

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Emergency Measure**

An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway 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, 2019, June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021  
H.P. 744 L.D. 1002  
(C "A" H-624)

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond.

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, very briefly. This is the Highway Budget that we've been working on for some time and we're pleased that before you is \$688 million in State Highway Fund revenues. Just a quick breakdown: \$536 million goes to DOT; \$84 million to the Secretary of State's Office, mostly Motor Vehicle; \$63 million to the Department of Public Safety, as you know we have State Troopers involved with the highway side; and \$5.3 million for DAFS and DEP. There's a lot to it. A lot of work and I think one of the things we're the proudest of is that local road assistance gets \$43 million and that's money that goes right back to help fix the roads directly, not counting the construction, resurfacing, and other things that go on in our communities as well. So it really turned out to be a really good budget and we have to thank some people, of course. OFPR, Suzanne Voynik, worked hard with the Committee and her guidance was fully appreciated. I want to have a personal thank you to Senator Farrin and Senator Chipman for being involved so much and also helping with more of the sticky details and asking questions and hanging in there when times got a little bit long. So I want to thank both Senator Farrin and Senator Chipman. Thank you, Mr. President.

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies Related to the Maine Uniform Probate Code and To Make Other Substantive Changes  
H.P. 1118 L.D. 1535  
(C "A" H-632)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements with Executive Branch Employees  
H.P. 1316 L.D. 1845  
On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

**Emergency Resolve**

Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Evaluate the Ownership of Maine's Power Delivery Systems  
H.P. 1315 L.D. 1844

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Joint Order**

The following Joint Order:  
H.P. 1319

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that Bill, "An Act Concerning Nondisclosure Agreements in Employment," H.P. 1112, L.D. 1529, and all its accompanying papers, be recalled from the Governor's desk to the House.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

**READ** and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

**Off Record Remarks**

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Senate**

**Divided Report**