

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

LD 29

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Reduce the Burden of Home Heating Costs on Low-income Households

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted
H-48

LD 29 proposed to implement the recommendations of the Task Force to Reduce the Burden of Home Heating Costs on Low-income Households established in the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature by Resolve 1999, chapter 132. The bill proposed to do the following:

1. Establish a summer "fill" program to provide low-income households that are eligible for fuel assistance through the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) with an initial supply of fuel;
2. Require the Maine State Housing Authority to identify the most effective way to provide adequate funding of the anticipated 25% nonfederal share of the weatherization program;
3. Establish a program funded by a bond issue to allow low-income and middle-income citizens to obtain low-interest loans or grants for energy conservation improvements;
4. Require the Maine State Housing Authority and the State Planning Office to investigate the possibility of establishing a separate Office of Energy Conservation within the Maine State Housing Authority;
5. Require the Maine State Housing Authority to annually for 3 years investigate the possibility of increasing the percentage of LIHEAP funds for weatherization services;
6. Require the Public Utilities Commission to monitor the effects of interruptible gas services on the supply and price of home heating oil; and
7. Require the State Planning Office to conduct a study to determine whether the State of Maine can reduce its per capita residential energy consumption by 25% by 2011.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-48) proposed to authorize the Maine Rainy Day Fund to be used to provide a working capital advance to the Fuel Assistance Reserve Fund in the event a General Fund unappropriated surplus is not available for that purpose. It also proposed to require the Maine State Housing Authority to study fixed-price fuel oil contracts for fuel assistance recipients and to require the Maine State Housing Authority and Finance Authority of Maine to fund a program that provides low-interest loans or grants to moderate-income Maine citizens through the issuance of private activity bonds. The amendment also proposed to reduce the amount of general obligation bonds proposed to be issued to fund low-interest loans or grants for energy conservation for low-income citizens from \$8,000,000 to \$5,000,000. It proposed to amend the wording of a proposed referendum question to be submitted to the voters of Maine to reflect the lowered bond issue amount. It also proposed to eliminate from the original bill a proposal to establish an Office of Energy Conservation within the Maine State Housing Authority. Finally, the amendment proposed to delete a requirement that the Public Utilities Commission monitor the effects of interruptible gas services on the supply and price of home heating oil in Maine and to change various reporting deadlines for reports.

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This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

LD 42

An Act to Fund the Endowment Incentive Fund

INDEF PP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BAKER | ONTP MAJ | H-782 |
| CATHCART | OTP-AM MIN | H-891 MCKEE |

LD 42 proposed an appropriation of \$14,000,000 to the Endowment Incentive Fund.

Committee Amendment “B” (H-782) was the minority report. It proposed to reduce the amount of the General Fund appropriation for the Endowment Incentive Fund from \$14,000,000 to \$100,000. It also proposed to add a fiscal note.

House Amendment “B” to Committee Amendment “B” (H-891) proposed to remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause and delay the funding provided to the Endowment Incentive Fund from fiscal year 2001-02 to fiscal year 2002-03.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

LD 79

An Act to Reinstate Tax Deductibility of Qualified Long-term Care Insurance

PUBLIC 679

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| KANE | OTP-AM | H-811 |
| GAGNON | | |

LD 79 proposed to change tax deductions and credits for long-term care insurance to require that policies be certified by the Superintendent of Insurance.

Committee Amendment “B” (H-811) proposed to provide an income tax deduction for persons purchasing long-term care insurance certified by the Superintendent of Insurance and tax credits for employers who provide that insurance for their employees.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2001, chapter 679 expands tax deductions and credits for long-term care insurance to include policies certified by the Superintendent of Insurance.

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LD 456

**Resolve, to Increase Access and Support Student Success at
Maine's Technical Colleges**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MICHAUD MH SAXL | ONTP | S-211 |

LD 456 proposed to provide a continued appropriation that would enable the technical colleges to continue the incremental growth plan passed by the 119th Maine Legislature. These funds would be used to increase enrollment by 500 students, strengthen academic counseling and student outreach and establish a dedicated fund for necessary investments in classroom and laboratory equipment.

Committee Amendment “A” (S-211) proposed to increase the amount of the appropriation, continue the Pulp and Paper Technology program at Kennebec Valley Technical College and add a fiscal note to the resolve.

This resolve was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

LD 457

**An Act to Clarify that the Sales Tax Exemption for Purchase of
Manufacturing Equipment Applies Equitably**

PUBLIC 709

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MICHAUD MH GREEN | OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | S-412 S-598 GOLDTHWAIT |

LD 457 proposed to include radio and television broadcast signals in the definition of “tangible personal property” for the purposes of the sales tax.

Committee Amendment “B” (S-412) proposed to move the changes provided by the bill from a definition section in the law to a sales tax exemption section in the law to accomplish the intent of the bill more effectively. This amendment also proposed to limit the new exemption to machinery and equipment used in the production of digital television broadcast signals purchased from January 1, 2001 to June 30, 2003 and clarify that the exemption would apply only to signals transmitted over the air by a television station. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment “A” to Committee Amendment “B” (S-598) proposed to limit the sales tax exemption proposed in the bill to machinery and equipment used in the production of digital television broadcast signals purchased from March 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003; clarify that during the period from March 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003 the exemption apply only to signals transmitted over the air by a television station; and after June 30, 2003, expand the exemption to all equipment and machinery used to produce radio and television broadcast signals.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

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Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2001, chapter 709 expands the sales tax exemption for machinery and equipment used:

1. In the generation of digital television broadcast signals, for sales from March 1, 2003 to July 2003; and
2. In the generation of all radio and television broadcast signals (excludes cable television transmission), for sales after June 30, 2003.

Public Law 2001, chapter 709 was vetoed by the Governor on April 17, 2002, and the veto was overridden by the Legislature on April 24, 2002.

LD 472

Resolve, to Establish a Fatherhood Issues Study Commission

RESOLVE 121

Sponsor(s)
TESSIER

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-852

LD 472 was a concept draft that proposed to establish a study commission to examine various issues associated with being a father in Maine.

Committee Amendment “B” (H-852) proposed to replace the original concept draft with a resolve to create the Commission on Fatherhood Issues consisting of 9 members appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The commission would study issues concerning the barriers to being an involved father in Maine. In addition to looking at specific issues, the commission would also identify and develop strategies to improve the parenting abilities of fathers.

This resolve was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 2001, chapter 121 establishes a study commission to examine various issues associated with being a father in Maine and provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and the reimbursement of necessary expenses of public members of the Commission on Fatherhood Issues, as well as printing and mailing costs.

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LD 477 **An Act Directing the Department of Human Services to Annually Adjust Dental Reimbursement Rates Under the Medicaid Program** **INDEF PP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| O'BRIEN J DAGGETT | OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | |

LD 477 proposed to direct the Department of Human Services to set the Medicaid reimbursement rates annually for dental services to the 50th percentile of the fees published in the most recent "Survey of Dental Fees, New England Region," published by the American Dental Association.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

LD 701 **An Act to Build Parking Garages in Service Center Municipalities** **ONTP**

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

LD 701 proposed to require that, in awarding public infrastructure loans and grants, the Department of Economic and Community Development give priority to service center municipalities with populations under 20,000. The bill also proposed to allocate funds from the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to build parking garages in service center municipalities with populations under 20,000.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

LD 725 **An Act to Maintain Maine Quality Centers' Current Level of Services** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| TESSIER BENNETT | ONTP | H-403 |

LD 725 proposed to appropriate \$440,000 to the Maine Technical College System's Maine Quality Centers to prevent a decrease from current levels of customized training and education services to qualified Maine businesses adding new workers.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-403) proposed to remove emergency provisions from the bill and to clarify that the appropriation would be on a one-time basis.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

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LD 874

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Make Recommendations to the Legislature to Provide More Stable Financial Support for the Casco Bay Island Transit District

RESOLVE 72

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUDLEY ABROMSON | <u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-762 |
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LD 874 proposed to appropriate funds to increase the General Fund operating subsidy for the Casco Bay Island Transit District by \$125,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$175,000 in fiscal year 2002-03.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-762) proposed to replace the bill with a resolve. The resolve would require the Commissioner of Transportation to report the Department of Transportation's recommendations regarding the adequacy of the state operating subsidy for the Casco Bay Island Transit District to the Legislature by January 1, 2003. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

This resolve was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 2001, chapter 72 requires the Commissioner of Transportation to report the Department of Transportation's recommendations regarding the adequacy of the state operating subsidy for the Casco Bay Island Transit District to the Legislature by January 1, 2003.

LD 915

An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association Act

PUBLIC 478

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> ABROMSON MAYO | <u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-402 |
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LD 915 proposed to make the following changes to the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association Act:

1. Exempt additional types of insurance from being subject to the Act;
2. Exclude first-party claims by an insured whose net worth exceeds \$10,000,000;
3. Amend the definition of "insolvent insurer" to clarify that it applies to that group of insurers defined as "member insurers," and amends the definition to mean a member insurer against whom a final order of liquidation has been entered;
4. Enact a definition of "person" to mean any individual or legal entity, including a governmental entity;
5. Set a \$10,000 cap on a claim for the return of an unearned premium;

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6. Provide that claims resulting from an insolvency must be filed no later than 18 months after the insolvency;
7. Provide that the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association may intervene as a party in a case involving an insolvent insurer; and
8. Provide a premium tax offset for an insurer that pays an assessment pursuant to the Act.

Committee Amendment “B” (S-402) proposed to exclude from the definition of “covered claims” any first-party claims of an insured whose net worth exceeds \$25,000,000. The bill also proposed to change the cap on unearned premium to \$25,000; establish a bar date for filing covered claims of the earlier 24 months after the order of liquidation or the final date set by a court and allow the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association to accept the late filed claims as covered claims for good cause; require that notification of an insolvency to insureds and other interested parties by the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association include prominent notice of the date by which a claim must be filed with the association; eliminate the premium tax offset from the bill; and clarify the applicability provision.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2001, chapter 478 makes the following changes to the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association Act.

1. It exempts additional types of insurance from being subject to the Act.
2. It excludes first-party claims by an insured whose net worth exceeds \$25,000,000.
3. It amends the definition of "insolvent insurer" to clarify that it applies to that group of insurers defined as "member insurers," and amends the definition to mean a member insurer against whom a final order of liquidation has been entered.
4. It enacts a definition of "person" to mean any individual or legal entity, including a governmental entity.
5. It sets a \$25,000 cap on a claim for the return of an unearned premium.
6. It establishes a bar date for filing covered claims of the earlier of 24 months after the order of liquidation or the final date set by a court and allows the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association to accept the late filed claims as covered claims for good cause.
7. It provides that the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association may intervene as a party in a case involving an insolvent insurer.
8. It requires that notification of an insolvency to insureds and other interested parties by the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association include prominent notice of the date by which a claim must be filed with the association.

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LD 1023

An Act to Enhance the Quality and Accessibility of HIV Services and Prevention Services

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| QUINT RAND | OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | H-785 |

LD 1023 proposed to direct the Department of Human Services to offer public information about and prevention and treatment services for HIV and AIDS. The services would be made available on a statewide basis, would serve rural and urban populations and would respond to the needs of the communities to which services are offered. In planning for HIV services, the department would have been required to seek and take into consideration the advice of the Maine HIV Advisory Committee established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 19202.

Committee Amendment “B” (H-785), which was the majority report of the committee, proposed to eliminate funding for fiscal year 2001-02, replace the bill's appropriation section and add a fiscal note to the bill.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

LD 1135

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 for the Testing of Marine Dredge Spoils and the Proper Disposal of Spoils that are Special or Hazardous Waste

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

LD 1135 proposed that the funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$5,000,000, would be used to pay for the testing of marine dredge spoils and to properly dispose of spoils that were classified as special or hazardous waste under the state environmental laws because of contaminants in the spoils.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

LD 1153

An Act to Increase Certain Civil Process Fees

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BUNKER MCALEVEY | ONTP | H-428 |

LD 1153 proposed to increase the fee paid to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs by the State for service of certain civil process papers. Under the bill, the fee would increase from \$4 to \$8 for regular service and from \$8 to \$16 for service in hand.

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Committee Amendment “A” (H-428) which was the majority amendment of the committee proposed to increase the fee county commissioners may charge for county administrative costs related to service of certain civil process papers from \$1 to \$2 per service. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

LD 1230 **An Act to Continue the Sales Tax Exemption on Vehicles Sold and Leased and Removed from the State** **PUBLIC 682**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| WINSOR BENNETT | OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | H-784 S-599 GOLDTHWAIT |

LD 1230 proposed to repeal the July 1, 2001 sunset on the sales tax exemption for leases of certain vehicles to a non-resident if the vehicle is intended to be removed from the State immediately upon delivery.

Committee Amendment “B” (H-784) which was the majority report of the committee, proposed to reinstitute the sales tax exemption, which expired June 30, 2001, for leases of certain vehicles to a nonresident if the vehicle is intended to be removed from the State immediately upon delivery.

Senate Amendment “A” to Committee Amendment “B” (S-599) proposed to delay the effective date of the reinstatement of the sales tax exemption until July 1, 2003.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2001, chapter 682 reinstates, effective July 1, 2003, a sales tax exemption which expired June 30, 2001, for leases of certain vehicles to a non-resident if the vehicle is intended to be removed from the State immediately upon delivery.

LD 1440 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount Of \$7,000,000 to Provide Adequate Facilities for Business Expansion or Relocation in the State** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MICHAUD MH | ONTP | S-353 |

LD 1440 proposed a bond issue, in the amount of \$7,000,000, to be used by the Department of Economic and Community Development to assist communities to construct community industrial buildings to provide adequate facilities for business expansion or relocation.

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Committee Amendment “A” (S-353) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

LD 1471

**An Act to Create a Digital Library to Meet the Educational
Research, Business and Economic Needs of Maine**

**PUBLIC 522
EMERGENCY**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> ROSEN EDMONDS | <u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-767 |
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LD 1471 proposed General Fund appropriations of \$2,500,000 in each year of the biennium to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to be used for the creation of a digital library that is accessible statewide.

Committee Amendment “B” (H-767) proposed to require the Public Utilities Commission to order the National Exchange Carrier Association to transfer funds from the Telecommunications Education Access Fund to the University of Maine System for the infrastructure needs associated with creating a digital library. This amendment also proposed changes to the provisions of law that address the uses and guidelines for the Telecommunications Education Access Fund. It also proposed to add an appropriation section and fiscal note to the bill.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2001, chapter 522 provides Other Special Revenue fund allocations of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to be used for the creation of a digital library that is accessible statewide. It also requires the Public Utilities Commission to order the National Exchange Carrier Association to transfer \$500,000 by June 30, 2002 and \$500,000 by June 30, 2003 from the Maine Telecommunications Education Access Fund to the University of Maine System to support the creation of the library.

Public Law 2001, chapter 522 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 12, 2002.

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LD 1561

An Act to Require Sprinkler Protection in all Secondary and Postsecondary Dormitories

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUPLESSIE MICHAUD MH | <u>Committee Report</u> ONTP | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-595 |
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LD 1561 proposed that all dormitories of public and private secondary and postsecondary educational institutions be equipped with automatic sprinkler systems within 5 years and proposed to establish a fund to provide 10-year, low-interest loans to help the educational institutions to meet this requirement.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-595) proposed to replace the bill. This amendment proposed to require public educational institutions to install automatic sprinkler systems in their dormitories; proposed to provide a 10-year phase-in schedule for installation of automatic sprinkler systems in existing dormitories in public educational institutions; proposed to authorize a \$10,000,000 bond to provide low interest loans, administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, to public and private educational institutions; proposed to make the previously described provisions conditional upon approval in a statewide referendum of the bond funding; and proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

See also LD 2128.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

LD 1668

An Act to Expand Research and Development Facilities within the University of Maine System

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> MICHAUD MH SAXL | <u>Committee Report</u> ONTP | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 1668 proposed to provide the University of Maine System with authority to issue \$25,000,000 in revenue bonds for capital improvements to support research and development as part of the next phase of the university system's research and development capital improvement plan. It also proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to support the additional debt services costs.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

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LD 1819

An Act to Give the Maine Technical College System Limited Revenue Bonding Authority

PUBLIC 590

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

LD 1819 proposed to authorize the Maine Technical College System to issue up to \$35,000,000 in revenue bonds and to issue bonds through the Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority.

This bill was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary:

Under current law, the University of Maine System has the authority to issue revenue bonds up to \$100,000,000 and the Maine Maritime Academy has the authority to incur debt up to \$4,000,000. These statutes enable the university and academy to improve their facilities without pledging the credit of the State. Public Law 2001, chapter 590 authorizes the Maine Technical College System to issue up to \$35,000,000 in revenue bonds and to issue bonds through the Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority.

LD 1866

Resolve, to Allow the Courts to Utilize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to Issue a Bond of \$2,500,000 to Finish the Repairs at the Lewiston District Court

**RESOLVE 74
EMERGENCY**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
| MAILHOT ROTUNDO | OTP-AM | H-760 |

LD 1866 proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue a bond in the amount of \$2,500,000 in order to finish repairs at the Lewiston District Court.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-760) proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause in order for the resolve to take effect when approved. The amendment also proposed to allow the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities as early as April 1, 2002, to complete the repairs of the Lewiston District Court. It also proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

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Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 2001, chapter 74 authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue a bond in the amount of \$2,500,000 in order to finish repairs at the Lewiston District Court. It allows the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities as early as April 1, 2002, to complete the repairs of the Lewiston District Court. It deappropriates funds in fiscal year 2001-02 and appropriates funds in fiscal year 2002-2003 to support the additional debt service costs.

Resolve 2001, chapter 74 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 21, 2002.

LD 1885 **An Act to Transfer Funds From the Service Retirement Benefit Reserve to the Maine State Retirement System in Order to Fund the Change in Retirement Eligibility Requirements for Game Wardens and Marine Patrol Officers** **ONTP**

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

LD 1885 proposed to transfer funds from the Service Retirement Benefit Reserve to the Maine State Retirement System in order to fund the change in retirement eligibility requirements for game wardens and marine patrol officers.

LD 1892 **An Act to Adjust the Salary of the Governor** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| GOLDTHWAIT SAXL | OTP-AM A OTP-AM B ONTP C | |

LD 1892 proposed to increase the salary of the Governor beginning in January 2003.

LD 1900 **An Act to Provide Emergency Funds to the University of Maine System for the Increased Cost of Health Insurance** **ONTP**

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

LD 1900 proposed to appropriate funds to the University of Maine System to cover the increased cost of health insurance provided to the system's employees.

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LD 1902 **An Act to Fund the Maine Biomedical Research Program** **ONTP**

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

LD 1902 proposed to appropriate funds to the Maine Biomedical Research Fund to support biomedical research in the State for the fiscal year 2002-03 in the amount of \$5,000,000.

LD 1910 **An Act to Establish the Retired Teacher Health Insurance Contribution Fund** **ONTP**

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

LD 1910 proposed to establish the Retired Teacher Health Insurance Contribution Fund to pay for increasing the State's contribution toward payment of retired teachers' health insurance premiums by 5% per year. Beginning July 1, 2002, the State pays 35% of those premium costs. The Retired Teacher Health Insurance Contribution Fund is funded by transfers from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

LD 1931 **Resolve, Appropriating Funds for the Seeds of Peace International Camp** **RESOLVE 122**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| GREEN CATHCART | OTP-AM | H-859 S-590 GOLDTHWAIT |

LD 1931 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$26,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 for the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield to be used for the payment of property taxes and to fund 2 student scholarships.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-859) proposed to provide a one-time appropriation of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 for scholarships to the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-590) proposed to increase the funding for scholarships for the Seeds of Peace International Camp from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for fiscal year 2002-03. This amendment also proposed to repeal the resolve that established the John H. Reed - Kenneth M. Curtis Peace Fellowship in that section that would have repealed the fellowship as of June 11, 2002.

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Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 2001, chapter 122 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to support scholarships for the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield.

LD 1938

**An Act to Make Changes to the Respite Care Fund Administered
by the Department of Human Services**

PUBLIC 487

Sponsor(s)
DUDLEY
MARTIN

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-771

LD 1938 proposed to appropriate \$250,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services to serve as the 25% state match for the federal family caregiver initiative under Title III-E.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-771) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to make changes to the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services’ Respite Care Fund within the Department of Human Services and proposed to authorize the department to designate an amount from the fund to carry out the purposes of the National Family Caregiver Support Program. It also proposed to change the title and add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2001, chapter 487 authorizes the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services to designate an amount from the Respite Care Fund to carry out the purposes of the National Family Caregiver Support Program.

LD 1957

**An Act to Allow the State to Maximize Funds for Meals for
the Elderly in the State**

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
SAXL
MICHAUD MH

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1957 proposed to provide additional funding to the Meals on Wheels program within the Department of Human Services, to be matched by federal funds.

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LD 2031

An Act to Support the State's Homeless Youth

INDEF PP

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

LD 2031 proposed to continue funding for a pilot program for homeless youth conducted in Portland, Lewiston and Bangor. It proposed to provide funding for the purchase and renovation of a multiservice center for homeless youth in Portland.

Funding to continue the pilot program for homeless youth was included in the Supplemental Budget Bill, Public Law 2001, chapter 559, Part CC. See LD 2080.

LD 2033

An Act to Create the Adult Education Outreach Grant Program

INDEF PP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SAXL MICHAUD MH | OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | H-774 |

LD 2033 proposed to appropriate \$200,000 in funding to the Department of Education, Adult Education to create the Adult Education Outreach Grant Program. The purpose of the program would be to provide competitive grants to local adult education programs that encourage their students to continue their education beyond the high school level.

Committee Amendment "A"(H-774) was the majority report. It proposed to require the Department of Education, under the community college concept, to consult with the University of Maine System, the Maine Technical College System and the adult education directors as part of the grant approval process for the Adult Education Outreach Program. It also proposed to require the department to submit a report by January 15, 2004 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters to evaluate the success of the Adult Education Outreach Grant Program. The amendment also proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 2035

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Defense, Veterans and
Emergency Management to Make Recommendations to the
Legislature to Provide Increased Outreach Activities for
Women Veterans**

RESOLVE 96

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| O'BRIEN, L | ONTP MAJ OTP MIN | H-828 |

LD 2035 proposed to appropriate \$15,000 to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the Advisory Commission on Women Veterans to cover the costs of holding public

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hearings, conducting statewide outreach to contact women veterans to explain benefits available to them, holding a statewide conference on benefits and for associated travel, mailing and Internet expenses.

House Amendment “A” (H-828) proposed to replace the bill with a resolve. The resolve would require the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to report on the progress regarding outreach activities and other concerns for women veterans to the Legislature by January 15, 2003.

Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 2001, chapter 96 directs the Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to review the report of the Advisory Commission on Women Veterans, to develop a plan to meet the outreach needs of women veterans and to implement outreach activities. The Commissioner is also required to report back to the Legislature by January 15, 2003 on the progress of implementing outreach activities for women veterans.

LD 2036

An Act to Increase Home Ownership

PUBLIC 631

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SAXL BENNETT | OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN | H-763 |

LD 2036 proposed to increase the amount of bonds that the Maine State Housing Authority may issue that are enhanced by the State's moral obligation by \$500,000,000 to \$2,150,000,000. These bonds are primarily used for the authority's first time home buyer program and secured by first mortgages.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-763) was the majority report. The bill proposed to increase the amount of bonds that the Maine State Housing Authority might issue in a certain category to \$2,150,000,000. The amendment proposed to require the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) to adopt a policy to prohibit certain owners of MSHA-financed property who defaulted on their loans from participating in MSHA programs funded with bond proceeds backed by the State's moral obligation. This policy would allow a waiver for public policy reasons. It also proposed to remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause and add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2001, chapter 631 increases the amount of bonds that the Maine State Housing Authority may issue that are enhanced by the State's moral obligation by \$500,000,000 to \$2,150,000,000. These bonds are primarily used for the authority's first time home buyer program and secured by first mortgages.

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LD 2057

An Act to Fund the Collective Bargaining Agreements and Benefits of State Employees Who are Members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council No. 93

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EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SAXL BENNETT | OTP | H-759 |

Part A proposed to implement the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the State and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council #93. It proposed the following: to reflect the costs from the General Fund to fund salary increases, market and pay equity adjustments and benefits; to provide for a lump-sum payment in fiscal year 2001-02 for bargaining unit members; to provide for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 2001-02; to provide for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 2002-03; to provide for a new step above the current highest step of the salary schedule; and to provide for similar and equitable treatment of probationary and other employees.

Part B proposed to authorize use of the salary plan program to fund the collective bargaining agreement and other cost items, provide that positions supported from other funds must be funded whenever possible from those other sources and provide for reimbursement to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for costs incurred in the process of collective bargaining, contract administration and related costs.

House Amendment "A" (H-759) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public and Special Law 2001, chapter 44 Part A implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the State and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council #93.

1. It reflects the costs from the General Fund to fund salary increases, market and pay equity adjustments and benefits.
2. It provides for a lump-sum payment in fiscal year 2001-02 for bargaining unit members.
3. It provides for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 2001-02.
4. It provides for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 2002-03.
5. It provides for a new step above the current highest step of the salary schedule.
6. It provides for similar and equitable treatment of probationary and other employees.

Part B authorizes use of the salary plan program to fund the collective bargaining agreement and other cost items, provides that positions supported from other funds must be funded whenever possible from those other sources and provides for reimbursement to the Department of Administrative and Financial

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Services for costs incurred in the process of collective bargaining, contract administration and related costs.

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 44 was enacted as an emergency measure effective January 15, 2002.

LD 2060 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$8,000,000 to Make Public Infrastructure Improvements** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 2060 proposed to implement a recommendation of the Joint Study Committee to Study Growth Management. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$8,000,000, would have been used to make grants and loans to municipalities for public infrastructure improvements through the Municipal Investment Trust Fund.

LD 2080 **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, 2002 and June 30, 2003** **PUBLIC 559 EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BERRY, R GOLDTHWAIT | OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | H-968 H-986 BERRY, R |

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 make appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART D proposed to:

1. Specify the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 2002-03 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605;
2. Lapse funds from the Education in Unorganized Territory General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02; and

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3. Transfer funds from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

PART E proposed to:

1. Transfer funds from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03;
2. Postpone for 6 months the scheduled 1/10th of one percent increase in the percentage of tax receipts credited to the Local Government Fund;
3. Postpone for one year the phased-in reductions in rates on telecommunications personal property;
4. Amend the real estate transfer tax laws in order to apply the tax to transfers of controlling interests in entities with an interest in real property in the same manner as transfers of deed and provides that the distribution of the State's share be credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue;
5. Postpone the indexing of individual income tax rates to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2004;
6. Amend the law to enact positive income modifications for individuals and corporations, requiring the add-back of any net operating loss deduction carried back for federal income tax purposes. A corresponding negative income modification for individuals and corporations would allow the deduction of any net operating loss carry-back disallowed;
7. Authorize the continuation of 4 limited-period positions in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget;
8. Transfer funds from the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund on or before June 30, 2002;
9. Authorize changes in the state employee health insurance program and authorize the State Budget Officer to calculate the amount of savings that applies against each affected General Fund account and make appropriation adjustments to those accounts by financial order;
10. Authorize use of the General Fund Salary Plan in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 for authorized Personal Services costs and to receive transfers of Personal Services savings from General Fund accounts;
11. Authorize use of the General Fund and Highway Fund Salary Plan in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 for range changes and reclassifications in the Department of Public Safety;
12. Authorize the State Budget Officer to transfer in fiscal year 2001-02 identified All Other savings in General Fund accounts and make appropriation adjustments to those accounts by financial order;
13. Authorize the State Budget Officer to calculate in fiscal year 2002-03 All Other savings in General Fund accounts and make appropriation adjustments to those accounts by financial order;
14. Authorize a transfer from the General Fund Revenue Reserve to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02;

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15. Authorize adjustments to the State's cost allocation plan in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, which must be credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue;
16. Transfer funds from the Information Services Internal Service Fund to General Fund undedicated revenue in fiscal year 2001-02;
17. Authorize in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 the transfer by financial order of balances of Personal Services appropriations between General Fund programs and departments;
18. Lapse funds from the BPI Capital Construction/Repair General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02;
19. Transfer funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03;
20. Direct any upward General Fund revenue reprojected for fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 to General Fund programs and areas in priority order and amount;
21. Lapse funds from the BGS - Capital Construction & Improvement Reserve Fund - MCJA General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02; and
22. Transfer funds from the Maine Clean Election Fund to the Maine Rainy Day Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

PART F proposed to lapse funds from the Attorney General - Contingent General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

PART G proposed to:

1. Authorize the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to credit Title IV-E federal reimbursement to the General Fund as undedicated revenue in fiscal year 2002-03;
2. Authorize the State Budget Officer to calculate in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 position count and amounts in General Fund accounts in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services and to make position count and appropriation adjustments to those accounts by financial order; and
3. Authorize the continuation of one project position and 2 limited-period positions in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services.

PART H proposed to authorize the General Fund to recover 10% of the annual operating budget of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission from the 39 towns and plantations served by the commission and proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Conservation to increase parks and land fees by financial order.

PART I proposed to extend to fiscal year 2002-03 the return of a General Fund working capital advance and the repayment from federal funds for the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery from the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

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PART J proposed to authorize a General Fund transfer from fiscal year 2000-01 to be used for tourism promotion in fiscal year 2001-02.

PART K proposed to extend to fiscal year 2002-03 repayment to the Maine Rainy Day Fund for funds transferred in fiscal year 2001-02 to address aquatic plants and nuisance species and to transfer funds in fiscal year 2001-02 from the Underground Oil Storage Replacement Fund to the General Fund as undedicated revenue.

PART L proposed to lapse funds from the Land for Maine's Future General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

PART M proposed to:

1. Require that the Probate Court publish a notice to creditors in all cases rather than allow the personal representative of the estate to publish the notice;
2. Allow the State to file a claim against the assets of an estate as long as the claim is filed within 4 months of the filing for probate or the appointment of a personal representative;
3. Allow the Department of Human Services to adopt administrative rules that impose a penalty for the transfer of certain assets;
4. Lapse funds from the Medical Care - Payments to Providers General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02;
5. Lapse funds from the Nursing Facilities General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02; and
6. Lapse funds from the TANF General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

PART N proposed to authorize the transfer of funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the General Fund Carrying Balances - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and the allotment of those funds in fiscal year 2002-03 by financial order.

PART O proposed to amend the Maine Insurance Code to accrue interest to the General Fund from the Bureau of Insurance Regulatory Fund retroactively to July 1, 1995 and proposed to transfer funds from the Bureau of Insurance Regulatory Fund to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-968) proposed the following:

PART A proposed to make appropriations and allocations of funds.

PART B proposed to:

1. Make appropriations and allocations of funds representing reduction proposals or adjustments;
2. Distribute the fiscal year 2001-02 Personal Services savings implemented by financial order to the affected programs; and

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3. Distribute the fiscal year 2001-02 All Other savings implemented by financial order to the affected programs.

PART C proposed to make appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART D proposed to:

1. Specify the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 2002-03 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605;
2. Lapse funds from the Education in Unorganized Territory General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02;
3. Transfer funds from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03;
4. Provide lease-purchase authorization for the Maine Learning Technology Endowment program; and
5. Provide additional appropriations for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools, including additional funding for state wards and state agency clients.

PART E proposed to:

1. Transfer funds from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03;
2. Extend to fiscal year 2002-03 repayment to the Maine Rainy Day Fund for funds transferred in fiscal year 2001-02 to address invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species; and
3. Transfer funds from the Maine Clean Election Fund to the Maine Rainy Day Fund.

PART F proposed to:

1. Authorize the State Controller to establish an Other Special Revenue funds account for the Office of the Treasurer and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Accounts and Control to recover costs of providing administrative services to the Maine Military Authority; and
2. Repeal the General Fund appropriation for debt service costs of a tax anticipation note issued in fiscal year 2001-02.

PART G proposed to postpone from January 1, 2003 to May 1, 2003 the scheduled 1/10th of one percent increase in the percentage of sales and income tax receipts credited to the Local Government Fund.

PART H proposed to postpone for one year the phased-in reductions in tax rates on telecommunications personal property.

PART I proposed to amend the real estate transfer tax laws in order to apply the tax to transfers of controlling interests in entities with at least a 50% interest in real property in the same manner as transfers

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by deed and proposed to provide that the distribution of the State's share of the additional revenue be credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue.

PART J proposed to repeal net operating loss carry-backs for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002.

PART K proposed to authorize the continuation of 4 limited-period positions in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget.

PART L proposed to:

1. Adjust the timing of the borrowing through the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority for courthouse projects in Rockland and other locations; and
2. Authorize \$55,000 of unencumbered balance appropriated to the Judicial Department of debt service to carry forward at the end of fiscal year 2001-02.

PART M proposed to transfer funds from the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund on or before June 30, 2002.

PART N proposed to increase the State's share of the cost of retired teachers health insurance from 35% to 40% effective April 1, 2003.

PART O proposed to:

1. Authorize use of the General Fund Salary Plan in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 for authorized Personal Services costs and to receive transfers of Personal Services savings from General Fund accounts;
2. Authorize use of the General Fund Salary Plan and Highway Fund Salary Plan in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 for range changes and reclassifications in the Department of Public Safety;
3. Authorize in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 the transfer by financial order of balances of Personal Services appropriations between General Fund programs and departments; and
4. Authorize the State Budget Officer to calculate in fiscal year 2002-03 All Other savings in General Fund accounts and make appropriation adjustments to those accounts by financial order.

PART P proposed to:

1. Authorize adjustments to the state cost allocation plan in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, which must be credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue; and
2. Transfer funds from the Information Services Internal Service Fund to General Fund undedicated revenue in fiscal year 2001-02.

PART Q proposed to:

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1. Lapse \$1,200,000 of the \$3,800,000 designated for the demolition of the Maine State Prison at Thomaston from the BPI Capital Construction/Repair General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02; and
2. Lapse \$250,000 from the BGS - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund - MCJA General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

PART R proposed to lapse \$80,000 from the Attorney General - Contingent General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

PART S proposed to:

1. Authorize the State Budget Officer to calculate in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 position count and amounts in General Fund accounts in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services and make position count and appropriation adjustments to those accounts by financial order; and
2. Authorize the continuation of one project position and 2 limited-period positions in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services.

PART T proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Conservation to increase parks and land fees by financial order.

PART U proposed to:

1. Authorize \$500,000 of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism to be used for tourism promotion in fiscal year 2001-02 rather than being carried forward to fiscal year 2002-03; and
2. Lapse \$6,000 from the Applied Technology Development Center System - Carrying Account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

PART V proposed to:

1. Increase the amount of the cap of the Finance Authority of Maine's Mortgage Insurance Fund from \$20,000,000 to \$35,000,000 to allow additional transfers from the Loan Insurance Reserve in the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year; and
2. Transfer funds in fiscal year 2001-02 from the Underground Oil Storage Replacement Fund in the Finance Authority of Maine to the General Fund as undedicated revenue.

PART W proposed to lapse \$325,000 from the Land for Maine's Future General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

PART X proposed to:

1. Allow personal representatives to pay a fee to the probate court to permit the register to publish a notice to creditors;

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2. Allow the State to file a claim for Medicaid reimbursement against the assets of an estate as long as the claim is filed within 4 months of the filing for probate or the appointment of a personal representative;
3. Allow the Department of Human Services to adopt administrative rules that impose a penalty for the transfer of certain assets;
4. Lapse funds from the Medical Care - Payments to Providers General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02;
5. Lapse funds from the Nursing Facilities General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02;
6. Lapse funds from the TANF General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02;
7. Require an amount not to exceed \$5,583,019 of the carrying balance on June 30, 2001 to be used to reimburse the State's 2 freestanding, nonprofit psychiatric hospitals for services provided to indigent patients when these expenses can not be reimbursed from Medicaid or Disproportionate Share programs; and
8. Require the Department of Human Services and the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to pursue federal reforms for disproportionate share payment for institutes for mental disease and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over on appropriations and financial affairs by February 15, 2003.

PART Y proposed to authorize transfer of funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the General Fund Carrying Balances - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and the allotment of those funds in fiscal year 2002-03 by financial order.

PART Z proposed to amend the insurance code to accrue interest to the General Fund from the Bureau of Insurance Regulatory Fund retroactive to July 1, 1995 and to transfer funds from the Bureau of Insurance Regulatory Fund to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

PART AA proposed to establish additional reporting requirements for the Fund for a Healthy Maine and adjusts current allocations by establishing new program names to help segregate and improve tracking of Fund for a Healthy Maine expenditures. It also proposed to make adjustments to allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine and transfer \$3,200,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund.

PART BB proposed to move the Personal Care Assistants program from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Labor.

PART CC proposed to:

1. Amend the laws on child welfare services and provides clarification of the roles of the Department of Human Services and the child's parents;
2. Authorize the courts to hold prehearing conferences in child welfare cases;

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3. Require the Department of Human Services to adopt performance measures and provide quality indicator reports to reflect the additional efforts made possible through appropriations and allocations in this amendment;
4. Require periodic reporting on the progress of the department in meeting the goals and performance measures and in decreasing the number of children in custody and in increasing the number placed with relatives; and
5. Require an automatic suspension of hiring that depends on caseworker caseload size and reporting on this issue to legislative committees.

PART DD proposed to establish 5 demonstration sites to provide adult remedial education services to former students of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

PART EE proposed to change an Assistant to the Commissioner position within the Department of Public Safety to a Deputy Commissioner position.

PART FF proposed to deappropriate funds from savings due to a slower start-up and phase-in of Medicaid coverage to noncategorical eligible adults funded in Public Law 2001, c. 450.

PART GG proposed to provide for conformity of the State's income tax laws and estate tax laws with the United States Internal Revenue Code as of March 15, 2002 with the following exceptions:

1. With regard to the estate tax, for deaths occurring in calendar year 2002, the amount of the estate tax would be calculated without adoption of the federal changes reducing the amount of the federal credit available for state estate tax.
2. With regard to net operating loss carry-backs under the income tax, the amendment would not conform to the federal changes permitting 5-year carry-back for net operating losses occurring in tax year 2001.
3. With regard to depreciation deductions under the income tax, the amendment would provide that for 2002 tax years, conformity with the federal changes permitting a 30% depreciation bonus is proportional to the percentage of the cost of full funding available at the end of fiscal year 2002-03 in the Tax Conformity Reserve account funded through the Maine Rainy Day Fund.

This Part also proposed to provide procedures and priorities for end-of-year transfers of funds for purposes of making funding available for the purposes of the Part.

PART HH proposed to authorize the Department of Human Services to implement the HIV Medicaid waiver granted to the State by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, formerly the Health Care Finance Administration, to provide limited Medicaid coverage to persons who test positive for HIV and who meet the established income eligibility requirements.

PART II proposed to:

1. Require the Department of Human Services to maximize federal reimbursement for oral health services;
2. Specify the intended use of Fund for a Healthy Maine oral health allocations;

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3. Require \$600,000 of the fiscal year 2002-03 Fund for a Healthy Maine allocation for oral health to be used for oral health initiatives stipulated in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 416-A; and
4. Provide funding in fiscal year 2002-03 for the Department of Human Services to increase dental reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program.

PART JJ proposed to authorize the Maine Technical College System to submit cost items from any collective bargaining agreements of technical college employers for inclusion in the Governor's operating budget.

PART KK proposed to:

1. Extend the exemption of capital security officers from certain law enforcement officer training standards and requirements;
2. Establish a program of training requirements for capitol security officers at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy;
3. Require the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to notify the Legislative Council about any prospective rule pertaining to security in the capitol area; and
4. Require the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Capitol Security to enter into a written agreement with the Bureau of State Police, Special Services Unit, which establishes a protocol for greater coordination.

PART LL proposed to provide that at least \$2,000,000 be available in the telecommunications education access fund over the 4-year period beginning August 1, 2002 for purposes other than to support the learning technology plan and the digital library at the University of Maine.

PART MM proposed to require that, for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 only, the Governor shall submit a report if the Governor's recommendations for operational costs of applied research and development differ from the equivalent of not less than 2% of total actual General Fund revenue of the previous fiscal year.

PART NN proposed to designate the Thomas M. Teague Biotechnology Center of Maine, located in Fairfield, Maine, as the Biotechnology Center of Maine.

PART OO proposed to require the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to provide an estimate of the anticipated funding need for every election. The amendment also proposed to authorize the commission to submit legislation to request additional funding.

PART PP proposed to allow the use of any money received from the sale of armories up to \$300,000 during fiscal year 2002-03 to fund the National Guard Education Assistance Pilot Program.

PART QQ proposed to provide that a retired teacher who is collecting retirement and benefits from the Maine State Retirement System and who becomes an employee of the Legislature be eligible for health insurance in the same manner as any other employee of the Legislature.

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PART RR proposed to provide for implementation of the special retirement provisions for game wardens and marine patrol officers originally enacted last year in Public Law 2001, chapter 439. Beginning September 1, 2002, service by those employees would be credited under new retirement provisions and the increased cost of those benefits would be paid out of money set aside last year. Retroactive application of the special retirement provisions for service by those employees back to September 1, 1984 would occur when the Executive Director of the Maine State Retirement System certified that the full actuarial cost of the special retirement provision has been paid to the Maine State Retirement System by the State.

PART SS proposed the shift of the home-based care program to Medicaid would not cover respite services currently used by consumers of the state-funded program. This Part also proposed to require the Department of Human Services to continue to provide a limited respite benefit for eligible persons, subject to the availability of funds.

House Amendment “K” to Committee Amendment “A” (H-986) proposed to make 2 technical corrections. It proposed to correct the amount appropriated in Part N to reflect the intended amount as indicated in the fiscal note of Committee Amendment "A". It also proposed to refine the application section to Part GG to more clearly identify to what tax years the changes apply.

Enacted Law Summary:

| PART | SECTION | DESCRIPTION |
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| A | A-1 | Makes appropriations and allocations of funds. |
| B | B-1 | Makes appropriations and allocations of funds representing reduction proposals or adjustments. |
| | B-2 | Distributes the fiscal year 2001-02 personal services savings implemented by financial order to the affected programs. |
| | B-3 | Distributes the fiscal year 2001-02 All Other savings implemented by financial order to the affected programs. |
| C | C-1:C-5 | Makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes. |
| D | D-1:D-18 | Specifies the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 2002-03 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605. |
| | D-19 | Lapses funds from the Education in Unorganized Territory General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02. |
| | D-20 | Transfers funds from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02. |
| | D-21 | Provides lease purchase authorization for the Maine Learning Technology Endowment program. |

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| | D-22 | Provides additional appropriations for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools. |
| E | E-1 | Transfers funds from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03. |
| | E-2 | Extends to fiscal year 2002-03 repayment to the Maine Rainy Day Fund for funds transferred in fiscal year 2001-02 to address aquatic plants and nuisance species. |
| | E-3 | Transfer funds from the Maine Clean Election Fund to the Maine Rainy Day Fund. |
| F | F-1:F-2 | Authorizes the State Controller to establish an Other Special Revenue account for the Office of the Treasurer and the Bureau of Accounts and Control to recover costs of providing administrative services to the Maine Military Authority. |
| | F-3 | Repeals the General Fund appropriation for debt service costs of a tax anticipation note issue in fiscal year 2001-02. |
| G | G-1 | Postpones from January 1, 2003 to May 1, 2003 the scheduled 1/10th of one-percent increase in the percentage of sales and income tax receipts credited to the Local Government Fund. |
| H | H-1 | Postpones for one year the phased-in reductions in tax rates on telecommunications personal property. |
| I | I-1:I-15 | Amends the Real Estate Transfer Tax laws in order to apply the tax to transfers of controlling interests in entities with at least a 50% interest in real property in the same manner as transfers by deed and provides that the distribution of the State's share of the additional revenue be credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue. |
| J | J-1:J4 | Repeals net operating loss carry backs for tax years beginning on or after 1/1/02 and retains the 2-year carry back provisions for tax years beginning before 1/1/02. |
| K | K-1 | Authorizes the continuation of four limited-period positions in the Bureau of the Budget. |
| L | L-1 | Adjusts the timing of the borrowing through the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority for courthouse projects in Rockland and other locations. |
| | L-2 | Authorizes \$55,000 of unencumbered balance appropriated to the Judicial Department for debt service to carry forward at the end of fiscal year 2001-02. |
| M | M-1 | Transfers funds from the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund on or before June 30, 2002. |
| N | N-1:N-2 | Increases the State's share of the cost of Retired Teachers Health Insurance from 35% to 40% effective April 1, 2003. |
| O | O-1 | Authorizes use of the General Fund Salary Plan in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 for authorized Personal Services costs and to receive transfers of Personal Services savings from General Fund accounts. |

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| O-2 | Authorizes use of the General Fund and Highway Fund Salary Plans in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 for range changes and reclassifications in the Department of Public Safety. |
| O-3 | Authorizes in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 the transfer by financial order balances of Personal Services appropriations between General Fund programs and departments. |
| O-4 | Authorizes the State Budget Officer to calculate in fiscal year 2002-03 All Other savings in General Fund accounts and make appropriation adjustments to those accounts by financial order. |
| P | P-1 Authorizes adjustments to the state cost allocation plan in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 which must be credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue. |
| | P-2 Transfers funds from the Information Services Internal Service Fund to General Fund undedicated revenue in fiscal year 2001-02. |
| Q | Q-1 Lapses \$1,200,000 of the \$3,800,000 designated for the demolition of the Maine State Prison at Thomaston from the BPI Capital Construction/Repair General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02. |
| | Q-2 Lapses \$250,000 from the BGS – Capital Construction & Improvement Reserve Fund – MCJA General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02. |
| R | R-1 Lapses \$80,000 from the Attorney General - Contingent General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02. |
| S | S-1 Authorizes the State Budget Officer to calculate in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 position count and amounts in General Fund accounts in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services and make position count and appropriation adjustments to those accounts by financial order. |
| | S-2 Authorizes the continuation of one project position and two limited-period positions in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services. |
| T | T-1 Authorizes the Commissioner of Conservation to increase parks and land fees by financial order. |
| U | U-1 Authorizes \$500,000 of the amounts appropriated to the Office of Tourism to be used for tourism promotion in fiscal year 2001-02 rather than being carried forward to fiscal year 2002-03. |
| | U-2 Lapses \$6,000 from the Applied Technology Development Center System - Carrying Account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02. |

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| V | V-1 | Increases the amount of the cap of the Finance Authority of Maine's Mortgage Insurance Fund from \$20,000,000 to \$35,000,000 to allow additional transfers from the Loan Insurance Reserve in the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year. | |
| | V-2 | Transfers funds in fiscal year 2001-02 from the Underground Oil Storage Replacement Fund in the Finance Authority of Maine to the General Fund as undedicated revenue. | |
| W | W-1 | Lapses \$325,000 from the Land for Maine's Future General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02. | |
| X | X-1 | Allows personal representatives to pay a fee to the probate court to permit the register to publish a notice to creditors. | |
| | X-2:X-4 | Allows the State to file a claim for Medicaid reimbursement against the assets of an estate as long as the claim is filed within 4 months of the filing for probate or the appointment of a personal representative. | |
| | X-5 | Allows the Department of Human Services to adopt administrative rules that impose a penalty for the transfer of certain assets. | |
| | X-6 | Lapses funds from the Medical Care – Payments to Providers General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02. | |
| | X-7 | Lapses funds from the Nursing Facilities General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02. | |
| | X-8 | Lapses funds from the TANF General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02. | |
| | X-9 | Requires up to \$5,583,019 of the carrying balance on June 30, 2001 to be used to reimburse the State's 2 free-standing, non-profit psychiatric hospitals for services provided to indigent patients when these expenses can not be reimbursed from Medicaid or Disproportionate Share programs. | |
| | X-10 | Requires the Departments of Human Services and Behavioral and Developmental Services to pursue federal reforms for disproportionate share payment for institutes for mental disease and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by February 15, 2003. | |
| | Y | Y-1 | Authorizes the transfer of funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the General Fund Carrying Balances – Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and the allotment of those funds in fiscal year 2002-03 by financial order. |
| | Z | Z-1:Z-3 | Amends the insurance code to accrue interest to the General Fund from the Bureau of Insurance Regulatory Fund retroactive to July 1, 1995 and transfers funds from the Bureau of Insurance Regulatory Fund to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02. |
| AA | AA-1:AA-8 | Establishes additional reporting requirements for the Fund for a Healthy Maine and adjusts current allocations by establishing new program names to help segregate and improve tracking of Fund for a Healthy Maine expenditures. | |

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| BB | BB-1:BB-6 | Moves Personal Care Assistants program from DHS to the Department of Labor. |
| CC | CC-1:CC-8 | Implements a child welfare initiative that includes: changes to the laws on child welfare services; provides clarification of the roles of the Department of Human Services and parents; authorizes the courts to hold prehearing conferences in child welfare cases; requires the Department of Human Services to adopt performance measures and provide quality indicator reports; and implements an automatic suspension of hiring of caseworkers based on caseworker caseload sizes. Part CC also provides funding for additional caseworkers and case aides, paralegal services, and other support staff and provides funding for a number of other child welfare initiatives including: safe and sober home programs, family visitation services, kinship projects, expanding the community intervention program, family support pilot programs, and continuing pilot programs for homeless youth (Related to LD 2031). |
| DD | DD-1:DD-4 | Establishes 5 demonstration sites to provide adult remedial education services to former students of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf (Related to LD 1889). |
| EE | EE-1:EE-2 | Changes an Assistant to the Commissioner position within the Department of Public Safety to a Deputy Commissioner position. |
| FF | FF-1 | Deappropriates funds from savings due to a slower start-up and phase-in of Medicaid coverage to noncategorical eligible adults funded in PL 2001, c. 450. |
| GG | GG-1:GG-26 | Establishes partial conformity with the US Internal Revenue Code as of 3/15/02 for purposes of the estate tax and the income tax. Conformity is established for the estate tax except for deaths occurring in 2002. Conformity for the income tax for tax years beginning in 2002 is contingent upon adequate resources being transferred to the General Fund from the Tax Conformity Reserve. A conformity factor is established to adjust the income tax with respect to depreciation, if resources are not adequate. This part also provides for the transfer of savings from any Federal Financial Participation rate change to the Maine Rainy Day Fund and establishes the order of priority for the transfers from the General Fund unappropriated surplus at the close of fiscal year 2001-02. |
| HH | HH-1:HH-3 | Requires the Department of Human Services to administer a program to limit coverage to persons who test positive for HIV; the HIV Medicaid waiver program. |
| II | II-1:II-4 | Directs the use of certain allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine designated for oral health initiatives to provide one-time grants to community oral health programs, to increase oral health services provided through Medicaid and to increase Medicaid dental reimbursement rates. |
| JJ | JJ-1 | Establishes that cost items in the Maine Technical College System collective bargaining agreements are to be included in the Governor's budget and are subject to Legislative approval. |

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| KK | KK-1:KK-6 | Establishes a program of training requirements for capitol security officers at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy; requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to notify the Legislative Council about prospective rules pertaining to security in the capitol area; and requires the Department of Public Safety to establish a protocol for greater coordination between the Bureau of Capitol Security and the Bureau of State Police, Special Services Unit. |
| LL | LL-1 | Provides that at least \$2,000,000 be available in the Telecommunications Education Access Fund over the 4-year period beginning August 1, 2002 for purposes other than to support the learning technology plan and the digital library at the University of Maine. |
| MM | MM-1 | Requires that, for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 only, the Governor submit a report if the Governor's recommendations for operational costs of applied research and development differ from the equivalent of not less than 2% of total actual General Fund revenue of the previous year. |
| NN | NN-1 | Designates the Thomas M. Teague Biotechnology Center of Maine, located in Fairfield, Maine, as the Biotechnology Center of Maine. |
| OO | OO-1 | Requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to provide an estimate of the anticipated funding need for every election and authorizes the commission to submit legislation to request additional funding. |
| PP | PP-1:PP-2 | Allows the use of any money received from the sale of armories up to \$300,000 during fiscal year 2002-03 to fund the National Guard Education Assistance Pilot Program. |
| QQ | QQ-1 | Provides that a retired teacher who is collecting retirement and benefits from the Maine State Retirement System and who becomes an employee of the Legislature be eligible for health insurance in the same manner as any other employee of the Legislature. |
| RR | RR-1:RR-19 | Provides for the implementation of the special retirement plan for game wardens and marine patrol officers originally enacted by PL 2001, c. 439 on a contingent basis. |
| SS | SS-1:SS-2 | Requires the Department of Human Services to continue to provide a limited respite benefit for eligible persons, subject to availability of funds, as a result of the shift of the home-based care program to Medicaid. |

Public Law 2001, chapter 559 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 25, 2002.

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LD 2093

An Act to Promote Cultural Tourism and Economic Growth

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| MICHAUD MH PARADIS | ONTP | |

LD 2093 proposed to appropriate:

1. \$3,000,000 to provide assistance in the planning and construction of the Franco-American Heritage Center at St. Mary's in Lewiston to promote the academic, economic, social and cultural heritage of Franco-Americans in the State. The center would transform the existing St. Mary's Church into an all-purpose performance hall, museum and learning center;
2. \$30,000 to the Moosehead Marine Museum to assist the museum in the renovation of its flagship, the Katahdin, including repairs to its deck;
3. \$1,000,000 to the Center Theater, Inc. to provide assistance in the planning and construction of the Center Theater in Dover-Foxcroft. The Center Theater, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation that would renovate and operate the existing Center Theater as a performing and visual arts center in downtown Dover-Foxcroft; and
4. \$1,000,000 to match federal grants to plan and construct the Downeast Heritage Center on the St. Croix River in Calais and to promote tourism and economic growth in Washington County. These funds, combined with the \$1,000,000 already appropriated, would provide a total of \$2,000,000 for the center.

LD 2120

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$24,100,000 for Water Pollution Control, Drinking Water, Water for Crops and Fish-rearing Facilities, to Clean up Hazardous Substances and Tire Stockpiles, Promote Public Geographic Data, Recapitalize the Potato Marketing Fund and Capitalize the Dam Repair Fund

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MICHAUD | OTP-AM A OTP-AM B OTP-AM C | S-607 |

LD 2120 proposed a bond issue, to be submitted to the voters in November, 2002, in the amount of \$19,300,000 to be for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$8,000,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
2. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds to remove and replace overboard discharges;

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3. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds to remove and replace failing septic systems;
4. The sum of \$500,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds for the clean up of tire stockpiles;
5. The sum of \$1,000,000 to clean up uncontrolled hazardous substance sites;
6. The sum of \$500,000 to remediate solid waste landfills;
7. 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;
8. The sum of \$4,000,000 to acquire the technology and services required to establish an Internet-based Maine public library of geographic information, improve citizens' access to public geographic information, make grants to municipalities for voluntary automation of parcel and zoning maps to uniform standards, provide the State match for at least \$1,600,000 in federal funds and participate in intergovernmental data development agreements; and
9. The sum of \$1,500,000 to support household hazardous waste collection.

Committee of Conference Amendment “A” (S-607) was the unanimous report of the Committee of Conference. This amendment proposed to provide for a bond issue, to be submitted to the voters in November, 2002, in the amount of \$24,100,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$5,000,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
2. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds to remove overboard discharges;
3. The sum of \$7,000,000 to make renovations and enhance wastewater treatment at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's fish-rearing facilities;
4. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds to remove and replace failing septic systems;
5. The sum of \$1,000,000 to clean up uncontrolled hazardous substance sites;
6. The sum of \$500,000 to remediate solid waste landfills;
7. The sum of \$500,000 to clean up tire stockpiles;
8. The sum of \$500,000 to provide funds for the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund and the renovation of and capital repairs and improvements to locks under the control of the Bureau of Parks and Lands;
9. 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;

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10. The sum of \$2,300,000 to acquire the technology and services required to establish an Internet-based Maine public library of geographic data, to improve citizens' access to public geographic data, to make grants to municipalities for voluntary automation of parcel and zoning maps to uniform standards, to provide the state match for at least \$1,600,000 in federal funds and to participate in intergovernmental data development agreements;
11. The sum of \$1,500,000 to support public recycling and household hazardous wastes management infrastructure;
12. The sum of \$1,000,000 to construct new or retrofit existing pollution control structures on Maine farms to protect the environment;
13. The sum of \$500,000 to construct environmentally sound water sources that help avoid drought damage to crops; and
14. The sum of \$500,000 to recapitalize the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund.

This amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public and Special Law 2001, chapter 71 authorizes a General Fund bond issue to be submitted to the voter in November, 2002 in the amount of \$24,100,000 for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$5,000,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
2. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds to remove overboard discharges;
3. The sum of \$7,000,000 to make renovations and enhance wastewater treatment at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's fish-rearing facilities;
4. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds to remove and replace failing septic systems;
5. The sum of \$1,000,000 to clean up uncontrolled hazardous substance sites;
6. The sum of \$500,000 to remediate solid waste landfills;
7. The sum of \$500,000 to clean up tire stockpiles;
8. The sum of \$500,000 to provide funds for the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund and the renovation of and capital repairs and improvements to locks under the control of the Bureau of Parks and Lands;
9. 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;

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10. The sum of \$2,300,000 to acquire the technology and services required to establish an Internet-based Maine public library of geographic data, to improve citizens' access to public geographic data, to make grants to municipalities for voluntary automation of parcel and zoning maps to uniform standards, to provide the state match for at least \$1,600,000 in federal funds and to participate in intergovernmental data development agreements;
11. The sum of \$1,500,000 to support household hazardous waste collection and public recycling;
12. The sum of \$1,000,000 to construct new or retrofit existing pollution control structures on Maine farms to protect the environment;
13. The sum of \$500,000 to construct environmentally sound water sources that help avoid drought damage to crops; and
14. The sum of \$500,000 to recapitalize the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund.

LD 2121

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$9,500,000 to Construct New or Retrofit Existing Pollution Control Structures on Maine Farms to Protect the Environment, to Construct Environmentally Sound Water Sources that Help Avoid Drought Damage to Crops, to Recapitalize the Potato Market Improvement Fund and to Make Renovations and Enhance Wastewater Treatment at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Fish-rearing Facilities

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARTIN BRYANT | <u>Committee Report</u> ONTP | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 2121 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$9,500,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$1,500,000 to construct new or retrofit existing pollution control structures on Maine farms to protect the environment;
2. The sum of \$500,000 to construct environmentally sound water sources that help avoid drought damage to crops;
3. The sum of \$500,000 to recapitalize the Potato Market Improvement Fund; and
4. The sum of \$7,000,000 to make renovations and enhance wastewater treatment at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's fish-rearing facilities.

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LD 2128

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$28,500,000 to Capitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund, to Provide Grants to Public Educational Institutions to Install Sprinkler Systems in Dormitories, to Renovate the Harlow Office Building and to Provide a Center for Homeless Teenagers

PUBLIC 674

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SAXL | OTP-AM A | H-1080 |
| MICHAUD MH | OTP-AM B | H-1108 BERRY, R |
| | OTP-AM C | |

LD 2128 proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$15,000,000 to capitalize 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.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1080) proposed the following:

1. Part A of the amendment would require public educational institutions to install automatic sprinkler systems in their dormitories, but only if the bond issue in Part B is approved by the voters.
2. Part B would provide for a bond issue in the amount of \$47,000,000, to be used for the following purposes:
 - A. The sum of \$15,000,000 to capitalize 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;
 - B. The sum of \$13,900,000 to construct a new correctional facility in Machias to replace the existing Downeast Correctional Facility in Bucks Harbor in order to meet the need for minimum custody prison beds, achieve operational efficiencies and compliance with state and national environmental and building standards and to support enhanced transition programs for prisoners reentering the community;
 - C. The sum of \$11,100,000 to construct an infirmary and extended care unit for special needs prisoners, to modernize existing buildings and to enhance security at the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham in order to meet current and future medical needs of the prisoner population; support treatment program for health care, substance abuse and sex offenders; and improve intake reception; and
 - D. The sum of \$7,000,000 to provide grants to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine to public educational institutions for the purchase and installation of automatic sprinkler systems in dormitories.

This amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1108) proposed to retain the provisions of the amendment to require public educational institutions to install automatic sprinkler systems in their dormitories, but only if voters approved the bond issue in Part B.

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Part B of this amendment proposed to provide for a bond issue in the amount of \$28,500,000, to be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$13,000,000 to capitalize 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;
2. The sum of \$7,000,000 to provide funds to be administered by the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System and the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System to public educational institutions for the purchase and installation of automatic sprinkler systems in dormitories. The grants may be awarded only to those institutions that demonstrate to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System and the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System that reasonable progress has been made towards meeting the requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 on each institution's campus;
3. The sum of \$500,000 for the renovation of a building in the Portland area to establish a center for homeless teenagers; and
4. The sum of \$8,000,000 to renovate the Augusta East Campus Harlow Building.

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Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2001, chapter 674 authorizes a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$28,500,000 to capitalize the State's 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; to provide grants to public educational institutions to install sprinkler systems in dormitories; to renovate the Augusta East Campus Harlow Office Building; and to provide a center for homeless teenagers in the Portland Area.

LD 2129

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 to Build a New Correctional Facility in Machias and to Make Improvements to the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham

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| BAGLEY SHOREY | ONTP | H-1110 BERRY, R |

LD 2129 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$43,000,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$10,000,000 to protect the lives and property of Maine's citizens by improving response capability, improving workplace security at government and other public sites and by conducting vulnerability surveys and security audits at other critical locations;
2. The sum of \$8,000,000 to renovate the Augusta East Campus Harlow Building, including all electrical, water and mechanical systems, roof replacement and asbestos and mold abatement;
3. The sum of \$13,900,000 to construct a new correctional facility in Machias to replace the existing Downeast Correctional Facility in Bucks Harbor in order to meet the need for minimum custody prison beds, achieve operational efficiencies and compliance with state and national environmental and building standards and to support enhanced transition programs for prisoners reentering the community; and
4. The sum of \$11,100,000 to construct an infirmary and extended care unit for special needs prisoners, to modernize existing buildings and to enhance security at the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham in order to meet current and future medical needs of the prisoner population, support treatment programs for health care, substance abuse and sex offenders and improve intake and reception.

House Amendment "A" (H-1110) proposed to strike the bond issues proposed in the bill for protecting Maine citizens and renovating the Harlow Building, thus leaving the bond issues for a new correctional facility in Machias and to make improvements to the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham.

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5. To renovate a building in the Portland area to establish a center for homeless teens, \$500,000.

Part B of this amendment proposed to provide for a bond issue at a referendum to be held in November 2002 in the amount of \$28,630,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. To capitalize the Maine Rural Development Authority to facilitate job creation through the development and redevelopment of commercial and industrial buildings in Maine, \$10,000,000;
2. For the renovation of buildings and associated infrastructure at the Schoodic Education and Research Center, \$1,100,000. State bond funds would match \$4,000,000 in federal funds;
3. For the construction of 2 facilities for product development and support that would provide the University of Maine and the University of Southern Maine with the resources needed to help solve daily manufacturing and engineering problems for Maine companies, \$9,000,000;
4. For biomedical research and development by Maine-based nonprofit and state research institutions, \$6,000,000;
5. For the planning and construction of the Franco-American Heritage Center at St. Mary's in Lewiston, \$1,500,000;
6. To assist the Moosehead Marine Museum in the renovation of its flagship, the Katahdin, \$30,000;
7. For the renovation of the Center Theater in downtown Dover-Foxcroft, \$500,000; and
8. To plan and construct the Downeast Heritage Center on the St. Croix River in Calais and to promote tourism in Washington County, \$500,000.

This amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1107) proposed to strike the referenda in Committee Amendment "A" and combine all the bond issues into one referendum to be held in June 2002 in the amount of \$34,970,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. A sum of \$4,000,000 for the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to provide loans and grants to municipalities for public infrastructure to support economic development and other purposes of the fund;
2. A sum of \$8,000,000 to the Finance Authority of Maine to create and retain Maine jobs through the funding of community, regional and state business financing programs;
3. A sum of \$540,000 for the protection of the lives and property of Maine citizens, \$20,000 of which is for a computerized emergency notification program in the Maine Drinking Water Program and \$520,000 of which is for metal detectors, x-ray machines and security packages for court facilities;
4. A sum of \$6,000,000 to capitalize the Maine Rural Development Authority to facilitate job creation through the development and redevelopment of commercial and industrial buildings in Maine;
5. A sum of \$400,000 for the renovation of buildings and associated infrastructure at the Schoodic Education and Research Center. State bond funds would match \$4,000,000 in federal funds;

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6. A sum of \$9,000,000 for the construction of 2 facilities for product development and support that would provide the University of Maine and the University of Southern Maine with the resources needed to help solve daily manufacturing and engineering problems for Maine companies;
7. A sum of \$5,500,000 for biomedical research and development by Maine-based nonprofit and state research institutions;
8. A sum of \$1,000,000 for the planning and construction of the Franco-American Heritage Center at St. Mary's in Lewiston;
9. A sum of \$30,000 to assist the Moosehead Marine Museum in the renovation of its flagship, the Katahdin; and
10. A sum of \$500,000 for the renovation of the Center Theater in downtown Dover-Foxcroft.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 73 authorizes a General Fund bond issue to be submitted to the voters in June, 2002 in the amount of \$34,970,000 to stimulate job growth, renovate buildings, defend against terrorism in Maine and promote tourism to be used for the following purposes:

1. Funds of \$4,000,000 for the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to provide loans and grants to municipalities for public infrastructure to support economic development and other purposes of the fund;
2. Funds of \$8,000,000 for the Finance Authority of Maine to create and retain Maine jobs through the funding of community, regional and state business financing programs;
3. Funds of \$540,000 for the protection of the lives and property of Maine citizens;
4. Funds of \$6,000,000 to capitalize the Maine Rural Development Authority to facilitate job creation through the development and redevelopment of commercial and industrial buildings in Maine;
5. Funds of \$400,000 for the renovation of buildings and associated infrastructure at the Schoodic Education and Research Center. State bond funds will match \$4,000,000 in federal funds;
6. Funds of \$5,000,000 for the construction of a facility for product development and support that will provide the University of Maine with the resources needed to help solve daily manufacturing and engineering problems;
7. Funds of \$4,000,000 for the construction of a facility for product development and support that will provide the University of Southern Maine with the resources needed to help solve daily manufacturing and engineering problems;
8. Funds of \$5,500,000 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;

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9. Funds of \$1,000,000 for the planning and construction of the Franco-American Heritage Center at St. Mary's in Lewiston;
10. Funds of \$30,000 to assist the Moosehead Marine Museum in the renovation of its flagship, the Katahdin; and
11. Funds of \$500,000 for the renovation of the Center Theater in downtown Dover-Foxcroft.

LD 2214

Resolve, to Establish and Fund the Task Force on Rail Transportation

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Amendments Adopted

LD 2214 proposed to establish and fund the Task Force on Rail Transportation.

Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 2001, chapter 120 establishes and funds the Task Force on Rail Transportation.

Resolve 2001, chapter 120 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 11, 2002.

LD 2215

An Act to Address the Cash Flow and Funding Needs of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003

PUBLIC 705

Sponsor(s)
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Amendments Adopted

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