2001 biennium for the Maine Indian Tribal State Commission to support additional tribal participation by the Houlton Band of Maliseets and Aroostook Band of Micmacs and to strengthen commission staffing.

LD 1360

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Committee on Substance Abuse

CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BRENNAN DAGGETT | | |

LD 1360 proposed to provide an additional General Fund appropriation to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to implement the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Substance Abuse by providing additional statewide substance abuse prevention, intervention and treatment services. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 1389 **An Act to Establish Fair Funding for Independent and 3rd-Party Legislators** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MENDROS DAVIS P | ONTP | |

LD 1389 proposed to establish a budget fund for Independent and 3rd-party Legislators to assist them by providing funds for office space, supplies or equipment. The fund would have been administered by the Executive Director of the Legislative Council.

LD 1408 **An Act to Increase Reimbursement for Hands-on Care to Nursing Home Residents** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| PINGREE LOVETT | ONTP | |

LD 1408 proposed to appropriate \$2,100,000 from the General Fund for each of the fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 to the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Medical Services, Nursing Facilities program to allow the department to increase reimbursement to nursing facilities for hands-on services to residents. The appropriation would have allowed facilities to hire and retain staff sufficient to meet the needs of residents. The bill also proposed companion allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund.

LD 1412 **An Act to Fund the Special Educational Adjustment** **ONTP**

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

LD 1412 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 to the Department of Education to fund special educational adjustments for school administrative units that could demonstrate that the unexpected placement of special education students would cause budgetary hardships.

LD 1451 **An Act to Establish a Fund to Promote Acadian Cultural Tourism for St. Croix Island** **INDEF PP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SHOREY CASSIDY | OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN | |

LD 1451 proposed to provide funding to the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism and Community Development for the purpose of studying and implementing a plan to promote St. Croix Island as a permanent tourist destination and to plan for the St. Croix 2004 celebration. The Department of Economic and Community

Development's development and implementation of the plan was required to involve the Eastern Maine Development Corporation, Calais Regional Chamber of Commerce and the St. Croix 2004 Celebration Committee.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-272) decreased the appropriation to \$25,000 for each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01. While this bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 for this purpose was included in Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part HH.

LD 1453 An Act to Expand the Homestead Exemption Program Based Upon the CARRIED OVER
Level of Funds in a Homestead Tax Relief Fund

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| GAGNON RUHLIN | | |

LD 1453 proposed to create the Homestead Tax Relief Fund consisting of surplus appropriations for homestead tax exemption reimbursement, the elderly householders' tax relief fund and the Maine Residents Property Tax Program and surplus revenues that would have been deposited in the Maine Rainy Day Fund if that fund had not reached its limit. The amount in the fund would have been used annually to increase the amount of the homestead exemption up to a maximum of \$10,000. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 1461 An Act to Improve the Efficiency of State Government by Increasing ONTP
Flexibility in Staffing Patterns

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BRAGDON MITCHELL B | ONTP | |

LD 1461 proposed to eliminate position control beginning with the budget submitted for the 2002-2003 biennium to provide departments and agencies with the flexibility to adjust the number of positions needed within the limits of the Personal Services funds appropriated or allocated.

LD 1530 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of ONTP
\$120,000,000 for Land Acquisition by the Land for Maine's Future Board

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SHIAH RUHLIN | ONTP | |

LD 1530 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$120,000,000, that would have been used by the Land for Maine's Future Board to acquire lands and easements from willing sellers for public outdoor access and recreation, farmland preservation and conservation and to protect wildlife habitat. The bonds would have been issued over a 3-year period. While LD 1530 was not enacted, Public Law chapter 514 (see LD 2253) was enacted which authorized a \$50,000,000 bond issue for public land acquisition subject to voter approval in November 1999.

LD 1531 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$13,500,000 for the Repair and Upgrading of Roads in the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System** **ONTP**

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

LD 1531 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$13,500,000, that would have been used for the repair and upgrading of roads in the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System.

LD 1548 **An Act to Increase Reimbursement for Home Health Care Services** **ONTP**

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

LD 1548 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations to the Department of Human Services to increase reimbursement for services provided by home health care workers.

LD 1552 **An Act to Ensure Adequate Nutrition Services for Maine's Elderly** **P & S 59**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| LAWRENCE | OTP-AM MAJ | S-142 |
| ROWE | OTP-AM MIN | S-396 MICHAUD |

LD 1552 proposed to require the Department of Human Services to establish a toll-free telephone line for information on services for the elderly. This line would have been required to be answered by a person and could not be automated. Follow-up personal visits also would have been required to be offered. This bill also proposed to appropriate \$150,000 per year for the Meals on Wheels program within the Department of Human Services and \$350,000 for the toll-free telephone and personal visit service.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-142), which was the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, proposed to appropriate \$100,000 per year for the Meals on Wheels program within the Department of Human Services and \$76,590 for fiscal year 1999-00 and \$102,120 for fiscal year 2000-01 for the toll-free telephone number for incoming calls to the Senior One-Stop Program.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B" (S-396) proposed to remove the requirement to provide a toll-free telephone number for incoming calls from persons requesting information on services for the elderly.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 59 provides General Fund appropriations of \$100,000 in each year of the 2000-2001 biennium to the Department of Human Services to provide additional funding for the Meals on Wheels program.

LD 1558

Resolve, to Provide Incentives for School Breakfast Programs in Maine Public Schools

INDEF PP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| CATHCART ROWE | OTP-AM | |

LD 1558 proposed to establish a one-time grant program which would have been administered by the Department of Education to encourage schools with a high percentage of their student body eligible for free or reduced-price school meals to establish school breakfast programs.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-64) proposed to clarify that the appropriation was made on a one-time basis. While this bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation of \$240,000 for this purpose was included in Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part KK.

LD 1573

An Act to Implement Training for School Counselors at the Maine Youth Center and Upgrade Pay Classifications

ONTP

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

LD 1573 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$4,500,000 over the 2000-2001 biennium to the Department of Corrections to increase the pay classification for Training School Counselor positions and to provide additional training to the staff at the Maine Youth Center.

LD 1590

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 to Support the Construction of the Gulf of Maine Aquarium

CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| ROWE AMERO | | |

LD 1590 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$10,000,000, that would have been used by the Department of Economic and Community Development to support the construction of the Gulf of Maine Aquarium to create marine-related jobs, to educate Maine residents and visitors about Maine's inland and coastal waters and to support fishery research from Mt. Katahdin to the Gulf of Maine. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 1599 **An Act to Allow Philip Wolley to Receive Certain Legal Costs from the State** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MURRAY BAKER | ONTP | |

LD 1599 proposed to provide funds in the amount of \$28,000 to reimburse Philip Wolley for litigation expenses incurred in connection with his termination and subsequent reinstatement as a state employee.

LD 1617 **An Act to Improve Accountability in the Budget Process** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| LONGLEY | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | |

LD 1617 proposed to prohibit the transfer of any available balance from a "children's program" for any other purpose without the specific authorization of the Legislature. The bill proposed to define some of the existing programs that fall under this prohibition. The bill also proposed to require the State Budget Officer to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by January 7, 2000 that identified all resources within State Government used primarily for children's programs, a statement about the purpose of the programs and the amounts available in each fiscal year of the next biennium.

LD 1641 **An Act to Provide Financial Support for Teachers Seeking National Board Certification** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MCKEE CATHCART | ONTP | |

LD 1641 proposed General Fund appropriations of \$50,000 in each year of the biennium to provide grants of \$2,000 each to teachers who were seeking certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

LD 1651 **An Act to Ensure that Tobacco Settlement Funds Are Used for Health Purposes** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| GERRY PENDLETON | ONTP | |

LD 1651 proposed to create the Tobacco Settlement Dedicated Fund to receive revenue from the settlement of litigation between the State and the tobacco manufacturers. The fund could have been used for payment of health care costs for persons who use tobacco products; smoking cessation public education, seminars, treatment clinics and costs; expansion of the elderly low-cost drug program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 254 to cover health care expenses for smoking-related illness and disease; and health care coverage for persons who are unable to afford coverage. Expenditures

from the fund would have been limited to 3/4 of the annual revenue unless approved by a vote of 3/4 of the members of the Senate and the House. This bill was jointly referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also see Public Law, Chapter 401, Part V, (LD 617), the Part 2 budget bill.

LD 1662 An Act to Protect the Public's Health through State-funded Rabies Testing CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| KILKELLY DUNLAP | | |

LD 1662 proposed that all costs associated with rabid animals be funded through a yearly appropriation from the State's General Fund to the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory within the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health. Current state law requires all laboratory costs, including transportation, quarantine, euthanasia and testing of undomesticated animals to be paid by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and all laboratory costs relating to a domesticated animal to be paid by the owner of that animal. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 1666 An Act to Ensure That Funds from Maine's Medicaid Settlement with Tobacco Product Manufacturers are used to Expand Access to Health Care for Maine People ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| PINGREE KANE | ONTP | |

LD 1666 proposed to establish the Healthy Maine Program to provide health care coverage, Medicaid coverage and prescription drug coverage for adults 62 years of age and older, disabled persons and children. Benefits would have been provided under the Healthy Maine Program, the Medicaid program and the Cub Care program. This bill was jointly referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also see Public Law, Chapter 401, Part V, (LD 617), the Part 2 budget bill.

LD 1675 An Act to Provide Adequate Maine State Museum Services ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| COWGER DAGGETT | ONTP | |

LD 1675 proposed to appropriate funds to upgrade a Museum Specialist II position to full time within the Maine State Museum.

LD 1682 **An Act to Provide Funding for the Frye Island Ferry** **ONTP**

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

LD 1682 proposed to appropriate \$60,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 to the Department of Transportation for the Frye Island Ferry.

LD 1701 **Resolve, to Increase Access to Maine's Technical College System** **INDEF PP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MITCHELL C | OTP MAJ | |
| MICHAUD | ONTP MIN | |

LD 1701 proposed to increase the appropriation to the Maine Technical College System for the next biennium by \$2,250,000 per year in order to increase access to the system by allowing the enrollment of 1,000 more students to the Maine Technical College System's current rolls.

House Amendment "A" (H-316) reduced the amounts that would have been appropriated to the Maine Technical College System to \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2000-01. While this bill was indefinitely postponed, General Fund appropriations for this purpose of \$1,500,000 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, were included in Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part HH.

LD 1742 **An Act to Create Fairness in Mental Health Funding for Southern York County** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| LEMONT | ONTP | |
| LAWRENCE | | |

LD 1742 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations to create comprehensive community-based programs to include residential beds, medication oversight, day treatment and vocational rehabilitation for southern York County to meet mental health needs. It also proposed departmentwide General Fund deappropriations in order to offset the additional funding designated for York County.

LD 1819 **An Act Regarding the Use of Excess Funds in the State Treasury** **ONTP**

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

LD 1819 proposed to allow the Treasurer of State with the approval of the Governor to make temporary loans to departments or agencies when there would have been an excess in the State Treasury.

LD 1831 **Resolve, to Require the State to Fully Fund All Educational Program Costs** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MENDROS AMERO | ONTP | |

LD 1831 proposed to ensure that the State subsidize 100% of the actual program costs incurred by school administrative units for early childhood education, special education, vocational education, transportation operating and bus purchase costs. The resolve also proposed to reimburse school administrative units for actual program costs incurred during the 1998-99 fiscal year.

LD 1880 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for Protected Capital Reserve Funds** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MILLS MURPHY T | ONTP | |

LD 1880 proposed an amendment to the Constitution of Maine that would have allowed the Legislature to establish capital reserve funds and prohibited subsequent Legislatures from using those funds for any other purpose without approval of 2/3 of each House of the Legislature.

LD 1881 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Limit the Debt Issued by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority** **CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| AMERO MURPHY T | | |

LD 1881 proposed an amendment to the Constitution of Maine that would have limited the bonds issued in the future by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to no more than \$100,000,000 in the aggregate at any one time. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 1886

An Act to Appropriate Funds for Marketing to Promote Economic Development

VETO SUSTAINED

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MICHAUD | OTP-AM MAJ | S-120 |
| CLARK | OTP-AM MAJ | S-409 MICHAUD |

LD 1886 proposed General Fund appropriations in fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01 to continue business attraction and marketing efforts and for additional funds for the Maine Extension Partnership due to declining federal funds, the Small Business Development Commission for targeted rural counseling and the promotion of international trade and cultural affairs with the French-speaking nations of the world. The bill also proposed to provide funds for the "Strategic Technology Initiative."

Committee Amendment "A" (S-120) proposed to clarify that funding for business marketing and attraction was to be awarded through a competitive procedure administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development. It also clarified that funding for the Strategic Technology Initiative was provided on a one-time basis. It further required both the Department of Economic and Community Development and the University of Maine System to provide annual reports on the programs funded in the bill. Finally, the amendment added a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-409) proposed to eliminate several appropriations that were included in the bill. Of the appropriation proposals that were eliminated, two were included, in amended form, in Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part HH. Provided in that part was an appropriation of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Department of Economic and Community Development for business attraction and marketing efforts and an appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 to the University of Maine System to support the "Strategic Technology Initiative." The amendment continued to appropriate funds for the Maine Extension Partnership.

The bill, as amended by these amendments, was vetoed by the Governor and the veto sustained.

LD 1911

An Act to Relocate the Maine Legislative Law and Reference Library to Comply with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act **CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| ROWE LAWRENCE | | |

LD 1911 proposed to amend the current bonding authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority debt limit so that securities could be issued in the amount of \$5,070,000 for the construction of a new legislative law library, renovations to the space presently occupied by the Law and Legislative Reference Library and other State House renovations, including projects to comply with federal accessibility standards. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 1928

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Repairs, Renovations and Additions to Public Schools

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| TREAT WATSON | ONTP | |

LD 1928 proposed a \$50,000,000 bond issue to be presented to the voters in November 1999. The bond issue would have provided funds to be deposited into the School Revolving Renovation Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 6006-F and must have been used for the repair and renovation of public schools to correct health and safety violations and violations of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. It also would have allowed funds to be used for additions to public schools when those additions were made in combination with correcting those violations.

LD 1934

Resolve, to Reinstate Emergency Assistance for Dependents of Veterans CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BENNETT | | |

LD 1934 proposed to appropriate \$200,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to provide financial aid to veterans and their dependents in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 505. The program has existed for years but has not received funding since the budget crises of the early 1990's. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 1935

An Act to Create a Staff Position at the Maine Commission on Domestic Abuse

VETO SUSTAINED

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| LAWRENCE SAXL M | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | S-140 |

LD 1935 proposed to create the position of Director of the Maine Commission on Domestic Abuse and proposed to appropriate \$90,768 and \$86,042 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, to the Department of Public Safety to hire a director and a part-time clerk typist to staff the commission.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-140), the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, proposed to appropriate \$35,004 and \$40,077 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, to the Department of Public Safety to hire a Clerk Typist II to staff the Maine Commission on Domestic Abuse.

The bill, as amended by this amendment, was vetoed by the Governor and the veto sustained.

LD 1939

An Act to Fund a Minimum Level of Services for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Persons in all Regions of the State

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| TREAT | OTP-AM | S-206 S-420 MICHAUD |

LD 1939 proposed in Part A to make General Fund appropriations to the rehabilitation services programs in the Department of Labor to expand services for the deaf and the hard-of-hearing.

Part B of the bill proposed to establish a study committee to be convened by the Division of Deafness to review the division's current legal interpreting contract to recommend improvements that would better serve the needs of the deaf and the hard-of-hearing.

Part C of the bill proposed to expand upon the review required by Resolve 1997, chapter 90 by requiring the continuation of a review of the Division of Deafness by the Department of Labor with a reporting date of December 1, 1999.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-206) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation to \$200,000 annually for additional community services to be provided by the Maine Center on Deafness. It eliminated Part B of the bill and required that the recommendations of the Department of Labor's review be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-420) proposed to further reduce the amount of General Fund appropriations for community services to be provided by the Maine Center on Deafness.

The bill, as amended by these amendments, was vetoed by the Governor and the veto sustained.

LD 1973

An Act to Increase the Availability of Home Care Services for Maine's Elderly

ONTP

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

LD 1973 proposed to exempt an individual who contracts with a home health care worker to provide health care services to that individual from the employment laws, such as minimum wage, hours and unemployment insurance provisions and from the workers' compensation provisions. This exemption would only have applied, if the worker contracted directly with the patient or the patient's family. A home health care worker who would have been contracted with using an agency would have been considered the employee of that agency.

This bill also proposed to appropriate \$3,000,000 from the General Fund for fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 to the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services for the purpose of eliminating waiting lists of elderly and disabled individuals now requiring home-based care services, homemaker services, Alzheimer respite and Alzheimer adult day care services. These services would have allowed these individuals to remain in their homes and avoid inappropriate and expensive institutional services.

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MICHAUD | OTP | |

LD 2079 proposed to require the State Tax Assessor to report to the Legislature by November 1st of each year concerning the amount of capital gains or losses experienced by the State's income taxpayers for tax years ending in the previous calendar year.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 169 requires the State Tax Assessor to report to the Legislature by November 1st of each year concerning the amount of capital gains or losses experienced by the State's income taxpayers for tax years ending in the previous calendar year.

An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues in the Amount \$56,042,031 to Match Available Federal Funds for Improvements to Highways and Bridges, Airports and State-owned Ferry Facilities; Development of Rail Corridors and Marine Infrastructure; and Replacement of Public Transportation Fleets Statewide

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| O'GARA TOWNSEND | OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN | S-417 |

LD 2089 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$56,616,000 which would have been used for the following purposes:

1. \$25,000,000 from the Highway Fund to improve highways and bridges;
2. \$3,000,000 from the General Fund to improve airports;
3. \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to improve state-owned ferry facilities;
4. \$17,700,000 from the General Fund to develop rail corridors;
5. \$8,476,000 from the General Fund for the development of marine infrastructure; and
6. \$1,440,000 from the General Fund to replace public transportation fleets statewide. These state matching funds would make the state eligible for up to \$112,000,000 in federal funds.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-417), the majority report of the committee, proposed to lower the Highway Fund component of the bond issue by \$5,773,969 and increase the General Fund components for the development of rail corridors by \$2,000,000 and for the development of marine infrastructure by \$3,200,000. The proposed combined principal amount of the bond issue was \$56,042,031.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 37 authorizes a bond issue to be presented to the voters at the November 1999 general election.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$56,042,031, will be used for the following purposes:

1. \$19,226,031 from the Highway Fund to improve highways and bridges;
2. \$3,000,000 from the General Fund to improve airports;
3. \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to improve state-owned ferry facilities;
4. \$19,700,000 from the General fund to develop rail corridors;
5. \$11,676,000 from the General Fund for the development of marine infrastructure; and
6. \$1,440,000 from the General Fund to replace public transportation fleets statewide. These state matching funds will make the state eligible for up to \$112,000,000 in federal funds.

LD 2103

An Act to Appropriate \$125,000 for the Fort Knox Visitor Center

INDEF PP

Sponsor(s)
RUHLIN

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

LD 2103 proposed to appropriate \$125,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 from the General Fund to provide funds for the restoration of Fort Knox.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-115) proposed to clarify that the funds are appropriated on a one-time basis. This bill as amended was indefinitely postponed off the Special Appropriations Table. The substance of this bill as amended was included in the "Part 2" budget bill, Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part HH.

LD 2107

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$12,500,000 to Construct Water Pollution Control Facilities and Make Other Environmental Improvements

P & S 60

Sponsor(s)
MICHAUD
MARTIN

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-471

LD 2107 proposed a bond issue, in the amount of \$20,500,000, which would have been used for the following purposes:

1. \$7,000,000 to construct water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
2. \$3,500,000 to protect the State's drinking water resources by granting funds to cities and towns for the closure and cleanup of their solid waste landfills;
3. \$2,500,000 to protect the public health, safety and the environment by providing funds for the cleanup of tire stockpiles;

4. \$1,500,000 to investigate, abate, clean up and mitigate threats to the public health and environment from uncontrolled hazardous substance sites or other hazardous waste discharges;
5. \$500,000 to mitigate storm water pollution through local road improvements;
6. \$3,000,000 to make improvements to sewer and water infrastructure that encourage efficient growth and discourage development sprawl;
7. \$1,500,000 to construct drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$7,500,000 in federal funds; and
8. \$1,000,000 to construct new or to retrofit existing agricultural pollution control structures to protect the environment.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-471), the unanimous report of the Committee of Conference, proposed to lower the principal amount of the bond proposed in the bill from \$20,500,000 to \$12,500,000.

It proposed funding the following issues:

1. \$7,000,000 to construct water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
2. \$2,500,000 to protect the State's drinking water resources by granting funds to cities and towns for the closure and cleanup of their solid waste landfills;
3. \$500,000 to protect the public health, safety and the environment by providing funds for the cleanup of tire stockpiles;
4. \$1,000,000 to abate, clean up and mitigate threats to the public health and environment from uncontrolled hazardous substance sites or other hazardous waste discharges; and
5. \$1,500,000 to construct drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$7,500,000 in federal funds.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 60 authorizes a bond issue to be presented to the voters at the November 1999 general election.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$12,500,000, will be used for the following purposes:

1. \$7,000,000 to construct water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
2. \$2,500,000 to protect the State's drinking water resources by granting funds to cities and towns for the closure and cleanup of their solid waste landfills;
3. \$500,000 to protect the public health, safety and the environment by providing funds for the cleanup of tire stockpiles;

4. \$1,000,000 to investigate, abate, clean up and mitigate threats to the public health and environment from uncontrolled hazardous substance sites or other hazardous waste discharges; and
5. \$1,500,000 to construct drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$7,500,000 in federal funds.

LD 2111 **An Act to Implement Funding the Recommendations of the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities in the November 1997 Task Force Report** **P & S 48**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| QUINT | OTP-AM A | H-294 |
| RAND | OTP-AM B | S-398 MICHAUD |
| | OTP-AM C | |
| | ONTP D | |

LD 2111 proposed to increase funding for the shelter operating subsidy program by \$2,050,000 in accordance with the recommendation of the November 1997 Maine Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities report to increase funding for the program from \$500,000 a year to \$3,150,000 per year. During the 118th Legislature funding of the shelter operating subsidy fund was increased from \$500,000 to \$1,100,000.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-294), the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, proposed to provide first-year funding of \$2,000,000, added 2nd-year funding and made it clear that the funding was intended to be ongoing funding. The amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-398) proposed to direct the Maine State Housing Authority to transfer \$1,000,000 in each year of the 2000-2001 biennium from the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund to the Shelter Operating Subsidy program.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 48 directs the Maine State Housing Authority to transfer \$1,000,000 in each year of the 2000-2001 biennium from the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund to the Shelter Operating Subsidy program.

LD 2116 **An Act to Provide Funds for a National World War II Memorial in Washington** **P & S 49**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| O'NEAL KIEFFER | OTP-AM | H-270 |

LD 2116 proposed to appropriate \$103,000, which was intended to be equal to one dollar for each resident of this State who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II, to the National World War II Memorial Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-270) proposed to increase the appropriation to \$109,000 in fiscal year 1999-00. The amendment also clarified that this would be one-time funding.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 49 provides one-time funding of \$109,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 to the National World War II Memorial Fund. The amount appropriated is approximately equal to one dollar for each resident of this State who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II.

LD 2120

Resolve, Establishing an Improved Capital Planning Process

RESOLVE 35

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| TOWNSEND | OTP-AM | H-298 |

LD 2120 proposed to authorize a group of agencies to conduct a comprehensive review of the State's capital budgeting process, with recommendations to be made to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by December 31, 1999. The committee would have been authorized to report out legislation as necessary to implement the recommendations of the reporting group.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-298) proposed to authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to consult with other agencies to conduct a comprehensive review of State Government's capital planning process. The amendment also proposed to allow the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to make recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in such time as to allow legislation to be submitted to the next regular legislative session.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 35 authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to consult with other agencies as part of conducting a comprehensive review of State Government's capital planning process. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services is authorized to make recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in such time as to allow legislation to be submitted to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 2126

An Act to Enforce the Laws Governing Family Medical Leave

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SAXL M PINGREE | ONTP | |

LD 2126 proposed to provide authority for enforcement of the family medical leave laws to the Maine Human Rights Commission and would have provided a General Fund appropriation to the commission to fund one investigator position.

LD 2144

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$50,000,000 to Finance the Acquisition of Lands and Interests in Lands for Conservation, Water Access, Outdoor Recreation, Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Farmland Protection and to Access \$25,000,000 in Matching Contributions from Public and Private Sources

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
MURPHY T

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2144 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000, that would have been used by the Land for Maine's Future Board to acquire lands and interests in lands for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat and farmland protection. To maximize the effectiveness of this investment in Maine's future, the board would have been required to secure matching contributions greater than or equal to half the total amount of bond proceeds expended. While LD 2144 was not enacted, Public Law 1999, chapter 514 (see LD 2253) was enacted which authorized a \$50,000,000 bond issue for public land acquisition subject to voter approval in November 1999.

LD 2145

An Act to Fund Continuing Public Access to Maine Lands

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
SAXL M

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2145 proposed to add 5 legislative members to the Land for Maine's Future Board and give the Land for Maine's Future Board authority to issue bonds to fund the Land for Maine's Future Fund with a cap of \$100,000,000 on outstanding bonds for this purpose. In addition to bonds and other public and private funding sources, the bill also proposed to establish the following funding sources for the Land for Maine's Future Fund: revenue generated by state agencies from property acquired using the Land for Maine's Future Fund; fees from newly established Land for Maine's Future Fund motor vehicle registration plates; and 1/4 of the real estate transfer tax revenues returned to the State Tax Assessor by registers of deeds. It also proposed to make clear that applicable municipal ordinances apply to property acquired through the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund. While LD 2145 was not enacted, Public Law 1999, chapter 514 (see LD 2253) was enacted which authorized a \$50,000,000 bond issue for public land acquisition subject to voter approval in November 1999.

LD 2159

An Act to Reimburse Androscoggin County for Shortfalls in State Reimbursement for Jail Costs

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
BOLDUC

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2159 proposed to reimburse Androscoggin County for the amount of county jail prisoner support costs that were incurred by Androscoggin County for the years 1991 to 1996 for which the county was not reimbursed by the State. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 2167

An Act to Ensure the Availability of Funds for Tobacco Prevention and Control

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| RUHLIN MATTHEWS | ONTP | |

LD 2167 proposed to establish the Tobacco Prevention and Control Fund and the Health Care Fund for Maine Citizens. The bill proposed to continue the commitment of tobacco tax revenues for the prevention and control of tobacco usage prevention and control and provide that settlement funds received from legal actions by the State against tobacco companies be divided equally between the Tobacco Prevention and Control Fund and the Health Care Fund for Maine Citizens. See also Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Parts U & V.

LD 2169

An Act to Establish the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| ROWE PARADIS | ONTP | |

LD 2169 proposed to establish the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine, which would have as its primary source of revenue money received by the State in settlement or in relation to the lawsuit State of Maine v. Philip Morris, et al., Kennebec County Superior Court, Docket No. CV-97-134.

Money from the fund would be allocated by the Legislature for smoking cessation and education, children's early care and education, health insurance, substance abuse prevention and treatment with particular emphasis on meeting the needs of children in those areas. Allocations would also be made for low-cost prescription drugs for the elderly.

The bill proposed to require the Treasurer of State to invest money in the fund that is not allocated and to develop a long-term strategy for those investments to maximize return and minimize risk. The Treasurer of State would make annual reports on the investment plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. See also Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Parts U & V.

LD 2191

An Act to Establish the Maine Tobacco Endowment Fund Using Tobacco Settlement Funds

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| AMERO CIANCHETTE | ONTP | |

LD 2191 proposed to create the Maine Tobacco Endowment Fund, referred to in this summary as the "fund," into which funds from any settlement with the tobacco industry would be placed. As an endowment fund, the fund's principal could not be expended but rather only the interest that is incurred through investments. The fund would be governed by a nine-member board whose members represent or have an interest in anti-tobacco, family, child, elderly or general health issues. Proceeds for the fund would be designated to benefit three programs: The Healthy Start Program for Maine, operated by the Bureau of Health; the Partnership for a Tobacco-Free Maine, operated by the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program of the Bureau of Health and the elderly low-cost drug program. See also Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Parts U & V.

LD 2203 An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Welfare-to-work Program CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| PARADIS ROWE | | |

LD 2203 proposed to appropriate \$3,900,000 to the Welfare-to-Work program, a federal grant program to assist states in providing job placement services, transitional employment and support services to welfare recipients. The appropriation would have allowed the State to access \$7,800,000 in matching federal funds. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 2210 An Act to Encourage Expanded Use of Maine's Port Facilities CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BROOKS MILLS | | |

LD 2210 proposed to appropriate \$125,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1999-00 for a one-year pilot project that would have created incentives to utilize the port of Winterport for maritime shipping. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 2221 An Act to Restore Majority State Funding of Public Education in Maine ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BRENNAN LAWRENCE | ONTP | |

LD 2221 proposed to amend the law (which was repealed by Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part X, section X-2) that required that revenue derived from 0.5% of the sales tax be transferred to the Maine Rainy Day Fund for each month following a fiscal year in which General Fund revenue exceeded prior year revenue by 8% or more, on a base-to-base comparison, excluding one-time revenue gains and losses, and that the following October this transfer be replaced with a drop of 0.5% in the rate of the sales tax. Specifically, this bill proposed amending the law to require that:

1. An amount equal to that generated by 0.5% of the sales tax be transferred into the program, general purpose aid for local schools or "GPA," rather than the Maine Rainy Day Fund if GPA provided 51% or less of the State's kindergarten, elementary and secondary school actual operating and program costs and debt service;
2. Any funds provided to GPA pursuant to this bill must be built into GPA's base appropriation for future budget years;
3. The transfer to GPA would not include funds dedicated to municipal revenue sharing;
4. That the tax rate could not be lowered if the tax rate was 5% or lower or if GPA provided 51% or less of the State's kindergarten, elementary and secondary school actual operating and program costs and debt service; and
5. That any funds transferred to the Maine Rainy Day Fund under the law for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000 be transferred to GPA.

LD 2232

**An Act to Allow the Cumberland County Domestic Violence Unit to Hire
2 New Assistant District Attorneys Immediately**

**P & S 29
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
HARRIMAN
SAXL M

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2232 proposed to authorize Cumberland County to hire two new Assistant District Attorneys in an immediate manner and replace Other Special Revenue funds allocations included in Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 10, a non-emergency act (see LD 996), with new Other Special Revenue funds allocations that would become effective June 1, 1999. These allocations would have also represented an equal net increase of dedicated revenue to the Department of the Attorney General.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 29 allocates a net increase of Other Special Revenue funds of \$9,714 in fiscal year 1998-99 and \$2,825 in fiscal year 1999-00 to allow the Cumberland County Domestic Violence Unit to hire 2 new assistant district attorneys effective June 1, 1999.

LD 2247

**An Act to Fund the Collective Bargaining Agreements and Benefits of
Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining and for Certain Employees
Excluded from Collective Bargaining**

**PUBLIC 454
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
MICHAUD
TOWNSEND

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-415

LD 2247 proposed to implement the cost items in the several collective bargaining agreements reached between the State and bargaining agents representing certain state employees and to identify and implement salary and benefit adjustments for executive and legislative branch employees excluded from collective bargaining. It also proposed to authorize the Governor to grant similar and equitable treatment to unclassified employees whose salaries are subject to the Governor's adjustment or approval and authorizes the Legislative Council to approve salary and benefit changes for employees of the legislative branch, including constitutional officers and the State Auditor, not covered by collective bargaining.

LD 2247 also proposed to authorize use of the Salary Plan program to fund the collective bargaining agreements and other cost items; to provide that positions supported from other funds must be funded whenever possible from those other sources; and to provide for reimbursement to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for costs incurred in the processes of collective bargaining and contract administration and related costs to those processes. It also proposed to amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8 to increase the rate of mileage reimbursement for state employees for the use of their privately owned vehicles from 24¢ to 26¢ effective January 1, 2000 and from 26¢ to 28¢ effective January 1, 2001.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 454 implements the cost items in the several collective bargaining agreements reached between the State and bargaining agents representing state employees and identifies and implements salary and benefit adjustments for executive and legislative branch employees excluded from collective bargaining. It authorizes the Governor to grant similar and equitable treatment to unclassified employees whose salaries are subject to the Governor's adjustment or approval and authorizes the Legislative Council to approve salary and benefit changes for employees of the legislative branch, including constitutional officers and the State Auditor, not covered by collective bargaining.

It determines the costs to the General Fund and the Highway Fund to fund the bargaining agreements. It provides for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01 for bargaining unit members and provides for the addition of a new step at the top of the salary schedules and the elimination of the lowest step. It provides for similar and equitable treatment of probationary and other employees in various classifications.

Public Law 1999, chapter 454 also authorizes use of the Salary Plan program to fund the collective bargaining agreements and other cost items; provides that positions supported from other funds must be funded whenever possible from those other sources; and provides for reimbursement to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for costs incurred in the processes of collective bargaining and contract administration and related costs to those processes. It also amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8 to increase the rate of mileage reimbursement for state employees for the use of their privately owned vehicles from 24¢ to 26¢ effective January 1, 2000 and from 26¢ to 28¢ effective January 1, 2001.

LD 2248

An Act to Fund the Collective Bargaining Agreements and Benefits of Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining and for Certain Employees Excepted from Collective Bargaining for the Judicial Branch

**P & S 34
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
LONGLEY
THOMPSON

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-414

LD 2248 proposed to implement the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the Judicial Department and the Maine State Employees Association for employees in the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory bargaining unit and the professional bargaining unit. It provided for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01 and provided for the elimination of the first step and the addition of a new top step. It also provided for similar and equitable treatment of probationary and other employees in classifications in the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory bargaining unit and the professional bargaining unit. It also implemented the cost items for employees excluded from collective bargaining, extending similar treatment to those employees. It also authorized use of the Salary Plan program to fund collective bargaining agreements and other cost items and provides that positions supported from other funds must be funded whenever possible from those other sources.

Committee Amendment "A " (S-414) added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 34 contains three parts. Part A implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the Judicial Department and the Maine State Employees Association for employees in the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory bargaining unit and the professional bargaining unit. It provides for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01 and provides for the elimination of the first step and the addition of a new top step. It also provides for similar and equitable treatment of probationary and other employees in classifications in the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory

LD 2253

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$50,000,000 to Finance the Acquisition of Lands and Interests in Lands for Conservation, Water Access, Outdoor Recreation, Wildlife and Fish Habitat and Farmland Preservation and to Access \$25,000,000 in matching Contributions from Public and Private Sources

PUBLIC 514

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted
H-762 Townsend

LD 2253 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000 to finance the acquisition of lands and interests in lands for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat and farmland preservation and to access \$25,000,000 in matching contributions from public and private sources. This bill was reported by the Majority from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Order H. P. 1540.

House Amendment “A” (H-762) proposed to correct a clerical error in the bill concerning disbursement of proceeds.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 514 authorizes a bond issue to be presented to the voters at the November 1999 general election in the amount of \$50,000,000 to finance the acquisition of lands and interests in lands for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat and farmland preservation. This bond issue will access \$25,000,000 in matching contributions from public and private sources and requires that certain Land for Maine’s Future Board acquisitions in the unorganized territories be approved by the affected county.

LD 2254

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$30,000,000 to Finance the Acquisition of Lands and Interests in Lands for Conservation, Water Access, Outdoor Recreation, Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Farmland Preservation and to Access \$25,000,000 in matching Contributions from Public and Private Sources

DIED IN CONCURRENCE

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2254 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$30,000,000 to finance the acquisition of lands and interests in lands for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat and farmland preservation and to access \$25,000,000 in matching contributions from public and private sources. This bill was reported by the Minority from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Order H. P. 1540.

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LD 2258

An Act to Improve Financing Opportunities for the Cranberry Industry

**PUBLIC 533
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2258 proposed to allow the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund to increase loans for the total cost of any cranberry project from 45% to 90% until December 31, 2001. This bill also proposed to require \$1,000,000 to be made available from the fund for cranberry project loans from bond funds approved pursuant to Private and Special Law 1995, chapter 81 and to require the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Finance Authority of Maine to jointly report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on the status of loans made for cranberry projects.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 533 allows the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund to increase loans for the total cost of any cranberry project from 45% to 90% until December 31, 2001. Chapter 533 also requires \$1,000,000 to be made available from the fund for cranberry project loans from bond funds approved pursuant to Private and Special Law 1995, chapter 81. It also requires the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Finance Authority of Maine to jointly report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on the status of loans made for cranberry projects.