

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

LD 35 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Create Affordable Housing** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRENNAN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<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 by the Maine State Housing Authority for affordable and accessible housing for persons who are homeless, mentally retarded or mentally ill.

LD 132 **An Act to Make Changes to the Maine Rainy Day Fund** **PUBLIC 749**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LAWRENCE		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-714
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LD 132 proposed to increase the limit based on the percentage of the total General Fund revenues that may be transferred into the Maine Rainy Day Fund and require that all funds in the Reserve for Sales Tax Account be transferred to the Maine Rainy Day Fund. (Note: this transfer was implemented by Public Law 1999, chapter 401).

Committee Amendment "A" (S-714) proposed to replace the bill. It would change the title of the bill and clarify the manner in which the Maine Rainy Day Fund may receive surplus General Fund revenue at the end of a fiscal year. It also proposed to direct investment income that would otherwise accrue to the General Fund when the Maine Rainy Day Fund is at its 6% cap to be transferred to the Retirement Allowance Fund, effective in fiscal year 2002-03. This amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-738) proposed to require that the investment income from the Maine Rainy Day Fund that would otherwise be transferred to the General Fund be transferred instead, in equal amounts, to the Retirement Allowance Fund and a fund would be established by the Department of Education for improvement of school facilities. No transfer would be made until after July 1, 2003, pursuant to the effective date in Committee Amendment "A."

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 1999, chapter 749 clarifies the manner in which the Maine Rainy Day Fund receives surplus General Fund revenue at the end of each year, clarifying that the Maine Rainy Day Fund transfer is the first priority before any other transfer. Effective July 1, 2003, it also directs investment income that would otherwise accrue to the General Fund when the Maine Rainy Day Fund is at its statutory 6% cap to be transferred to the Retirement Allowance Fund.

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

ONTP

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

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.

LD 154

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

P & S 92

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAYO MURRAY	OTP-AM	H-772

LD 154 proposed to appropriate \$90,000 and \$60,000 to the Department of Labor in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, for the establishment of 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.

Committee Amendment "A " (H-772) proposed to eliminate the original request in fiscal year 1999-00 of \$90,000 and lower the original request for fiscal year 2000-01 from \$60,000 to \$45,000.

The fiscal year 2000-01 appropriation would be used by the Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, in conjunction with the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation, to fund a program, Maine Airs, that would have daily and weekly newspapers read for listening by the more than 12,000 residents of the State who are print-disabled.

This amendment also proposed to clarify that this funding is provided on a one-time basis and would have required the Department of Labor to report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs on the status of the program.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 92 provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$45,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Labor to establish an audio information service through the Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired 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 Department of Labor is also required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs on the status of the Maine Airs program by February 2, 2001.

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.

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

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

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.

LD 1360 **An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Committee on Substance Abuse** **ONTP**

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

LD 1360 proposed to provide an additional General Fund appropriation of \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 for 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 protection, intervention and treatment services.

While this bill was reported Ought Not to Pass, allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for substance abuse services were included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part JJ.

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

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

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.

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** **ONTP**

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

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.

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

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

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 and proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$125,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to support the projected costs associated with rabies testing. 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.

While this bill was reported Ought Not to Pass, statutory language which clarifies the responsibility of rabies testing was included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part Q-1.

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

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

LD 1881 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to limit 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.

LD 1911

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

ONTP

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

LD 1911 proposed to amend the current bonding authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority debt limit to fund a \$5,070,000 construction of a new legislative law library.

LD 1934

Resolve, to Reinstate Emergency Assistance for Dependents of Veterans

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT	OTP-AM	S-482

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.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-482) proposed to eliminate the funding in fiscal year 1999-00.

LD 2159

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

ONTP

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

LD 2159 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$738,343 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the Department of Corrections 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.

LD 2203

An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Welfare-to-work Program

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARADIS	ONTP MAJ	
ROWE	OTP MIN	

LD 2203 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$3,900,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the Department of Labor for 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 proposed appropriation would have allowed the State to access \$7,800,000 in matching federal funds.

While this bill was reported Ought Not to Pass, a General Fund appropriation for the Welfare to Work Program of \$350,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 was included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part HHHH-3.

LD 2302

An Act to Appropriate Funds to Build the Capitol Park Connector Trail

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COWGER	ONTP MAJ	
DAGGETT	OTP MIN	

LD 2302 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$75,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to provide funds to the City of Augusta to build the Capitol Park Connector Trail and a retaining wall from Capitol Park to the Kennebec River Rail Trail.

LD 2336

Resolve, to Provide Funds to the Bureau of Veterans' Services to Enhance the Efficiency of Regional Field Offices in Delivering Services to Veterans

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-780

LD 2336 proposed to implement one of the recommendations of the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits. This resolve proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$115,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Defense, Veterans' and Emergency Management to restore funding for support staff positions in the Bureau of Veterans' Services regional field offices that were eliminated in the budget cuts of 1990. The personal services funds would have supported the hiring of one new support staff position in the bureau's Springvale office and increase from part-time positions to full-time positions the support staff in 4 other regional offices. The resolve also proposed to provide the bureau funds to purchase new computers and software for the regional offices. The funds also would have provided computer training to regional office staff members.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-780) proposed to provide a position-legislative count of 3.000, to revise the personal services amount to \$90,416 and to clarify that the new position established in the resolve is an Account Clerk II position.

LD 2337 **Resolve, to Provide Funds to Assist in the Expansion of the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System** **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-775

LD 2337 proposed to implement one of the recommendations of the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits. It would have provided a General Fund appropriation of \$65,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Department of Defense, Veterans' and Emergency Management for additional operating funds for the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System to support expansion of the system.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-775) proposed to add a fiscal note to the resolve.

While this bill died on adjournment, a working capital advance of \$100,000 was provided in fiscal year 2000-01 in Public Law 1999, chapter 731, Part DDD for the Department of Defense, Veterans' and Emergency Management to establish the Northern Maine Veterans' Cemetery.

LD 2343 **Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Reduce the Burden of Home Heating Costs on Low-income Households** **RESOLVE 132 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY R MICHAUD	OTP-AM	H-841 S-773 MICHAUD

LD 2343 proposed a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$4,500,000 to the Maine State Housing Authority for the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program in anticipation of a projected shortfall during the 1999-2000 winter season.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-841) proposed to create the Task Force to Reduce the Burden of Home Heating Costs on Low-income Households and included a General Fund appropriation of \$5,720 to the Legislature in fiscal year 2000-01 for expenses of the task force.

House Amendment "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-977) proposed to limit the authority of the task force to reporting out a "bill" rather than "legislation." This amendment also proposed that submission of the report is "for" rather than "to" the 120th Legislature.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-773) proposed to clarify the appointment of members to the Task Force to Reduce the Burden of Home Heating Costs on Low-income Households and proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation to the Legislature by \$3,540 in fiscal year 2000-01.

Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 1999, chapter 132 establishes the Task Force to Reduce the Burden of Home Heating Costs on Low-income Households and provides a General Fund appropriation of \$2,180 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Legislature for the expenses of the task force.

Chapter 132 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 10, 2000.

LD 2347 **An Act to Require Oversight of Strategic Planning Conducted by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, Including Long-term Care Needs of the Chronically Mentally Ill** **ONTP**

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

LD 2347 proposed to require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services and the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs regarding the results of a programming study, feasibility planning and design work for a new forensic unit to provide assistance to the mentally ill. It also proposed to require the commissioners to additionally report, by February 29, 2000, the results to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

While this bill was reported Ought Not to Pass, authorization for the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities up to \$33,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost associated with the psychiatric treatment facility in Augusta was included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part NNN.

LD 2367 **An Act to Provide for Safety in the Maine Conservation Corps** **P & S 88
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY CARR	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-568

LD 2367 proposed to provide for the safety of participants, volunteers and staff of the Maine Conservation Corps by providing a General Fund appropriation of \$89,994 in fiscal year 2000-01 for safety-related equipment and training and a safety and training officer position.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-568) proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$34,052 and \$20,757 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, for the Department of Labor to purchase safety related equipment for the Maine Conservation Corps program. The amendment also proposed to add an emergency preamble, emergency clause and a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 88 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$34,052 and \$20,757 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, on a one-time basis for the Department of Labor for safety-related equipment for the Maine Conservation Corps.

Chapter 88 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2000.

**LD 2378 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of ONTP
Maine Establishing a Budget Stabilization Fund**

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

LD 2378 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to establish a reserve fund that would act to stabilize the General Fund in the event of an economic downturn as well as to provide resources for debt payments on general obligation bonds, unfunded liabilities and capital construction projects exceeding \$1,000,000.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-709) was the majority report and proposed to add a fiscal note to the resolution.

**LD 2380 An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Commission on PUBLIC 561
Performance Budgeting**

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

LD 2380 proposed to amend certain provisions concerning the Commission on Performance Budgeting to clarify the terms of the members and to change the date for the commission to report its auditing recommendation.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 1999, chapter 561 amends 2 provisions concerning the Commission on Performance Budgeting to clarify the time of appointment of the members and to change the date for the commission to report its audit recommendations.

LD 2383 An Act to Help Support the Medical Ride Volunteer Service P & S 97

Sponsor(s)
PARADIS

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-517
S-750 MICHAUD

LD 2383 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$85,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Department of Human Services for grants to local area agencies on aging to support the medical ride volunteer service that provides transportation to medical appointments for older citizens on Medicare.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-517) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation request from \$85,000 to \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 and clarify that these funds are pass-through money that cannot be used for administrative costs. The amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-750) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation request from \$85,000 to \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 and clarify that this one-time funding is pass-through money that can not be used for administrative costs. The amendment also proposed to transfer funds from the Purchased Social Services program within the Department of Human Services to the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services to support the medical ride volunteer service.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 97 provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Department of Human Services for direct grants to local area agencies on aging to support the medical ride volunteer service program. This law also provides a deappropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Purchased Social Services program within the Department of Human Services to transfer available funds to the medical ride volunteer service program.

LD 2393

An Act to Appropriate Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics for Fiscal Year 1999-00

**P & S 100
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
O'NEAL
PARADIS

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-1180 TOWNSEND

LD 2393 proposed to appropriate \$160,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-842) proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause and change the General Fund appropriation request to fiscal year 1999-00 in order to provide \$171,000 on a one-time basis to be applied toward a principal payment remaining on a \$3,000,000 dormitory at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

House Amendment "A" (H-1180) proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause and change the General Fund appropriation request to fiscal year 1999-00 in order to provide \$171,000 on a one-time basis to be applied toward a principal payment remaining on a \$3,000,000 dormitory at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 100 provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$171,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Department of Education to be applied toward a principal payment remaining on a \$3,000,000 dormitory at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Chapter 100 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 18, 2000.

LD 2399 An Act to Designate a Poison Control Center and to Adequately Fund Poison Control Services INDEF PP

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

LD 2399 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$255,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Human Services to fund poison control services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-849) proposed to designate the Maine Poison Center as the official poison control center in the State, encourage the center to achieve certification from a national association of poison control centers prior to May 1, 2003, require the center to do so by December 1, 2004 and require the center to pursue alternative funding sources to fully support the level of services it offers. It also proposed to require the center to report on its progress in pursuing alternative funding sources and the status of its efforts to achieve certification to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and health and human services matters no later than February 15, 2001.

This amendment would have clarified that the Maine Poison Center must seek funding from other sources and also would have added a fiscal note to the bill.

While this bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation of \$255,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 was included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part YYY.

LD 2402 Resolve, to Promote Maine's Dairy Industry RESOLVE 105 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WESTON	OTP-AM MAJ	H-858
MILLS	ONTP MIN	S-562 KILKELLY

LD 2402 proposed to provide an allocation of \$30,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Maine Dairy Stabilization Fund to the Maine Dairy Industry Association to allow it to retain the services of a spokesperson to represent the Maine dairy industry.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-858) proposed to change the bill to a resolve. It proposed to add a section to the bill that requires the Maine Dairy Industry Association to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters by November 1, 2000 on the interest of the State's dairy farmers to form a cooperative association. It also proposed to reduce the allocation to \$10,000 and provide these funds in fiscal year 1999-00. The amendment proposed to add a fiscal note, an emergency preamble and an emergency clause.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-562) proposed to increase the allocation to the Maine Milk Commission to \$30,000 from \$10,000.

Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 1999, chapter 105 allocates \$30,000 from the Maine Dairy Stabilization Fund on a one-time basis in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Maine Milk Commission for outreach efforts through the Maine Dairy Industry Association to assess the interest of the State's dairy farmers in forming a cooperative association. It also requires the Maine Dairy Industry Association to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters by November 1, 2000 on the interest of the state dairy farmers to form a cooperative association.

Chapter 105 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 10, 2000.

LD 2404 An Act to Provide Juvenile Drug Court Prosecutors ONTP

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

LD 2404 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$365,592 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of the Attorney General for 7 additional Assistant District Attorneys to handle cases in the Juvenile Drug Court.

LD 2405 An Act to Increase the Number of Domestic Violence Prosecutors PUBLIC 746

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JABAR DAVIS P	OTP-AM	H-876 S-751 MICHAUD

LD 2405 proposed to appropriate \$470,046 to the Department of the Attorney General in fiscal year 2000-01 for 9 additional Assistant District Attorney positions to be used for the prosecution of domestic violence cases.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-876) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation from \$470,046 to \$424,545 in fiscal year 2000-01, add a report requirement for domestic violence prosecutors and add a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-751) proposed to eliminate the General Fund appropriation for 9 Assistant District Attorney positions and include a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation for one Assistant District Attorney position in Cumberland County.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 1999, chapter 746 provides a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation for the Department of the Attorney General to establish one Assistant District Attorney General position for Cumberland County to assist in the prosecution of domestic violence cases. It also requires the Attorney General to compile data from domestic violence prosecutors statewide and report on this information annually.

In addition, Public Law 1999, chapter 731, section A-1 provides a General Fund appropriation to the Department of the Attorney General of \$426,077 in fiscal year 2000-01 for 8 additional Assistant District Attorney positions to prosecute domestic violence cases, five of which were previously funded through Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue funds allocations.

LD 2414

An Act to Support and Expand the Maine Writing Project

P & S 78

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GREEN CATHCART	OTP-AM	H-859

LD 2414 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to support and expand the Maine Writing Project. The Maine Writing Project follows the National Writing Project model of collaborative university and school programs, the goals of which are to improve student achievement in learning and writing, which is a major feature of the Maine Learning Results and the Maine Educational Assessment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-859) proposed to decrease the amount appropriated to the Maine Writing Project from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and require that the money appropriated must be supplemented by funds provided by the University of Maine System of \$4,500 in fiscal year 2000-01 in the form of scholarships for teachers in the Maine Writing Project. The amendment also proposed to add a General Fund deappropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Professional Development program within the Department of Education and a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 78 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the University of Maine System to support the Maine Writing Project and to expand the project to teachers in diverse geographic and curriculum areas. This amount will be supplemented by \$4,500 in fiscal year 2000-01 in the form of scholarships provided by the University of Maine System for teachers in the Maine Writing Project.

A General Fund deappropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Department of Education, Professional Development program is also included to offset the additional funds to support the Maine Writing Project.

LD 2420 Resolve, to Enhance Opportunities in Math and Science for Maine Students ONTP

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

LD 2420 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the University of Maine System for approximately 1/4 of the costs of construction of a new building on the campus of the University of Southern Maine to house a new proposed program, developed jointly through a partnership between the University of Maine System, the University of Southern Maine, the Maine Medical Center and the Foundation for Blood Research, whose purpose is to provide for training postgraduate students with math or science degrees in education; these students would be encouraged to enter the field of teaching, thus aiding in the amelioration of the shortage of math and science teachers in secondary education. The proposed funding and the development of the program would have been contingent on the provision of adequate funding from sources other than the University of Maine System to cover the balance of the costs of constructing the new building.

LD 2452 An Act to Appropriate Funds to Help Restore Historic St. Lawrence Church ONTP

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

LD 2452 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to aid the Friends of the St. Lawrence Church in the restoration of the St. Lawrence Church, a locally and nationally designated landmark in Portland, Maine.

LD 2456 An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Forum Francophone INDEF PP

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

LD 2456 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$150,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Economic and Community Development for the Forum Francophone.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-907) proposed to strike and replace the appropriation section and add a fiscal note.

While this bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation of \$75,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 was included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part TTT to support the Forum Francophone.

LD 2481 **An Act to Establish the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund and
Reconstruct 2 Small Dams in Whiting** **PUBLIC 782**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAGLEY	OTP-AM	H-1137 S-760 MICHAUD

LD 2481 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$148,800 in fiscal year 2000-01 to reconstruct 2 dams on Rocky Lake in Whiting, Maine which were breached, causing a lowering of the water level on Rocky Lake of 4 to 5 feet.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1137) proposed to provide an allocation of \$148,800 from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund to reconstruct 2 dams on Rocky Lake in the Town of Whiting. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-760) proposed to appropriate \$400,000 on a one-time basis from the General Fund to establish the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund to be administered by the Department of Environmental Protection for repair or reconstruction of dams that are breached and thereby cause a lowering of water levels and that meet the criteria developed by the department. The amendment also proposed to transfer the General Fund appropriation to a dedicated program and then allocate \$148,800 from the fund to repair 2 dams in Whiting.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 1999, chapter 782 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$400,000 on a one-time basis in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund to be administered by the Department of Environmental Protection for repair or reconstruction of dams that are breached and thereby cause a lowering of water levels and that meet the criteria developed by the department. It also transfers the \$400,000 to a dedicated program and allocates \$148,800 on a one-time basis in fiscal year 2000-01 for the reconstruction of 2 dams in Whiting.

LD 2483 **An Act to Appropriate Funds for Acquisitions for the Maine State
Library** **INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLWELL TREAT	OTP	

LD 2483 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 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 and allow the Maine State Library to continue to purchase books, magazines and on-line products essential to the library's statewide role as a research facility and information provider.

While this bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation for this purpose of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 was included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part A-1.

LD 2492 An Act to Ensure Adequate Funding of Adult Education

**P & S 96
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TOWNSEND MICHAUD	OTP-AM	H-848 S-756 MICHAUD

LD 2492 proposed to appropriate \$78,855 and \$163,937 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, to the Department of Education to increase the state subsidy for adult education.

Committee Amendment "A " (H-848) proposed to strike the appropriation section of the bill and replace it with a new appropriation section and an allocation section. The new sections would organize "Adult Education" into a separate program within the Department of Education and provide a 3% increase in funding in fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A "to Committee Amendment "A " (S-756) proposed to eliminate the appropriations and allocations in fiscal year 2000-01 and provide a General Fund appropriation of \$78,855 in fiscal year 1999-00 only.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 96 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$78,855 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the Department of Education, Adult Education program to increase the state subsidy for adult education.

Chapter 96 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 10, 2000.

**LD 2493 An Act to Provide Funding to Wild Blueberry Growers to Develop
Alternative Water Sources**

ONTP

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

LD 2493 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation totaling \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine to assist wild blueberry growers to develop alternative water sources.

LD 2497 Resolve, to Ensure Adequate District Court Facilities for Western York County RESOLVE 119

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE	OTP-AM	S-556
MCALEVEY		S-707 MICHAUD

LD 2497 proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in the amount of \$1,200,000 to replace the Springvale District Court. This authorization would have been in addition to the \$3,000,000 previously approved and would be used to meet increased construction costs and provide a small expansion in the size of the facility.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-556) proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

Senate Amendment "A" Committee Amendment "A" (S-707) proposed to specify that the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority may issue additional securities on or after July 1, 2001. This amendment also proposed to strike the appropriation section.

Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 1999, chapter 119 authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in its own name in the amount of \$1,200,000 on or after July 1, 2001 to replace the Springvale District Court.

LD 2500 An Act to Increase the Marketable Skills of University of Maine System Students ONTP

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

LD 2500 proposed to provide a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$7,000,000 and add \$3,000,000 to the University of Maine System's base budget in fiscal year 2000-01 to increase resources for technology for students and to invest in MaineUnet, Mariner and electronic resource expansion.

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TOWNSEND	OTP-AM MAJ	H-1140
MICHAUD	OTP-AM MIN	H-1164 TOWNSEND

LD 2510 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 Other Special Revenue funds.
4. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund.
5. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Bureau of Revenue Services Fund.
6. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Alcoholic Beverage Fund.
7. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Prison Industries Fund.
8. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Seed Potato Board Fund.
9. Proposed supplemental allocations from the State Lottery 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 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.

PART C proposed deappropriations from the General Fund to support approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART D proposed to specify the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 2000-01 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605.

PART E proposed to:

1. Amend the law as it relates to the mill rate for the state property tax on telecommunications personal property.
2. Amend the law to eliminate the requirement to pay an amount equal to 1/2 of the estimated future year's state property tax on telecommunications personal property.
3. Amend the law to allow municipalities to be reimbursed an amount equal to 90% of the adjusted per acre tax revenue lost as a result of valuing farmland at its current use.
4. Amend the law to exempt from the sales tax electricity used in commercial agricultural and aquacultural production and commercial fishing.
5. Repeal the 3.5% threshold for indexing individual income tax brackets and indexes the brackets for inflation using a formula similar to the one used at the federal level. The effective date is for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.
6. Amend the law to conform to the allowable percentage of health insurance premiums paid by self-employed individuals deductible under federal tax law.
7. Amend the law to provide a \$6,000 per recipient exemption for public pension income received by state, federal and military retirees.
8. Amend the law to strictly conform to the allowable federal personal exemption, including the phase-out of the personal exemption for high-income taxpayers.

PART F proposed to:

1. Amend the law to increase the "cap" of the Maine Rainy Day Fund to 8%.
2. Amend the law as it relates to the annual financial reports prepared by the State Controller.
3. Amend the law to extend the authorization for 2 limited-period positions in the Bureau of the Budget to June 30, 2001.
4. Amend the law to eliminate the requirement that the Fund for a Healthy Maine return a working capital advance to the General Fund.
5. Authorize the transfer of funds from the Telecommunications Property Tax Reserve to the General Fund.
6. Authorize the transfer of funds from the Transportation Funding Reserve to the Highway Fund.
7. Authorize the transfer of funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Highway Fund.
8. Authorize the transfer of funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Rainy Day Fund.

9. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Information Services to establish 3 limited-period positions to assist with the implementation of the E-911 system.
10. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Accounts and Control to establish one limited-period position for the design and implementation of the new automated time and attendance system.

PART G proposed to amend the law to establish the Associate Commissioner for Legislative and Program Services in the Department of Corrections at pay range 90.

Part H proposed to amend the law as it relates to the Land for Maine's Future credit card to allow funds to be used for administrative support directly related to land acquisition.

PART I proposed to establish legislative intent to use unallocated disaster assistance funds as state match for other federally approved disasters in Maine.

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

PART K proposed to:

1. Repeal the bedding, upholstered furniture, stuffed toys and flammable fabrics laws effective 6/30/01.
2. Amend the law to make the General Fund, Governor's Training Initiative account nonlapsing.

PART L proposed to:

1. Amend the law to authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to compensate ad hoc committee members.
2. Repeal provisions of the law as they relate to regional family support councils.
3. Amend the law as it relates to the use of funds by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to develop community services.
4. Authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under Medicaid Title XIX for targeted case management.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1140), the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs proposed to replace the bill and 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 Other Special Revenue funds.
4. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund.

5. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Bureau of Revenue Services Fund.
6. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Alcoholic Beverage Fund.
7. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Prison Industries Fund.
8. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Seed Potato Board Fund.
9. Proposed supplemental allocations from the State Lottery Fund.
10. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund.
11. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Office of Information 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 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.
5. Proposed allocations from the Internal Service Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C proposed to make deappropriations from the General Fund as reductions to support approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART D proposed to specify the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 2000-01 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605.

PART E proposed to:

1. Implement the modified accrual method of accounting for revenue for the corporate income tax, the cigarette and tobacco tax, the estate tax and the real estate transfer tax.
2. Recognize the Estate Tax Suspense Account as General Fund revenue.

PART F proposed to:

1. Amend the law to establish the Chief Information Officer in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Associate Commissioner for Legislative and Program Services in the Department of Corrections at pay range 90.
2. Establish the Chief Information Officer as a major policy influencing position.

3. Amend the law to extend the authorization for 2 limited-period positions in the Bureau of the Budget to June 30, 2001.
4. Authorize the transfer of funds from the Telecommunications Property Tax Reserve to the General Fund.
5. Authorize the transfer of funds from the Transportation Funding Reserve to the Highway Fund.
6. Authorize the transfer of funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Highway Fund.
7. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Information Services to establish 3 limited-period positions to assist with the implementation of the E-911 system.
8. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Accounts and Control to establish one limited-period position for the design and implementation of the new automated time and attendance system.

PART G proposed to:

1. Replace a Director, Policy, Legislative and Information Services position with an Associate Commissioner for Legislative and Program Services position and establish the new position as a major policy-influencing position within the Department of Corrections.
2. Authorize the Department of Corrections to establish, subject to available funds, intermittent positions.

PART H proposed to amend the law as it relates to the Land for Maine's Future credit card to allow funds to be used for administrative support directly related to land acquisition.

PART I proposed to establish legislative intent to use unallocated disaster assistance funds as state match for other federally approved disasters in Maine.

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

PART K proposed to:

1. Repeal the bedding, upholstered furniture, stuffed toys and flammable fabrics laws effective 6/30/01.
2. Amend the law to make the General Fund, Governor's Training Initiative account nonlapsing.

PART L proposed to:

1. Amend the law to authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to compensate ad hoc committee members.
2. Repeal provisions of the law as they relate to regional family support councils.
3. Amend the law as it relates to the use of funds by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to develop community services.

4. Authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under Medicaid Title XIX for targeted case management.
5. Authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to substitute a vacant position for a filled position on the list of positions at the Bangor Mental Health Institute that are scheduled to be eliminated.

PART M proposed to establish the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund for the state employee health insurance program. This Part also proposed to provide a transition provision to allow the operations of the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Dedicated Revenue Account to be transferred to the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund.

PART N proposed to authorize the extension of one limited-period Program Director of the Deaf position at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to June 30, 2001.

PART O proposed to authorize the transfer of funds held in the accounts of the Maine Sludge and Residuals Research Foundation to the BioResource Engineering Department of the University of Maine at Orono.

PART P proposed to authorize carrying balances in the Public Advocate Program from fiscal year 1999-00 to be expended for purposes established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 1702.

PART Q proposed to:

1. Clarify that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall pay all necessary costs for transportation and euthanasia of an undomesticated animal suspected of having rabies and clarify that the Department of Human Services shall pay for the costs of required rabies testing.
2. Authorize the transfer of funds in the Medicaid Program from Targeted Case Management - Child Welfare recoveries in the Department of Human Services to undedicated General Fund revenue.

PART R proposed to establish an effective date of January 1, 2001 for the repeal of the snack tax.

PART S proposed to provide an income tax deduction for public and private pension income to the extent that the pension income, together with social security benefits and railroad retirement benefits, does not exceed \$6,000. This Part proposed to make no change to the current law that exempts all social security and railroad retirement benefits from state income tax.

PART T proposed to provide that individual income tax rates will be maintained at their current levels for the 2000 and 2001 tax years, adjusted to prescribed levels for tax year 2002, and then adjusted for inflation for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003.

PART U proposed to provide for additional state-municipal revenue-sharing for all municipalities with a property tax rate in excess of 10 mills. The new program is funded in fiscal year 2000-01 by a one-time appropriation of \$3,600,000. Subsequent years are funded from amounts in excess of the annual growth ceiling on the Local Government Fund. Amounts in the new fund are distributed to municipalities based on the proportion of the municipality's property tax burden that exceeds 10 mills.

PART V proposed to create an earned income credit that is equal to 5% of the federal earned income credit and is nonrefundable.

PART W proposed to provide for the phased-in reduction of the tax rate on telecommunications personal property from 27 mills to 20 mills beginning in 2003. This Part also proposed to eliminate the prepayment of 1/2 of the next year's tax.

PART X proposed to establish conformity in the Maine income tax laws for the health insurance deduction for self-employed individuals.

PART Y proposed to reduce the withdrawal penalty under the Farm and Open Space Tax Law to the minimum required by the Constitution of Maine. This Part also proposed to make further changes to clarify the Farm and Open Space Tax Law.

PART Z proposed to repeal the repeal date of the Maine Environmental Protection Fund fee schedule.

PART AA proposed to require that the Commissioner of Human Services prepare and submit to the Legislature a monthly report containing detailed expenditure projections for the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program. Part AA also proposed to require the Commissioner of Human Services to submit monthly reports to the Legislature on the status of children served by the Bureau of Child and Family Services.

PART BB proposed to require transfers of allotment from the 4th or 3rd quarters of a fiscal year to the 3rd, 2nd or first quarters by financial order to be treated as "30-day" financial orders or, in the case of "extraordinary emergency," to be subject to a waiver vote by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs if the transfer will cause financial commitments to exceed current appropriations or allocations.

PART CC proposed to remove state police officers hired after September 15, 1984 and a special agent investigator hired after June 21, 1982 from the 1998 Special Retirement Plan. Part CC also appropriated funds to cover the resulting unfunded liability costs to the Maine State Retirement System and appropriated funds for increased employer retirement costs.

PART DD proposed to establish the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

PART EE proposed to transfer \$719,935 from Other Special Revenue funds within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to the General Fund. This amount equals the reserve for the hospital assessment repealed June 30, 1998. It also proposed to provide a supplemental appropriation from the General Fund to pay for additional claims in the Maine Residents Property Tax Program.

PART FF proposed to rename the Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund.

PART GG proposed to repeal certain allocations in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of Human Services.

PART HH proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of Human Services for fiscal year 2000-01.

PART II proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of the Attorney General for fiscal year 2000-01.

PART JJ proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for fiscal year 2000-01.

PART KK proposed to clarify that the Fund for a Healthy Maine is a funding source for the elderly prescription drug program.

PARTS LL, MM and NN proposed to provide allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Safety and the Finance Authority of Maine in fiscal year 2000-01.

PART OO proposed to establish criteria for the delivery of federally approved Medicaid services to families who fall under the nonfarm income official poverty line. Part OO also proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine and the Federal Expenditures Fund in fiscal year 2000-01 to carry out this purpose.

PART PP proposed to expand the eligibility of the Cub Care program to children who have not attained one year of age. This Part also proposed to provide an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the state share of these costs and a Federal Block Grant Fund allocation for the federal share.

PART QQ proposed to establish a new position of school nurse consultant jointly within the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education. This position will provide statewide nursing leadership for coordinated school health care programs. This Part also proposed to include an allocation to the Department of Education from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the salary, benefits, operating and start-up costs of an Education Specialist III position to function as the school nurse consultant.

PART RR proposed to establish a Biennial Reserve Account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to provide an allocation of funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to be used in future biennia. This Part also proposed to provide an allocation of funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine in accordance with specific provisions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22.

PART SS proposed to create the Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund to support bone marrow screening by eligible individuals and organizations as determined according to rules adopted by the Department of Human Services. This Part also proposed to establish income tax check-off funding and proposed to include a one-time allocation of funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the first year's funding of the Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund.

PART TT proposed to specify that the elderly low-cost drug program is subject to the same procedures and reimbursements as the federal Medicaid plan. Part TT also proposed to specify that funds appropriated for the elderly low-cost drug program are nonlapsing. Part TT proposed to allocate funds to the elderly low-cost drug program from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for fiscal year 2000-01.

PART UU proposed to allocate funds to the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program within the Department of Human Services from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for fiscal year 2000-01. Part UU also proposed to allocate federal funds to the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program for fiscal year 2000-01.

PART VV proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for one Drug Court Coordinator position in the Judicial Department.

PART WW proposed to authorize the State Controller to transfer \$15,000,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund.

PART XX proposed to reduce the statutory amortization schedule for the unfunded liability from 25 years to 19 years starting in fiscal year 2001, which has the effect of reducing the amortization schedule required by the Constitution of Maine by a total of 9 years and the present statutory amortization schedule by 4 years.

PART YY proposed to increase the school construction debt service limit over the next 2 biennia to \$74,000,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and to \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2002-03 and fiscal year 2003-04 and further increase the school construction debt service limit to \$84,000,000 in fiscal year 2004-05. Part YY also proposed to direct the State Board of Education to adopt rules to create a plan to address the needs beyond Project #22 on the major capital improvement priority list.

PART ZZ proposed to require the Governor to implement performance budgeting for the 2002-2003 biennium in the same form as the prototype budget bills and budget document presented to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1710-P, subsection 9.

PART AAA proposed to require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to attempt to sell or lease the property currently located at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville at its fair market value and deposit the proceeds from the sale in the General Fund as undedicated revenue.

PART BBB proposed to allow the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to approve payment of recruitment and retention adjustments for the positions of Director, Bureau of Information Services and Chief Information Officer.

PART CCC proposed to provide that a person in the employ of the Bangor Pre-Release Center on June 30, 2000 who would have qualified for a service retirement benefit if the Bangor Pre-Release Center had remained in operation may not be denied such a benefit by the closing of the Bangor Pre-Release Center.

PART DDD proposed to authorize the State Controller to advance to the Veterans Services program, General Fund account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus on July 1, 2000 for the purpose of establishing the Northern Maine Veterans' Cemetery. Any funds transferred for this purpose must be returned to the General Fund no later than June 30, 2001.

PART EEE proposed to create a Special Education Teacher position at the Maine Youth Center to be funded with existing federal funds.

PART FFF proposed to establish the Maine Learning Technology Endowment for the advancement of learning technology in Maine schools as determined by the Legislature. It also proposed to establish the Task Force on the Maine Learning Technology Endowment and require the submission of a report.

PART GGG proposed to establish the Maine Learning Technology Reserve in the General Fund for the purpose of accumulating funds for education technology.

PART HHH proposed to transfer one Deputy Commissioner position from the Board of Environmental Protection Fund to the Administration - Special Revenue Overhead account within the Administration - Environmental Protection program of the Department of Environmental Protection.

PART III proposed to eliminate one Police Communications Operator position and establish one Building Custodian position within the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police.

PART JJJ proposed to provide additional funds to increase and fully fund a Laborer II position from 24 weeks to 32 weeks and proposed to deappropriate unneeded operational costs within the Department of Conservation.

PART KKK proposed to increase the allowable interest rate for the University of Maine System in borrowing funds for capital improvements to support research and development.

PART LLL proposed to require that the General Fund share of the University of Maine School of Law's annual operating budget be equivalent to the General Fund share of the University of Maine System's annual operating budget.

PART MMM proposed to transfer funds within the Department of Economic and Community Development's Job Retention Program to the Administration program to be used for grants to municipalities to retain mature or dominant employers.

PART NNN proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities for the purpose of paying the cost associated with the psychiatric treatment facility located in Augusta.

PART OOO proposed to authorize the transfer of funds received from the Federal Government related to the construction costs of the psychiatric center in Augusta to the Maine State Retirement System for the Retirement Allowance Fund.

PART PPP proposed to establish the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund. It also proposed to authorize a transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Victims' Compensation Fund to the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund no later than June 30, 2001.

PART QQQ proposed to increase the maximum amount that the Victims' Compensation Board may award and pay from the Victims' Compensation Fund to the victim or family of the victim of crimes covered by the fund.

PART RRR proposed to require the Maine Turnpike Authority, beginning July 1, 2012, to submit its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Accounts and Control, the Department of Audit and the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and transportation matters.

PART SSS proposed to establish the Maine Biomedical Research Program and appropriate \$10,000,000 to the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide funding to Maine-based nonprofit institutions to conduct biomedical research.

PART TTT proposed to appropriate \$150,000 to support an office for the national headquarters of the American Association of the Forum Francophone des Affairs located in Lewiston and for the Maine International Trade Center to share the office.

PART UUU proposed to establish the Applied Technology Development Center System to foster new technology-based businesses and provide \$5,500,000 in General Fund appropriations for applied technology initiatives.

PART VVV proposed to establish several economic development initiatives including the establishment of the Maine Microenterprise Initiative, a Regional Economic Development Assistance Fund and the Maine Rural Development Council. It also authorized the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission to identify issues related to and analyze agriculturally derived fuel production in the State. It also proposed to amend the Maine Economic Development Venture Capital Revolving Investment Program and transfer \$3,000,000 from the Economic Recovery Program Fund to the Maine Economic Development Venture Capital Revolving Investment Program Fund. This Part proposed to appropriate a total of \$1,500,000 for several economic development initiatives.

PART WWW proposed to establish the Maine Patent Program administered by the University of Maine System and appropriate \$300,000 to the new program.

PART XXX proposed to appropriate \$145,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Maine Science and Technology Foundation to conduct an initial evaluation of the State's public investments in research and development.

PART YYY proposed to designate the Maine Poison Center at the Maine Medical Center as the official state poison control center and provide a \$255,000 General Fund appropriation for poison control services.

PART ZZZ proposed to implement the recommendations of the Court Unification Task Force as amended by the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

PART AAAA proposed to establish the Maine Firefighter Training Fund and appropriate initial funding of \$376,000 for the fund.

PART BBBB proposed to include several initiatives related to long-term care, including amendments to rules to increase flexibility of Medicaid benefits, expand eligibility for nursing facility services, address labor force issues in the nursing field, develop standardized contracts, provide default licensing for new applicants, reflect current costs in the principles of reimbursement, change staffing ratios and change the duration of licensing and the surveys required of providers of long-term care services. It also proposed to require a report on ways to expand delegation of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code, establish a Long-term Care Implementation Committee and provide General Fund appropriations of \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for long-term care initiatives.

PART CCCC proposed to increase from \$25 to \$50 the reimbursement rate for law enforcement personnel who testify in court.

PART DDDD proposed to provide funds on a one-time basis to be applied toward a principal payment remaining on a dormitory at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-1141), the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, proposed to replace the bill and 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 Other Special Revenue funds.

4. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund.
5. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Bureau of Revenue Services Fund.
6. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Alcoholic Beverage Fund.
7. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Prison Industries Fund.
8. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Seed Potato Board Fund.
9. Proposed supplemental allocations from the State Lottery Fund.
10. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund.
11. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Office of Information 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 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.
5. Proposed allocations from the Internal Service Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C proposed to make deappropriations from the General Fund to support approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART D proposed to specify the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 2000-01 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605.

PART E proposed to:

1. Implement the modified accrual method of accounting for revenue for the corporate income tax, the cigarette and tobacco tax, the estate tax and the real estate transfer tax.
2. Recognize the Estate Tax Suspense Account as General Fund revenue.

PART F proposed to:

1. Amend the law to establish the Chief Information Officer in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Associate Commissioner for Legislative and Program Services in the Department of Corrections at pay range 90.

2. Establish the Chief Information Officer as a major policy influencing position.
3. Amend the law to extend the authorization for 2 limited-period positions in the Bureau of the Budget to June 30, 2001.
4. Authorize the transfer of funds from the Telecommunications Property Tax Reserve to the General Fund.
5. Authorize the transfer of funds from the Transportation Funding Reserve to the Highway Fund.
6. Authorize the transfer of funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Highway Fund.
7. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Information Services to establish 3 limited-period positions to assist with the implementation of the E-911 system.
8. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Accounts and Control to establish one limited-period position for the design and implementation of the new automated time and attendance system.

PART G proposed to replace a Director, Policy, Legislative and Information Services position with an Associate Commissioner for Legislative and Program Services position and proposed to establish the new position as a major policy-influencing position within the Department of Corrections.

1. Authorize the Department of Corrections to establish, subject to available funds, intermittent positions.

PART H proposed to amend the law as it relates to the Land for Maine's Future credit card to allow funds to be used for administrative support directly related to land acquisition.

PART I proposed to establish legislative intent to use unallocated disaster assistance funds as state match for other federally approved disasters in Maine.

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

PART K proposed to:

1. Repeal the bedding, upholstered furniture, stuffed toys and flammable fabrics laws.
2. Amend the law to make the General Fund, Governor's Training Initiative account nonlapsing.

PART L proposed to:

1. Amend the law to authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to compensate ad hoc committee members.
2. Repeal provisions of the law as they relate to regional family support councils.
3. Amend the law as it relates to the use of funds by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to develop community services.

4. Authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under Medicaid Title XIX for targeted case management.
5. Authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to substitute a vacant position for a filled position on the list of positions at the Bangor Mental Health Institute that are scheduled to be eliminated.

PART M proposed to establish the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund for the state employee health insurance program. This PART also proposed to provide a transition provision to allow the operations of the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Dedicated Revenue Account to be transferred to the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund.

PART N proposed to authorize the extension of one limited-period Program Director of the Deaf position at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to June 30, 2001.

PART O proposed to authorize the transfer of funds held in the accounts of the Maine Sludge and Residuals Research Foundation to the BioResource Engineering Department of the University of Maine at Orono.

PART P proposed to authorize carrying balances in the Public Advocate Program from fiscal year 1999-00 to be expended for purposes established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 1702.

PART Q proposed to:

1. Clarify that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall pay all necessary costs for transportation and euthanasia of an undomesticated animal suspected of having rabies and clarify that the Department of Human Services shall pay for the costs of required rabies testing.
2. Authorize the transfer of funds in the Medicaid Program from Targeted Case Management - Child Welfare recoveries in the Department of Human Services to undedicated General Fund revenue.

PART R proposed to provide a sales tax exemption for electricity used in commercial agriculture, fishing or aquaculture beginning July 1, 2000.

PART S proposed to provide an income tax deduction for public and private pension income to the extent that the pension income, together with social security benefits and railroad retirement benefits, does not exceed \$6,000 in tax years beginning in 2000, 2001 or 2002; \$8,000 for tax years beginning in 2003 or 2004; and \$10,000 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005. This Part proposed to make no change to the current law that exempts all social security and railroad retirement benefits from state income tax.

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PART W proposed to eliminate the prepayment of 1/2 of the next year's tax on telecommunications personal property.

PART X proposed to establish conformity in the Maine income tax laws for the health insurance deduction for self-employed individuals.

PART Y proposed to reduce the withdrawal penalty under the Farm and Open Space Tax Law to the minimum required by the Constitution of Maine. This Part also made further changes to clarify the Farm and Open Space Tax Law.

PART Z proposed to repeal the repeal date of the Maine Environmental Protection Fund fee schedule.

PART AA proposed to require that the Commissioner of Human Services prepare and submit to the Legislature a monthly report containing detailed expenditure projections for the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program. Part AA also proposed to require the Commissioner of Human Services to submit monthly reports to the Legislature on the status of children served by the Bureau of Child and Family Services.

PART BB proposed to require transfers of allotment from the 4th or 3rd quarters of a fiscal year to the 3rd, 2nd or first quarters by financial order to be treated as "30-day" financial orders or, in the case of "extraordinary emergency," to be subject to a waiver vote by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs if the transfer will cause financial commitments to exceed current appropriations or allocations.

PART CC proposed to remove state police officers hired after September 15, 1984 and a special agent investigator hired after June 21, 1982 from the 1998 Special Retirement Plan. Part CC also proposed to appropriate funds to cover the resulting unfunded liability costs to the Maine State Retirement System and proposed to appropriate funds for increased employer retirement costs.

PART DD proposed to establish the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

PART EE proposed to transfer \$719,935 from Other Special Revenue funds within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to the General Fund. This amount equals the reserve for the hospital assessment repealed June 30, 1998. It also proposed to provide a supplemental appropriation from the General Fund to pay for additional claims in the Maine Residents Property Tax Program.

PART FF proposed to rename the Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund.

PART GG proposed to:

1. Require that revenues deposited into the Fund for a Healthy Maine that are less than estimated for programs and services supported by the Fund for a Healthy Maine must be reduced proportionately to their share of the overall fund, except the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program.
2. Amend the law to eliminate the requirement that the Fund for a Healthy Maine return a working capital advance to the General Fund.

3. Provide allocations in 5 areas. It allocated 10% of estimated tobacco settlement revenue to the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine. The Partnership for a Tobacco-free Maine is funded to create a support system for those who want to quit smoking and for other statewide tobacco interventions. Funds are provided to implement the recommendations of the Substance Abuse Services Commission, and a program is established to improve delivery of and access to quality care for Medicaid recipients. Funding is also provided to cover an anticipated Medicaid shortfall.

PART HH proposed to expand the eligibility of the Cub Care program to children who have not attained one year of age. It also allocated funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of Human Services for fiscal year 2000-01 for that purpose.

PART II proposed to establish a new position of school nurse consultant jointly within the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education. This position will provide statewide nursing leadership for coordinated school health care programs. This Part also included an allocation to the Department of Education from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the salary, benefits, operating and start-up costs of an Education Specialist III position to function as the school nurse consultant.

PART JJ proposed to create the Maine Biomedical Research Program, using a \$10,000,000 allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine. Funds are intended to support biomedical research with priority given to research and research technologies with the potential to affect diseases, biomedical mechanisms or conditions that are either caused by or related to tobacco use. A report is due to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature concerning ways to share revenue, including royalties, generated by biomedical research funded by this Part.

PART KK proposed to expand the supplemental program of the low-cost drugs to Maine's elderly to cover 80% of the cost of generic drugs not covered in the basic program, to institute a catastrophic component whereby the Department of Human Services would establish an annual limit on the total costs to be paid by eligible persons in the program, after which the program must pay 80% of all covered drugs or medications, and to make the low-cost drugs to Maine's elderly program the payor of last resort through a 3rd-party liability recovery process.

PART LL proposed to reduce the statutory amortization schedule for the unfunded liability from 25 years to 19 years starting in fiscal year 2001, which has the effect of reducing the amortization schedule required by the Constitution of Maine by a total of 9 years and the present statutory amortization schedule by 4 years.

PART MM proposed to increase the school construction debt service limit over the next 2 biennia to \$74,000,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and to \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2002-03 and fiscal year 2003-04 and further increase the school construction debt service limit to \$84,000,000 in fiscal year 2004-05. Part MM also proposed to direct the State Board of Education to study the so-called "debt service circuit breaker." Part MM also proposed to direct the State Board of Education to adopt rules to create a plan to address the needs beyond Project #22 on the major capital improvement priority list.

PART NN proposed to require the Governor to implement performance budgeting for the 2002-2003 biennium in the same form as the prototype budget bills and budget document presented to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1710-P, subsection 9.

PART OO proposed to require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to attempt to sell or lease the property currently located at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville at its fair market value.

PART PP proposed to allow the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to approve payment of recruitment and retention adjustments for the positions of Director, Bureau of Information Services and Chief Information Officer.

PART QQ proposed to provide that a person in the employ of the Bangor Pre-Release Center on June 30, 2000 who would have qualified for a service retirement benefit if the Bangor Pre-Release Center had remained in operation may not be denied such a benefit by the closing of the Bangor Pre-Release Center.

PART RR proposed to authorize the State Controller to advance to the Veterans Services program, General Fund account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus on July 1, 2000 for the purpose of establishing the Northern Maine Veterans' Cemetery. Any funds transferred for this purpose must be returned to the General Fund no later than June 30, 2001.

PART SS proposed to create a Special Education Teacher position at the Maine Youth Center to be funded with existing federal funds.

PART TT proposed to:

1. Establish the Equity and Access to Education Technology Fund. The fund is to be used to support the education technology needs of the State's teachers and students. Expenditures from the fund may be made only as authorized by the Legislature. The funding source for the fund will be the unexpended balance from the so-called School and Library Network Project.
2. Add maintenance and operating expenses of the ATM Distance Learning network to the allowable uses from funds received by the 0.5% assessment on telecommunications services.
3. Provide an Other Special Revenue funds allocation in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Department of Education for the maintenance and network management of the ATM Distance Learning network.

PART UU proposed to transfer interest on investment earnings from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund.

PART VV proposed to transfer one Deputy Commissioner position from the Board of Environmental Protection Fund to the Administration - Special Revenue Overhead account within the Administration - Environmental Protection program of the Department of Environmental Protection.

PART WW proposed to eliminate one Police Communications Operator position and establish one Building Custodian position within the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police.

PART XX proposed to provide additional funds to increase and fully fund a Laborer II position from 24 weeks to 32 weeks and proposed to deappropriate unneeded operational costs.

PART YY proposed to increase the State's share for health insurance premiums for retired educators from 30% to 35% on July 1, 2001.

PART ZZ proposed to establish state death benefits for law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

PART AAA proposed to transfer funds within the Department of Economic and Community Development's Job Retention Program to the Administration program to be used for grants to municipalities to retain mature or dominant employers.

PART BBB proposed to:

1. Establish the transfer to the Retirement Allowance Fund as the first priority of the surplus revenue at the close of each fiscal year and increase the amount of that transfer to 1/2 the surplus revenue. The Maine Rainy Day Fund would receive 1/2 of the balance of the excess after the Retirement Allowance Fund transfer, or 1/4 of the surplus revenue. A similar change in the priority of claims for certain increases of General Fund revenue estimates was also included in this Part.
2. Establish a Debt Avoidance Fund that would receive the remainder of the excess revenue after the transfers to the Retirement Allowance Fund and the Maine Rainy Day Fund. The Debt Avoidance Fund was established to avoid the issuance of bonds authorized by the voters but as yet unissued.

PART CCC proposed to authorize the transfer of funds received from the Federal Government related to the construction costs of the psychiatric center in Augusta to the Maine State Retirement System for the Retirement Allowance Fund.

PART DDD proposed to establish the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund. It also proposed to authorize a transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Victims' Compensation Fund to the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund no later than June 30, 2001.

PART EEE proposed to increase the maximum amount that the Victims' Compensation Board may award and pay from the Victims' Compensation Fund to the victim or family of the victim of crimes covered by the fund.

PART FFF proposed to require the Maine Turnpike Authority, beginning July 1, 2012, to submit its annual financial report to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Accounts and Control, the Department of Audit and the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and transportation matters in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

PART GGG proposed to designate the Maine Poison Center at the Maine Medical Center as the official state poison control center and provide a \$255,000 General Fund appropriation for poison control services.

PART HHH proposed to implement the recommendations of the Court Unification Task Force as amended by the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

PART III proposed to establish the Maine Firefighter Training Fund and appropriate initial funding of \$376,000 for the fund.

PART JJJ proposed to include several initiatives related to long-term care, including amendments to address labor force issues in the nursing field, develop standardized contracts, provide default licensing for new applicants, reflect current costs in the principles of reimbursement, and change the duration of licensing and the surveys required of providers of long-term care services. It also proposed to require a report on ways to expand delegation of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code and proposed to provide General Fund appropriation of \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for long-term care initiatives.

PART KKK proposed to increase from \$25 to \$50 the reimbursement rate for law enforcement personnel who testify in court.

PART LLL proposed to provide funds on a one-time basis to be applied toward a principal payment remaining on a dormitory at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1142) proposed to provide funding for increased reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program for speech and language pathologist and audiologist services and occupational and physical therapy services. This amendment also proposed a study of reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program, with a report due to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 15, 2001. The study and funding for these rate increases were recommended by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services in the committee amendments to L.D. 2308 and L.D. 2324. This amendment proposed to decrease the appropriation for business attraction and marketing efforts by \$311,772 in order to fund the proposed reimbursement rate increases.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1143) proposed to fully fund the State's share of General Purpose Aid as required by law.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "B" (H-1147) proposed to remove \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Governor's Training Initiative Program and provide that amount to raise public awareness and educate the public and employers about the issues concerning the effects in the workplace of domestic violence.

House Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1146) proposed to remove \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Governor's Training Initiative Program and proposed to provide that amount to raise public awareness and educate the public and employers about the issues concerning the effects in the workplace of domestic violence.

House Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1144) proposed to fully fund General Purpose Aid as required by law.

House Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1150) proposed to strike those sections of Committee Amendment "A" that establish the Maine Learning Technology Endowment and instead appropriate the funds for school construction.

House Amendment "E" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1148) proposed to:

1. Strike the appropriation and allocation sections from the majority report and replace them with new appropriation and allocation sections.
2. Remove Parts D, R to W, GG to WW, AAA, FFF, GGG, LLL, NNN, SSS to XXX and BBBB from the majority report.
3. Add the following Parts to the majority report:

PART EEEE proposed to specify the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 2000-01 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605.

PART FFFF proposed to provide a sales tax exemption for electricity used in commercial agriculture, fishing or aquaculture beginning July 1, 2000.

PART GGGG proposed to provide an income tax deduction for public and private pension income to the extent that the pension income, together with social security benefits and railroad retirement benefits, does not exceed \$6,000 in tax years beginning in 2000, 2001 or 2002; \$8,000 for tax years beginning in 2003 or 2004; and \$10,000 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005. This Part proposed to make no change to the current law that exempts all social security and railroad retirement benefits from state income tax.

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3. Provide allocations in 5 areas. It allocates 10% of estimated tobacco settlement revenue to the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine. The Partnership for a Tobacco-free Maine is funded to create a support system for those who want to quit smoking and for other statewide tobacco interventions. Funds are provided to implement the recommendations of the Substance Abuse Services Commission, and a program is established to improve delivery of and access to quality care for Medicaid recipients. Funding is also provided to cover an anticipated Medicaid shortfall.

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House Amendment "G" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1151) proposed to deallocate funds allocated from the Fund for a Healthy Maine in Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part PP for community family planning and pregnancy prevention services.

House Amendment "H" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1152) proposed to remove from Committee Amendment "A" the provisions establishing the Maine Learning Technology Endowment and the funding appropriated for that endowment.

House Amendment "I" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1153) proposed to require the Department of Human Services to adopt rules increasing annually the amount of income that may be retained by residents of nursing and residential care facilities by the cost of living. It also proposed to include an appropriation and an allocation.

House Amendment "J" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1154) proposed to remove that portion of Committee Amendment "A" that establishes an effective date of January 1, 2001 for the repeal of the snack tax, and instead allows the repeal of the snack tax to take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

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House Amendment "L" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1156) proposed to provide a one-time appropriation of \$75,000 to the Sunrise Economic Development Council for cranberry development and marketing purposes.

House Amendment "M" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1157) proposed to deappropriate \$20,000 that would have been distributed to the City of Portland.

House Amendment "N" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1158) proposed to add a new sales tax exemption for pet food.

House Amendment "O" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1159) proposed to provide for the establishment of the Child-centered Scholarship program to provide 1,000 scholarships per year of \$3,000 each to families of children making less than \$25,000 per year living in school districts that rank in the lowest 20th percentile for academic performance if those children attend schools other than the local public school.

House Amendment "P" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1160) proposed to eliminate the Maine Learning Technology Endowment, the Maine Learning Technology Reserve and the amount up to \$20,000,000 that was designated to be set aside in the reserve for the endowment from excess revenues and unappropriated surplus.

This amendment also proposed to remove language that authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities to finance the construction of the psychiatric treatment facility and replaces that financing with a General Fund appropriation that is offset with the amounts appropriated for the Maine Learning Technology Endowment.

This amendment also proposed to implement the full indexing of the individual income tax brackets sooner beginning in tax year 2001.

House Amendment "Q" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1162) proposed to deappropriate \$20,000,000 from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment and instead uses those funds to establish the Maine Small Employer Health Insurance Program. Under the program, which would have taken effect June 30, 2001, employers with more than 5 and fewer than 26 employees would have been able to obtain health insurance for their employees through the program. The employers would pay 1/2 of the cost of the employee health insurance and the program would pay the remaining cost.

House Amendment "R" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1164) proposed to remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause. This amendment proposed to make a number of adjustments to the majority report to comport with the intent of the signers of that report.

It also proposed to shift certain appropriations, allocations and other changes in law from fiscal year 1999-00 to fiscal year 2000-01.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-716) proposed to raise the school construction debt service limit from \$84,000,000 to \$88,000,000 in 2005.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B" (S-718) proposed to provide funds to establish one Assistant District Attorney position to assist in the prosecution of juvenile crimes and domestic violence cases.

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Senate Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-725) proposed to direct the State Controller to transfer \$5,000,000 from excess General Fund revenue to the Department of Education for use in school renovation projects.

Senate Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-726) proposed to strike the Maine Learning Technology Reserve, create a School Construction Reserve and also direct the State Controller to transfer any excess General Fund reserve to the Department of Education to buy down the debt on school construction.

Senate Amendment "E" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-727) proposed to provide a sales tax exemption for electricity used in commercial agricultural production, commercial fishing or commercial aquacultural production beginning July 1, 2000.

Senate Amendment "F" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-728) proposed to remove language that establishes the Maine Learning Technology Endowment and the Education Technology Reserve. It proposed to include a General Fund appropriation to provide funding for the psychiatric treatment facility and remove language that authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities to finance the construction of the facility. It also proposed to establish state death benefits for law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty and provide funds to reduce the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System.

Senate Amendment "G" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-729) proposed to:

1. Strike the appropriation and allocation sections from the majority report and replace them with new appropriation and allocation sections.
2. Remove Parts D, R to W, GG to WW, AAA, FFF, GGG, LLL, NNN, SSS to XXX and BBBB from the majority report.
3. Add the following Parts to the majority report:

PART EEEE proposed to specify the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 2000-01 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605.

PART FFFF proposed to provide a sales tax exemption for electricity used in commercial agriculture, fishing or aquaculture beginning July 1, 2000.

PART GGGG proposed to provide an income tax deduction for public and private pension income to the extent that the pension income, together with social security benefits and railroad retirement benefits, does not exceed \$6,000 in tax years beginning in 2000, 2001 or 2002; \$8,000 for tax years beginning in 2003 or 2004; and \$10,000 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005. This Part proposed to make no change to the current law that exempts all social security and railroad retirement benefits from state income tax.

PART HHHH proposed to provide for full indexing of the individual income tax brackets for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

PART IIII proposed to provide an income tax exemption for individuals of up to \$1,500 of net long-term capital gains for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

PART JJJJ proposed to provide that the personal exemption of the state individual income is the same as the personal exemption for purposes of the federal income tax for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

PART KKKK proposed to eliminate the prepayment of 1/2 of the next year's tax on telecommunications personal property.

PART LLLL proposed to:

1. Require that revenues deposited into the Fund for a Healthy Maine that are less than estimated for programs and services supported by the Fund for a Healthy Maine must be reduced proportionately to their share of the overall fund, except the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program.
2. Amend the law to eliminate the requirement that the Fund for a Healthy Maine return a working capital advance to the General Fund.
3. Provide allocations in 5 areas. It allocates 10% of estimated tobacco settlement revenue to the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine. The Partnership for a Tobacco-free Maine is funded to create a support system for those who want to quit smoking and for other statewide tobacco interventions. Funds are provided to implement the recommendations of the Substance Abuse Services Commission, and a program is established to improve delivery of and access to quality care for Medicaid recipients. Funding is also provided to cover an anticipated Medicaid shortfall.

PART MMMM proposed to expand the eligibility of the Cub Care program to children who have not attained one year of age. It also proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of Human Services for fiscal year 2000-01 for that purpose.

PART NNNN proposed to establish a new position of school nurse consultant jointly within the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education. This position will provide statewide nursing leadership for coordinated school health care programs. This Part also proposed to include an allocation to the Department of Education from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the salary, benefits, operating and start-up costs of an Education Specialist III position to function as the school nurse consultant.

PART OOOO proposed to create the Maine Biomedical Research Program, using a \$10,000,000 allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine. Funds are intended to support biomedical research with priority given to research and research technologies with the potential to affect diseases, biomedical mechanisms or conditions that are either caused by or related to tobacco use. A report is due to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature concerning ways to share revenue, including royalties, generated by biomedical research funded by this Part.

PART PPPP proposed to expand the supplemental program of the low-cost drugs to Maine's elderly to cover 80% of the cost of generic drugs not covered in the basic program, to institute a catastrophic component whereby the Department of Human Services would establish an annual limit on the total costs to be paid by eligible persons in the program, after which the program must pay 80% of all covered drugs or medications, and to make the low-cost drugs to Maine's elderly program the payor of last resort through a 3rd-party liability recovery process.

PART QQQQ proposed to require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to attempt to sell or lease the property currently located at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville at its fair market value.

PART RRRR proposed to:

1. Establish the Equity and Access to Education Technology Fund. The fund is to be used to support the education technology needs of the State's teachers and students. Expenditures from the fund may be made only as authorized by the Legislature. The funding source for the fund will be the unexpended balance from the so-called School and Library Network Project.
2. Add maintenance and operating expenses of the ATM Distance Learning network to the allowable uses from funds received by the 0.5% assessment on telecommunications services.
3. Provide an Other Special Revenue funds allocation in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Department of Education for the maintenance and network management of the ATM Distance Learning network.

PART SSSS proposed to transfer interest on investment earnings from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund.

PART TTTT proposed to establish state death benefits for law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

PART UUUU proposed to:

1. Establish the transfer to the Retirement Allowance Fund as the first priority of the surplus revenue at the close of each fiscal year and increase the amount of that transfer to 1/2 the surplus revenue. The Maine Rainy Day Fund would receive 1/2 of the balance of the excess after the Retirement Allowance Fund transfer, or 1/4 of the surplus revenue. A similar change in the priority of claims for certain increases of General Fund revenue estimates is also included in this Part.
2. Establish a Debt Avoidance Fund that would receive the remainder of the excess revenue after the transfers to the Retirement Allowance Fund and the Maine Rainy Day Fund. The Debt Avoidance Fund is established to avoid the issuance of bonds authorized by the voters but as yet unissued.

PART VVVV proposed to include several initiatives related to long-term care, including amendments to address labor force issues in the nursing field, develop standardized contracts, provide default licensing for new applicants, reflect current costs in the principles of reimbursement, and change the duration of licensing and the surveys required of providers of long-term care services. It also proposed to require a report on ways to expand delegation of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code and provide General Fund appropriations of \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for long-term care initiatives.

Senate Amendment "H" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-730) proposed to limit reimbursement under the business equipment tax reimbursement program for eligible property first placed in service in the State, or constituting construction in progress commenced in the State, after April 1, 2001 to 90% of the property taxes paid on that property.

Senate Amendment "I" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-731) proposed to exclude from eligibility for reimbursement for property taxes paid on business equipment personal property located in a tax increment financing district that is designated after July 1, 2000.

Senate Amendment "J" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-732) proposed to deappropriate \$30,000,000 from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment and deappropriate \$2,209,294 from the General Purpose Aid

for Local Schools program. The amendment also proposed to provide an additional General Fund appropriation of \$9,500,000 for General Purpose Aid to Local Schools and provide an additional General Fund appropriation of \$22,709,294 for school renovations. The amendment also proposed to establish the education hardship cushion for fiscal year 2000-01.

Senate Amendment "K" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-733) proposed to provide that roll call votes of the Legislature be available to the public via the Internet within one hour of the roll call.

Senate Amendment "L" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-734) proposed to increase the State's share for health insurance premiums for retired educators from 30% to 35% on July 1, 2001.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 1999, chapter 731 does the following, summarized below by part and section:

<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
A	A-1	Supplemental General Fund Appropriations/Deappropriations
	A-2	Supplemental Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations/Deallocations
	A-3	Supplemental Other Special Revenue funds Allocations/Deallocations
	A-4	Supplemental Federal Block Grant Fund Allocations/Deallocations
	A-5	Bureau of Revenue Services Fund Allocations
	A-6	Supplemental Alcoholic Beverage Fund Allocations/Deallocations
	A-7	Supplemental Prison Industries Fund Allocations
	A-8	Supplemental Seed Potato Board Fund Deallocations
	A-9	Supplemental State Lottery Fund Allocations
	A-10	Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund Allocations (Also see Part M)
	A-11	Supplemental Office of Information Services Fund Allocations
B	B-1	General Fund Appropriations for Reclassifications
	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 Allocations for Reclassifications
C	C-1	General Fund Deappropriations to Fund Reclassifications
D	D-1	Establishes the education hardship cushion for fiscal year 2000-01
	D-2, D-5	Establishes the per pupil guarantee and statewide factor for fiscal year 2000-01
	D-3	Changes statewide local share for education operating costs allocation for fiscal year 2000-01
	D-4, D-6, D-7, D-8, D-9	Establishes basic elementary and secondary per pupil operating rates, foundation allocation and appropriation for education funding for fiscal year 2000-01

- D-10, D-13 Establishes debt service appropriation and allocation for education funding for fiscal year 2000-01
- D-14 - D-15 Establishes adjustments, miscellaneous costs appropriation and totals for education funding for fiscal year 2000-01
- D-16 Permits unexpended balances in individual GPA programs to be applied to other GPA programs to avoid prorating payments
- D-17 Limits state GPA payments to amounts appropriated for GPA
- E
 - E-1 Implements the modified accrual method of accounting for Corporate Income Tax, Cigarette and Tobacco Tax, Estate Tax and the Real Estate Transfer Tax (Also see PL 1999, c. 732, Part F, Section F-1)
 - E-2 Recognizes payments to the Estate Tax Suspense Account as General Fund Revenue beginning in fiscal year 2000-01(Also see PL 1999, c. 732, Part F, Section F-2)
- F
 - F-1 Establishes salary range 90 for the position of Chief Information Officer, Department of Administrative and Financial Services and Associate Commissioner for Legislative and Program Services, Department of Corrections
 - F-2 - F-3 Establishes the position of Chief Information Officer as a major policy-influencing position within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services
 - F-4 Extends 2 limited-period positions in the Bureau of the Budget to 6/30/01
 - F-5 Transfers \$14,662,083 from the Telecommunications Personal Property Tax Reserve to General Fund unappropriated surplus in fiscal year 1999-00 to offset impact of the elimination of the prepayment (Not effective due to effective date of bill) (Also see PL 1999, c. 732, Part G, Section G-1)
 - F-6 Provides a transfer from the Transportation Funding Reserve in the General Fund to the Highway Fund in fiscal year 2000-01
 - F-7 Provides a transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Highway Fund in fiscal year 2000-01
 - F-8 Authorizes 3 limited period cartographer positions in the Bureau of Information Services through 4/15/01 to implement E-911 system
 - F-9 Authorizes one limited period position in Bureau of Accounts and Control through 12/31/00 to design and implement a new automated time and attendance system
- G
 - G-1 - G-2 Establishes the position of Associate Commissioner for Legislative and Program Services in the Department of Corrections

Services in the Department of Corrections

- G-3 Authorizes the Department of Corrections to establish intermittent positions to avoid unbudgeted overtime
- H H-1 Requires funds received by the Land for Maine's Future Board from its credit card to be deposited in a separate account and authorizes the board to expend funds from the account for administrative costs
- I I-1 Establishes Legislative intent that unallocated disaster assistance funds may be used as match for claims associated with federally approved disasters in Maine (Also see PL 1999, c. 732, Part D, Section D-1)
- J J-1 - J-3 Provides that certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife funds lapse to the General Fund to reconcile collective bargaining amounts and cover the cost of conversion to Microsoft (Also see Part III)
- K K-1, K-3 Repeals laws relating to Department of Labor oversight of safety of bedding, upholstered furniture, stuffed toys and flammable fabrics effective 6/30/01
 - K-2 Provides that funds appropriated for the Governor's Training Initiative Program do not lapse
- L L-1, L-3 - L-4 Repeals requirements for state and regional mental health family support councils
 - L-2 Permits Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to compensate consumers or their family members who are members of ad hoc committees up to \$25 per day and payment of expenses
 - L-5 Extends to 6/30/01 authority of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to allot by financial order funds received as Medicaid reimbursement from private nonmedical institutions and requires the funds to be used for community development
 - L-6 Removes requirement that the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services transfer funds from AMHI to community services to fund a safe house for trauma victims in southern Maine
 - L-7 Requires the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to seek Medicaid reimbursement for targeted case management and administrative costs for deposit in the General Fund (Also see Part JJJ)
 - L-8 Authorizes the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to substitute vacant positions for filled positions scheduled for elimination at the Bangor Mental Health Institute

M	M-1	Establishes the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund
	M-2	Provides transition language to transfer the operations of the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Dedicated Revenue Account to the Internal Service Fund
N	N-1	Authorizes the extension of one limited-period Program Director position at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to June 30, 2001
O	O-1	Authorizes the transfer of funds from the Maine Sludge and Residuals Research Foundation to the BioResource Engineering Department, University of Maine at Orono, for a State-University project
P	P-1	Changes the purpose for which funds carried forward in the Public Advocate program from fiscal year 1999-00 can be spent
Q	Q-1	Clarifies statutory language regarding the responsibility of rabies testing (See LD 1662)
	Q-2	Authorizes a transfer from Targeted Case Management - Child Welfare recoveries in the Department of Human Services to General Fund undedicated revenue
R	R-1	Delays the repeal of the Snack Tax until January 1, 2001 (See LD 2602)
S	S-1 - S-4	Provides income tax deduction of public and private retirement benefits for each individual up to \$6,000, effective with tax years beginning 2000 (See LD 2459, LD 2542 and LD 2641)
	S-5	Provides a General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2000-01 for a Tax Examiner position in the Bureau of Revenue Services to administer the new income tax exemption for pensions
T	T-1 - T-11	Indexing of income tax brackets: increases the brackets in 2002 and indexes the brackets for tax years beginning in 2003
U	U-1 - U-6	Establishes the Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund, a new state-municipal revenue-sharing program, and provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$3,600,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 (See LD 2541 and LD 2669)
V	V-1 - V-2	Establishes a non-refundable state earned income credit equal to 5% of the federal earned income credit (See LD 103)
	V-3	Provides a General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2000-01 for computer programming and a Tax Examiner position in the Bureau of Revenue Services
W	W-1 - W-4	Telecommunications personal property tax: a phased-in reduction from 27 mills to 20 mills beginning in 2003 and eliminates the prepayment of 1/2 of the next year's tax (See LD 2458 and PL 1999, c. 732, Part H)

X	X-1 - X-5	Conforms state income tax to federal treatment of deduction for health insurance costs of self-employed individuals effective with tax years beginning on or after 1/1/98
Y	Y-1 - Y-6	Clarifies Farm and Open Space property tax treatment and reduces the withdrawal penalty to the Constitutional minimum
Z	Z-1	Continues a provision related to the ability of the Maine Environmental Protection Fund to assess fees for the review of license and permit applications
AA	AA-1 - AA-2	Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services to provide monthly expenditure projections of Medicaid spending to the Appropriations Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee
	AA-3 - AA-5	Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services to provide monthly reports on the children served by the Bureau of Child and Family Services to the Appropriations Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee
BB	BB-1 - BB-2	Requires that Financial Orders that transfer 3rd or 4th quarter allotments that result from trends that cause financial commitments to exceed budgeted amounts are subject to review by the Appropriations Committee
CC	CC-1 - CC-15	Changes retirement provisions for certain state police officers and special agent investigators (see LD 2363)
	CC-16	Provides General Fund appropriations for the retirement changes made for certain state police officers and special agent investigators
DD	DD-1 - DD-2	Establishes the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and provides funding from certain excess General Fund revenues that would have been transferred to the Maine Rainy Day Fund had that fund not been at its 6% limit effective June 30, 2001
EE	EE-1	Requires Other Special Revenue funds from the reserve for hospital assessments to lapse to the General Fund (Also see PL 1999, c. 732, Part I)
	EE-2	Provides General Fund adjustments in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to provide \$850,000 to the Maine Residents Property Tax Program in fiscal year 1999-00 (Also see PL 1999, ch. 732, Part I)
FF	FF-1 - FF-6	Renames the Adaptive Equipment Loan Program to the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program
GG	GG-1 - GG-2	Repeals certain allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine authorized during 1 st Regular Session of the 119 th Legislature
HH	HH-1 - HH-2	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for tobacco prevention and cessation programs within the Department of Human Services and specifies certain criteria pertaining to grants awarded

criteria pertaining to grants awarded

II	II-1	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Department of the Attorney General
JJ	JJ-1	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for substance abuse services (See LD 1360)
KK	KK-1	Amends the specific funding requirement for the Drugs for the Elderly program and the Medicaid prescription drug waiver statutes that must be funded from the Fund for a Healthy Maine (Also see Part TT)
LL	LL-1	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Department of Human Services to expand home-visiting services to parents of newborn children
MM	MM-1	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Department of Human Services for child care and Head Start programs
NN	NN-1	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund within FAME
OO	OO-1 - OO-2	Provides Medicaid to parents and caretaker relatives under 150% of the poverty line, increases the income limit for pregnant women to 200% and amends transitional Medicaid provisions
	OO-3 - OO-5	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations to support the Medicaid expansions in OO-1 thru OO-2
PP	PP-1 - PP-2	Provides Cub Care coverage to infants under one year of age equivalent to children over one year of age (currently 200% of the poverty line) (see LD 2269)
	PP-3 - PP-4	Provides an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine and a Federal Block Grant allocation for the Cub Care expansion in PP-1 thru PP-2
QQ	QQ-1 - QQ-2	Establishes a School Nurse Consultant within the Department of Education and provides an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the related costs
RR	RR-1	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the Biennial Reserve Account to be used in future biennia and to the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine
SS	SS-1 - SS-3	Establishes the Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund and provides a one-time allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of Human Services for the first year of the screening fund (see LD 2368)

TT	TT-1 - TT-12	Expands access to the Low Cost Drugs for Maine's Elderly program by providing a benefit for generic drugs and a limit on out-of-pocket expenses in the supplemental component and provides an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Department of Human Services for these costs (Also see Part KK)
UU	UU-1 - UU-2	Provides an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine and a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation to the Department of Human Services for tobacco-related chronic disease prevention services
VV	VV-1	Provides allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for a Drug Court Coordinator position within the Judicial Department (see LD 2014)
WW	WW-1	Transfers \$15,000,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2001
XX	XX-1	Reduces the amortization schedule of the retirement system
YY	YY-1 - YY-6	Establishes school construction debt service amounts for fiscal years 2001-02 thru 2004-05 and requires the State Board of Education to study the debt service circuit breaker and the State Board and the Department of Education to adopt rules to create a plan to address capital improvement projects (see LD 870)
ZZ	ZZ-1	Requires the Governor to implement performance budgeting for the 2002-2003 biennium
AAA	AAA-1	Requires that proceeds from the sale or lease of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy be deposited in the General Fund
BBB	BBB-1	Provides for the payment of recruitment and retention adjustments for the Director, Bureau of Information Services and the Chief Information Officer
CCC	CCC-1	Amends retirement provisions for certain Department of Corrections employees due to the closing of the Bangor Pre-Release Center
DDD	DDD-1	Provides a working capital advance to establish the Northern Maine Veterans' Cemetery (See LD 2337)
EEE	EEE-1	Provides Federal Expenditures Fund headcount for one Special Education Teacher at the Maine Youth Center (See LD 2598)
FFF	FFF-1 - FFF-3	Establishes the Maine Learning Technology Endowment, creates a Task Force to make recommendations regarding the Endowment and appropriates funds to the Legislature for expenses related to the Task Force
GGG	GGG-1- GGG-4, GGG-7	Establishes the Maine Learning Technology Reserve and details General Fund transfers to the reserve up to a maximum of \$20,000,000 at the end of fiscal year 1999-00

	GGG-5	Authorizes transfer from the Salary Plan in fiscal year 2000-01 for the retroactive payment of approved reclassifications and range changes
	GGG-6	Authorizes the State Controller to keep the accounting system open to make post closing entries and adjustments related to GGG-1:GGG-3
HHH	HHH-1	Provides offsetting Other Special Revenue funds allocations and deallocations to the Department of Environmental Protection for the transfer of a Deputy Commissioner position (see LD 2547)
III	III-1 - III-2	Provides a General Fund deappropriation and Highway Fund deallocation to eliminate a vacant position in the Department of Public Safety
JJJ	JJJ-1	Provides a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Conservation to increase the number of weeks of a Laborer II position
KKK	KKK-1 - KKK-2	Increases the allowable interest rate for the University of Maine System in borrowing for capital improvements to support research and development
LLL	LLL-1	Requires that the share of the University of Maine's School of Law's operating budget that is supported by the General Fund be equivalent to the share of the University of Maine System's operating budget that is supported by the General Fund by 6/30/06
MMM	MMM-1 - MM-2	Establishes a grant program for municipalities to retain mature or dominant employers and authorizes a one-time transfer of \$345,000 from the Job Retention Program to DECD's Administration Program to provide funding for the grants
NNN	NNN-1 - NNN-3	Authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue up to \$33,000,000 for a new psychiatric treatment facility (See LD 271)
OOO	OOO-1 - OOO-2	Requires federal funds received by DMHMR&SAS related to the construction of a new psychiatric treatment facility be deposited in the Maine State Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability and requires the department to report on the amount transferred (See LD 271)
PPP	PPP-1 - PPP-2	Establishes the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund and authorizes a one-time \$1,000,000 transfer from the Victims' Compensation Fund
QQQ	QQQ-1 - QQQ-2	Increases the cap for compensation from the Victims' Compensation Fund from \$7,500 to \$15,000
RRR	RRR-1	Amends the provisions of the annual financial report of the State
SSS	SSS-1 - SSS-2	Establishes the Maine Biomedical Research Program and provides a \$10,000,000 General Fund appropriation to the Department of Economic and Community Development (see LD 2365)

TTT	TTT-1	Provides General Fund appropriations to DECD for the Forum Francophone and the Maine International Trade Center to support a shared office in Lewiston (see LD 2456)
UUU	UUU-1 - UUU-4	Establishes the Applied Technology Development Center System and provides General Fund appropriations to DECD totaling \$5,500,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 (see LD 2506)
VVV	VVV-1 - VVV-21	Establishes the Maine Microenterprise Initiative and several new economic development programs and provides General Fund appropriations to DECD, the Maine Rural Development Council and the Maine Technical College System for related purposes (see LD 2683)
WWW	WWW-1 - WWW-4	Establishes the Maine Patent Program and provides a General Fund appropriation and an Other Special Revenue funds allocation to the University of Maine System for related costs (see LD 2396)
XXX	XXX-1 - XXX-4	Requires the Maine Science and Technology Foundation to conduct an evaluation of the State's investments in research and development and provides a General Fund appropriation for the costs (see LD 2631)
YYY	YYY-1 - YYY-3	Establishes the Maine Poison Center as the official state poison control center and provides a General Fund appropriation of \$255,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for poison control services (see LD 2399)
ZZZ	ZZZ-1 - ZZZ-42	Implements the recommendations of the Court Unification Task Force and provides a General Fund appropriation to the Judicial Department for related expenses (see LD 2563)
AAAA	AAAA-1 - AAAA-2	Establishes the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission and provides General Fund appropriations totaling \$376,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for various related purposes (see LD 2685)
BBBB	BBBB 1 - BBBB-17	Requires several Long Term Care rule amendments and provides General Fund appropriations totaling \$5,000,000 to DHS and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations to implement the long term care policy changes (see LD 42)
CCCC	CCCC-1 - CCCC-2	Increases the reimbursement fee paid to municipal and county law enforcement agencies by the court from \$25 to \$50 and provides an Other Special Revenue funds allocation from the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund to support the additional costs (see LD 1251)
DDDD	DDDD-1	Provides a one-time General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Department of Education toward a principal payment at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics (see LD 2393) Not effective due to effective date of bill

EEEE	EEEE-1 - EEEE-2	Authorizes carrying balances within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to lapse to the General Fund in FY 2000-01 and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$400,000 for automating Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's licensing, registration and permit processes
FFFF	FFFF-1 - FFFF-2	Establishes Adult Education as a separate program within the Department of Education's budget
GGGG	GGGG-1 - GGGG-3	Authorizes the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to carry forward to fiscal year 2000-01 up to \$100,000 in the Personal Services line category as unallocated General Fund resources to support initiatives for approval and improvement of the school
HHHH	HHHH-1 - HHHH-6	Provides supplemental General Fund appropriations, Federal Expenditures Fund allocations, Other Special Revenue fund allocations, Bureau of Revenue Services Fund allocations and Alcoholic Beverage Fund allocations in fiscal year 2000-01
IIII	IIII-1	Provides that certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife funds lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2000-01 to offset cost of collective bargaining (Also see Part J)
JJJJ	JJJJ-1	Requires the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to seek Medicaid reimbursement for targeted case management and administrative costs for deposit in the General Fund (Also see Part J-7)
KKKK	KKKK-1	Provides supplemental allocations of Federal Block Grant Funds in fiscal year 2000-01

As a result of an August 2000 effective date for this bill, FY 1999-00 appropriations and allocations will not be effective in fiscal year 1999-00 and, consequently, lapse without becoming effective.

LD 2534 **An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund, 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 737
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JABAR O'GARA	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-1139
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LD 2534 proposed the following:

PART A

1. Proposed to make supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund.

2. Proposed to make supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund.
3. Proposed to make supplemental allocations from Other Special Revenue funds.

PART B

1. Proposed to make allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.
2. Proposed to make allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.
3. Proposed to make allocations from the Highway Garage Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C

1. Proposed to establish the improvement of the rural arterial highway system to modern design standards as an objective for the Department of Transportation to achieve within the next 10 years.
2. Proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Transportation to transfer by financial order identified Personal Services Highway Fund savings not to exceed \$2,500,000 to the Building Renovations Account.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1139) proposed to increase the cost to the Highway Fund by \$450,000 in fiscal year 2000-01. It also proposed to fund a number of additional reclassifications. The amendment also proposed to authorize the transfer of up to \$4,000,000 of unallocated surplus from the Highway Fund to the Highway and Bridge Improvement program within the Department of Transportation for use in fiscal year 2000-01. The amendment also proposed to increase the interest cap for lease-purchase agreements entered into by the Department of Transportation. Finally, the amendment proposed to add a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 1999, chapter 737 was jointly referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation and does the following, summarized below by part and section:

<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
A	A-1	Supplemental Highway Fund Allocations/Deallocations
	A-2	Supplemental Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations/Deallocations
	A-3	Supplemental Other Special Revenue funds Allocations/Deallocations
B	B-1	Highway Fund Allocations for Reclassifications
	B-2	Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations for Reclassifications
	B-3	Highway Garage Fund Allocations for Reclassifications

C	C-1	Requires DOT to present biennial budgets to improve arterial program to modern design standards within 10 years
	C-2	Authorizes DOT to transfer up to \$2,500,000 in Personal Services Highway Fund savings to the Building Renovations Account
D	D-1	Authorizes the transfer of up to \$4,000,000 in unallocated surplus in the Highway Fund at the end of fiscal year 1999-00 to the Highway and Bridge Improvement program within the Department of Transportation for use in fiscal year 2000-01
E	E-1	Amends the interest rate for lease-purchase contracts administered by the Department of Transportation for the procurement of certain vehicles or equipment

Chapter 737 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 25, 2000.

LD 2536 An Act to Provide Funding for Mental Retardation Day Services INDEF PP
and Residential Services for Nonclass Members

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BERRY R LAWRENCE	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2536 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$12,180,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to provide day services and residential services to people with mental retardation who are not class members.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-906) proposed to strike the appropriation section in the bill and add an appropriation section, an allocation section and a fiscal note.

While this bill was indefinitely postponed, General Fund appropriations for this purpose were included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part A-1.

LD 2539 Resolve, to Make Community College Partnership Programs More ONTP
Accessible and Affordable

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LAWRENCE ROWE	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2539 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to establish endowments for scholarships at the University of Maine System and Maine Technical College System. The resolve proposed that the interest from these endowments must be dedicated to scholarships for students who are enrolled in courses offered under the community college partnership and who demonstrated the requisite need for financial assistance.

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

LD 2552 proposed to make allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine, the fund that receives the proceeds of the settlement of Maine's lawsuit against certain tobacco manufacturers, State of Maine v. Philip Morris, et al.

PART A proposed to repeal certain allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine that are proposed to be changed in this bill.

PART B proposed to provide funding for the design, planning, implementation and coordination of statewide community-based smoking prevention, cessation and control programs, enforcement and grants. It proposed to establish a new program in the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health to administer and coordinate these programs and grants.

PART C proposed to establish a position in the Department of the Attorney General to enforce escrow payments required from cigarette manufacturers who did not participate in the settlement.

PART D proposed to provide funding to the Office of Substance Abuse within the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for the provision of substance abuse services to uninsured or underinsured children and adults; start-up costs for a treatment facility for youth and a treatment facility for women in northern Maine; start-up costs for the provision of substance abuse services in underserved geographic areas and to underserved populations; support of direct care workers as recommended by the Task Force on Substance Abuse; and the provision of substance abuse services to adults under the direction of Maine courts.

PART E proposed to increase the amount currently required by law to be allocated to the elderly low-cost drug program, as expanded by Public Law 1999, chapter 401, from not less than \$5,000,000 to not less than \$10,000,000.

Under current law, the Department of Human Services is required to seek a federal waiver to authorize the department to provide Medicaid prescription drug benefits to qualified persons who are 62 years of age or older or who are 19 years of age or older and determined by the department to be disabled under the standards of the federal social security program and who have household income up to and including 185% of the nonfarm income official poverty line. Pending the receipt of the federal waiver, PART E also proposed to require the funds allocated for the State's share to be allocated on a quarterly basis, beginning July 1, 2000, to expand the categories of illnesses covered under the elderly low-cost drug program.

PART F proposed to provide funds to expand home-visiting services to the parents of newborn children and the support and training of persons who perform those visits. This PART also proposed to require an evaluation of the effectiveness of home visits to be done and provide funding for that purpose as recommended by the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing, established in Resolve 1999, chapter 66.

PART G proposed to provide funding to the Department of Human Services to perform an assessment of the quality, accessibility and affordability of child care in Maine and the need for staff training and facilities and equipment improvement for child care programs and allocate funds to carry out the recommendations of the assessments.

PART G also proposed to provide funding to expand Head Start to allow for full-day, year-round coverage for children up to 5 years of age. Funds were also proposed to offer child care providers incentives to offer care during odd hours, in underserved geographic areas, to at-risk children or to children with special needs. Ten positions were proposed to be created and funded in the Community Services Center to provide additional support.

PART G also proposed to provide funds for additional child care subsidies for infants, toddlers, preschool and school-aged children and provide funds for after-school services to children 12-to-15 years of age.

PART H proposed to provide funding for Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund scholarships, which are scholarships based on financial need for residents of the State who are enrolled in one or more courses related to early childhood education or child development at accredited institutions of higher education.

PART I proposed to require the Department of Human Services to provide Medicaid services, within budgetary limits, to the parent or caretaker of a child up to 19 years of age when the child's family income is below 150% of the nonfarm income official poverty line; funding for the State's share of the cost of this expansion is provided. The PART also proposed that if the Commissioner of Human Services determines that there are not adequate funds, then the commissioner is required to adjust the income eligibility limits.

PART I also proposed to change the eligibility requirements of transitional Medicaid to require past participation in Medicaid instead of in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. The PART also proposed funding for the State's share of an additional position to aid in managing Medicaid coverage in the Bureau of Medical Services within the Department of Human Services and the cost of modifying transitional Medicaid assistance.

PART J proposed to expand access to Cub Care to pregnant women and infants under one year of age and provide funding for those purposes.

PART K proposed to establish and fund the position of school nurse consultant within the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education. The school nurse consultant's duties include acting as a liaison to school health care provider and policy-setting groups; providing health care, nursing, policy and legal information regarding school nursing, school health care programs and professional development; promoting staff development and promoting nursing excellence and optimal health of school children.

PART L proposed to allocate funds to a biennial reserve account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to be used in future biennia as allocated by subsequent Legislatures.

PART M proposed to require the working capital advance of \$3,500,000 authorized in Public Law 1999, chapter 401 to be repaid by May 1, 2000.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-941), the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, replaced the bill. It also proposed to make allocations from the Fund for a Healthy

Maine, the fund that receives the proceeds of the settlement of Maine's lawsuit against certain tobacco manufacturers, *State of Maine v. Philip Morris, et al.*

PART A proposed to repeal certain allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine that are changed by this amendment.

PART B proposed to provide funding for the design, planning, implementation and coordination of statewide community-based smoking prevention, cessation and control programs, program evaluation, research and grants. A new program in the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health is proposed to be established to administer and coordinate these programs and grants. Grants would be distributed across the major geographical areas of the State.

PART C proposed to establish a position in the Department of the Attorney General to enforce escrow payments required from cigarette manufacturers who did not participate in the settlement.

PART D proposed to provide funding to the Office of Substance Abuse within the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for the provision of substance abuse services to uninsured or underinsured children and adults; start-up costs for a treatment facility for youth and a treatment facility for women in northern Maine; start-up costs for the provision of substance abuse services in underserved geographic areas and to underserved populations; support of direct care workers as recommended by the Task Force on Substance Abuse; facility and equipment improvements related to health, safety and capacity building; and the provision of substance abuse services to adults who have been referred by the Maine courts.

PART E proposed to increase the amount currently required by law to be allocated to the elderly low-cost drug program, as expanded by Public Law 1999, chapter 401, from not less than \$5,000,000 to not less than \$10,000,000.

Under current law, the Department of Human Services is required to seek a federal waiver to authorize the department to provide Medicaid prescription drug benefits to qualified persons who are 62 years of age or older or who are 19 years of age or older and determined by the department to be disabled under the standards of the federal social security program and who have household income up to and including 185% of the nonfarm income official poverty line. Pending the receipt of the federal waiver, PART E also proposed to require that the funds allocated for the State's share be allocated on a quarterly basis, beginning July 1, 2000, to expand the categories of illnesses covered under the elderly low-cost drug program.

PART F proposed to provide funds to expand home-visiting services to the parents of newborn children and the support, training and education of persons who perform those visits. This PART also proposed to require an evaluation of the effectiveness of home visits to be done and provide funding for that purpose as recommended by the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing, established in Resolve 1999, chapter 66.

PART G proposed to provide funding to the Department of Human Services to perform an assessment of the quality, accessibility and affordability of child care in Maine and the need for staff training and facilities and equipment improvement for child care programs and allocate funds to carry out the recommendations of the assessments.

PART G also proposed to provide funding to expand Head Start to allow for full-day, year-round coverage for children up to 5 years of age. Funds proposed to offer child care providers incentives to offer care during odd hours, in underserved geographic areas, to at-risk children or to children with special needs. Ten positions were

proposed to be created and funded in the Community Services Center to provide additional support. Three and one-half positions were proposed to be created and funded to conduct mandatory fire safety inspections at child care facilities.

PART G also proposed to provide funds for additional child care subsidies for infants, toddlers, preschool and school-aged children and proposed to provide funds for after-school services to children 12-to-15 years of age.

PART H proposed to provide funding for Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund scholarships, which are scholarships based on financial need for residents of the State who are enrolled in one or more courses related to early childhood education or child development at accredited institutions of higher education.

PART I proposed to require the Department of Human Services to provide Medicaid services, within budgetary limits, to the parent or caretaker of a child up to 19 years of age when the child's family income is below 150% of the nonfarm income official poverty line; funding for the State's share of the cost of this expansion is provided. PART I also proposed that if the Commissioner of Human Services determines that there are not adequate funds, then the commissioner is required to adjust the income eligibility limits.

PART I also proposed to change the eligibility requirements of transitional Medicaid to require past participation in Medicaid instead of in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. This PART also proposed funding for the State's share of an additional position to aid in managing Medicaid coverage in the Bureau of Medical Services within the Department of Human Services and the cost of modifying transitional Medicaid assistance is provided.

PART J proposed to expand access to Cub Care to infants under one year of age, expand access to Medicaid for pregnant women and provide funding for those purposes.

PART K proposed to establish and fund the position of school nurse consultant within the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education. The school nurse consultant's duties would include acting as a liaison to school health care provider and policy-setting groups; providing health care, nursing, policy and legal information regarding school nursing, school health care programs and professional development; promoting staff development and promoting nursing excellence and optimal health of school children.

PART L proposed to allocate funds to a biennial reserve account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to be used in future biennia as allocated by subsequent Legislatures. It also proposed to allocate 10% of estimated tobacco settlement revenue to the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine.

PART M proposed to require the working capital advance of \$3,500,000 authorized in Public Law 1999, chapter 401 be repaid by May 1, 2000.

PART N proposed to create the Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund, utilizing a voluntary income tax contribution checkoff. It also proposed to provide a one-time \$250,000 allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for first-year funding of the Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund.

This amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-942), the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, would have replaced the bill.

PART A of this amendment proposed to require that revenues deposited into the Fund for a Healthy Maine that are less than estimated for programs and services supported by the Fund for a Healthy Maine must be reduced proportionately to their share of the overall fund, except the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program.

PART A also proposed to amend the law to eliminate the requirement that the Fund for a Healthy Maine return a working capital advance to the General Fund.

PART A also proposed to provide allocations in 5 areas. It proposed to allocate 10% of estimated tobacco settlement revenue to the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine. The Partnership for a Tobacco-free Maine is proposed to be funded to create a support system for those who want to quit smoking and for other statewide tobacco interventions. Funds are proposed to implement the recommendations of the Substance Abuse Services Commission, and a program is proposed to be established to improve delivery of and access to quality care for Medicaid recipients. Funding is also proposed to cover an anticipated Medicaid shortfall.

PART B proposed to establish and fund the position of school nurse consultant within the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education. The school nurse consultant's duties would include acting as a liaison to school health care providers and policy-setting groups; providing health care, nursing, policy and legal information regarding school nursing, school health care programs and professional development; promoting staff development, nursing excellence and optimal health of school children.

PART C proposed to create the Maine Biomedical Research Program, using a \$10,000,000 allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine. Funds are proposed to support biomedical research with priority given to research and research technologies with the potential to affect diseases, biomedical mechanisms or conditions that are either caused by or related to tobacco use. A report is proposed to be due to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature concerning ways to share revenue, including royalties, generated by biomedical research funded by this Act.

PART D proposed to expand the supplemental program of the Low-cost Drug to Maine's Elderly to cover 80% of the cost of generic drugs not covered in the basic program, to institute a catastrophic component whereby the Department of Human Services would establish an annual limit on the total costs to be paid by eligible persons in the program, after which the program must pay 80% of all covered drugs or medications and make the Low-cost Drugs to Maine's Elderly program the payor of last resort through a 3rd-party liability recovery process.

The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note.

House Amendment "A "to Committee Amendment "A " (H-964) proposed to remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause. It also proposed to adjust the allocation to the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine accordingly and remove the requirement that the working capital advance be repaid prior to May 1, 2000.

While this bill was indefinitely postponed, allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine were included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part GG to Part VV and Part HHHH-3.

LD 2555

An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
MURPHY T

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2555 proposed to require that revenues deposited into the Fund for a Healthy Maine that are less than estimated for programs and services supported by the Fund for a Healthy Maine must be reduced proportionately to their share of the overall fund, except the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program.

The bill also proposed to create a program, administered by the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health to encourage and assist primary and secondary schools to develop comprehensive school health education and school health services that, in coordination with a program of community health initiatives, would reduce the rates of tobacco addiction, physical inactivity, poor nutrition and tobacco-related chronic disease.

The bill further proposed to create a similar program for communities that develop comprehensive community health interventions and health services that reduce the rates of tobacco addiction, physical inactivity, poor nutrition and tobacco-related chronic disease.

Sections 4 and 5 proposed to make allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for a comprehensive health effort that encourages state agencies, communities, schools and health care providers to work together to address tobacco-related chronic disease in Maine.

While this bill was reported Ought Not to Pass, allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine were included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part GG to Part VV and Part HHHH-3.

LD 2568

Resolve, to Provide Temporary Relief from the Excise Tax on Diesel Fuel

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

Sponsor(s)
WINSOR

Committee Report
OTP-AM MAJ
ONTP MIN

Amendments Adopted
H-901
H-912 WINSOR

LD 2568 proposed to provide immediate relief to the trucking industry in Maine by suspending the excise tax of 23¢ per gallon imposed on distillates, also known as "diesel fuel." The suspension would have been for 30 days, but may have been extended for 15 more days if the Governor determined that the retail price of distillates had not decreased below \$1.50 per gallon. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services would be required to provide notice of the provisions of this bill to suppliers and retail dealers of distillates.

The bill also proposed to transfer from the General Fund to the Highway Fund the amount of revenue lost due to the suspension of the distillates excise tax, as determined by the Bureau of Revenue Services.

This bill was jointly referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-901) proposed to change the bill to a resolve. It proposed to establish a rebate for qualifying diesel fuel purchases made in this State during the period from February 1, 2000 to March 15, 2000. The rebate would have been equal to the 23¢-per-gallon excise tax on diesel fuel.

It also proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

House Amendment "A" (H-912) proposed to strike the emergency preamble and clause and change the fiscal year for which the appropriation is provided.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-968) proposed to change the source of the funds for the rebate of the excise taxes on diesel fuel from the General Fund to the Highway Fund.

LD 2572 **An Act to Fund the Cost of the Waiver of Tuition, Fees and Other Expenses for Native American Students in the Maine Technical College System, University of Maine System and Maine Maritime Academy** **ONTP**

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

LD 2572 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$4,222,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to cover the cost of the waiver of tuition, fees and other expenses for students who are Native Americans in the Maine Technical College System, the University of Maine System and the Maine Maritime Academy.

LD 2589 **An Act to Appropriate Matching Funds for the Study of Nondefense Uses of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard** **INDEF PP**

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

LD 2589 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to match funds to provide for an evaluation of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to determine the utility of the facilities and technologies available at the shipyard for use by private sector industries for nondefense-related projects. The evaluation would have been conducted by the Southern Maine Economic Development District in coordination with the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Economic Development Administration, and the Town of Kittery, among others. At the completion of the evaluation, the same group would have been required to develop a marketing plan to advertise the assets available at the shipyard and in the Town of Kittery.

While this bill was indefinitely postponed, General Fund appropriations for this purpose were included in Private and Special Law 1999, Chapter 99.

LD 2598 **An Act to Enhance Teacher Development and Meet the Special Needs of Students at the Southern Maine Juvenile Facility** **DIED BETWEEN HOUSES**

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

LD 2598 proposed to make an appropriation to the Southern Maine Juvenile Facility to enhance teacher development and meet special educational needs of students at the facility. Specifically, the bill proposed to provide \$100,000 for professional development in special education and alternative education, \$39,794 for an additional special education teacher and \$75,000 for tutors and short-term substitutes necessary to address the educational needs of students when the student population is at maximum capacity.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-900) proposed to replace the bill and include an appropriation section to provide funding to the Southern Maine Juvenile Facility to enhance teacher development and meet the special educational needs of students at the facility. Specifically, the amendment proposed to provide \$100,000 for professional development in special education and alternative education, \$39,794 for an additional special education teacher and \$75,000 for substitute teachers necessary to address the educational needs of students when the student population is at maximum capacity.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-919) proposed to maintain the same funding contained in the committee amendment but also provide funding for 2 part-time teacher positions and one teacher aide position due to a loss of federal funding. It also proposed to add an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the amendment.

LD 2609 Resolve, to Ensure Adequate Funding for the Lewiston District Court RESOLVE 120

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERUBE MENDROS	OTP-AM	S-561 S-708 MICHAUD

LD 2609 proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in the amount of \$2,000,000 to replace the Lewiston District Court. This authorization would be in addition to the \$5,000,000 previously approved. The additional authority would be needed to meet increased construction costs and to provide an expansion in the size of the facility.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-561) proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-708) proposed to specify that the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority may issue additional securities on or after July 1, 2001. The amendment also proposed to strike the appropriation section.

Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 1999, chapter 120 authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in its own name in the amount of \$2,000,000 on or after July 1, 2001 to replace the Lewiston District Court.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE WHEELER G	OTP-AM	S-616 S-796 MICHAUD

LD 2611 proposed to appropriate matching funds of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Southern Maine Economic Development District to provide for an evaluation of the United States Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine to determine the utility of the facilities and technologies available at the shipyard for use by private sector industries for nondefense-related projects. The proposed evaluation would be conducted by the Southern Maine Economic Development District in coordination with the Department of Economic and Community Development, the federal Economic Development Administration and the Town of Kittery, among others. At the completion of the evaluation, the same group would be required to develop a marketing plan to advertise the assets available at the shipyard and in the Town of Kittery.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-616) proposed to prohibit the expenditure of funds appropriated in the bill unless matching funds are received from the federal Economic Development Administration. If matching funds were not received, the funds appropriated in the bill would revert to the General Fund. The amendment also proposed to change the appropriation to the Department of Economic and Community Development for the Southern Maine Economic Development District and proposed that the district submit a plan for the use of the funds to the department, which has approval and oversight authority.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-759) proposed to add an appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the bill to provide funds to the Department of the Attorney General to be used to respond to the complaint filed by New Hampshire against Maine in the United States Supreme Court seeking to resolve the dispute regarding the boundary between Maine and New Hampshire and would require the Attorney General to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs concerning expenses incurred.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-796) proposed to add an appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the bill to provide funds to the Department of the Attorney General to be used to respond to the complaint filed by New Hampshire against Maine in the United States Supreme Court seeking to resolve the dispute regarding the boundary between Maine and New Hampshire and would require the Attorney General to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs concerning expenses incurred.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 99 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 to the Department of Economic and Community Development for the Southern Maine Economic Development District to match an anticipated federal grant of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to evaluate the United States Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine to determine the potential use by private sector industries for nondefense-related projects. The funds will lapse to the General Fund if the federal grant is not received.

A General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 is also included in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of the Attorney General to meet legal costs related to legal proceedings concerning the location of the United States

Naval Shipyard in Kittery. The Department of the Attorney General is also required to report to the joint standing committee of the legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs each December 31st concerning expenses incurred in the contingent account.

LD 2616 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$17,250,000 to Construct Water Pollution Control Facilities, to Close and Clean Up Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, to Make Drinking Water System Improvements and to Construct New or Retrofit Existing Pollution Control Structures on Maine Farms to Protect the Environment** **ONTP**

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

LD 2616 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$17,250,000 that would have been used for the following purposes:

1. \$8,000,000 to construct water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
2. \$1,250,000 to close and clean up municipal solid waste landfills;
3. \$3,000,000 to address environmental health deficiencies in public water supplies, providing the state match for \$15,000,000 in federal funds; and
4. \$5,000,000 to construct new or retrofit existing pollution control structures on Maine farms to protect the environment.

LD 2619 **An Act to Fund the Construction of Court Facilities in Maine** **PUBLIC 787**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE CAMPBELL	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-757

LD 2619 proposed to raise the bonding limit of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority from \$83,000,000 to \$98,000,000. The increase of \$15,000,000 would be used for the construction of court facilities in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-757) was the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. It proposed to strike the bill and replace it with a provision that would raise the bonding limit of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority from \$83,000,000 to \$93,000,000. The increase of \$10,000,000 would be used for the construction of court facilities in the State. No issuances would take place until approved by the Legislature. This amendment proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 1999, chapter 787 increases the bonding limit of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority from \$83,000,000 to \$93,000,000 to provide \$10,000,000 for the construction of court facilities in the state. No issuances will take place until approved by the Legislature.

LD 2630 An Act to Support Maine's Only Representative to the Nation's Capital Bicentennial Celebration P & S 89

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUHLIN CAMPBELL	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	S-701 MURRAY

LD 2630 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$12,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Brewer Hometown Band, which is representing the State at the Nation's Capital Bicentennial Celebration in October. These funds would be matched by funds to be raised by the band.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-605), the minority report, proposed to remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill, move the appropriation to fiscal year 2000-01 and add a fiscal note.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-701), a Committee of Conference amendment, proposed to provide up to \$10,000 to the Brewer Hometown Band. These funds would be matched by funds to be raised by the band.

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 89 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Brewer Hometown Band, which will represent the State at the Nation's Capital Bicentennial Celebration in October. The funds match funds to be raised by the band.

LD 2632 An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Sunset Bay Company ONTP

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

LD 2632 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Eagle Island ferry service.

While this bill was reported Ought Not to Pass, a General Fund appropriation of \$5,000 was provided in fiscal year 2000-01 in Private and Special Law 1999, Chapter 91 for the Eagle Island Ferry Service.

LD 2635 An Act to Promote Equity in Funding of Ferry Services ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUDLEY	ONTP MAJ	
ABROMSON	OTP MIN	

LD 2635 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Transportation for the operation of the ferry operated by the Casco Bay Island Transit District.

LD 2637 An Act to Fund the State's Share for Salt or Sand-salt Storage ONTP
Facilities Construction

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

LD 2637 proposed to provide a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,820,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Transportation for use in the construction of salt or sand-salt storage facilities.

LD 2646 An Act to Fund the Collective Bargaining Agreements and Benefits P & S 72
of Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining and for Certain EMERGENCY
Employees Excluded from Collective Bargaining

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROWE		H-916 Townsend
LAWRENCE		

Part A of LD 2646 proposed the following:

1. Reflect the costs from the General Fund to fund the bargaining agreements.
2. Reflect the costs from the Highway Fund to fund the bargaining agreements.
3. Provide for a lump sum payment in fiscal year 1999-00 for bargaining unit members.
4. Provide for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 1999-00 for bargaining unit members.
5. Provide for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 2000-01 for bargaining unit members.
6. Provide for the addition of a new step at the top of the salary schedules and the elimination of the lowest step for bargaining unit members.
7. Provide for similar and equitable treatment of probationary and other employees in classifications in the bargaining unit.

Part B proposed to authorize use of the Salary Plan program to fund the collective bargaining agreements and other cost items, provide that positions supported from other funds must be funded whenever possible from

those other sources and provide for reimbursement to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for costs incurred in the process of collective bargaining, contract administration and related costs.

House Amendment "A" (H-916) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 72 implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the State and the Maine State Troopers Association for employees in the Maine State Police bargaining unit. It provides for a lump sum payment in fiscal year 1999-00 for bargaining unit members, adjusts the salary schedules in fiscal year 1999-00 and 2000-01 for bargaining unit members, provides for the addition of a new step at the top of the salary schedules and the elimination of the lowest step for bargaining unit members and provides for similar and equitable treatment of probationary and other employees in classifications in the bargaining unit.

Part B, chapter 72 authorizes use of the Salary Plan program to fund the collective bargaining agreements and other cost items provided 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 process of collective bargaining, contract administration and related costs.

Chapter 72 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 31, 2000.

LD 2647 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,550,000 to Renovate Teaching Laboratories, Classrooms and Dormitories of the Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine Technical College System and the University of Maine System** **ONTP**

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

LD 2647 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$25,550,000, that would have been used to renovate higher education laboratories, classrooms and dormitories of the Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine Technical College System and the University of Maine System.

While this bill was reported Ought Not to Pass, General Fund appropriations for capital improvement for these institutions were included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part A-1.

LD 2653 **An Act to Create an Assessment Resource Center for Maine's Homeless and At-risk Youth** **ONTP**

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

LD 2653 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Human Services to create an assessment resource center for Maine's homeless and at risk youth.

LD 2664 **An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Federal Retirement Recovery Claim** **INDEF PP**

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

LD 2664 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$2,740,577 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in final settlement of the claim of the Federal Government for overpayment of retirement contributions for fiscal years 1991-92 and 1992-93.

While this bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation for this purpose of \$2,740,577 in fiscal year 1999-00 was included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 732, Part A-1.

Sponsor(s)Committee Report
ONTPAmendments Adopted

LD 2683 proposed the following:

PART A proposed to modify the Economic Recovery Program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine by making the programs more flexible to meet the needs of Maine businesses.

The modifications would have allowed the Finance Authority of Maine to establish repayment terms reflective of the risk of a particular loan by allowing the authority to use financing techniques such as obtaining repayment based on the performance of the company through royalty payments, repayment tied to actual cash flow or through a convertible debenture, which allows the debt to be converted to equity in the company.

It also proposed to repeal the requirement that an applicant must have been turned down by all other lenders. This would have allowed the Finance Authority of Maine to participate in financing packages with commercial lenders and other economic development agencies.

PART B proposed to modify the Maine Economic Development Venture Capital Revolving Investment Program Fund administered by the Finance Authority of Maine.

It proposed to clarify that capitalization of the fund may come from sources other than direct appropriations.

It proposed to amend the law to allow the authority to invest in newly established venture capital funds that show evidence of likelihood of success by the manager's background and other factors, as well as established venture capital funds.

It proposed to amend the law to require that a private venture capital fund receiving an investment from the authority certify to the authority that it would undertake to invest in an amount equal to the authority's investment in Maine manufacturers or Maine companies that are involved in the development or application of advanced technologies that provide a product or service that is sold or projected to be sold predominantly outside the State or that otherwise bring capital into the State.

It proposed to repeal the prohibition on an officer or employee of a private venture capital firm from participating in a decision on a project in which the officer or employee has a direct financial interest. It proposed to replace that provision with a requirement that the authority's contract with the private venture capital firm give the authority rights and access equal to all other investors in the venture capital firm.

It proposed to amend the law to allow the venture capital funds receiving an investment to use up to 4% annually of the funds received from the authority for administrative purposes.

It proposed to repeal a provision that requires that a private venture capital firm invest 80% of all its funds in a business that is eligible for the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit.

It proposed to add a requirement that private venture capital funds that receive an investment from the authority report on the amount of funds invested in Maine manufacturers or Maine companies that are involved in the

development or application of advanced technologies, that provide a product or service sold or projected to be sold predominantly outside the State or that otherwise bring capital into the State.

It proposed to transfer funds that have revolved back into the Economic Recovery Program Fund to the Maine Economic Development Venture Capital Revolving Investment Program Fund.

PART C proposed to appropriate funds to the Department of Economic and Community Development for an information technology manager to work with the Maine Business Works program.

PART D proposed to appropriate funds to the Department of Economic and Community Development to allow the department to contract with a field representative to serve in a currently underserved and economically depressed area.

PART E proposed to direct the Maine Rural Development Council to provide advocacy for the social and economic needs of rural Maine communities and to develop community capacity building projects, and it proposed to appropriate \$125,000 to the council. The Maine Rural Development Council is a quasi-independent state agency whose members are representatives from intergovernmental and interagency associations concerning rural development issues.

PART F proposed to establish the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund in the Department of Economic and Community Development for grants to community-based organizations providing training and technical assistance to microenterprises. The department would be required to adopt rules to establish grant application procedures and criteria. The bill proposed to appropriate from the General Fund a nonlapsing \$1,000,000 to the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund.

PART G proposed to establish the Regional Economic Development Assistance Fund in the Department of Economic and Community Development for grants to nonprofit community organizations providing local or regional economic development programs. The bill proposed to appropriate \$500,000 from the General Fund to the fund.

PART H proposed to amend the law creating the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission by authorizing the commission to identify issues related to the development of agriculturally derived fuel industries in Maine, to identify agriculturally derived fuel development programs and to analyze the potential for agriculturally derived fuel production in Maine. It also proposed to add the chief executive officer of the Finance Authority of Maine to the commission membership and add a requirement to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters.

PART I proposed to appropriate funds to the Maine Technical College System for a pilot program for the Aroostook County Machine Tool Program.

While this bill was reported Ought Not to Pass, General Fund appropriations totaling \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 were included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part VVV to enhance economic development in the State of Maine.

LD 2692

An Act to Make Emergency Appropriations or Allocations in Fiscal Year 1999-00 only for the Emergency Items

**PUBLIC 732
EMERGENCY**

LD 2692 proposed to make emergency appropriations and allocations for fiscal year 1999-00 and make specific changes to Maine Law.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 1999, chapter 732 does the following, summarized below by part and section:

<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
A	A-1	Supplemental General Fund Appropriations/Deappropriations
	A-2	Supplemental Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations/Deallocations
	A-3	Supplemental Other Special Revenue funds Allocations/Deallocations
	A-4	Supplemental Alcoholic Beverage Fund Allocations
B	B-1	General Fund Appropriations for Reclassifications
	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 Allocations for Reclassifications
C	C-1	General Fund Deappropriations to fund Reclassifications
D	D-1	Establishes Legislative intent that unallocated disaster assistance funds may be used as match for claims associated with federally approved disasters in Maine (Also see PL 1999, c. 731, Part I, Section I-1)
E	E-1	Authorizes the extension of one limited-period Program Director position at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to June 30, 2001
F	F-1	Implements the modified accrual method of accounting for Corporate Income Tax, Cigarette and Tobacco Tax, Estate Tax and the Real Estate Transfer Tax (Also see PL 1999, c. 731, Part E, Section E-1)
	F-2	Recognizes payments to the Estate Tax Suspense account as General Fund revenue beginning in fiscal year 2000-01 and recognizes the balance in the account at the end of fiscal year 1999-00 as General Fund revenue (Also see PL 1999, c. 731, Part E, Section E-2)
G	G-1	Transfers \$14,662,083 from the Telecommunications Personal Property Tax Reserve to General Fund unappropriated surplus to offset elimination of the prepayment of the tax (Also see PL 1999, c. 731, Part F, Section F-5)
H	H-1 - H-3	Eliminates the prepayment of the Telecommunications Personal Property Tax beginning in fiscal year 1999-00 (Also see PL 1999, c. 731, Part W)

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| I | I-1 | Lapses \$719, 935 to the General Fund equal to the amount reserved for the hospital assessment repealed June 30, 1998 (Also see PL 1999, c. 731, Part EE, Section EE-1) |
| | I-2 | Provides an additional General Fund appropriation to pay for additional claims under the Maine Residents Property Tax Program (Also see PL 1999, c. 731, Part EE, Section EE-2) |

Chapter 732 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 25, 2000.

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