

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

LD 3 An Act to Amend the Membership of the Revenue Forecasting Committee CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRUNO		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 3 proposes to change the membership of the Revenue Forecasting Committee by replacing one of the Legislature's nonpartisan staff members with a public member who works for a private, for-profit business.

LD 39 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 to Promote Affordable Housing ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRENNAN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 39 proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$10,000,000, that would be used for the Maine State Housing Authority to address the affordable housing crisis across the State by renovating or replacing affordable apartments and homes, by providing housing for people who were homeless, by reducing the costs of acquiring land for the development of new affordable housing, by providing predevelopment costs to nonprofit housing organizations and providing housing for mental health services consumers.

LD 47 Resolve, to Fund Scholarships to the Seeds of Peace Camp CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HEIDRICH BENNETT, R		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 47 proposes to provide \$25,000 for each of the next two fiscal years to support scholarships to the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield, Maine.

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LD 115 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Enable Low-income and Moderate-income Families to Conserve Energy in Their Homes** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BLISS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 115 proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount \$8,000,000 to establish the Energy Conservation Grant and Loan Program for low-income and moderate-income households to purchase and install energy conservation improvements. The Maine State Housing Authority would operate the program in consultation with the Finance Authority of Maine. The law creating the program would take effect upon voter approval of the referendum required under Part B of the bill.

LD 119 **An Act to Provide Continued Funding for the Maine Aids Program** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MAYO ADAMS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 119 proposed to appropriate \$50,000 in each year of the biennium on an ongoing basis to the Department of Labor for the continuation of the Maine Aids program through the Iris Network, formerly known as the Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

LD 120 **An Act to Continue Membership in the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Pricing** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MAYO		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 120 proposed to provide funding to allow the State to continue to pay its share of the budget to participate as a member in the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Pricing for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05.

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LD 124 **An Act to Provide Funding for Positions to Provide Computer Services to the Blind** **ONTP**

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

LD 124 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 annually in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 for the Department of Labor to support a portion of the cost of three new Computer Access Specialist positions to provide computer access services to blind consumers regardless of age or location in the State.

LD 142 **An Act to Provide Medicaid Funding of Outstationed Eligibility Work** **ONTP**

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

LD 142 proposed to provide funds for the Bureau of Medical Services within the Department of Human Services to contract for outstationing Medicaid eligibility services at federally qualified health centers.

LD 164 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$30,000,000 To Fund Healthy Schools Through the School Revolving Renovation Fund** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 164 proposes to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$30,000,000, to be used to increase funds in the School Revolving Renovation Fund for repairs and improvements in public school facilities to address health, safety and compliance deficiencies, general renovation needs and learning space upgrades.

This bill also proposes that 15% of funds awarded from the School Revolving Renovation Fund for renovation projects would be used for aspects of the renovation that promote energy efficiency.

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LD 165

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$1,200,000 To Provide Economic Development in Western Maine

ONTP

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

LD 165 proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$1,200,000 that would do the following:

Part A of this bill proposed to provide funds through a bond issue in the amount of \$1,200,000 which would include:

1. The sum of \$800,000 to complete renovations at the River Valley Technology Center in Rumford, Maine; and
2. The sum of \$400,000 for the purchase of computer numeric controlled machinery at the River Valley Technology Center in Rumford, Maine.

Part B of this bill proposed to include a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 for managerial expenses for the Applied Technology Development Center System.

LD 167

An Act To Fund the Matching Requirement for Maine's Successful NASA EPSCoR Award

CARRIED OVER

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

LD 167 proposes to appropriate \$307,653 for fiscal year 2003-04 to match federal and institutional match requirements for the 3rd and final year of a successful award to the Maine Space Grant Consortium under the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, a federal and state partnership to build research capacity in 21 states and Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands that have traditionally received a lower proportion of federal research funding.

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LD 190 **An Act to Expand Funding and Services to Students of Limited Proficiency in English** **CARRIED OVER**

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LD 190 proposed to provide funds for a 10% increase in funding for the English as a 2nd language program in the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education for students with limited English proficiency.

LD 193 **An Act to Increase Funding for the Maine Dental Education Loan Program** **P&S 31**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LEDWIN ROTUNDO		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 193 proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for loans to Maine residents enrolled in dental school or to repay loans for dentists who practice in underserved areas of the State.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special 2003, chapter 31 allocates funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for loans to Maine residents enrolled in dental school or to repay loans for dentists who practice in underserved areas of the State.

LD 194 **An Act to Increase the Adult Education State Subsidy by a Specific Percentage** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CUMMINGS		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 194 proposes to increase the state adult education subsidy by 6% for each year of the 2004-2005 biennium.

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LD 228 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$20,000,000 To Provide Maine's 7 Technical Colleges with Essential Facilities Improvements and Classroom Equipment** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 228 proposes to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$20,000,000, which would be used to provide essential facilities improvements and classroom equipment for the State's 7 technical colleges.

LD 264 **An Act to Stimulate Small Business Development and Job Creation among Women and Rural Entrepreneurs through Training and Technical Support** **ONTP**

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

LD 264 proposed to provide funds to the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community program within the Department of Labor to maintain capacity to provide entrepreneurial training, small business development and financial management assistance to help women and rural entrepreneurs create, sustain and expand microenterprises throughout the State.

LD 279 **An Act To Support the Regional Library System** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 279 proposes to appropriate \$200,000 in each of the next two fiscal years to offset increasing costs at the area reference and resource centers for the provision of Regional Library System activities.

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LD 292 **An Act To Support Individuals With Developmental Disabilities
Who Have Been Physically or Sexually Abused** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LERMAN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 292 proposed to appropriate funds to the Mental Retardation Services - Community program within the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services for the support of people with developmental disabilities who had been physically or sexually abused.

LD 321 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine To Provide for Protected Reserve Funds** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLS, P		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 321 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to allow the Legislature to create reserve funds to be used for capital improvements, long-range goals or fiscal contingencies and to prohibit spending the reserve funds for any purpose unless approved by a vote of 3/5 of the Legislature.

LD 336 **An Act to Fund the Endowment Incentive Fund** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CATHCART		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 336 proposes to provide funds to carry out the purposes of the Endowment Incentive Fund, which was created by Public Law 1999, chapter 511 as a nonlapsing fund to match qualified private donations for academic purposes at the University of Maine System, the Maine Technical College System and the Maine Maritime Academy.

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LD 337 **An Act to Strengthen State Investment in the University of
Maine System for Applied Research and Development** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 337 proposes to provide additional funds for the Maine Economic Improvement Fund for applied research and development in the University of Maine System.

LD 350 **An Act To Provide Funding For Construction of a Dormitory at
the University of Maine at Fort Kent** **ONTP**

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

LD 350 proposed to require the University of Maine System to borrow money and issue evidences of indebtedness in an amount up to \$8,750,000 to fund a dormitory to house up to 175 students at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. This bill proposed to specify that the financing could not exceed 15 years in duration and the interest rate could not exceed 6%.

LD 353 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of
\$500,000 To Fund the Challenger Learning Center of Maine** **ONTP**

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

LD 353 proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$500,000 to be used to create the Challenger Learning Center of Maine on the University College of Bangor campus to increase students' abilities in math, science and high technology.

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LD 356 **An Act To Build a Prison in Washington County** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PELLON HATCH, PH		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 356 proposes to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities in an amount up to \$19,000,000 for the purpose of building a prison in Washington County.

LD 394 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$2,700,000 for Maine Maritime Academy** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCKENNEY SAWYER		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 394 proposes to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,700,000, which would be used to repair and replace health and safety items, to renovate classroom buildings, to dredge the waterfront, to replace bulk heads and to construct a new classroom and a studio for Maine Maritime Academy.

LD 400 **An Act To Promote Student Aspirations through Higher Education Scholarships** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRENNAN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 400 proposed to provide funds to the Student Financial Assistance Programs within the Finance Authority of Maine for the University of Maine System to use for scholarships.

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LD 405 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$50,000,000 for Research and Development and Capital Improvements for the University of Maine System and the Maine Technical College System** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRENNAN FAIRCLOTH		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 405 proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000 to be used for research and development and capital improvements for the University of Maine System and the Maine Technical College System.

LD 438 **An Act to Enhance Services for the Blind** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GILMAN DUPLESSIE		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 438 proposed to provide funds for the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired within the Department of Labor for computer access technology, independent living services, education services to blind and visually impaired children and adjustment counseling for blind and visually impaired persons and their family members.

LD 449 **An Act To Require All Fees, Fines and Penalties To Be Deposited into the General Fund** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JOY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 449 proposed to require, beginning October 1, 2003, all fines, forfeitures, fees and penalties collected by a department or agency of the State would be deposited into the General Fund. This bill proposed to require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to submit legislation that would amend the Maine Revised Statutes to change any provisions of current law to effectuate the intent of this bill.

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LD 459

An Act To appropriate Funds for the Millinocket Area Growth and Investment Council

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUPREY, G STANLEY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 459 proposed to provide funds for the Millinocket Area Growth and Investment Council for economic development.

LD 483

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 Year Ending June 30, 2003

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EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRANNIGAN CATHCART	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-6
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Part A proposed to make appropriations and allocations of funds.

Part B proposed to make appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C proposed to:

1. Authorize the State Budget Officer to transfer by financial order upon approval of the Governor the salary savings amounts identified in Part A of this Act;
2. Authorize the State Budget Officer to transfer by financial order upon approval of the Governor the curtailment amounts identified in the fiscal year 2002-03 Personal Services, All Other and Capital Expenditures appropriations of the accounts in Financial Order 06158 F3, for all departments and agencies up to the amount of the deappropriations in Part A, section 1 of this Act;
3. Lapse \$153,054 from the General Fund Salary Plan account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
4. Lapse \$8,000 from the Homestead Property Tax Exemption - Mandate Reimbursement General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
5. Transfer \$37,000 from the Food Vending Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;

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6. Transfer \$250,000 from the Elderly Tax Deferral, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
7. Recognize an additional \$300,000 in undedicated revenue to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03 from lottery revenues by delaying the issuance of one or more Outdoor Heritage Fund Instant Ticket Games from fiscal year 2002-03 to fiscal year 2003-04.

Part D proposed to:

1. Transfer \$25,000 from the Harness Racing Commission, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
2. Transfer \$25,000 from the Quality Assurance and Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
3. Transfer \$55,000 from the Agricultural Production, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
4. Transfer \$15,000 from the Animal Industry Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
5. Transfer \$27,852 from the Office of the Commissioner, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
6. Transfer \$691 from the Office of Agricultural and Natural Resources, Other Special Revenue Funds account, from appropriation unit 02, in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
7. Transfer \$4,644 from the Office of Agricultural and Natural Resources, Other Special Revenue Funds account, from appropriation unit 03, in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
8. Transfer \$6,805 from the Production and Marketing Development, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part E proposed to transfer \$16,352 from the Arts and Humanities, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine Arts Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part F proposed to transfer \$20,000 from the Attorney General - Legal Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of the Attorney General to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

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Part G proposed to transfer \$50,242 from the Statewide Single Audit Set Aside, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Audit to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part H proposed to:

1. Amend the law to include in the definition of Residential Treatment Facility the Aroostook Residential Center, Elizabeth Levinson Center and Freeport Towne Square, which are state-operated facilities within the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services;
2. Lapse \$260,224 in the Mental Health Services Community Medicaid General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
3. Lapse \$30,795 in the Disproportionate Share - Augusta Mental Health Institute General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
4. Lapse \$40,270 in the Disproportionate Share - Bangor Mental Health Institute General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
5. Transfer \$13,194 from the Mental Retardation Services Community, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
6. Transfer \$157,293 from the Mental Health Services Commission, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
7. Transfer \$433,516 from the Mental Health Services Children - Maximus, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
8. Transfer \$25,167 from the Office of Substance Abuse Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
9. Recognize \$1,626,396 in undedicated revenue to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03 from the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services' request for federal reimbursement of Mental Retardation Case Management.

Part I proposed to lapse \$86,408 in the Downeast Correctional Facility General Fund carrying account in the Department of Corrections to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part J proposed to:

1. Transfer \$15,000 from the Whitewater Rafting Parks and Recreation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;

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2. Transfer \$65,000 from the Conservation Central Administration - General Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
3. Transfer \$20,000 from the Publications Revolving Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
4. Transfer \$50,000 from the Community Forestry Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
5. Transfer \$128,000 from the Boating Facilities Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
6. Transfer \$3,200 from the Land Use Regulation Mining Rules, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
7. Transfer \$169,000 from the Shore and Harbor Management Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
8. Transfer \$3,111 from the Coastal Island Registry, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
9. Transfer \$40,000 from the Community Forestry Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003. This one-time transfer is to fund the retroactive portion of the forester position range change in Part B, section 1 of this bill.

Part K proposed to:

1. Transfer \$19,900 from the Armory Rental Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
2. Transfer \$78,000 from the Emergency Response Operations, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
3. Transfer \$20,000 from the Emergency Response, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part L proposed to:

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1. Establish an Energy Conservation Small Business Revolving Loan Program Fund account in the Energy Conservation Division program within the Department of Economic and Community Development. The fund would be a nonlapsing and interest-earning account.
2. Transfer \$1,500 from the Curriculum Training and Workshop, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
3. Transfer \$6,905 from the Office of Energy Resources, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
4. Transfer \$22,211 from the Publications Revolving Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part M proposed to:

1. Transfer \$60 from the Mellon III Grant, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Education to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
2. Transfer \$629 from the Loss Prevention and Recovery, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Education to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
3. Transfer \$43 from the Interactive Television, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Education to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
4. Transfer \$3,977 from the Workshops and Training, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Education to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part N proposed to:

1. Transfer \$286,000 from the Maine Environmental Protection Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Environmental Protection to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
2. Transfer \$30,000 from the Borrow Pit Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Environmental Protection to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part O proposed to:

1. Transfer \$100,000 from the Governor's Contingent Account, General Fund in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
2. Lapse \$117,664 in the Smart Growth Initiative account in the Executive Department to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;

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3. Transfer \$27,383 from the State Planning Office, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
4. Transfer \$6,600 from the State Planning Office - Workshops and Training, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
5. Transfer \$3,257 from the State Planning Office - Publications, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
6. Transfer \$1,000 from the State Planning Office - Energy Related Homes Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
7. Transfer \$432 from the State Planning Office - Maine Commission for Community Service, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
8. Transfer \$86,086 from the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part P proposed to transfer \$50,615 from the Maine Health Data Organization, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine Health Data Organization to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part Q proposed to transfer \$16,352 from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine State Historic Preservation Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part R proposed to transfer \$3,201,250 from the Maine State Housing Authority - HOME Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine State Housing Authority to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part S proposed to transfer \$11,853 from the Human Rights Commission, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Human Rights Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003. The intent of this transfer was to provide the funding for the General Fund appropriation request for the Human Rights Commission in Part A of this bill.

Part T proposed to transfer \$58,126 from the Bureau of Medical Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Human Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part U proposed to:

1. Transfer \$136,913 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - GF account. This amount represents the adjustment difference between fiscal year 2001-02 actual and estimated revenues. These funds would have

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been allotted by financial order in fiscal year 2002-03 to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor;

2. Lapse \$150,000 from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife - Carrying General Fund account in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03. These savings are available from funds set aside for the Hatchery Engineering project. The project costs would be paid from bond funds; and
3. Transfer \$168 from the Commissioner's Office, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part V proposed to transfer \$72,800 from the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Judicial Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part W proposed to:

1. Establish the Rehabilitation Services - Medicaid General Fund account in the Department of Labor as a nonlapsing carrying account;
2. Lapse \$131,100 in the Governor's Training Initiative General Fund account in the Department of Labor to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
3. Transfer \$80,000 from the Employment Services Activity, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
4. Transfer \$150,000 from the Blind and Visually Impaired, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
5. Transfer \$87,504 from the Safety Education and Training Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part X proposed to:

1. Transfer \$225,000 from the Watercraft Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Marine Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
2. Transfer \$150,000 from the Shellfish Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Marine Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
3. Transfer \$17,670 from the Loss Prevention, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Marine Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and

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4. Transfer \$1,591 from the Boat Sale Conversion, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Marine Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part Y proposed to:

1. Transfer \$8,176 from the Publications Revolving Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine State Museum to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
2. Transfer \$8,176 from the Private Contribution Revolving Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine State Museum to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part Z proposed to:

1. Transfer \$144,830 from the Office of Consumer Credit Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
2. Transfer \$572,176 from the Bureau of Insurance Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
3. Transfer \$184,721 from the Bureau of Financial Institutions, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
4. Transfer \$1,166,916 from the Office of Licensing and Enforcement, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
5. Transfer \$306,858 from the Office of Securities, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
6. Transfer \$43,860 from the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
7. Transfer \$57,589 from the Board of Licensure in Medicine, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
8. Transfer \$108,050 from the State Board of Nursing, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part AA proposed to:

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1. Transfer \$325,787 from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Tobacco Fines, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Public Safety to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
2. Transfer \$35,800 from the Bureau of Highway Safety - Defensive Driving, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Public Safety to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
3. Transfer \$123,301 from the Emergency Services Communication Bureau - E-911 Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Public Safety to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part BB proposed to:

1. Transfer \$408,185 from the Consumer Education Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Public Utilities Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
2. Transfer \$600,000 from the Conservation Administration Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Public Utilities Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part CC proposed to transfer \$129,714 from the Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of the Secretary of State to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part DD proposed to:

1. Transfer \$207,102 from the Suspense Receivable, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Transportation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
2. Transfer \$50,000 from the Railroad Assistance, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Transportation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part EE proposed to transfer \$7,271,841 from the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund, on or before June 30, 2003, as reimbursement for funds provided for highway improvement projects.

Part FF proposed to transfer \$500,000 from the Operating Capital of the General Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-6) proposed the following:

Part A proposed to make appropriations and allocations of funds.

Part B proposed to make appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C proposed to:

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1. Authorize the State Budget Officer to transfer by financial order upon approval of the Governor the salary savings amounts identified in Part A of this Act;
2. Authorize the State Budget Officer to transfer by financial order upon approval of the Governor the curtailment amounts identified in the fiscal year 2002-03 Personal Services, All Other and Capital Expenditures appropriations of the accounts in Financial Order 06158 F3, for all departments and agencies up to the amount of the deappropriations in Part A, section 1 of this Act;
3. Lapse \$153,034 from the General Fund Salary Plan account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
4. Lapse \$8,000 from the Homestead Property Tax Exemption - Mandate Reimbursement General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
5. Transfer \$37,000 from the Food Vending Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
6. Transfer \$250,000 from the Elderly Tax Deferral, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
7. Recognize an additional \$300,000 in undedicated revenue to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03 from lottery revenues by delaying the issuance of one or more Outdoor Heritage Fund Instant Ticket Games from fiscal year 2002-03 to fiscal year 2003-04.

Part D proposed to:

1. Transfer \$25,000 from the Harness Racing Commission, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
2. Transfer \$25,000 from the Quality Assurance and Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
3. Transfer \$55,000 from the Agricultural Production, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
4. Transfer \$15,000 from the Animal Industry Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
5. Transfer \$27,852 from the Office of the Commissioner, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;

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6. Transfer \$691 from the Office of Agricultural and Natural Resources, Other Special Revenue Funds account, from appropriation unit 02, in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
7. Transfer \$4,644 from the Office of Agricultural and Natural Resources, Other Special Revenue Funds account, from appropriation unit 03, in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
8. Transfer \$6,805 from the Production and Marketing Development, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part E proposed to transfer \$14,352 from the Arts and Humanities, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine Arts Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part F proposed to transfer \$20,000 from the Attorney General - Legal Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of the Attorney General to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part G proposed to transfer \$50,242 from the Statewide Single Audit Set Aside, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Audit to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part H proposed to:

1. Lapse \$260,224 in the Mental Health Services Community Medicaid General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
2. Lapse \$30,795 in the Disproportionate Share - Augusta Mental Health Institute General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
3. Lapse \$40,270 in the Disproportionate Share - Bangor Mental Health Institute General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
4. Transfer \$13,194 from the Mental Retardation Services Community, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
5. Transfer \$157,293 from the Mental Health Services Commission, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
6. Transfer \$433,516 from the Mental Health Services Children - Maximus, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;

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7. Transfer \$25,167 from the Office of Substance Abuse Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
8. Recognize \$1,626,396 in undedicated revenue to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03 from the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services' request for federal reimbursement of Mental Retardation Case Management.

Part I proposed to lapse \$86,408 in the Downeast Correctional Facility General Fund carrying account in the Department of Corrections to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part J proposed to:

1. Transfer \$15,000 from the Whitewater Rafting Parks and Recreation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
2. Transfer \$65,000 from the Conservation Central Administration - General Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
3. Transfer \$20,000 from the Publications Revolving Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
4. Transfer \$50,000 from the Community Forestry Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
5. Transfer \$128,000 from the Boating Facilities Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
6. Transfer \$3,200 from the Land Use Regulation Mining Rules, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
7. Transfer \$169,000 from the Shore and Harbor Management Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
8. Transfer \$3,111 from the Coastal Island Registry, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
9. Transfer \$40,000 from the Community Forestry Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003. This one-time transfer would fund the retroactive portion of the forester position range change in Part B, section 1 of this bill.

Part K proposed to:

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1. Transfer \$19,900 from the Armory Rental Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
2. Transfer \$78,000 from the Emergency Response Operations, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
3. Transfer \$20,000 from the Emergency Response, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part L proposed to:

1. Establish an Energy Conservation Small Business Revolving Loan Program Fund account in the Energy Conservation Division program within the Department of Economic and Community Development. The fund would be a nonlapsing and interest-earning account;
2. Transfer \$1,500 from the Curriculum Training and Workshop, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
3. Transfer \$6,905 from the Office of Energy Resources, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
4. Transfer \$22,211 from the Publications Revolving Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part M proposed to:

1. Transfer \$60 from the Mellon III Grant, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Education to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
2. Transfer \$629 from the Loss Prevention and Recovery, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Education to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
3. Transfer \$43 from the Interactive Television, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Education to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
4. Transfer \$3,977 from the Workshops and Training, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Education to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part N proposed to:

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1. Transfer \$286,000 from the Maine Environmental Protection Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Environmental Protection to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
2. Transfer \$30,000 from the Borrow Pit Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Environmental Protection to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part O proposed to:

1. Transfer \$100,000 from the Governor's Contingent Account, General Fund in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
2. Lapse \$117,664 in the Smart Growth Initiative account in the Executive Department to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
3. Transfer \$27,383 from the State Planning Office, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
4. Transfer \$6,600 from the State Planning Office - Workshops and Training, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
5. Transfer \$3,257 from the State Planning Office - Publications, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
6. Transfer \$1,000 from the State Planning Office - Energy Related Homes Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
7. Transfer \$432 from the State Planning Office - Maine Commission for Community Service, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
8. Transfer \$86,086 from the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part P proposed to transfer \$50,615 from the Maine Health Data Organization, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine Health Data Organization to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part Q proposed to transfer \$16,352 from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine State Historic Preservation Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part R proposed to transfer \$3,201,250 from the Maine State Housing Authority - HOME Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine State Housing Authority to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003. Part R proposed to require the State

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Controller to suspend payments to the Maine State Housing Authority until sufficient funds are available in the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund to make the transfer required by this Part. Once sufficient funds were available for the required transfer, the State Controller could resume payments.

Part S proposed to transfer \$11,853 from the Human Rights Commission, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Human Rights Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003. The intent of this transfer was to provide the funding for the General Fund appropriation request for the Human Rights Commission in Part A of this bill.

Part T proposed to transfer \$58,126 from the Bureau of Medical Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Human Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part U proposed to:

1. Transfer \$136,913 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - GF account. This amount represented the adjustment difference between fiscal year 2001-02 actual and estimated revenues. These funds would be allotted by financial order in fiscal year 2002-03 to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor;
2. Lapse \$150,000 from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife - Carrying General Fund account in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03. These savings would be available from funds set aside for the Hatchery Engineering project. The project costs would be paid from bond funds; and
3. Transfer \$168 from the Commissioner's Office, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part V proposed to transfer \$72,800 from the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Judicial Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part W proposed to:

1. Establish the Rehabilitation Services - Medicaid General Fund account in the Department of Labor as a nonlapsing carrying account;
2. Lapse \$131,100 in the Governor's Training Initiative General Fund account in the Department of Labor to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
3. Transfer \$80,000 from the Employment Services Activity, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
4. Transfer \$150,000 from the Blind and Visually Impaired, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and

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5. Transfer \$87,504 from the Safety Education and Training Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part X proposed to:

1. Transfer \$225,000 from the Watercraft Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Marine Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
2. Transfer \$150,000 from the Shellfish Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Marine Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
3. Transfer \$17,670 from the Loss Prevention, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Marine Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
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Part Y proposed to:

1. Transfer \$8,176 from the Publications Revolving Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine State Museum to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
2. Transfer \$8,176 from the Private Contribution Revolving Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine State Museum to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part Z proposed to:

1. Transfer \$144,830 from the Office of Consumer Credit Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specify the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose;
2. Transfer \$572,176 from the Bureau of Insurance Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specify the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose;
3. Transfer \$184,721 from the Bureau of Financial Institutions, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specify the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose;

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4. Transfer \$1,166,916 from the Office of Licensing and Enforcement, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specify the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose;
5. Transfer \$306,858 from the Office of Securities, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specify the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose;
6. Transfer \$43,860 from the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specify the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose;
7. Transfer \$57,589 from the Board of Licensure in Medicine, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specify the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose;
8. Transfer \$108,050 from the State Board of Nursing, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specify the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose; and
9. Require the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to review fees assessed under the programs affected by the transfers in this Part and provide a written report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development by April 15, 2003.

Part AA proposed to:

1. Transfer \$325,787 from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Tobacco Fines, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Public Safety to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003;
2. Transfer \$35,800 from the Bureau of Highway Safety - Defensive Driving, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Public Safety to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
3. Transfer \$123,301 from the Emergency Services Communication Bureau - E-911 Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Public Safety to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part BB proposed to:

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1. Transfer \$408,185 from the Consumer Education Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Public Utilities Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
2. Transfer \$600,000 from the Conservation Administration Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Public Utilities Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part CC proposed to transfer \$129,714 from the Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of the Secretary of State to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part DD proposed to:

1. Transfer \$207,102 from the Suspense Receivable, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Transportation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003; and
2. Transfer \$50,000 from the Railroad Assistance, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Transportation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part EE proposed to transfer \$7,271,841 from the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund, on or before June 30, 2003, as reimbursement for funds provided for highway improvement projects.

Part FF proposed to transfer \$500,000 from the Operating Capital of the General Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Part GG proposed to amend the law to include in the definition of Residential Treatment Facility the Aroostook Residential Center, Elizabeth Levinson Center and Freeport Towne Square, which are state-operated facilities within the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services. It also proposed to make appropriation and allocation adjustments related to extending the Residential Treatment Facilities assessment to state-operated facilities. It also proposed to establish an application date and retroactive provision.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2003, chapter 2 does the following.

Part	Section	Description
A	A-1	Part A makes appropriations and allocations of funds in fiscal year 2002-03.
B	B-1:B-4	Part B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes in fiscal year 2002-03.
C	C-1	Authorizes the State Budget Officer to transfer by financial order upon approval of the Governor the salary savings amounts identified in Part A of this Act.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	C-2	Authorizes the State Budget Officer to transfer by financial order upon approval of the Governor the curtailment amounts identified in the fiscal year 2002-03 Personal Services, All Other and Capital Expenditures appropriations of the accounts in Financial Order 06158 F3, for all departments and agencies up to the amount of the deappropriations in Part A, section 1 of this Act.
	C-3	Lapses \$153,054 from the General Fund Salary Plan account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	C-4	Lapses \$8,000 from the Homestead Property Tax Exemption - Mandate Reimbursement General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	C-5	Transfers \$37,000 from the Food Vending Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	C-6	Transfers \$250,000 from the Elderly Tax Deferral, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	C-7	Delays the issuance of one or more Outdoor Heritage Fund Instant Ticket Games from fiscal year 2002-03 to fiscal year 2003-04 to generate an additional \$300,000 in undedicated revenue to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03 from lottery revenues.
D	D-1	Transfers \$25,000 from the Harness Racing Commission, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	D-2	Transfers \$25,000 from the Quality Assurance and Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	D-3	Transfers \$55,000 from the Agricultural Production, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	D-4	Transfers \$15,000 from the Animal Industry Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	D-5	Transfers \$27,852 from the Office of the Commissioner, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	D-6	Transfers \$691 from the Office of Agricultural and Natural Resources, Other Special Revenue Funds account, from appropriation unit 02, in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	D-7	Transfers \$4,644 from the Office of Agricultural and Natural Resources, Other Special Revenue Funds account, from appropriation unit 03, in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	D-8	Transfers \$6,805 from the Production and Marketing Development, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
E	E-1	Transfers \$14,352 from the Arts and Humanities, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine Arts Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
F	F-1	Transfers \$20,000 from the Attorney General - Legal Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of the Attorney General to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
G	G-1	Transfers \$50,242 from the Statewide Single Audit Set-aside, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Audit to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
H	H-1	Lapses \$260,224 in the Mental Health Services Community Medicaid General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	H-2	Lapses \$30,795 in the Disproportionate Share - Augusta Mental Health Institute General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	H-3	Lapses \$40,270 in the Disproportionate Share - Bangor Mental Health Institute General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	H-4	Transfers \$13,194 from the Mental Retardation Services Community, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	H-5	Transfers \$157,293 from the Mental Health Services Commission, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

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	H-6	Transfers \$433,516 from the Mental Health Services Children - Maximus, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	H-7	Transfers \$25,167 from the Office of Substance Abuse Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	H-8	Recognizes \$1,626,396 in undedicated revenue to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03 from the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services' request for federal reimbursement of Mental Retardation Targeted Case Management.
I	I-1	Lapses \$86,408 in the Downeast Correctional Facility General Fund carrying account in the Department of Corrections to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
J	J-1	Transfers \$15,000 from the Whitewater Rafting Parks and Recreation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	J-2	Transfers \$65,000 from the Conservation Central Administration - General Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	J-3	Transfers \$20,000 from the Publications Revolving Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	J-4	Transfers \$50,000 from the Community Forestry Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	J-5	Transfers \$128,000 from the Boating Facilities Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	J-6	Transfers \$3,200 from the Land Use Regulation Commission Mining Rules, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

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J-7	Transfers \$169,000 from the Shore and Harbor Management Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
J-8	Transfers \$3,111 from the Coastal Island Registry, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

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	J-9	Transfers \$40,000 from the Community Forestry Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003. This one-time transfer is to fund the retroactive portion of the forester position range change in Part B, section 1 of this Act.
K	K-1	Transfers \$19,900 from the Armory Rental Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	K-2	Transfers \$78,000 from the Emergency Response Operations, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	K-3	Transfers \$20,000 from the Emergency Response, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
L	L-1	Establishes an Energy Conservation Small Business Revolving Loan Fund account in the Energy Conservation Division program within the Department of Economic and Community Development. The fund is a nonlapsing and interest-earning account.
	L-2	Transfers \$1,500 from the Curriculum Training and Workshop, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	L-3	Transfers \$6,905 from the Office of Energy Resources, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	L-4	Transfers \$22,211 from the Publications Revolving Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

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M	M-1	Transfers \$60 from the Mellon III Grant, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Education to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	M-2	Transfers \$629 from the Loss Prevention and Recovery, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Education to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	M-3	Transfers \$43 from the Interactive Television, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Education to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	M-4	Transfers \$3,977 from the Workshops and Training, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Education to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
N	N-1	Transfers \$286,000 from the Maine Environmental Protection Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Environmental Protection to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	N-2	Transfers \$30,000 from the Borrow Pit Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Environmental Protection to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
O	O-1	Transfers \$100,000 from the Governor's Contingent Account, General Fund in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	O-2	Lapses \$117,664 in the Smart Growth Initiative account in the Executive Department to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	O-3	Transfers \$27,383 from the State Planning Office, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	O-4	Transfers \$6,600 from the State Planning Office - Workshops and Training, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	O-5	Transfers \$3,257 from the State Planning Office - Publications, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	O-6	Transfers \$1,000 from the State Planning Office - Energy Related Homes Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

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O-7	Transfers \$432 from the State Planning Office - Maine Commission for Community Service, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
O-8	Transfers \$86,086 from the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
P	P-1 Transfers \$50,615 from the Maine Health Data Organization, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine Health Data Organization to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
Q	Q-1 Transfers \$16,352 from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine State Historic Preservation Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
R	R-1 Transfers \$3,201,250 from the Maine State Housing Authority - HOME Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine State Housing Authority to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003. Part R requires the State Controller to suspend payments to the Maine State Housing Authority until sufficient funds are available in the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund to make the transfer required by this Part. Once sufficient funds are available for the required transfer, the State Controller may resume payments.
S	S-1 Transfers \$11,853 from the Human Rights Commission, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Human Rights Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003. The intent of this transfer is to provide the funding for the General Fund appropriation request for the Human Rights Commission in Part A of this Act.
T	T-1 Transfers \$58,126 from the Bureau of Medical Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Human Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
U	U-1 Transfers \$136,913 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account. This amount represents the adjustment difference between fiscal year 2001-02 actual and estimated revenues. These funds may be allotted by financial order in fiscal year 2002-03 to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.
	U-2 Lapses \$150,000 from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife - Carrying Balance General Fund account in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03. These savings are available from funds set aside for the Hatchery Engineering project. The project costs will be paid from bond funds.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	U-3	Transfers \$168 from the Commissioner's Office, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
V	V-1	Transfers \$72,800 from the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Judicial Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
W	W-1	Establishes the Rehabilitation Services - Medicaid General Fund account in the Department of Labor as a nonlapsing carrying account.
	W-2	Lapses \$131,100 in the Governor's Training Initiative General Fund account in the Department of Labor to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	W-3	Transfers \$80,000 from the Employment Services Activity, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	W-4	Transfers \$150,000 from the Blind and Visually Impaired, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	W-5	Transfers \$87,504 from the Safety Education and Training Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
X	X-1	Transfers \$225,000 from the Watercraft Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Marine Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	X-2	Transfers \$150,000 from the Shellfish Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Marine Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	X-3	Transfers \$17,670 from the Loss Prevention, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Marine Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	X-4	Transfers \$1,591 from the Boat Sale Conversion, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Marine Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
Y	Y-1	Transfers \$8,176 from the Publications Revolving Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine State Museum to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	Y-2	Transfers \$8,176 from the Private Contribution Revolving Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine State Museum to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Z	Z-1	Transfers \$144,830 from the Office of Consumer Credit Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specifies the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose.
	Z-2	Transfers \$572,176 from the Bureau of Insurance Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specifies the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose.
	Z-3	Transfers \$184,721 from the Bureau of Financial Institutions, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specifies the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose.
	Z-4	Transfers \$1,166,916 from the Office of Licensing and Enforcement, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specifies the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose.
	Z-5	Transfers \$306,858 from the Office of Securities, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specifies the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose.
	Z-6	Transfers \$43,860 from the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specifies the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose.
	Z-7	Transfers \$57,589 from the Board of Licensure in Medicine, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specifies the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	Z-8	Transfers \$108,050 from the State Board of Nursing, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003 and specifies the intent of the Legislature that this transfer of funds not result in an increase in fees assessed for this purpose.
	Z-9	Requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to review fees assessed under the programs affected by the transfers in this Part and provide a written report identifying any fee changes to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development by April 15, 2003.
AA	AA-1	Transfers \$325,787 from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy - Tobacco Fines, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Public Safety to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	AA-2	Transfers \$35,800 from the Bureau of Highway Safety - Defensive Driving, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Public Safety to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	AA-3	Transfers \$123,301 from the Emergency Services Communication Bureau - E-911 Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Public Safety to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
BB	BB-1	Transfers \$408,185 from the Consumer Education Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Public Utilities Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	BB-2	Transfers \$600,000 from the Conservation Administration Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Public Utilities Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
CC	CC-1	Transfers \$129,714 from the Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of the Secretary of State to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
DD	DD-1	Transfers \$207,102 from the Suspense Receivable, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Transportation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
	DD-2	Transfers \$50,000 from the Railroad Assistance, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Transportation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
EE	EE-1	Transfers \$7,271,841 from the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund, on or before June 30, 2003, as reimbursement for funds provided for highway improvement projects.
FF	FF-1	Transfers \$500,000 from the Operating Capital of the General Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.
GG	GG1: GG-3	Amends the law to include in the definition of Residential Treatment Facility the Aroostook Residential Center, Elizabeth Levinson Center and Freeport Towne Square, which are state-operated facilities within the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services. It also makes appropriation and allocation adjustments related to extending the Residential Treatment Facilities assessment to state-operated facilities. It also establishes an application date and retroactive provision.

Public Law 2003, chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure and took effect February 13, 2003.

LD 503

An Act To Stimulate Economic Recovery and Growth

ONTP

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

LD 503 was a concept draft that proposed to stimulate economic recovery in Maine in the following ways.

1. Budget matters. Budget matters would be affected by:
 - A. Eliminating all proposed new spending from the budget enacted during the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature;
 - B. Reducing by 50% all new proposed spending from the budget enacted by the First Special Session of the 120th Legislature;
 - C. Continuing a hiring freeze on state employment except for emergency positions;
 - D. Offering an early retirement plan to state employees;
 - E. Reducing the staff and budget of the Executive Department, State Planning Office by 50%; and
 - F. Cutting the budget of the Department of Human Services by 25%.

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2. Economic growth. Economic growth would be motivated by:
 - A. Expanding the budgets of economic growth and development programs by 15%;
 - B. Expanding job retraining and education programs by 33%;
 - C. Creating new programs to train minorities, immigrants and senior citizens;
 - D. Using state assets such as land and buildings as collateral for low-interest loans to be used to entice manufacturers to Maine;
 - E. Eliminating the business equipment property tax;
 - F. Reducing the tax burden on businesses for one year by 20%; and
 - G. Offering revenue sharing to all businesses based on the percentage of sales reported during the prior year.
3. Economic stimulus. Businesses in Maine would be assisted by:
 - A. Offering low-interest loans to businesses to upgrade old technology, expand current practices and purchase improved technology;
 - B. Offering certain businesses grants for hiring of immigrants, Native Americans, displaced workers, welfare recipients, single parents and rehabilitated ex-convicts; and
 - C. Replacing the current licensing system for businesses with a business certificate system.
4. Tax relief. Tax relief would be obtained by:
 - A. Repealing the levy of income tax on the first \$100,000 of income; thereafter, the tax would be imposed at a rate of 5%. Bonuses would be exempt from income tax;
 - B. Reducing the sales and use tax to 3%;
 - C. Imposing the sales tax on all services;
 - D. Imposing the sales tax on all nonfood items; and
 - E. Eliminating all excise taxes.

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LD 582 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$50,000,000 To Fund Renovating or Replacing Civic Centers Statewide** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BULL YOUNGBLOOD		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 582 proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000 to be used to fund renovating or replacing civic centers statewide.

LD 595 **An Act To Appropriate Funds for a Study To Determine the Feasibility of a Medical School in Maine** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARTIN SMITH, W		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 595 proposes to appropriate funds to the University of Maine System to hire Medical Care Development, Inc. to study the feasibility of a medical school in the State.

LD 627 **An Act To Provide Funding for a Superior Court Building in Washington County** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GOODWIN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 627 was a concept draft that proposed to provide a funding mechanism to support the court facility needs of Washington County.

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LD 634 **An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 634 proposes to provide funding for the Office of the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman, an office created in Public Law 2001, chapter 643. The duties of the ombudsman would be to act as the Maine representative for relations with Canada to ensure the coordination of state policy when dealing with Canada and to work with businesses and individuals to investigate and work toward resolution of complaints that arise concerning trade issues. Funding was originally provided in chapter 643, but was deappropriated in Public Law 2001, chapter 714, Part B.

LD 650 **An Act To Improve Technology Funding** **ONTP**

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

LD 650 proposed to remove the oversight of the funding for the Maine Space Grant Consortium from the Maine Science and Technology Foundation to the Department of Economic and Community Development.

LD 652 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$15,000,000 for Economic Development** **ONTP**

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

LD 652 proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$15,000,000, to be used to issue grants to municipalities to promote economic development by improving public infrastructure, including, but not limited to, public roads, utilities, parking garages, transportation facilities and cargo facilities.

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LD 665

**An Act To Authorize Funds To Renovate the State's Court
Facilities in the City of Bangor**

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAWYER		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-140
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LD 665 proposed to raise the bonding limit of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority from \$93,000,000 to \$102,500,000. The increase of \$9,500,000 would be used for the renovation of court facilities in the City of Bangor.

Committee Amendment “A” S-140 proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities to run for up to 20 years for certain judicial branch architectural and engineering studies and securities to run for up to 10 years at the State of Maine Judicial Branch Violations Bureau for the replacement of or improvement to technology-related projects. This amendment also proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

LD 677

**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount
of \$6,000,000 To Enable LifeFlight of Maine to Fully Implement
a Statewide, Dedicated Air-medical Response System**

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAGGETT MAILHOT		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 677 proposes to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$6,000,000, to be used by LifeFlight of Maine to develop the expansion of Maine's existing dedicated air-medical response system through constructing additional hospital helipads, building additional refueling facilities, acquiring training equipment and purchasing helicopters and to meet other costs in order to ensure greater and more rapid access to health care for severely ill or injured persons especially from rural hospitals and communities.

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LD 716 **An Act To Continue Necessary State Funding of Freestanding, Nonprofit Psychiatric Hospitals for Services Provided to Indigent Patients and for Other Purposes** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARTIN		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 716 proposes to provide necessary funding to reimburse the State's two freestanding, nonprofit psychiatric hospitals for services provided to indigent patients when these expenses can not be reimbursed by the Medicaid or Medicaid Disproportionate Share programs. The bill also proposed to provide funds to meet shortfalls projected at Augusta Mental Health Institute and Bangor Mental Health Institute. Of the \$18,000,000 sought for fiscal year 2003-04, \$10,000,000 was projected to be needed for the two freestanding, nonprofit psychiatric hospitals and \$8,000,000 was needed for AMHI and BMHI. The figures were based on preliminary estimates of the Department of Human Services.

The bill also proposes to require the Commissioner of Human Services and the Commissioner of Behavioral and Developmental Services to continue to work with these hospitals to advocate for the elimination of the federal cap on disproportionate share funds that are available for institutes for mental disease, or for other federal reforms that would ensure adequate federal funding for the population served by these hospitals. Similar provisions for prior fiscal years were enacted in Public Law 2001, chapter 559, Part X, sections 9 and 10.

LD 734 **Resolve, To Address the Maine Nursing Workforce Shortage through the Expansion of Nursing Education** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RICHARDSON, J BRENNAN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 734 proposed to require each head of a nursing program in the University of Maine System and the Maine Technical College System to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 5, 2004 on the nursing workforce shortage in the State and the capacity of their nursing program to graduate the necessary number of nursing candidates to meet this shortage. This resolve also proposed to appropriate \$1,282,800 for 56 associate degree candidate slots in nursing and 80 bachelor's degree candidate slots in nursing at the University of Maine System and \$481,600 for 56 associate degree candidate slots in nursing at the Maine Technical College System.

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LD 740 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$8,200,000 for Use in Implementing the Maine Library of Geographic Information** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SUSLOVIC		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 740 proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$8,200,000 to be used to implement the Maine Library of Geographic Information as established by Public Law 2001, chapter 649.

LD 749 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Control State Spending Based on Certain Guidelines** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ANDREWS LEMONT		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 749 was a constitutional resolution that proposed to establish a ceiling on General Fund expenditures and require a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to approve General Fund expenditures that exceeded the rate of inflation plus the percentage change in state population in the prior calendar year.

LD 791 **An Act To Fully Fund Retirement Benefits for Game Wardens and Marine Patrol Officers** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAGGETT MILLS, P		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 791 proposes to appropriate funds needed to fully fund the liability for the increased value of services rendered by game wardens and marine patrol officers between August 31, 1984 and September 1, 2002. In 2001, a special retirement plan was created for game wardens and marine patrol officers, but the liability to the retirement system created by the increased valued under the plan for service rendered prior to September 1, 2002 was not funded. The dollar amount provided in the bill was an estimate based on the amount that would have been required if the full payment had been made on July 1, 2002. The figure would need to be updated with an actuarially determined amount in order to fully fund the liability so that the increased benefits would become payable to game wardens and marine patrol officers.

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LD 813 **An Act Concerning Multiple Item Bond Issues** **ONTP**

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

LD 813 proposed to require the Secretary of State to prepare a ballot for a bond issue with multiple, unrelated items so that a voter could vote on unrelated items individually.

LD 885 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$50,000,000 to Promote Revitalization of Service Center Communities through Infrastructure Improvements** **ONTP**

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

LD 885 proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000 to be used to capitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to finance infrastructure improvements to service center communities.

LD 908 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$1,000,000 To Provide Funds to Riverfront Municipalities To Develop Riverfront Cultural Heritage Centers** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 908 proposes to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$1,000,000 to be used to provide funds to riverfront municipalities that are suffering hardships due to loss of jobs to develop riverfront cultural heritage centers.

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LD 993 **An Act To Promote Economic Growth by Retaining Engineers in Maine** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CATHCART		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 993 proposes to establish the Maine Engineers Recruitment and Retention Program to provide financial assistance and incentives to any graduate of a college of engineering within the University of Maine System to become an employee in an engineering position in the State. The program proposed to provide loan repayment to up to 10 eligible engineers working in Maine businesses. The employers who would apply for the loan repayment funds would have to match all funds received by their employees. The Finance Authority of Maine would have administered the program with assistance in determining recipients provided by an advisory committee.

LD 1002 **Resolve, To Provide Emergency Relief for the Schools in East Millinocket** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STANLEY DUPREY, G		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1002 was a resolve which proposed to provide emergency funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 to the Town of East Millinocket to pay for the local share of the cost of public schooling due to the outstanding property taxes owed to the town by Great Northern Paper, Inc. The town would be required to repay the funds to the State if Great Northern Paper, Inc. or its successor in title remits the outstanding property taxes owed.

LD 1021 **Resolve, To Renew the Veterans' Emergency Assistance Program** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DOUGLASS		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1021 proposes to appropriate money from the General Fund for the administration of the veterans' emergency assistance program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 505, subsection 1-A, paragraph B.

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LD 1024 **An Act To Increase Access to Prescription Drugs for Low-income Elderly and Disabled People** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TREAT		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1024 proposed to ensure that the total amount of General Fund appropriations to the elderly low-cost drug program remain in that program to serve as state matching funds for any new federal funds received under a waiver and would be used to provide additional benefits to those eligible for the elderly low-cost drug program.

LD 1048 **An Act To Implement 2 Recommendations of the Commission on Fatherhood Issues Related to Family Case Management Officers and Noncustodial Parent Outreach Programs** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SIMPSON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1048 proposed to implement two of the recommendations of the Commission on Fatherhood Issues related to the number of Family Division Case Management Officer positions deployed in the Family Division of the District Court and the continuation of the Noncustodial Parent Outreach and Investigation Project.

Under this bill, additional funding would be provided to the Family Division of the District Court in order to increase the number of Family Division Case Management Officer positions from 8 to 13. This bill proposed to appropriate the additional funds necessary to provide the 34% state match that would leverage matching federal funding for the deployment of 5 additional Family Division Case Management Officer positions.

The bill also proposed to appropriate the funds necessary to establish two Outreach Investigator positions in the Department of the Attorney General in order to continue the Noncustodial Parent Outreach and Investigation Project programs for another two years. Funded with federal grant funds, the Noncustodial Parent Outreach and Investigation Project is currently a pilot project in York and Somerset counties; however, federal funding for this pilot project would lapse at the end of the 2002-03 fiscal year and additional funds would be needed to continue and expand the program to other parts of Maine.

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LD 1052 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,800,000 To Adequately Fund the Applied Technology Development Centers in Order To Increase the Number of Research and Development Jobs and Companies in the State** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FINCH CATHCART		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1052 proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$5,800,000 to be used to fund the applied technology development centers to lower the costs for start-up companies in high-technology industries, and to ensure that the applied technology development centers have televideo conferencing capabilities.

LD 1064 **An Act To Reduce the Size of All Departments and Agencies** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JOY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1064 proposed to reduce General Fund appropriations to reflect savings resulting from an across-the-board reduction of 10% for each of the next 2 biennia.

LD 1078 **An Act To Establish a New Method of Determining the State Budget** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JOY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1078 proposed to shift the start of the fiscal biennium for the state budget from the first regular session of the Legislature to the second regular session of the Legislature, beginning for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2006. This bill also proposed to provide that the state budget beginning on July 1, 2005 is a one-year budget.

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LD 1089 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$15,000,000 for Energy Conservation in State Buildings and Facilities CARRIED OVER

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

LD 1089 proposes to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$15,000,000 to be used for energy efficiency improvements at state buildings and facilities. The bill also proposed to authorize a transfer of \$250,000 from the Conservation Program Fund to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for completion of an audit of state energy consumption and opportunities for increased energy efficiency at state buildings and facilities.

LD 1149 An Act To Support Maine's Franco-American Heritage and the Kennebec-Chaudiere International Corridor CARRIED OVER

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

LD 1149 bill provides ongoing funds for publicity, signs, kiosks, brochures and other materials and services associated with promoting Franco-American heritage and the Kennebec-Chaudiere International Corridor.

LD 1149 was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.

LD 1167 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Restrict an Increase in the Growth of the State Budget to No Greater than 75% of the Rate of Growth of Per Capita Income DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

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

LD 1167 proposed to establish a ceiling on the growth of General Fund expenditures to limit the growth in state spending to 75% of the growth in statewide personal income in the prior calendar year, require a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to approve General Fund expenditures that exceed this ceiling and require that surplus funds be distributed in equal parts to the unfunded liability of the Retirement System, to a budget stabilization fund and to the voters.

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LD 1173

An Act To Continue the Maine Farms for the Future Program

ONTP

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PINGREE BRYANT	ONTP	

LD 1173 proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$5,000,000 to be used to fund both grants and loans under the Maine Farms for the Future Program administered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. Part B provides the statutory authority to allow loans to be made to eligible farms under the Maine Farms for the Future Program and is contingent upon passage of the referendum set out in Part A.

LD 1232

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the State Bonding Limit under Certain Circumstances

ONTP

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

LD 1232 proposed to increase the debt limit of the State from \$2,000,000 to \$30,000,000 when the total outstanding debt of a public instrumentality of the State that acquires, constructs or improves buildings for use by the State is \$30,000,000 or less and that public instrumentality is prohibited from incurring any additional debt or liability.

LD 1249

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Quality Child Care Tax Credit

CARRIED OVER

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

LD 1249 proposes to provide that a taxpayer that made an investment in child care services certified under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5219-Q during the tax year would be eligible for the tax credit provided in that section. A taxpayer would not be required to own or operate a child care site to be eligible for the tax credit provided in section 5219-Q.

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LD 1292 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$20,000,000 for Capital Projects and Major Maintenance at State and Municipal Parks and Historic Sites, for Acquiring Land for Coastal and Inland Waterway Access and for Capitalizing a Revolving Loan Fund for Land Trusts and Municipalities To Acquire Land and Conservation Easements for Public Access** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 1292 proposes to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$20,000,000 to be used to make capital improvements and conduct major maintenance at state parks and historic sites, to acquire land for coastal and inland waterway access and to capitalize a revolving loan fund for land trusts and municipalities to acquire land and conservation easements for public access.

LD 1307 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Create the Maine Economic Stabilization and Endowment Fund** **ONTP**

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

LD 1307 proposed an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to authorize the Legislature to create a budget stabilization and endowment fund. This fund would be established in lieu of the unprotected Maine Rainy Day Fund as a constitutionally protected asset of the State with explicit fund contribution requirements and distribution limitations.

The purposes of an economic stabilization and endowment fund would be to serve as a permanent endowment fund of the State with an asset base that grows over time and provides supporting distributions for programs and initiatives of State Government in perpetuity; as an economic stabilization fund that provides supplementary distributions to the State during budget years of economic stagnation and recession; and as an emergency liquidity fund that provides short-term distributions to the State when revenues fall unexpectedly short of budgeted projections.

The fund would be built up through monthly transfers of 2% of the General Fund revenue in any year in which the fund balance did not exceed the amount of revenue collected in the immediately preceding fiscal year and by a transfer of 1/2 of any General Fund surplus revenue.

Annually, 4% of the fund assets would be transferred to the General Fund to be appropriated by the Legislature as part of its normal budget-making process. The fund would also proposed to provide budget stabilization distributions. The proposed amendment would allow for a supplemental transfer of up to 2% of fund assets during fiscal years when budgeted economic growth is at least 1% below long-term economic growth trends or up to 4% of fund assets when budgeted economic growth is greater than 2% below long-term economic growth trends. In any fiscal year that actual

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General Fund revenue is below projections the fund would transfer the amount of the revenue shortfall up to 4 percent of fund assets.

The implementing legislation to be enacted by the Legislature would establish an independent board of trustees to oversee the management of fund assets, and the board would be directed to invest the assets for long-term appreciation, consistent with the principles of endowment funds that are designed to provide supporting distributions to a beneficiary in perpetuity.

LD 1319	An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2004 and June 30, 2005	PUBLIC 20 EMERGENCY
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BRANNIGAN CATHCART	OTP-AM	H-27 H-46

LD 1319 proposed to:

Part A proposed to make appropriations and allocations of funds.

Part B proposed to make appropriations and allocations of funds representing reduction proposals or adjustments.

Part C proposed to:

1. Specify the general purpose aid for local schools actual education certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 2003-04 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605.
2. Authorize the State Controller to transfer \$200,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 from the General Purpose Aid to Local Schools account in the Department of Education to General Fund unappropriated surplus no later than June 30, 2004 and June 30, 2005. These savings would be achieved through the standardization of specifications related to all phases of school construction and renovation. The standardization would be applied to projects that are currently under construction, projects that are in planning and projects that are entering the design phase.
3. Postpone to July 1, 2005 an increase in the State's contribution for health insurance for retired teachers from 35% to 40%.

Part D proposed to:

1. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund in the cost of health insurance for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.

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2. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Other Special Revenue funds in the cost of health insurance for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
3. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Highway Fund in the cost of health insurance for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
4. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund from increased attrition for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
5. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Other Special Revenue funds from increased attrition for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
6. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Highway Fund from increased attrition for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
7. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund from extending the amortization schedule of the unfunded liability for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
8. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Other Special Revenue funds from extending the amortization schedule of the unfunded liability for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
9. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Highway Fund from extending the amortization schedule of the unfunded liability for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
10. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund from postponing merit increases for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
11. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Other Special Revenue funds from postponing merit increases for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
12. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Highway Fund from postponing merit increases for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
13. Authorize the Governor to transfer by financial order positions authorized by the Legislature between accounts and between departments and to transfer the available balances of any General Fund appropriation between line categories, accounts and departments in fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05. When the Governor determines that the transfer of a position is necessary, any incumbent in the transferred position at the time of transfer must be transferred along with the position.

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14. Transfer \$600,000 from the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations, Internal Service fund in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2004. It would return the working capital advance no longer required due to the proposed closure of the remaining 13 State liquor stores.
15. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund from retiree health insurance savings for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
16. Establish the Department of Administrative and Financial Services as the fiscal agent for the Governor's Office, Blaine House, State Planning Office, the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Education.
17. Require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to review the current organizational structure of the ACE Service Center and the remaining financial and personnel structures located in the Department of Conservation, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to improve organizational efficiency and cost-effectiveness. It would require the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to staff resources to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services from existing personnel within the department to assist with the review. The commissioner would be authorized to identify savings to the General Fund from the improvements identified from the review. Any savings identified would be deallocated by financial order upon recommendation by the State Budget Officer and approval by the Governor.

It would also require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to present the savings and related legislation required to efficiently organize the financial, personnel and other support activities of these agencies, as well as legislation to move the ACE Service Center under the supervision of one department to the Legislature as a part of any emergency budget request submitted to the Legislature after January 1, 2004.

18. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund from reductions in All Other for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
19. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund from the cost of health insurance related to hospital rate adjustments for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
20. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Other Special Revenue funds from the cost of health insurance related to hospital rate adjustments for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
21. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Highway Fund from the cost of health insurance related to hospital rate adjustments for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
22. Clarify that merit increases would not be authorized, awarded or implemented between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2005.

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23. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in cooperation with the Treasurer of State to enter into financing arrangements related to fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Motor Pool.
24. Transfer \$100,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 from the Real Property Lease Internal Service Fund Account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30th of each fiscal year to reflect savings as a result of the renegotiation of leases.

Part E proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to receive reimbursement for meat and poultry products inspection and licensing.

Part F proposed to amend the law regarding the membership of the Atlantic Salmon Commission.

Part G proposed to authorize the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under Medicaid Title XIX for targeted case management. The projected additional revenue of \$1,300,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$1,100,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 would be deposited in the General Fund as undedicated revenue.

Part H proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Conservation to increase parks and land fees by financial order upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

Part I proposed to:

1. Authorize the Department of Corrections, Maine Correctional Center to increase the rate it charges the Federal Government for the housing of federal inmates. The additional revenue would be deposited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue in fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05.
2. Authorize the Department of Corrections to transfer, by financial order, Personal Services, All Other or Capital Expenditures funding between accounts with the same fund for the purposes of paying overtime expenses in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7065.

Part J proposed to amend the law removing the requirement that the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practice institute electronic submission of reports and computerized tracking of campaign, election and lobbying information.

Part K proposed the merger of the Department of Human Services and the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services and would require the plan and implementing legislation be submitted to the Legislature.

Part L proposed to:

1. Delay the effective date of the Fiscal Stability Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7017, subsection 9 for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from fiscal year 2003-04 to fiscal year 2005-06.
2. Increase license fees by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, effective January 1, 2004, and require future increases based on the Consumer Price Index.

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Part M proposed to acknowledge the intent of the Judicial Department to increase the waiver amounts for fines under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, sections 1601, 1770 and 2074.

Part N proposed to:

1. Delay the effective date for implementing the Office of Program Evaluation to fiscal year 2005-06.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to transfer amounts to achieve the branchwide savings identified in Part B, section 1 by financial order upon recommendation by the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers would be considered adjustments to appropriations in fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05.

Part O proposed to repeal the provisions requiring payment by the Maine State Library of state aid for municipalities maintaining free public libraries and amend references in the Maine Revised Statutes regarding free and public libraries.

Part P proposed to amend the law authorizing the Maine State Museum to establish fees for miscellaneous services.

Part Q proposed to rename the Department of Economic and Community Development as the Department of Tourism, Economic and Community Development.

Part R proposed to:

1. Eliminate the Director of Liquor Enforcement, Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety and Director of the Bureau of Highway Safety as major policy-influencing positions from the Department of Public Safety.
2. Amend the current provision to clarify that 1/2 of the fines and forfeitures collected should be deposited in a nonlapsing Other Special Revenue Funds account of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for the purpose of providing funds for training and recertification of part-time and full-time law enforcement officers.
3. Amend the current provisions regarding the surcharge imposed by the court on fines, forfeitures and penalties. It also changes the allocation paid to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy from 1/6 to 2/7.
4. Repeal the existing provisions regarding the Maine Community Policing Institute Surcharge Fund.
5. Repeal the existing provisions that established the Bureau of Highway Safety.
6. Change the distribution of fees collected by the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification. The revenues generated from fees would be credited entirely to the General Fund.

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Part S proposed to:

1. Transfer \$149,703 of savings from the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions, Administrative Services and Corporations, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of the Secretary of State to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2004.
2. Transfer \$20,000 of savings from the Archives, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of the Secretary of State to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2004.

Part T proposed to amend the law as it relates to the length of time the State Treasurer is required to hold unclaimed property, formerly known as "abandoned" property. It also proposed to update the law to correct references to "abandoned" property and correct cross-references.

Part U proposed to direct all state agencies to implement measures to reduce energy consumption within their agencies.

Part V proposed to:

1. Change the distribution of the State's share of real estate tax proceeds that are currently paid to the Maine State Housing Authority.
2. Authorize the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to sell or transfer ownership of surplus state-owned land to assist the Maine State Housing Authority in the development of affordable housing.
3. Express the intent of the Legislature for the Maine State Housing Authority to achieve savings from existing resources to maintain assistance to the homeless.

Part W proposed to:

1. Delay the .1% increase in Municipal Revenue Sharing to July 1, 2005.
2. Authorize the State Treasurer to withhold local government fund amounts from distribution to be used for incentives for municipalities to achieve administrative savings.

Part X proposed to delay the increase in Seed Capital Tax Credit.

Part Y proposed to delay the implementation of the Fire Insurance Premium Tax special assessment.

Part Z proposed to delay the tax exemption for equipment used for the broadcast of radio and television broadcast signals.

Part AA proposed to provide for increases in state tax revenues through the 2003 Maine Tax Amnesty Program and through increased tax enforcement efforts by Maine Revenue Services.

Part BB proposed to adjust the exemption amount for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Program and it also proposed to adjust the local assessed value of the exemption.

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Part CC proposed to amend the current provisions concerning taxes paid by insurance by adding annuity considerations for tax purposes.

Part DD proposed to postpone by one year the educational attainment investment credit and the recruitment credit available under the insurance premiums tax and individual and corporate income taxes.

Part EE proposed to extend the period for recapturing the bonus depreciation add-back under the income tax laws.

Part FF proposed to provide for a temporary reduction in the dependent care tax credit rate to 21.5%.

Part GG proposed to provide for a temporary reduction in the earned income tax credit rate to 4.92%.

Part HH proposed to delay the increase in standard deduction for joint income tax filers.

Part II proposed to delay the allowance for the above-the-line deduction for education expenses under the income tax laws.

Part JJ proposed to delay recognition of federal estate tax changes.

Part KK proposed to:

1. Authorize the Commissioner of Transportation to transfer amounts to achieve the departmentwide savings identified in Part B, section 1 by financial order upon recommendation by the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers would be considered adjustments to allocations in fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05.
2. Transfer \$8,000,000 from the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund as reimbursement for funds provided for highway improvement projects.

Part LL proposed to:

1. Authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to offer special voluntary employee incentive programs.
2. Authorize the State to continue the payment of health and dental insurance benefits for participants in the voluntary incentive program.
3. Authorize the continuation of group life insurance based upon the scheduled hours of the employees prior to the participation in the voluntary employee incentive programs.
4. Specify that General Fund savings as a result of the voluntary employee incentive program will not be used to fund other state programs but must be used to offset the deappropriation in Part B, section 1.

Part MM proposed to transfer \$150,000 in Maine Learning Technology Endowment Account investment earnings as miscellaneous income to the General Fund.

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Part NN proposed to authorize the Legislature to adjust the Retirement Unfunded Liability amortization schedule.

Part OO proposed to establish the Higher Education Cost Savings Incentive Program and the K-12 Education Cost Savings Incentive Program.

Part PP proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities totaling \$7,485,000 for capital repairs and improvements at various state facilities.

Part QQ proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to issue one or more additional instant lottery ticket games.

Part RR proposed to:

1. Repeal provisions of the law relating to the Maine Science and Technology Foundation and transfers the functions to the Department of Economic and Community Development.
2. Transfer the functions of the Energy Conservation Division of the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Public Utilities Commission.

Part SS proposed to amend current law to facilitate the closure of the remaining 13 state liquor stores.

Part TT proposed to amend the current provisions and outlines the requirements for the sale or lease of the wholesale liquor business.

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

Part VV proposed to require parity coverage for mental illnesses for all health benefit plans covering groups of 21 or more. It proposed to expand the coverage of mental illness to include 11 categories of mental illness as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, as periodically revised, and allows that coverage to be delivered as a carve out under a managed care system. It would require coverage for residential treatment services and home support services. The provisions would apply to all policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this bill. It would make no change to the mandated offer of parity requirement for individual plans and group plans covering fewer than 20 persons under current law.

Committee Amendment “A”(H-27) proposed the following:

Part A proposed to make appropriations and allocations of funds reflecting current services.

Part B proposed to adjust appropriations and allocations of funds representing reduction proposals or adjustments to current services.

Part C proposed the following.

1. To postpone to after June 30, 2005 an increase in the State's contribution for health insurance for retired teachers from 35% to 40%.

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2. To establish Tier 1 and Tier 2 cushions for school administrative units with mills raised for education of 9.97 mills or higher.
3. To establish the statewide local share, basic elementary and secondary school operating rates, per-pupil guarantees and the statewide factor for general purpose aid for local schools. It proposed to establish the foundation allocation, subsidy index reduction percentage and appropriation. It proposed to establish the debt service allocation, indexes, reduction percentage and appropriation and miscellaneous adjustments and cost allocations and appropriations.
4. To transfer \$200,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 from the General Purpose Aid to Local Schools account to General Fund unappropriated surplus from savings to be achieved through the standardization of specifications for school construction and renovation, including projects that are currently under construction, in planning or entering the design phase.

Part D proposed to:

1. Establish the Department of Administrative and Financial Services as the fiscal agent for the Department of Education.
2. Require calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund, Highway Fund, Fund for a Healthy Maine and Other Special Revenue funds in the cost of health insurance for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
3. Require calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund, Highway Fund, Fund for a Healthy Maine and Other Special Revenue funds from increased attrition for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
4. Require the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund, Highway Fund, Fund for a Healthy Maine and Other Special Revenue funds from extending the amortization schedule of the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
5. Require calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund, Highway Fund, Fund for a Healthy Maine and Other Special Revenue funds from postponing merit increases for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
6. Authorize transfers of positions by financial order between accounts and between departments and authorizes transfers of available balances of any General Fund appropriation between line categories, accounts and departments in fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05. Any incumbent in the transferred position at the time of transfer would be transferred along with the position.
7. Transfer \$600,000 from the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages, Internal Service Fund in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2004 due to the proposed closure of the remaining 13 liquor stores.

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8. Require the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund from retiree health insurance savings for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
9. Require the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to review the current organizational structure of the ACE Service Center and the remaining financial and personnel structures located in the Departments of Conservation, Environmental Protection and Agriculture to improve organizational efficiency and cost effectiveness. The commissioner would be required to present a plan and legislation to achieve efficiencies and move ACE under the supervision of one department to the Legislature as a part of any emergency budget request submitted to the Legislature after January 1, 2004.
10. Require calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund from reductions in All Other for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
11. Require calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund, Highway Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds from the cost of health insurance related to hospital rate adjustments for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 that are identified in Part B, section 1.
12. Prohibit merit increases between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2005.
13. Authorize financing arrangements for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Motor Pool.
14. Transfer \$100,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 from the Real Property Lease Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30 of each fiscal year to reflect savings as a result of the renegotiation of leases.
15. Require the transfer of \$6,112,290 from the fiscal year 2002-03 unallocated balance of the Fund for a Healthy Maine Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by June 30, 2004.
16. Require the transfer of \$225,000 from the Maine Clean Election Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by June 30, 2004.

Part E proposed to:

1. Amend the meat and poultry inspection program to increase the hourly fees charged for inspection of bison, domesticated deer and ratite.
2. Authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to receive reimbursement for livestock and poultry services performed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 562-A.

Part F proposed to:

1. Prohibit cost-of-living adjustments in legislative salaries for the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature and the First Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.
2. Change meeting authorization and staffing for the Legislative Youth Advisory Commission.

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3. Eliminate step increases and longevity payments for legislative employees between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2005.

Part G proposed to:

1. Eliminate the Aroostook Residential Center effective June 30, 2004.
2. Authorize the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under Medicaid Title XIX for targeted case management, with the revenue to be deposited in the General Fund as undedicated revenue.

Part H proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Conservation to increase parks and land fees by financial order upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

Part I proposed to:

1. Authorize the Department of Corrections, Maine Correctional Center to increase the rate it charges the Federal Government for the housing of federal inmates. The additional revenue would need to be deposited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05.
2. Authorize the Department of Corrections to transfer, by financial order, Personal Services, All Other or Capital Expenditures funding between accounts with the same fund for the purpose of paying overtime expenses in accordance with Title 5, section 7065.

Part J proposed to amend the law removing the requirement that the Governmental Ethics Commission institute electronic submission of reports and computerized tracking of campaign, election and lobbying information.

Part K proposed to:

1. Authorize the Department of Human Services to collect medical care premiums from noncustodial parents of MaineCare children.
2. Update Medicaid and related 3rd-party liability statutes, including substituting "MaineCare" for "Medicaid" and the "elderly low-cost drug program" and setting a 75% minimum recovery percentage for tort claim recoveries.
3. Include changes to improve MaineCare's ability to identify possible 3rd-party payors.
4. Increase license fees for hospitals and nursing homes.
5. Authorize the Department of Human Services to impose a copayment or premium if expressly approved by a federal waiver.
6. Modify MaineCare prescription drug copayments.
7. Authorize MaineCare copayments for federally qualified health center and rural health center services.

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8. Authorize the Department of Human Services to pursue a federal waiver to impose cost sharing on individuals eligible for MaineCare under the Katie Beckett option.
9. Modify premiums for MaineCare's CubCare program.
10. Modify federally qualified health center reimbursement requirements to reflect the imposition of copayments and limits on service approvals.
11. Authorize the Department of Human Services to require MaineCare members to purchase maintenance drugs by mail order.
12. Authorize the Department of Human Services to establish copayments for services under the medical eye care program.
13. Modify the Department of Human Services' Parents as Scholars Program.
14. Require the Department of Human Services to review MaineCare cost-sharing requirements with the Medicaid Advisory Committee and submit a report by February 15, 2005.
15. Require the Department of Human Services and the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to continue efforts to resolve the institutions for mental disease federal funding shortfall.
16. Suspend nursing home inflation adjustments and return on equity capital payments for fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05.
17. Require the merger of the Department of Human Services and the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services and the submission of a plan to implement the merger and the submission of implementing legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.

Part L proposed to:

1. Permit the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adjust annually all license and other fees collected by the department to maintain parity with the Consumer Price Index.
2. Delay the effective date of the Fiscal Stability Program for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from fiscal year 2004 to fiscal year 2006.
3. Require a temporary assessment on all Inland Fisheries and Wildlife license, registration and other fees collected by the department for calendar years 2004 and 2005.
4. Authorize the purchase of more than one 10-chance moose drawing application by nonresidents from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005.
5. Require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit a plan to restructure fees to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, which is authorized to report out legislation implementing the plan.

Part M proposed to express legislative intent that the Judicial Department increase the amounts for fines under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, sections 1601, 1770 and 2074.

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Part N proposed to require a report by the Commissioner of Corrections regarding recidivism information.

Part O proposed to eliminate payment by the Maine State Library of state aid for municipalities maintaining free public libraries.

Part P proposed to authorize the Maine State Museum to establish fees for miscellaneous services.

Part Q proposed to rename the Department of Economic and Community Development as the Department of Tourism, Economic and Community Development.

Part R proposed to:

1. Eliminate the Maine Community Policing Institute Surcharge Fund and amends statutes related to the fund.
2. Increase the Government Operations Surcharge Fund surcharge on fines, forfeitures and penalties from 12% to 14% and changes the allocation paid to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy from 1/6 to 2/7.
3. Eliminate the Director of Liquor Enforcement position, an Assistant to the Commissioner of Public Safety position and the Director of the Bureau of Highway Safety position as major policy-influencing positions within the Department of Public Safety.
4. Direct that 1/2 of the fines from tobacco enforcement be directed to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for training and certification rather than to law enforcement agencies.
5. Authorize the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification to charge individuals a fee for a criminal history record check and directs all fees to the General Fund.
6. Eliminate the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Highway Safety.

Part S proposed to:

1. Transfer \$95,869 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$53,834 in fiscal year 2004-05 of savings from the Bureau of Elections and Commissions, Administrative Services and Corporations, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of the Secretary of State to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.
2. Transfer \$10,000 in each year of the biennium of savings from the Archives, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of the Secretary of State to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Part T proposed to amend provisions of law related to the investment of state money, amends the law as it relates to the length of time the State Treasurer is required to hold abandoned property and updates the statutes to reflect recent changes in the laws related to abandoned or unclaimed property.

Part U proposed to direct all state agencies to implement measures to reduce energy consumption within their agencies.

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Part V proposed to:

1. Change the distribution of the State's share of real estate transfer tax proceeds by reducing the amount paid to the Maine State Housing Authority by \$7,500,000 in each fiscal year.
2. Direct the Maine State Housing Authority to generate savings to maintain services to homeless persons at \$2,400,000.

Part W proposed to:

1. Delay the .1% increase in municipal revenue sharing to July 1, 2005.
2. Authorize the Treasurer of State to withhold \$1,000,000 in Municipal Revenue Sharing in fiscal year 2004-05 from distribution to be used for incentives for municipalities to achieve administrative savings.

Part X proposed to delay until fiscal year 2005-06 expansions in the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit program.

Part Y proposed to delay until fiscal year 2005-06 an insurance premium tax credit for the Fire Insurance Premium Tax special assessment.

Part Z proposed to suspend until July 1, 2005 the broadcasters sales tax exemption.

Part AA proposed to:

1. Require the withholding of income tax on distributions to nonresidents by flow-through entities.
2. Establish the 2003 Maine Tax Amnesty Program.

Part BB proposed to reduce the exemption amount for the homestead property tax exemption program for homesteads with a just value of \$125,000 or more.

Part CC proposed to amend the insurance premium tax to clarify the coverage of contracts that may result in future annuitization.

Part DD proposed to postpone by one year the educational attainment investment credit and the recruitment credit available under the insurance premiums tax and individual and corporate income taxes.

Part EE proposed to extend the period for recapturing the bonus depreciation add-back provision.

Part FF proposed to provide for a reduction in the child and dependent care income tax credit rate to 21.5% of the federal credit for tax years beginning in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Part GG proposed to provide for a reduction in the earned income tax credit rate to 4.92% of the federal credit for tax years beginning in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Part HH proposed to suspend the increase in the income tax standard deduction for joint filers for tax years beginning in 2005.

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Part II proposed to delay the allowance for several above-the-line deductions for education expenses and subsidies.

Part JJ proposed to delay recognition of federal estate tax changes for deaths occurring in 2003 and 2004.

Part KK proposed to transfer \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 from the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund as reimbursement for funds provided for highway improvement projects.

Part LL proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to offer special voluntary employee incentive programs.

Part MM proposed to require the transfer of \$150,000 in Maine Learning Technology Endowment investment earnings to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Part NN proposed to extend the retirement unfunded liability amortization schedule to the constitutional limit until July 1, 2005, when it is restored to the current schedule.

Part OO proposed to:

1. Require the transition of the Maine Technical College System into the Maine Community College System.
2. Appropriate and allocate funds to facilitate the creation of the Maine Community College System and to provide public matching funds to secure scholarship assistance or limit in-state tuition increases.

Part PP proposed to amend the current provisions by authorizing the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities totaling \$7,485,000 for capital repairs and improvements at various state facilities.

Part QQ proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to issue one or more additional instant ticket lottery games.

Part RR proposed to:

1. Repeal provisions of the law relating to the Maine Science and Technology Foundation and transfers the functions and related appropriations and allocations to the Department of Economic and Community Development.
2. Transfer the functions of the Energy Conservation Division of the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Public Utilities Commission.

Part SS proposed to require the closure of the remaining 13 state retail liquor stores and amends certain statutes in anticipation of the transfer of the State's wholesale liquor activities.

Part TT proposed to change the name of the "Maine Learning Technology Endowment" to the "Maine Learning Technology Fund."

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

Part VV proposed to require parity coverage for mental illnesses for all health benefit plans covering groups of 21 or more and to expand the coverage of mental illness to include 11 categories of mental illness as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, published by the American Psychiatric Association.

Part WW proposed to:

1. Increase various commercial fishing license fees.
2. Increase the amount of the mahogany quahog tax apportioned annually to the Toxin Monitoring Fund to \$56,000.

Part XX proposed to provide for statewide deappropriation of \$24,330,049 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$23,933,097 in fiscal year 2004-05.

Part YY proposed to require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to submit legislation to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature to establish a budget reserve and stabilization fund.

Part ZZ proposed to adjust appropriations and allocations for several initiatives that are contingent upon federal approval.

Part AAA proposed to transfer \$13,570,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$9,600,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 from the Highway Fund to the Local Government Fund to be distributed to certain municipalities with substantial highway maintenance budgets through the state-municipal revenue sharing program. An amount equal to the transfers from the Highway Fund to the Local Government Fund would be transferred from the Local Government Fund to the General Fund.

Part BBB proposed to require the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to work closely with residents, family, staff and other support personnel in developing a placement plan for the residents of the Aroostook Residential Center. The department would be required to develop and implement a process whereby the input of residents, family, staff and other support personnel is taken into account before any placement decision is made. This part would also require that all residents be placed in the Presque Isle region. It also proposed to include a report requirement.

Part CCC proposed to require the Department of Human Services and the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to apply for a Medicaid waiver to make respite services a Medicaid reimbursable service. Any General Fund savings generated in the Mental Health Services - Children program as a result of increased federal Medicaid funding for respite would be distributed proportionately across the categories of services funded by the Mental Health Services - Children program and could not be used solely for increased respite services. It also proposed to include a report requirement.

Part DDD proposed to:

1. Clarify the legislative intent that the University of Maine System be included in the definition of "higher education institution" as it relates to borrowing by the Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority.

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2. Repeal the provision of law that requires that, by June 30, 2006 and every fiscal year thereafter, the University of Maine School of Law's share of the annual operating budget that is supported by the State's General Fund be equivalent to the share of the University of Maine's annual operating budget that is supported by the State's General Fund.

Part EEE proposed to:

1. Direct the child welfare ombudsman program to have as its first priority case-specific advocacy services and to undertake work on systems improvements and advocacy only as an adjunct to the case-specific advocacy services. This Part also proposed to terminate the current ombudsman contract on June 30, 2003 and requires a request for proposal process for a contract from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. It also proposed to require consideration of the organizational structure of the ombudsman program in the restructuring of the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services and the Department of Human Services.
2. Clarify that the delays in the child welfare 2002 initiative contained in Part B apply only to the applicable expenditures.

Part FFF proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services and any insurance company or 3rd-party administrator insuring or administering the state employee health insurance program to negotiate agreements with hospitals to reduce expenses incurred the State's plan.

Part GGG proposed to make adjustments to the elderly low-cost drug program statute to provide benefits within existing resources by increasing the copayment for drugs by \$2.

Part HHH proposed to authorize the Department of Human Services to pursue further 3rd-party insurance claims for behavioral health services.

Part III proposed to require the Department of Human Services to make every effort to maximize enrollment of homeless youth in the MaineCare program.

Part JJJ proposed to require the Chief of the Maine State Police to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs no later than November 1, 2004 on the fee schedule established for criminal history record background checks.

Part KKK proposed to authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to work with the Maine State Housing Authority to sell or transfer ownership of certain parcels of surplus state-owned land, along with any building on the land, to municipalities or nonprofit agencies in order to address a shortage of affordable housing.

Part LLL proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to contract for the sale, franchise, license or lease of the State's wholesale liquor activities to a private entity.

Part MMM proposed to authorize the transfer of funds from the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

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House Amendment “K” "To Committee Amendment “A” (H-46) proposed to make several technical changes to be consistent with legislative intent.

Public Law 2003, chapter 20 does the following.

<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
A	A-1: A-24	Budget Preamble
	A-25	Appropriations and allocations of funds reflecting Current Services for the 2004-2005 biennium.
B	B-1	Adjusts appropriations and allocations of funds representing reduction proposals or adjustments to Current Services.
C	C-1	Postpones to after June 30, 2005 an increase in the State's contribution for health insurance for retired teachers from 35% to 40%.
	C-2	Establishes Tier 1 and Tier 2 cushions for school administrative units with mills raised for education of 9.97 mills or higher.
	C-3: C-18	Establishes the statewide local share, basic elementary and secondary school operating rates, per pupil guarantees and the statewide factor for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools. Establishes the foundation allocation, subsidy index reduction percentage and appropriation. Establishes the Debt service allocation, indexes, reduction percentage and appropriation and miscellaneous adjustments and cost allocations and appropriations.
	C-19	Transfers \$200,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2005 2004-05 from the General Purpose Aid for Local School account to General Fund unappropriated surplus from savings to be achieved through the standardization of specifications for school construction and renovation including projects that are currently under construction, in planning, or entering the design phase.
D	D-1	Establishes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services as the fiscal agent for the Department of Education.
	D-2:D-4	Requires the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund, Highway Fund and Other Special Revenue Fund in the cost of health insurance for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 that are identified in Part B section 1.
	D-5:D-7	Requires the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund, Highway Fund and Other Special Revenue Fund from increased attrition for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 that are identified in Part B section 1.
	D-8:D-10	Requires the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund, Highway Fund and Other Special Revenue Fund from extending the amortization schedule of the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement

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	System for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 that are identified in Part B section 1
D-11: D-13	Requires calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund, Highway Fund and Other Special Revenue Fund from postponing merit increases for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 that are identified in Part B section 1.
D-14	Authorizes transfers of positions by financial order between accounts and between departments and authorizes transfers of available balances of any General Fund appropriation between line categories, accounts and departments in fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05. Any incumbent in the transferred position at the time of transfer may be transferred along with the position.
D-15	Transfers \$600,000 from the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages, Internal Service Fund in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2004 due the proposed closure of the remaining 13 liquor stores.
D-16	Requires the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund from retiree health insurance savings for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 that are identified in Part B section 1.
D-17	Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to review the current organizational structure of the A.C.E. Service Center and the remaining financial and personnel structures located in the Departments of Conservation, Environmental Protection, and Agriculture to improve organizational efficiency and cost effectiveness. The Commissioner is required to present a plan and legislation to achieve efficiencies and move A.C.E. under the supervision of one Department to the Legislature as a part of any Emergency Budget Request submitted to the Legislature after January 1, 2004.
D-18	Requires the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund from reductions in All Other line category for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 that are identified in Part B section 1.
D-19:D-21	Requires the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund, Highway Fund and Other Special Revenue Fund from the cost of health insurance related to hospital rate adjustments for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 that are identified in Part B section 1.
D-22	Prohibits merit increases between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2005.
D-23	Authorizes financing arrangements for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Motor Pool.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	D-24	Transfers \$100,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 from the Real Property Lease Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30 of each fiscal year to reflect savings as a result of the re-negotiation of leases.
	D-25	Transfers \$6,112,290 from the fiscal year 03 unallocated balance of the Fund for a Healthy Maine Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by June 30, 2004.
	D-26	Transfers \$225,000 from the Maine Clean Election Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by June 30, 2004.
E	E-1	Amends the Maine Meat and Poultry Inspection program to increase the hourly fees charged for inspection of bison, domesticated deer and ratite.
	E-2	Authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to receive reimbursement for livestock and poultry services performed under Title 22, chapter 562-A.
F	F-1	Prohibits cost of living adjustment in legislative salary for the 2nd Regular Session of the 121st Legislature and the 1st Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.
	F-2:F-3	Changes meeting authorization and staffing for the Legislative Youth Advisory Commission
	F-4:F-5	Eliminates step increases and longevity payments for legislative employees between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2005.
G	G-1, G-3	Repeals the Aroostook Residential Center effective June 30, 2004.
	G:2	Authorizes the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under Medicaid Title XIX for targeted case management with the revenue to be deposited in the General Fund as undedicated revenue.
H	H-1	Authorizes the Commissioner of Conservation to increase parks and land fees by financial order upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.
I	I-1	Authorizes the Department of Corrections, Maine Correctional Center to increase the rate it charges the Federal Government for the housing of federal inmates. The additional revenue must be deposited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue in fiscal year 2003-04 and 2004-05.

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	I-2	Authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer, by financial order, Personal Services, All Other or Capital Expenditures funding between accounts with the same fund for the purposes of paying overtime expenses in accordance with Title 5, section 7065.
J	J-1	Amends the law removing the requirement that the Governmental Ethics Commission institute electronic submission of reports and computerized tracking of campaign, election and lobbying information.
K	K-1	Authorizes the Department of Human Services to collect medical care premiums from non-custodial parents of MaineCare children.
	K-2	Updates Medicaid and related third-party liability statutes, including substituting "MaineCare" for "Medicaid" and the "elderly low-cost drug program", and setting a 75% minimum recovery percentage for tort claim recoveries.
	K-3	Authorizes changes to improve MaineCare's ability to identify possible third-party payers.
	K-4	Increases the licensing fee for hospitals and nursing homes.
	K-5	Authorizes the Department of Human Services to impose a co-payment or premium if expressly approved by a federal waiver.
	K-6	Modifies MaineCare prescription drug co-payments.
	K-7: K-8	Authorizes MaineCare co-payments for federally qualified health center (FQHC) and rural health center (RHC) services.
	K-9	Authorizes the Department of Human Services to pursue a federal waiver to impose cost sharing on individuals eligible for MaineCare under the Katie Beckett option.
	K-10	Modifies premiums for the MaineCare, "CubCare" program.
	K-11	Modifies federally qualified health center (FQHC) reimbursement requirements to reflect the imposition of co-payments and limits on service approvals.
	K-12	Authorizes the Department of Human Services to require MaineCare members to purchase maintenance drugs by mail order.
	K-13	Authorizes the Department of Human Services to establish co-payments for services under the Maine Eye Care program.
	K-14	Modifies the Department of Human Service's Parents as Scholars program.
	K-15	Requires the Department of Human Services to review MaineCare cost sharing requirements with the Medicaid Advisory Committee and submit a report by February 15, 2005.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	K-16	Requires the Departments of Human Services and Behavioral and Developmental Services to continue efforts to resolve the Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) federal funding shortfall.
	K-17	Suspends nursing home inflation adjustment and return on equity capital payments for 2003-04 and 2004-05.
	K-18	Requires the merger of the Department of Human Services and the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services and the submission of a plan to implement the merger and the submission of implementing legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.
L	L-1	Permits the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adjust annually all license and other fees collected by the department to maintain parity with the Consumer Price Index.
	L-2	Delays the effective date of the fiscal stability program for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from fiscal year 2004 to fiscal year 2006.
	L-3	Requires a temporary assessment on all license, registration and other fees collected by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for calendar years 2004 and 2005.
	L-4	Authorizes the purchase of more than one 10-chance moose-drawing application by nonresidents from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005.
	L-5	Requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit a plan to restructure fees to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife which is authorized to report out legislation implementing the plan.
M	M-1	Expresses Legislative intent that the Judicial Department increase the amounts for fines under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, sections 1601, 1770 and 2074.
N	N-1	Requires a report by the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections regarding recidivism information.
O	O-1: O-3	Repeals payment by the Maine State Library of state aid for municipalities maintaining free public libraries.
P	P-1	Authorizes the Maine State Museum to establish fees for miscellaneous services.
Q	Q-1:Q-2	Renames the Department of Economic and Community Development as the Department of Tourism, Economic and Community Development.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	R-3	Increases the Government Operations Surcharge Fund surcharge on fines, forfeitures and penalties from 12% to 14% and changes the allocation paid to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy from one sixth to two - sevenths.
	R-5:R-7	Eliminates the Director of Liquor Enforcement, an Assistant to the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Director Bureau of Highway Safety as major policy influencing positions within the Department of Public Safety.
	R-8	Directs that 1/2 of the fines from tobacco enforcement be directed to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for training and certification rather than to law enforcement agencies.
	R-9	Authorizes the State Bureau of Identification to charge individuals a fee for a criminal history record check and directs all fees to the General Fund.
	R-10	Repeals the Bureau of Highway Safety.
S	S-1	Transfers \$95,869 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$53,834 in fiscal year 2004-05 of savings from the Bureau of Elections and Commissions, Administrative Services and Corporations, Other Special Revenue Fund account in the Department of the Secretary of State to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.
	S-2	Transfers \$10,000 in each year of the biennium of savings from the Archives, Other Special Revenue Fund account in the Department of the Secretary of State to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.
T	T-1:T-33	Amends provisions of law related to the investment of State money, amends the law as it relates to the length of time the State Treasurer is required to hold abandoned property and updates the statutes to reflect recent changes in the laws related to abandoned/unclaimed property.
U	U-1	Directs all state agencies to implement measures to reduce energy consumption within their agencies.
V	V-1	Changes the distribution of the State's share of Real Estate Transfer Tax proceeds by reducing the amount paid to the Maine State Housing Authority by \$7,500,000 in each fiscal year.
	V-2	Directs the Maine State Housing Authority to generate savings to maintain services to homeless persons at \$2,400,000.
W	W-1	Delays the increase from 5.1% to 5.2% in Municipal Revenue Sharing to July 1, 2005.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	W-2	Authorizes the State Treasurer to withhold \$1,000,000 in Municipal Revenue Sharing in fiscal year 2004-05 from distribution to be used for incentives for municipalities to achieve administrative savings.
X	X-1: X-6	Delays until FY 06 expansions in the seed capital investment tax credit.
Y	Y-1	Delays until FY 06 an insurance premium tax credit for the Fire Insurance Premium Tax special assessment.
Z	Z-1	Suspends until July 1, 2005 the broadcasters sales tax exemption.
AA	AA-1:AA-3, AA-6	Requires the withholding of income tax on distributions to nonresidents by flow through entities.
	AA-4:AA-5	Establishes the 2003 Maine Tax Amnesty Program
BB	BB-1:BB-3	Reduces the exemption amount for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Program for homesteads with a just value of \$125,000 or more.
CC	CC-1:CC-3	Amends the insurance premium tax to clarify the coverage of contracts that may result in future annuitization.
DD	DD-1:DD-6	Postpones by one year the educational attainment investment credit and the recruitment credit available under the insurance premiums tax and individual and corporate income taxes.
EE	EE-1:EE-4	Extends the period for recapturing the bonus depreciation add-back provision.
FF	FF-1	Reduces the child and dependent care income tax credit rate to 21.5% of the federal credit for tax years beginning in 2003, 2004 and 2005.
GG	GG-1:	Reduces the earned income tax credit rate to 4.92% of the federal credit for tax years beginning in 2003, 2004 and 2005.
HH	HH-1	Suspends the increase in the income tax standard deduction for joint filers for tax years beginning in 2005.
II	II-1:II-4	Delays the allowance for several above the line deductions for education expenses and subsidies.
JJ	JJ-1:JJ-4	Delays recognition of federal estate tax changes for deaths occurring in 2003 and 2004.
KK	KK-1	Transfers \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 from the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund as reimbursement for funds provided for highway improvement projects.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
LL	LL-1:LL-4	Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to offer special voluntary employee incentive programs.
MM	MM-1	Requires the transfer of \$150,000 in Maine Learning Technology Endowment investment earnings as miscellaneous income to the General Fund.
NN	NN-1	Extends the Retirement Unfunded Liability amortization schedule to the Constitutional limit until July 1, 2005 when it is restored to the current schedule.
OO	OO-1:OO-2	Requires the transition of the Maine Technical College System into the Maine Community College System.
	OO-3	Appropriates and allocates funds to facilitate the creation of the Maine Community College System and to provide public matching funds to secure scholarship assistance or limit in-state tuition increases.
PP	PP-1: PP-3	Amends the current provisions by authorizing the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities totaling \$7,485,000 for capital repairs and improvements at various state facilities.
QQ	QQ-1	Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to issue one or more additional instant ticket lottery games.
RR	RR-1:RR-7; RR-13:RR-17	Repeals provisions of the law relating to the Maine Science and Technology Foundation and transfers the functions to the Department of Economic and Community Development and makes adjustments to appropriations and allocations.
	RR-8:RR-12	Transfers the functions of the Energy Conservation Division of the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Public Utilities Commission.
SS	SS-1: SS-3	Requires the closure of the remaining 13 state retail liquor stores and amends certain statutes in anticipation of the transfer of the State's wholesale liquor activities.
TT	TT-1	Changes the name of the "Maine Learning Technology Endowment" to the "Maine Learning Technology Fund."
UU	UU-1	Presents a comprehensive list of tax expenditures for the consideration of the Legislature.
VV	VV-1:VV-27	Requires parity coverage for mental illnesses for all health benefit plans covering groups of 21 or more and expands the coverage of mental illness to include 11 categories of mental illness as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.
WW	WW-1:WW-27	Increases various commercial fishing license fees.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	WW-28	Increases the amount of the Mahogany Quahog Tax apportioned annually to the Toxin Monitoring Fund to \$56,000.
XX	XX-1:XX-2	Provides for statewide deappropriation of \$24,330,049 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$23,933,097 in fiscal year 2004-05.
YY	YY-1	Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to submit legislation to the 1st Regular Session of the 121st Legislature to establish a budget reserve and stabilization Fund.
ZZ	ZZ-1	Adjusts appropriations and allocations for several initiatives that are contingent upon federal approval
AAA	AAA-1:AAA-5	Transfers \$13,570,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$9,600,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 from the Highway Fund to the Local Government Fund to be distributed to certain municipalities with substantial highway maintenance budgets through the state-municipal revenue sharing program. An amount equal to the transfers from the Highway Fund to the Local Government Fund is transferred from the Local Government Fund to the General Fund.
BBB	BBB-1	Requires the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to work closely with residents, family, staff and other support personnel in developing a placement plan for the residents of the Aroostook Residential Center. The department is required to develop and implement a process whereby the input of residents, family, staff and other support personnel is taken into account before any placement decision is made. This part also requires that all residents be placed in the Presque Isle region. It also includes a report requirement.
CCC	CCC-1	Requires the Department of Human Services and the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to apply for a Medicaid Waiver to make respite services a Medicaid reimbursable service. Any General Fund savings generated in the Mental Health Services – Children program as a result of increased federal Medicaid funding for respite must be distributed proportionately across the categories of services funded by the Mental Health Services – Children program and may not be used solely for increased respite services. It also includes a report requirement.
DDD	DDD-1	Clarifies the Legislative intent that the University of Maine System be included in the definition of higher education institution as it relates to borrowing by the Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority.
	DDD-2	Repeals the provision of law that requires that, by June 30, 2006 and every fiscal year thereafter, the University of Maine School of Law's share of the annual operating budget that is supported by the State's General Fund be equivalent to the share of the University of Maine's annual operating budget that is supported by the State's General Fund.

<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
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EEE	EEE-1	Directs the child welfare ombudsman program to have as its first priority case specific advocacy services and to undertake work on systems improvements and advocacy only as an adjunct to the case specific advocacy services. This Part also terminates the current ombudsman contract on June 30, 2003 and requires a request for proposal process for a contract from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. It also requires consideration of the organization structure of the ombudsman program in the restructuring of the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services and the Department of Human Services.
	EEE-2	Clarifies that the delays in the child welfare 2002 initiative contained in Part B apply only to the applicable expenditures.
FFF	FFF-1	Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and any insurance company or third party administrator insuring or administering the State Employee Health Plan to negotiate agreements with hospitals to reduce expenses incurred the State's plan.
GGG	GGG-1: GGG-6	Makes adjustments to the Elderly low-cost drug program statute to provide benefits within existing resources by increasing the co-payment for drugs by \$2 and requiring mail order for prescriptions that have more than a 14 day supply.
HHH	HHH-1	Authorizes the Department of Human Services to pursue further third party insurance claims for behavioral health services.
III	III-1	Requires the Department of Human Services to make every effort to maximize enrollment of homeless youth in the MaineCare program.
JJJ	JJJ-1	Requires the Chief of the Maine State Police to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs no later than November 1, 2004 on the fee schedule established for criminal history record background checks.
KKK	KKK-1: KKK-2	Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to work with the Maine State Housing Authority to sell or transfer ownership of certain parcels of surplus state-owned land, along with any building on the land, to municipalities or non-profit agencies in order to address a shortage of affordable housing.
LLL	LLL-1: LLL-3	Authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to contract for the sale, franchise, license or lease of the State's wholesale liquor activities to a private entity.
MMM	MMM-1	Transfers \$50,000 annually in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 from the Division of Forest Protection General Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund

PART	SECTION	DESCRIPTION
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MMM-2	Transfers \$100,000 annually in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 from the Boating Facilities Fund Other Special Revenue Funds program in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund
MMM-3	Transfers \$25,000 annually in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 from the Shore and Harbor Management Fund Other Special Revenue Funds program in the Department of Conservation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund

Public Law 2003, chapter 20 was enacted as an emergency measure and takes effect July 1, 2003, unless a provision indicates otherwise.

LD 1383

An Act To Limit the Growth of Government Spending

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TURNER BRUNO	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OPT-AM MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1383 proposed to establish expenditure limits on state and local governments as follows:

1. Provide that the maximum annual percentage increase in state General Fund expenditures, excluding federal funds received by the General Fund, could not exceed inflation plus the percentage change in state population in the prior year.
2. Provide that the maximum annual percentage increase in local government expenditures could not exceed inflation plus the percentage change in state population in the prior year.
3. Authorize the State or a local government to authorize expenditures in excess of the established limit only upon a vote of 2/3 of the entire elected membership of each House of the Legislature, in the case of the State, or upon a 2/3 vote of the governing body of the local government, in the case of a local government.
4. Require that revenues collected in excess of the spending limits must be placed in an emergency reserve fund containing the equivalent of 3 months of operating revenues or, if the fund already contains that amount, refunded to the citizens.
5. Require that, in order for the bill to take effect, the issue be submitted to the voters of the State for their approval.

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LD 1442

An Act To Provide Administrative Support to the Treasurer of State's Cash Pool

ONTP

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

LD 1442 proposed to allow the Treasurer of State to recover the cost of providing administrative and investment services to component units of the State as a result of their participation in the Treasurer of State's cash pool.

LD 1566

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$60,000,000 for Municipal Facilities and for Investments in Research, Development, Farming and Affordable Housing in Order To Sustain and Improve Maine's Economy

PUBLIC 50

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARDSON, J TURNER	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-140 H-148

LD 1566 proposed that the funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$70,000,000, would be used for the following purposes:

1. \$6,000,000 to create jobs and reduce property tax burdens by providing grants and loans to municipalities for public facilities and infrastructure;
2. \$7,500,000 to create jobs and stimulate economic growth through expanded research, development, technology commercialization and business incubation facilities at the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center at the University of Maine;
3. \$3,000,000 to support educational technology improvements at the University of Maine System;
4. \$3,600,000 in anticipation of \$12,000,000 in federal and private funding for University of Maine System research and development capital activities;
5. \$4,900,000 to expand and equip research and development facilities at the Portland campus of the University of Southern Maine;
6. \$4,000,000 in anticipation of \$4,000,000 in federal and private funding for grants to nonprofit marine institutions for research and development;
7. \$25,000,000 for medical research and development by Maine-based biomedical research institutions in order to obtain matching federal funds for health research to cure disease and to retain Maine graduates by providing quality Maine jobs;
8. \$1,000,000 to support the State's Applied Technology Development Centers;
9. \$2,000,000 to support Maine Farms for the Future Program; and

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10. \$13,000,000 in anticipation of \$30,000,000 in federal and private funds for affordable housing.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-140) proposed to reduce the amount of bonds authorized from \$70,000,000 to \$60,000,000 and expand the purposes of the bonds authorized to include funding economic improvement; completing, expanding and equipping 2 floors of a University of Southern Maine science building; designing and constructing the Gulf of Maine Research Laboratory; and funding the capital research infrastructure needs at the University of Maine agricultural research farms. Under this amendment, the funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$60,000,000, would be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$6,000,000 to create jobs and reduce property tax burdens by providing grants and loans to municipalities for public facilities and infrastructure;
2. The sum of \$6,000,000 to create jobs and stimulate economic growth through expanded research, development, technology commercialization and business incubation facilities at the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center at the University of Maine;
3. The sum of \$3,000,000 to support educational technology improvements at the University of Maine System;
4. The sum of \$3,600,000 in anticipation of \$12,000,000 in federal and private funding for University of Maine System research and development activities;
5. The sum of \$4,400,000 to expand and equip research and development facilities at the Portland campus of the University of Southern Maine;
6. The sum of \$1,000,000 in anticipation of \$1,000,000 in federal and private funding for grants to nonprofit marine institutions for research and development;
7. The sum of \$20,000,000 for medical research and development by Maine-based biomedical research institutions in order to obtain matching federal funds for health research to cure disease and to retain Maine graduates by providing quality Maine jobs;
8. The sum of \$2,000,000 to support the State's applied technology development centers;
9. The sum of \$3,000,000 to create jobs and stimulate economic growth through the design and construction of the Gulf of Maine Research Laboratory;
10. The sum of \$2,000,000 to support the Maine Farms for the Future Program;
11. The sum of \$1,000,000 to support funding for the University of Maine agricultural research farms;
and
12. The sum of \$8,000,000 in anticipation of \$21,150,000 in federal and private funds for affordable housing.

The amendment also proposed to require the Maine Biomedical Research Board to report each biennium to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and business, research and economic development matters on the status of the Maine Biomedical Research Fund, detailed information on the distribution of the funds to eligible institutions, including the

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amount of funds each institution receives and a breakdown and explanation of all funding from specified grant sources for biomedical research, listing each specific source of funding and its use and the number of new jobs created in the State and the location of those jobs.

House Amendment “A” To Committee Amendment “A” (H-148) proposed to clarify language regarding anticipated federal and private funds and corrects the anticipated amount.

House Amendment “B” To Committee Amendment “A” (H-151) proposed to require that the State reimburse each city, town and plantation for any costs incurred in holding the statewide election in June. (Not adopted)

Senate Amendment “A” To Committee Amendment “A” (S-58) proposed to provide a \$3,000,000 bond issue to be administered by the Department of Tourism, Economic and Community Development to provide grants to assist the Maine Microenterprise Initiative. (Not adopted)

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2003, chapter 50 authorizes, subject to voter approval, General Fund general obligation bonds totaling \$60,000,000 for the following purposes:

1. \$6,000,000 to create jobs and reduce property tax burdens by providing grants and loans to municipalities for public facilities and infrastructure;
2. \$7,500,000 to create jobs and stimulate economic growth through expanded research, development, technology commercialization and business incubation facilities at the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center at the University of Maine;
3. \$3,000,000 to support educational technology improvements at the University of Maine System;
4. \$3,600,000 in anticipation of \$12,000,000 in federal and private funding for University of Maine System research and development capital activities;
5. \$4,900,000 to expand and equip research and development facilities at the Portland campus of the University of Southern Maine;
6. \$4,000,000 in anticipation of \$4,000,000 in federal and private funding for grants to nonprofit marine institutions for research and development;
7. \$25,000,000 for medical research and development by Maine-based biomedical research institutions in order to obtain matching federal funds for health research to cure disease and to retain Maine graduates by providing quality Maine jobs;
8. \$1,000,000 to support the State's Applied Technology Development Centers;
9. \$2,000,000 to support Maine Farms for the Future Program; and
10. \$13,000,000 in anticipation of \$30,000,000 in federal and private funds for affordable housing.

The referendum authorizing these bonds was approved by the voters on June 10, 2003.

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LD 1569 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$16,800,000 To Construct and Upgrade Water Pollution Control Facilities, To Remediate Solid Waste Landfills, To Clean Up Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites and To Make Drinking Water System Improvements** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1569 proposes to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$16,800,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$2,500,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
2. The sum of \$10,000,000 to provide grants to construct water pollution control facilities;
3. The sum of \$2,150,000 to clean up uncontrolled hazardous substance sites;
4. The sum of \$350,000 to remediate solid waste landfills; and
5. The sum of \$1,800,000 to support drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$6,000,000 in federal funds.

LD 1572 **An Act To Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues in the Amount of \$75,000,000 for Improvements to Highways; Bridges; Airports; State-owned Ferry Vessels; Ferry and Port Facilities; Port and Harbor Structures; Development of Rail Corridors; Improvements to Railroad Structures and Intermodal Facilities; Investment in Public Transportation Fleet and Public Park and Ride and Service Facilities; and Statewide Trail and Pedestrian Improvements** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1572 proposes to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$75,000,000 to be used for highways and bridges; airports; state-owned ferry vessels and ferry and port facilities; port and harbor structures; development of rail corridors and improvements to railroad structures and intermodal facilities; investment in the statewide public transportation fleet and public park and ride and service facilities; and statewide trail and pedestrian improvements.

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LD 1574

An Act To Make Additional 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, 2003, June 30, 2004 and June 30, 2005

**PUBLIC 51
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRANNIGAN	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-135
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LD 1574 proposed the following:

PART A proposed to make appropriations and allocations of funds.

Part B proposed to:

1. Lapse funds from the General Fund Salary Plan account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
2. Authorize the Governor to transfer by financial order positions authorized by the Legislature between accounts and between departments and the authority to transfer the available balances of any General Fund appropriation between line categories, accounts and departments in fiscal year 2002-03;
3. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Risk Management - Claims, Internal Services Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03; and
4. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services as a result of audits of Fund for a Healthy Maine accounts to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part C proposed to amend current law to facilitate the closure of the remaining 13 state liquor stores.

Part D proposed to Part D provides for balances in the Atlantic Salmon Commission, General Fund account to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part E proposed to:

1. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Mental Retardation Services - Community, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
2. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Mental Health Services - Community, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
3. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Mental Health Services - Children - Maximus, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;

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4. Provide for balances in the Mental Health Services - Community, General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
5. Provide for balances in the Mental Health Services - Children, General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
6. Provide for balances in the Mental Retardation Services - Community, General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03; and
7. Provide for balances in the Office of Substance Abuse, General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part F proposed to authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Maine Emergency Management Agency - Emergency Operations, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part G proposed to provide for balances in the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools, General Fund account in the Department of Education to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part H proposed to:

1. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Public Health Laboratory, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Human Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
2. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Control Over Plumbing, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Human Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03; and
3. Provide for balances in the State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income, General Fund account in the Department of Human Services to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part I proposed to authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Human Rights Commission, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part J proposed to provide for balances in the Supreme, Judicial and Superior Courts, General Fund account in the Judicial Department to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part K proposed to:

1. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Employment Services Activity, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03; and

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2. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Blind and Visually Impaired, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part L proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to adjust the fee schedule for criminal history record checks effective May 1, 2003.

Part M proposed to authorize \$100,000 in the Administrative Services and Corporations, General Fund account in the Department of the Secretary of State to carry forward to fiscal year 2003-04 to be used for the same purposes.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-135) proposed to include a mandate preamble solely because of the provision in Part H, section 7 relating to the City of Portland.

Additionally, the amendment proposed to include the following.

Part A proposed to make appropriations and allocations of funds.

Part B proposed to:

1. Lapse funds from the General Fund Salary Plan account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
2. Authorize the Governor to transfer by financial order positions authorized by the Legislature between accounts and between departments and the authority to transfer the available balances of any General Fund appropriation between line categories, accounts and departments in fiscal year 2002-03; and
3. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Risk Management - Claims, Internal Services Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part C proposed to amend current law to facilitate the closure of the remaining 13 state liquor stores.

Part D proposed to provide for balances in the Atlantic Salmon Commission, General Fund account to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part E proposed to:

1. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Mental Retardation Services - Community, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
2. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Mental Health Services - Community, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
3. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Mental Health Services - Children - Maximus, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;

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4. Provide for balances in the Mental Health Services - Community, General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
5. Provide for balances in the Mental Health Services - Children, General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
6. Provide for balances in the Mental Retardation Services - Community, General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03; and
7. Provide for balances in the Office of Substance Abuse, General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part F proposed to authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Maine Emergency Management Agency - Emergency Operations, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part G proposed to provide for balances in the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools, General Fund account in the Department of Education to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part H proposed to:

1. Modify language implementing the health care provider tax under Public Law 2001, chapter 714 by requiring that the Commissioner of Human Services issue rules ensuring the tax is implemented in a manner that conforms to applicable federal regulations.
2. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Public Health Laboratory, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Human Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
3. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Control Over Plumbing, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Human Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03; and
4. Provide for balances in the State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income, General Fund account in the Department of Human Services to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
5. Authorize \$300,000 allocated to the Long-Term Care - Human Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account to be used to maintain services on a one-time basis for current home-based care program consumers.
6. Require the State Controller to implement a modified accrual method of accounting for revenue collected by the Department of Human Services from child welfare targeted case management to ensure that 12 months of revenue is credited based on 12 months of activity for which the billing is based.

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7. Require the City of Portland to transfer \$1,000,000 to the State as undedicated General Fund revenue in 2002-03. It also proposed to specify that this intergovernmental transfer from the City of Portland must be at least \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2004-05.

Part I proposed to authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Human Rights Commission, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part J proposed to provide for balances in the Supreme, Judicial and Superior Courts, General Fund account in the Judicial Department to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part K proposed to:

1. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Employment Services Activity, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03; and
2. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the Blind and Visually Impaired, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Part L proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to adjust the fee schedule for criminal history record checks effective May 1, 2003.

Part M proposed to authorize \$100,000 in the Administrative Services and Corporations, General Fund account in the Department of the Secretary of State to carry forward to fiscal year 2003-04 to be used for the same purposes.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2003, chapter 51 does the following:

Part	Section	Description
A	A-1	Part A makes appropriations and allocations of funds in fiscal year 2002-03.
B	B-1	Lapses \$586,403 from the General Fund Salary Plan account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	B-2	Authorizes the Governor to transfer by financial order positions authorized by the Legislature between accounts and between departments and the authority to transfer the available balances of any General Fund appropriation between line categories, accounts and departments in fiscal year 2002-03.
	B-3	Authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$407,117 from the Risk Management - Claims, Internal Services Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
C	C-1: C-2	Amends current law to facilitate the closure of the remaining 13 state liquor stores.

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D		Provides for \$45,685 of encumbered balance in the Atlantic Salmon Commission, General Fund account to be disencumbered and lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
E	E-1	Authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$90,000 from the Mental Retardation Services - Community, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	E-2	Authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$160,000 from the Mental Health Services - Community, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	E-3	Authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$400,000 from the Mental Health Services - Children - Maximus, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	E-4	Disencumbers and lapses \$110,494 of encumbered balance in the Mental Health Services - Community, General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	E-5	Disencumbers and lapses \$43,106 of encumbered balance in the Mental Health Services - Children, General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	E-6	Disencumbers and lapses \$28,823 of encumbered balance in the Mental Retardation Services - Community, General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	E-7	Disencumbers and lapses \$31,700 of encumbered balance in the Office of Substance Abuse, General Fund account in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
F	F-1	Authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$48,052 from the Maine Emergency Management Agency - Emergency Operations, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
G	G-1	Lapses \$600,000 in unencumbered balances in the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools, General Fund account in the Department of Education to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
H	H-1	Modifies language implementing the health care provider tax under Public Law 2001, chapter 714 by requiring that the Commissioner of Human Services issue rules ensuring the tax is implemented in a manner that conforms to applicable federal regulations.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
H-2		Authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$100,000 from the Public Health Laboratory, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Human Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
H-3		Authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$100,000 from the Control Over Plumbing, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Human Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
H-4		Lapses \$150,000 of unencumbered balances in the State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income, General Fund account in the Department of Human Services to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
H-5		Authorizes \$300,000 allocated to the Long-Term Care - Human Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account to be used to maintain services on a one-time basis for current home-based care program consumers.
H-6		Requires the State Controller to implement a modified accrual method of accounting for revenue collected by the Department of Human Services from child welfare targeted case management to ensure that 12 months of revenue is credited as undedicated General Fund revenue based on 12 months of activity for which the billing is based.
H-7		Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to establish annually the amount that must be transferred from the City of Portland as the intergovernmental transfer. It further requires the City of Portland to transfer \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2002-03, \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 to the State as undedicated General Fund revenue.
H-8		Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services to implement measures necessary to generate savings in the Child Welfare Services program in fiscal year 2002-03 by taking certain action that will transfer expenses to MaineCare. This expenditure transfer may be accomplished by journal voucher with the approval of the State Controller.
I	I-1	Authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$1,351 from the Human Rights Commission, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
J	J-1	Disencumbers and lapses \$14,685 of encumbered balances in the Supreme, Judicial and Superior Courts, General Fund account in the Judicial Department to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
K	K-1	Authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$25,260 from the Employment Services Activity, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

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	K-2	Authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$18,500 from the Blind and Visually Impaired, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
L	L-1	Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to adjust the fee schedule for criminal history record checks effective May 1, 2003.
M	M-1	Authorizes \$100,000 in the Administrative Services and Corporations, General Fund account in the Department of the Secretary of State to carry forward to fiscal year 2003-04 to be used for the same purposes.

Public Law 2003, chapter 51 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 18, 2003.

LD 1591 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$13,300,000 To Address Health, Safety and Compliance Deficiencies in the University of Maine System; To Expedite the Creation of a Community College System; To Make Improvements to State Parks; To Make Cultural Improvements; and To Modernize the State Court System CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRENNAN BRANNIGAN	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1591 proposes to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$13,300,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$4,000,000 to address health, safety and compliance deficiencies in the University of Maine System;
2. The sum of \$2,000,000 to expedite the creation of a community college system;
3. The sum of \$2,000,000 to make improvements to state parks;
4. The sum of \$4,000,000 to make cultural improvements; and
5. The sum of \$1,300,000 to modernize the state court system.

LD 1591 was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.

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LD 1614

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, 2003, June 30, 2004 and June 30, 2005

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRANNIGAN CATHCART	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-560
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LD 1614 proposed the following:

Part A proposed to make supplemental appropriations and allocations from various governmental, internal service and enterprise funds.

Part B proposed to make supplemental appropriations and allocations from various governmental, internal service and enterprise funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C proposed to adjust appropriations and allocations to achieve General Fund savings.

Part D proposed to amend the statutes to increase the cap for the workers' compensation assessments.

Part E proposed to:

1. Repeal provisions of the law delaying conformity with the federal tax code as it relates to expansion of school construction bonds, taxable school construction bonds and certain private activity bonds.
2. Amend the law to specify that 2003 Maine Tax Amnesty Program apply to tax liabilities delinquent as of August 31, 2003.
3. Amend the law to extend the filing period for the 2003 Maine Tax Amnesty Program by one month.
4. Repeal provisions of the law that delayed the increase in the seed capital investment tax credit.
5. Authorize reimbursement from the Salary Plan program for the costs of contract resolution, administration, implementation and other costs required by the process of collective bargaining and negotiation procedures.
6. Provide for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund in the cost of dental insurance for fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part C, section 1.
7. Transfer \$400,000 from the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages Internal Service Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2005. It returns the working capital advance no longer required due to the proposed closure of the remaining 13 state liquor stores.
8. Authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to advance the schedule of issuance of one or more additional instant ticket lottery games.

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9. Transfer \$57,500 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$57,500 in fiscal year 2004-05 from the Real Property Lease Internal Service Fund account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30th of each fiscal year to reflect savings as a result of the renegotiation of leases.
10. Authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to offer a retirement incentive program to employees who are eligible to retire and who have reached their normal retirement age.
11. Authorize the State Controller to transfer from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools account an amount not to exceed \$9,413,299 and allow the funds to be allotted in fiscal year 2004-05.
12. Establish the Tax Conformity Reserve as an account within the General Fund to be used to reserve funds to be used to conform the State's tax laws to the United States Internal Revenue Code and authorize the transfer of balances from General Fund unappropriated surplus to the reserve.
13. Make provisions to increase the percentage share of retired teachers' health insurance contribution that the State is authorized to make in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 within current appropriations.
14. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in cooperation with the Treasurer of State to enter into financing arrangements related to fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Motor Pool.
15. Authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature to address restructuring of State Government agencies, consolidation of services and other efficiencies in order to achieve cost savings.
16. Authorize the judicial branch of government to replace savings achieved as a result of merit increases not being awarded in fiscal year 2004-05 with other Personal Services by agreement of the State and the bargaining agents representing state employees.
17. Lapse funds from the General Fund Salary Plan account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to General Fund unappropriated surplus in fiscal year 2003-04.

Part F proposed to:

1. Establish internal control standards for all state agencies and departments.
2. Establish June 30, 2004 as the date by which agencies and departments must be in compliance with the internal control standards.

Part G proposed to:

1. Amend the law to provide for license fees charged to persons owning honeybees to be credited to the General Fund.
2. Amend the law to provide for registration fees charged for bees shipped or moved into the State to be credited to the General Fund.
3. Amend the law to require that funds received in reimbursement in the meat and poultry inspection program be credited to the General Fund.

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Part H proposed to amend the law regarding the membership of the Atlantic Salmon Commission.

Part I proposed to transfer funds from the Statewide Single Audit - Set Aside, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Audit to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05.

Part J proposed to:

1. Authorize the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under Medicaid Title XIX for targeted case management.
2. Authorize the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to deposit to the General Fund undedicated revenue no later than June 30, 2004 in the amount of \$1,683,117 generated from audit recoveries and contract settlements with providers.
3. Authorize the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services by financial order to transfer up to 8 vacant positions and existing funding from General Fund appropriations to establish 8 Mental Health and Mental Retardation Caseworker positions.

Part K proposed to:

1. Amend provisions of the law relating to the accreditation of state correctional institutions.
2. Create the Commission to Improve the Sentencing, Supervision, Management and Incarceration of Prisoners.

Part L proposed to repeal the provision of law that renamed the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Part M proposed to:

1. Amend the law to allow for the implementation of merit increases in fiscal year 2004-05.
2. Repeal that portion of Public Law 2003, chapter 20 that provided for statewide deappropriations to offset a revenue reprojected.

Part N proposed to establish the Blaine House Renovations and Repairs Fund in the Executive Department.

Part O proposed to:

1. Amend the law to expand the Occupational Safety Loan Program to allow interest rate subsidies to businesses receiving loans for workplace safety improvements.
2. Transfer funds from the Waste Reduction and Recycling Fund account in the Finance Authority of Maine to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04.
3. Transfer funds from the Occupational Safety Loan Program in the Finance Authority of Maine to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04.

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Part P proposed to:

1. Amend Public Law 2003, chapter 51, Part H to specify that the intergovernmental transfer from the City of Portland must be at least \$2,400,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$2,400,000 in fiscal year 2004-05.
2. Require that municipally funded hospitals in Dover-Foxcroft, Caribou and Lincoln transfer a combined total of \$650,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$650,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 to the State as undedicated General Fund revenue.
3. Provide for balances in the Bureau of Medical Services, General Fund account in the Department of Human Services to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
4. Provide for balances in the Department of Human Services accounts to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
5. Authorize the Department of Human Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under Medicaid Title XIX for targeted case management.

Part Q proposed to:

1. Transfer funds from the Safety Education and Training Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05.
2. Transfer funds from the Blind and Visually Impaired, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05.

Part R proposed to:

1. Provide for balances in the Commission on Interstate Cooperation account in the Legislature to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04.
2. Provide for balances in the Commission on Uniform State Laws account in the Legislature to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04.
3. Provide for balances in the legislative account in the Legislature to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04.
4. Provide for balances in the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability account to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04.
5. Amend the law to allow for the implementation of merit increases in fiscal year 2004-05 for the legislative branch.

Part S proposed to:

1. Amend the law to increase the fees charged for issuance of licenses and permits issued by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, licensing division for games of chance and

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beano. It also proposed to amend the law regarding application of a former felon to carry a concealed weapon and reporting requirements.

2. Amend the law relating to the type of organizations the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification may charge fees.
3. Authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to increase the number of speed enforcement details using aircraft.

Part T proposed to amend the law to provide for the transition of functions previously performed by the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement in the Department of Public Safety.

Part U proposed to:

1. Establish the Help America Vote Act of 2002 Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of the Secretary of State as a nonlapsing account to which all interest earned must accrue.
2. Authorize the State Controller to transfer \$100,000 of unencumbered balance forward in fiscal year 2003-04 in the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions, General Fund account in the Department of the Secretary of State, to the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Other Special Revenue Funds account.
3. Authorize the Help America Vote Act of 2002 Federal Expenditures Fund account in the Department of the Secretary of State to accrue all interest earned on funds in the account.

Part V proposed to amend the law to extend the temporary terms of the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services and the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Human Services.

Part W proposed to:

1. Amend the law relating to the ability of state departments and agencies to transfer positions and appropriation and allocation balances.
2. Authorize the State Budget Officer to delegate the authority to department and agency heads to reallocate cumulative allotment from prior quarters.

Part X proposed to:

1. Establish the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund and transfer statutory obligations from the Maine Rainy Day Fund.
2. Amend provisions of the law related to the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital.
3. Repeal that portion of the law related to the Maine Rainy Day Fund.
4. Amend provisions of the law related to the Capital Construction and Improvements Reserve Fund.
5. Repeal that portion of law that related to transfers to the Retirement Allowance Fund.
6. Amend provisions of the law related to the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund.

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7. Require the Revenue Forecasting Committee to calculate the long-term growth rate limitation.
8. Amend provisions of the law related to the transfer of balances from the Job Retention Program in the Department of Economic and Community Development.
9. Authorize any balances in the Maine Rainy Day Fund to be transferred to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

Part Y proposed to:

1. Amend Department of Human Services allocations in Public Law 2003, chapter 20, Part A.
2. Amend University of Maine System allocations in Public Law 2003, chapter 20, Part A.

Part Z proposed to authorize the Chancellor of the University of Maine System and any insurance company or 3rd-party administrator insuring or administering the university employee health insurance program to negotiate agreements with hospitals to reduce expenses incurred by the university's plan.

Part AA proposed to:

1. Amend provisions of the law relating to the development of the biennial economic assumptions by the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission.
2. Amend provisions of the law relating to use of economic forecasting models by the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission.
3. Amend provisions of the law relating to staff support for the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission.
4. Amend provisions of the law relating to the development of the biennial revenue projections by the Revenue Forecasting Committee.
5. Amend provisions of the law relating to staff support for the Revenue Forecasting Committee.

Part BB proposed to transfer \$180,000 from the IV-D Cooperative Agreement, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Judicial Department to the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04.

Part CC proposed to:

1. Authorize the Bureau of Resource Management, General Fund account in the Department of Marine Resources to carry forward \$90,000 in All Other funds to fiscal year 2003-04 to be used for the purposes originally intended.
2. Authorize the Bureau of Marine Patrol, General Fund account in the Department of Marine Resources to carry forward \$58,000 in Capital Expenditures to fiscal year 2003-04 to be used for the purposes originally intended.
3. Authorize the Division of Community Resource Development, General Fund account in the Department of Marine Resources to carry forward \$8,000 in All Other funds to fiscal year 2003-04 to be used for the purposes originally intended.

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4. Authorize the Division of Administrative Services, General Fund account in the Department of Marine Resources to carry forward \$80,000 in All Other funds and \$59,908 in Capital Expenditures funds to fiscal year 2003-04 to be used for the purposes originally intended.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2003, chapter 451 does the following:

<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
A	A-1	Makes supplemental appropriations and allocations for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05.
B	B-1	Makes supplemental appropriations and allocations in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 for approved reclassifications and range changes.
C	C-1	Adjusts appropriations and allocations to achieve General Fund savings.
D	D-1	Adjusts appropriations and allocations in fiscal year 2002-03.
E	E-1:E-5; E-8	Repeals provisions of the law that delayed the increase in the seed capital investment tax credit.
	E-6:E-7	Repeals provisions of the law that delayed conformity with the federal tax code as it relates to income from school construction bonds and exempt facility bonds used to provide qualified public educational facilities.
	E-9	Amends the law to specify that the 2003 Maine Tax Amnesty Program applies to tax liabilities delinquent as of August 31, 2003.
	E-10	Amends the law to extend the filing period for the 2003 Maine Tax Amnesty Program by one month.
	E-11	Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to be reimbursed from the Salary Plan program for the costs of contract resolution, administration, implementation and other costs required by the process of collective bargaining and negotiation procedures.
	E-12	Provides for the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the General Fund in the cost of dental insurance for fiscal year 2004-05 that are identified in Part C, section 1.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
E-13		Transfers \$400,000 from the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages Internal Service Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2005. It returns the working capital advance no longer required due to the proposed closure of the remaining 13 state liquor stores.
E-14		Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to advance the schedule of issuance of one or more additional instant ticket lottery games.
E-15		Transfers \$57,500 annually in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 from the Real Property Lease Internal Service Fund account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30th of each fiscal year to reflect savings as a result of the renegotiation of leases.
E-16		Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to offer a retirement incentive program to employees who are eligible to retire and who have reached their normal retirement age.
E-17		Provides lease-purchase authorization for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Maine State Police.
E-18		Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature to address restructuring of State Government agencies, consolidation of services and other efficiencies in order to achieve cost savings.
E-19		Authorizes the judicial branch of government to replace savings achieved as a result of merit increases not being awarded with other Personal Services by agreement of the State and the bargaining agents representing state employees.
E-20		Lapses \$150,000 from the General Fund Salary Plan account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to General Fund unappropriated surplus in fiscal year 2003-04.
F	F-1	Establishes internal control standards for all state agencies and departments.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	F-2	Provides that legislatively created public instrumentalities and related organizations for which the State is financially accountable or that have a significant relationship with the State must comply with fiscal reporting policies established by the State Controller if not already doing so. Also specifies that those public instrumentalities and related organizations that must comply with OMB Budget Circulars or other accounting, auditing and reporting requirements may submit that information to the State Controller to satisfy these requirements.
	F-3	Establishes June 30, 2004 as the date by which agencies and departments must be in compliance with the internal control standards.
	F-4	Provides lease-purchase authorization for the Bureau of Information Services to acquire hardware, software and systems to support the operations of state government.
G	G-1	Amends the law to require that funds received in reimbursement in the meat and poultry inspection program be credited to the General Fund
H	H-1:H-3	Provides funds to delay for one year the \$3 per patient day copay for federally qualified health center (FQHC) MaineCare services that was authorized in PL 2003, c. 20.
I	I-1	Transfers \$29,096 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$28,306 in fiscal year 2004-05 from the Statewide Single Audit - Set Aside, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Audit to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.
J	J-1	Requires the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under Medicaid Title XIX for targeted case management and deposit \$400,000 annually as undedicated General Fund revenue.
	J-2	Requires the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to deposit \$2,483,117 in the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04 from funds received from audit recoveries and contract settlements with providers.
	J-3	Authorizes the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services by financial order to transfer up to 8 vacant positions and existing funding from General Fund appropriations to establish 8 Mental Health and Mental Retardation Caseworker positions.
	J-4	Provides \$800,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 to partially restore funding for children's mental health services.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
K	K-1	Amends provisions of the law relating to the accreditation of state correctional institutions.
	K-2	Creates the Commission to Improve the Sentencing, Supervision, Management and Incarceration of Prisoners.
	K-3	Appropriates funds to support the Commission to Improve the Sentencing, Supervision, Management and Incarceration of Prisoners.
L	L-1:L-3	Repeals the provisions of law that renamed the Department of Economic and Community Development.
M	M-1	Amends a provision of law to allow for the implementation of merit increases in fiscal year 2004-05.
	M-2	Repeals that portion of Public Law 2003, chapter 20 that provided for statewide deappropriations of \$24,330,049 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$23,933,097 in fiscal year 2004-05 to offset a downward revenue reprojected.
N	N-1	Establishes the Blaine House Renovations and Repairs Fund in the Executive Department.
	N-2	Lapses \$4,094 of unencumbered balance forward to the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04 in the Planning Office - Smart Growth Initiative General Fund account in the Executive Department.
	N-3	Lapses \$47,441 of unencumbered balance forward to the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04 in the Land for Maine's Future General Fund account in the Executive Department.
O	O-1:O-3	Amends the law to expand the Occupational Safety Loan Program to allow interest rate subsidies to businesses receiving loans for workplace safety improvements.
	O-4	Transfers \$401,209 from the Occupational Safety Loan Program in the Finance Authority of Maine to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04.
P	P-1	Authorizes the Department of Human Services to create a preferred drug list for the Low-cost Drugs for Maine's Elderly program.
	P-2	Repeals a mail order prescription drug provision that was contained in PL 2003, c. 20.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	P-3;P-6	Establishes the Youth in Need of Services Program within the Department of Human Services and requires that all funding be distributed equally among the Bangor, Lewiston and Portland programs.
	P-4	Amends PL 2003, c. 51, Part H to specify that the intergovernmental transfer from the City of Portland must be at least \$2,492,618 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$2,544,709 in fiscal year 2004-05.
	P-5	Requires that municipally-funded hospitals in Dover-Foxcroft and Caribou transfer a combined total of \$2,590,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$2,630,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 to the State as undedicated General Fund revenue through an intergovernmental transfer.
	P-7	Requires the Department of Human Services to deposit \$1,134,035 of reimbursements under Title XXI of the United States Social Security Act in the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	P-8	Requires emergency rule making to adopt MaineCare hospital payment standards.
	P-9	Lapses \$100,000 of encumbered balance forward in the Bureau of Medical Services, General Fund account in the Department of Human Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	P-10	Disencumbers and lapses \$500,000 of encumbered balances carried forward in the Department of Human Services accounts to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.
	P-11	Requires the Department of Human Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under Medicaid Title XIX for targeted case management and deposit \$579,638 annually as undedicated General Fund revenue.
Q	Q-1	Transfers \$100,000 annually from the Safety Education and Training Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05.
	Q-2	Transfers \$100,000 annually from the Blind and Visually Impaired, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05.
R	R-1	Amends the law to allow for the implementation of merit increases in fiscal year 2004-05 for the legislative branch.
	R-2	Lapses \$13,032 from the Commission on Interstate Cooperation account in the Legislature to the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	R-3	Lapses \$8,833 from the Commission on Uniform State Laws account in the Legislature to the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04.
	R-4	Lapses \$215,000 from the Legislative General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04.
	R-5	Lapses \$17,223 from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04.
S	S-1	Amends the law relating to the type of organizations the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification may charge fees for criminal history record checks.
	S-2	Authorizes the Commissioner of Public Safety to increase the number of speed enforcement details using aircraft.
T	T-1:T-16	Amends the law to provide for the transition of functions previously performed by the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement in the Department of Public Safety.
U	U-1	Establishes the Help America Vote Act of 2002 Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of the Secretary of State as a nonlapsing account and dedicates all interest earned on fund balances to the fund.
	U-2	Authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$100,000 of unencumbered balance forward in fiscal year 2003-04 in the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions, General Fund account in the Department of the Secretary of State, to the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Other Special Revenue Funds account.
	U-3	Establishes the Help America Vote Act of 2002 Federal Expenditures Fund account in the Department of the Secretary of State and allows all interest earned on funds in the account to accrue to the account.
V	V-1	Amends the law to extend the temporary terms of the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Human Services and the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development.
W	W-1:	Requires the Department of Human Services to continue to fund the 5 Healthy Community Coalitions funded under the Bureau of Health sustainability grant program through fiscal year 2003-04.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
X	X-1:X-6;X-9: X-13	Changes the name of the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund and increases the amount of the limit from 6% of General Fund revenue of the immediately preceding fiscal year to 10%.
	X-7:X-8	Places restrictions on the amount of General Fund appropriations that may be requested by state department and agencies and on the amount of the total General Fund budget to be submitted by the Governor. The Governor may exceed the limit if exceptional circumstances exist.
	X-14	Requires the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs to review the need for and funding of special purpose funds, including, but not limited to, a capital improvement fund.
Y	Y-1	Amends Department of Human Services Fund for a Healthy Maine allocations and University of Maine System Other Special Revenue Funds allocations in Public Law 2003, chapter 20, Part A.
Z	Z-1	Authorizes the Chancellor of the University of Maine System and any insurance company or 3rd-party administrator insuring or administering the university employee health insurance program to negotiate agreements with hospitals to reduce expenses incurred by the university's plan.
AA	AA-1	Provides a sales tax exemption for nonprofit organizations that provide food and lodging for family members of patients in hospitals. (see LD 154 and LD 583 as amended by Committee Amendment "A")
BB	BB-1	Transfers \$180,000 from the IV-D Cooperative Agreement, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Judicial Department to the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04.
CC	CC-1	Authorizes the Bureau of Resource Management, General Fund account in the Department of Marine Resources to carry forward \$90,000 in All Other funds to fiscal year 2003-04 to be used for the purposes originally intended.
	CC-2	Authorizes the Bureau of Marine Patrol, General Fund account in the Department of Marine Resources to carry forward \$58,000 in Capital Expenditures to fiscal year 2003-04 to be used for the purposes originally intended.
	CC-3	Authorizes the Division of Community Resource Development, General Fund account in the Department of Marine Resources to carry forward \$8,000 in All Other funds to fiscal year 2003-04 to be used for the purposes originally intended.

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	CC-4	Authorizes the Division of Administrative Services, General Fund account in the Department of Marine Resources to carry forward \$80,000 in All Other funds and \$59,908 in Capital Expenditures funds to fiscal year 2003-04 to be used for the purposes originally intended.
DD	DD-1	Limits investments in repurchase agreements to maturities of 12 months or less. It removes the 36 month maturity limit for the collateral repurchase agreements. It also limits state investment in "no load" funds to those investment companies that comply with Rule 2a-7 guidelines.
EE	EE-1	Authorizes the Governor to accept public assistance grant funds from the Federal Government for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster declaration concerning 10 Maine counties and related to extreme winter conditions.
FF	FF-1	Transfers \$12,500 annually in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 from the Hazardous Waste Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Environmental Protection to the General Fund.
	FF-2	Transfers \$17,995 annually in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 from the Groundwater Oil Clean-up Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Environmental Protection to the General Fund.
	FF-3	Transfers \$59,877 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$58,049 in fiscal year 2004-05 from the Maine Environmental Protection Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Environmental Protection to the General Fund.
	FF-4	Transfers \$2,500 annually in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 from the State Revolving Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Environmental Protection to the General Fund.
GG	GG-1:GG-3	Amends certain retirement provisions concerning the liquor inspector or chief inspector positions laid off pursuant to public law.
HH	HH-1:HH-2	Expands the 6-year statute of limitations on assessments under the tax laws to remove the requirement that the liability be attributable to information not reported by the taxpayer and to change the standard for determining the 50% threshold.
II	II-1:II-2	Delays conformity with the federal tax code with regard to the deduction of interest paid on certain student loans after 60 months after the start of the loan repayment period.
JJ	JJ-1:JJ-6	Delays the first year of availability of the credits under the income tax and the insurance premium tax for contributions to qualified scholarship organizations and for certain employer payments of student loans of

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		employees.
KK	KK-1	Repeals a delay in federal tax conformity for the deduction of interest earned and distributed from section 529 qualified tuition programs other than the section 529 program authorized by Maine law.
LL	LL-1	Adjusts appropriations and allocations related to the Maine Space Grant Consortium.
MM	MM-1	Transfers \$300,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund in fiscal year 2003-04.
NN	NN-1	Raises the tax-exempt borrowing authority of the University of Maine System from \$150,000,000 to \$170,000,000.
OO	OO-1	Increases the State's contribution for retired teachers' health insurance from 35% to 40% effective August 1, 2003.
PP	PP-1	Transfers \$50,000 each year in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 from the Job Retention Program Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Administration - Economic and Community Development Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide funds to the Millinocket Area Growth and Investment Council for economic development in the Katahdin region.
QQ	QQ-1	Requires the Department of Human Services to receive authorization from the Legislature before reducing TANF and Parents as Scholars benefit levels during the 2004-2005 biennium.
RR	RR-1	Clarifies that \$450,000 of funds allocated from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the FHM - Medical Care account must be used by the Department of Human Services to purchase vaccines for adults and other purposes as defined in PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. UU.
SS	SS-1	Establishes an assessment to be levied on those towns and plantations within the Land Use Regulation Commission's jurisdiction that elect not to administer land use controls. The assessment is equal to 0.01% of the most recent equalized state valuation for each town and plantation.
	SS-2	Appropriates funds for one Environmental Specialist II position for the Land Use Regulation Commission.
TT	TT-1:TT-2	Establishes the Epinephrine Training Fund as an Other Special Revenue funds account within the Department of Public Safety that may accept private and public contributions and provides a base allocation to authorize expenditures of these private and public contributions.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
UU	UU-1	Establishes the Maine Economic Improvement Fund as a separate program with the University of Maine System and transfers funds from the Educational and General Activities - UMS program.
VV	VV-1	Requires the Department of Human Services to implement rulemaking to cap the monthly hours of housekeeping assistance for Level 1 consumers in its Home Based Care program with the savings to be used to serve individuals on the Home Based Care waiting list.
WW	WW-1	Amends the provisions of PL 2003, c. 20 that related to the suspension of merit increases funded by the General Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds to account for adjustments to appropriations and allocations made in this bill.
XX	XX-1:XX-4	Clarifies that any savings measures implemented by the Department of Human Services in fiscal year 2003-04 that change retail pharmacy dispensing fees or pharmaceutical reimbursement are temporary in nature and remain in effect only until a permanent savings measure or measures can be implemented.
YY	YY-1:YY-3	Authorizes the Maine Government Facilities Authority to issue securities in an amount of \$1,750,000 for architectural and engineering studies for courthouse facilities and for replacements of or improvements to technology-related projects at the Judicial Branch Violations Bureau and also adjusts appropriations within the Judicial Department to provide for the debt service costs.
ZZ	ZZ-1:ZZ-2	Partially restores funding of MaineCare adult transportation services through transfers from department wide savings within the Department of Human Services.
AAA	AAA-1	Restores \$5,575,000 of General Fund reductions from children's mental health services in fiscal year 2003-04 to bring service funding back up to the fiscal year 2002-03 level.
BBB	BBB-1	Provides \$1,000,000 to the University of Maine System to reduce in-state tuition in fiscal year 2003-04.
CCC	CCC-1:CCC-2	Provides funds to postpone for one year the increase in MaineCare premiums established in PL 2003, c. 20 for children in families with income levels between 151% and 200% of the federal poverty level.
DDD	DDD-1	Provides funds for merit increases in fiscal year 2004-05 for the Maine Community College System.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
EEE	EEE-1	Restores the headcount for 6 Assistant District Attorney positions eliminated in PL 2003, c. 20 and adjusts funding within the Department of the Attorney General.
FFF	FFF-1	Makes adjustments to fiscal year 2002-03 allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for collective bargaining costs.
GGG	GGG-1	Adjusts allocations of Other Special Revenue funds within the Department of Secretary of State.
HHH	HHH-1	Repeals the authorization to increase Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Fees by an inflation adjustment that was enacted in PL 2003, c. 20.
	HHH-2	Increases the supersport fee from \$15 to \$20.
	HHH-3	Makes adjustments to appropriations and allocations to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.
III	III-1:III-4	Makes adjustments to appropriations and allocations for the Department of Economic Development and for the Department of the Secretary of State.
JJJ	JJJ-1:	Repeals a provision that would have set aside the fiscal year 2002-03 savings from an increase in the federal medical assistance percentage in the Maine Rainy Day Fund.
	JJJ-2	Establishes the Federal Relief Funds Reserve, a General Fund reserve account to set aside savings resulting from recent federal fiscal relief.
	JJJ-3:JJJ-4	Requires the State Controller to shift eligible General Fund expenditures to the flexible federal fiscal relief grants to create savings in the General Fund.
	JJJ-5	Transfers \$26,687,473 from the General Fund to the Federal Relief Funds Reserve in fiscal year 2003-04.
	JJJ-6	Requires the State Controller in consultation with the Revenue Forecasting Committee to calculate the amount of additional General Fund revenue from MaineCare reimbursement that is generated by the increase in the federal medical assistance percentage contained in the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003. The calculated amount must be deposited in the Federal Relief Funds Reserve established in section 2. The State Controller shall provide to the Revenue Forecasting Committee with a report of the amount of revenue to be deposited in the Federal Relief Funds Reserve no later than December 1, 2003.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	JJJ-7	Adjusts appropriations and allocations to reflect the impact on Medicaid program expenditures as a result of the increase in the federal medical assistance percentage contained in the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003.
KKK	KKK-1	Eliminates language allowing the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) to examine expenditures by public officials and private money for agency purposes.
	KKK-2	Requires a majority vote of the committee to issue a subpoena.
	KKK-3	Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to provide office space to OPEGA at no charge.
	KKK-4	Repeals a provision requiring state agency information to be available to the office and establishes a new section clarifying that information available to the office is governed by 1 MRSA, chapter 13 and 3 MRSA, chapter 21.
	KKK-5	Requires the Oversight Committee to review and identify the confidential information needed by OPEGA and submit these findings and recommendations to the 2nd Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.
	KKK-6	Provides General Fund appropriations of \$300,000 annually in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 for the OPEGA.
LLL	LLL-1	Requires that any fiscal year 2002-03 savings that is generated by the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services as a result of the change in the federal medical assistance percentage be applied to support a portion of the projected MaineCare shortfall in the Department of Human Services. This amount is estimated to be \$2,939,580.
	LLL-2	Requires that any fiscal year 2002-03 savings that is generated in the Nursing Facilities program within the Department of Human Services as a result of the change in the federal medical assistance percentage be applied to support a portion of the projected MaineCare shortfall in the Department of Human Services. This amount is estimated to be \$1,879,212.
	LLL-3:LLL-4	Adjusts appropriations and allocations to reflect fiscal year 2002-03 savings in various departments and agencies and also authorizes the State Budget Officer to transfer the departmentwide savings by financial order to the appropriate accounts.
MMM	MMM-1: MMM-2	Provides a General Fund appropriation of \$850,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 for the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund and required a microenterprise initiative fund program review.

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<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
NNN	NNN-1: NNN-8	Authorizes the establishment of the Pine Tree Development Zone program which allows qualified businesses in the manufacturing, target technology and financial services sectors to receive favorable tax benefits as a result of new or expanded investment within a designated zone. (LD 1385)

Public Law 2003, chapter 451 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2003, unless a provision indicates otherwise.

LD 1628 Resolve, Concerning Reauthorization of a 1997 Pollution Control Bond Issue RESOLVE 72

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN KOFFMAN	OTP	

LD 1628 proposed to reauthorize \$1,000,000 in bonds not yet issued from a \$13,000,000 bond issue for pollution control approved by the voters of the State in November 1997, pursuant to Public Law 1997, chapter 561. Two million dollars of the bond issue was for tire stockpile abatement and \$1,000,000 of this amount remains unissued.

The \$1,000,000 remaining from the 1997 bond issue was not previously issued because approximately \$1,700,000 in previously available dedicated funds and additional money from already issued bonds were expended first and were sufficient to meet obligations to date.

Under the Constitution of Maine, bonds may be issued any time within the first 5 years of the date of ratification by the voters. When the 5-year period has expired, the bonds may not be issued unless the Legislature acts on the matter. By majority vote, the Legislature may extend the 5-year time frame by an additional 5 years if the body takes action within 2 years of the original expiration date. If the Legislature fails to take action within those 2 years, the bond issue is considered deauthorized.

Senate Amendment “A” (S-252) proposed to incorporate a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary:

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HP 772

JOINT ORDER, Joint Standing Committee on AFA shall undertake Study of the Fiscal Note Process

**REFERRED BY
THE HOUSE TO
THE RULES
COMMITTEE**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER		

HP 772 proposes to require that the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs would undertake a study of the fiscal note process, especially the process by which a department provides information about the cost of a bill before the Legislature and the potential adverse effect on that department. The committee would issue a report to the Legislature that details the method by which fiscal notes are determined. The committee would also determine a method to avoid this potential conflict of interest. The committee would submit its report and any necessary changes to the Maine Revised Statutes or Joint Rules to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature no later than December 1, 2003.

HP 772 was referred by the House of Representatives to the Rules Committee for the purpose of reviewing the joint order. The Senate took no action on HP 772.