

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

LD 30 **An Act To Apply a System of Spending Limitations to State, County and Municipal Governments and School Administrative Units** **ONTP**

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

LD 30 proposed to establish spending limitation systems governing state, county and local governments and school administrative units. The bill was modeled on the spending limitation system provided in an initiative proposed by the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, with some adjustments relating to the use of certain governance systems at the local, school and county levels. The bill proposed to establish a growth allowance, based on the average real growth of total personal income, to govern the year-to-year growth of the State's General Fund appropriations, county assessments, school district assessments, the property tax commitments levied for municipal school systems and the property tax commitments levied for municipal services. For local government, the base growth allowance would be adjusted by the appropriate property growth factor, which is a measure of new taxable property introduced into a municipality or multimunicipal region. Except for limited emergency situations, the Legislature could exceed its spending limit only by a 2/3 vote of both Houses. Except for emergency situations, the spending limit could be exceeded by county, school and local governments only by placing the budget before the voters at referendum, unless alternative budget adoption procedures are established by charter amendment or the adoption of a local ordinance by referendum approval. The budgets of school administrative units would be exempted from the limitations to the extent those budgets, on a year-to-year basis, do not exceed a baseline relationship between the total school budget and the total essential programs and services allocation for that school administrative unit.

LD 35 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$75,000,000 for the Land for Maine's Future Fund** **ONTP**

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

LD 35 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$75,000,000 to be used for the Land for Maine's Future Fund.

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LD 37 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Seek Federal Funding To Serve Immigrant and Refugee Populations in Need of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment** **RESOLVE 18 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRENNAN WALCOTT	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-124
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LD 37 proposed to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to develop as a demonstration project mental health and substance abuse treatment programs for immigrant and refugee populations.

Committee Amendment “A” (S-124) proposed to change the title and replace the bill. It also proposed to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to seek federal funding to provide substance abuse and mental health treatment programs for immigrant or refugee persons residing in the State and to provide a progress report to certain legislative committees.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 18, section 1 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to seek federal funding in order to provide substance abuse and mental health treatment programs for immigrant or refugee persons residing in the State. If funding is obtained, the department may establish one or more statewide programs to provide these services to this population.

Section 2 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to report to certain Legislative committees by November 15, 2005 on the department’s progress in securing federal funding; and if funding has been secured, the department shall at least report the progress made in developing the program, staff development and training efforts, program locations and populations served.

Chapter 18 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 13, 2005.

LD 42 **An Act To Expand the Maine Economic Improvement Fund** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FISCHER MARTIN	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-281
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LD 42 proposed to provide additional ongoing funds to the Maine Economic Improvement Fund within the University of Maine System.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-281) proposed to reduce the appropriation from \$2,000,000 each year to \$1,000,000 each year.

This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

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LD 78 **An Act To Fund the Acquisition of Land by the Land for Maine's Future Board from the General Fund** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 78 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation to the Land for Maine's Future Board of \$20,000,000 in fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07 for the acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat and farmland preservation.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 119 **An Act To Promote Math and Science Education Learning Kindergarten to Grade 12** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN SCHNEIDER	OTP-AM	H-204

LD 119 proposed to provide additional ongoing funds to increase graduate fellowships within the University of Maine System that are geared toward science and math education.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-204) proposed to reduce the increase in funding to graduate fellowships within the University of Maine System that are geared toward science and math education.

This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 123 **An Act Concerning Multiple-item Bond Issues** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLOUGH NASS R		

LD 123 proposed to require the Secretary of State to prepare a ballot for a bond issue with multiple, unrelated items so that a voter may vote on unrelated items individually.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

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LD 149 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of CARRIED OVER
\$5,000,000 for the Fractionation Development Center**

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

LD 149 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$5,000,000, to be used for the Fractionation Development Center to purchase the equipment necessary for the initiation of the pyrolysis/gasification pilot platforms and for the chemical/mechanical fractionation route or the acid hydrolysis fractionation route and for facility renovations.

This bill also proposed to provide funds for the operating costs of the Fractionation Development Center in fiscal year 2005-06 and fiscal year 2006-07.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 170 **An Act To Provide Funding for a Veterans' Cemetery in CARRIED OVER
Springvale**

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

LD 170 proposed to provide funding for the State's share of the costs of constructing a veterans' cemetery in Springvale.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 174 **An Act To Provide Funding for the Applied Technology ONTP
Development Center System**

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

LD 174 proposed to provide one-time funds for the managerial expenses of the Applied Technology Development Center System. These funds would need to be distributed equally to the 7 original technology centers to help defray the cost of operations and management salaries.

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LD 180 **An Act To Appropriate State Funds To Protect Potato Farmland in Aroostook County from Blight and Other Diseases That Could Occur with the 2004 Crop Unless Cull Potatoes Are Dumped Properly** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARADIS MARTIN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-206

LD 180 proposed to appropriate state funds to protect potato farmland in Aroostook County from blight and other diseases by disposing of cull potatoes properly.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-206) proposed to reduce the appropriation of state funds to protect potato farmland in Aroostook County from blight and other diseases by disposing of cull potatoes properly and also proposed to eliminate the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 198 **An Act To Enhance the Role of the Fogler Library as the Research Library for the State of Maine** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 198 proposed to include a General Fund appropriation to the University of Maine System's Fogler Library to develop and support a digital library.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 199 **An Act To Support and Expand Regional Teacher Development Centers** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NORTON TURNER	OTP-AM	H-205

LD 199 proposed to provide additional ongoing funds to support and expand the University of Maine System's Regional Teacher Development Centers.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-205) proposed to reduce the increase in funding to support and expand the University of Maine System's Regional Teacher Development Centers from \$1,000,000 to \$100,000.

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This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 206 **An Act To Transfer Funds to the Maine Clean Election Fund** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 206 proposed to require the transfer of \$4,700,000 from the General Fund to the Maine Clean Election Fund no later than October 31, 2005 to assure gubernatorial and legislative candidates in the 2006 elections that there would be sufficient funding for the Maine Clean Election Act.

LD 228 **An Act To Provide Funding for the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE DUGAY		OTP		

LD 228 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation to the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education.

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 248 **An Act To Provide Funding for Dues for the International Northeast Biotechnology Corridor** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 248 proposed to provide ongoing funds for dues associated with the International Northeast Biotechnology Corridor as agreed upon at the September 2003 Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers.

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

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**LD 263 An Act To Support and Expand Nursing Education Opportunities CARRIED OVER
at Maine's Public Universities**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN PERRY A		

LD 263 proposed to provide ongoing General Fund appropriations beginning in fiscal year 2005-06 to increase the availability of education opportunities in nursing at Maine's public universities in order to address the shortage of nurses in the State.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

**LD 273 An Act Regarding the So-called Katie Beckett Benefits in the CARRIED OVER
MaineCare Program**

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

LD 273 proposed to repeal the provision of law authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a waiver or amend a pending or current waiver in the MaineCare program to impose cost sharing for children receiving coverage under the so-called Katie Beckett provisions. These provisions provide benefits to children with disabilities who receive services while residing at home. Premiums under that cost sharing arrangement were associated with collection from families of \$900,000 in the 2004-05 supplemental budget.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 274 An Act To Raise the University of Maine System Debt Ceiling CARRIED OVER

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

LD 274 proposed to increase the tax-exempt borrowing authority for the University of Maine System from \$170,000,000 to \$220,000,000.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

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LD 292 **An Act To Establish a New Method of Determining the State Budget** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JOY		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 292 proposed to shift the start of the fiscal biennium for the state budget from the first regular session of the Legislature to the second regular session of the Legislature, beginning for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2008. This bill also proposed that the state budget beginning on July 1, 2007 would be a one-year budget.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 392 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Purchase a Train for Passenger Rail Service** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARLEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 392 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$15,000,000, to be used to purchase a train to supply passenger rail service.

LD 404 **An Act To Ensure the State's Continued Commitment to Former Students Who Were Physically or Sexually Abused at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf or the Maine School for the Deaf** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> EDMONDS BLISS		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 404 proposed to include a General Fund appropriation to the Baxter Compensation Authority to provide cash awards to former students of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf or the Maine School for the Deaf who were found to have suffered physical or sexual abuse.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

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LD 410

An Act To Provide Funding for Hospices in Maine

ONTP

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

LD 410 proposed to appropriate funds for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants to build new hospices and to establish new hospice services. These funds would have to be awarded through a competitive bidding process, the funds would be awarded equally among the following 3 areas of the State: Lewiston and Auburn; Augusta; and Scarborough and South Portland. Grantees would need to have plans in place by June 1, 2005 to qualify for these grants.

LD 411

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$1,000,000 To Support Construction of a "Curtis Class" Vessel for the Maine State Ferry Service

ONTP

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

LD 411 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$1,000,000, to be used to support the construction of a "Curtis Class" vessel for the Maine State Ferry Service.

LD 468

An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2005, June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007

PUBLIC 12

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRANNIGAN	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-35 S-56 ROTUNDO

LD 468 was the Governor's proposed "Current Services" or "Part 1" Budget Bill for the 2006-2007 biennium.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-35) was the majority report.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-36) was the minority report.

Senate Amendment "V" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-56) was adopted as proposed to strike the emergency preamble and the emergency clause.

This amendment proposed to change a date in Part U to correspond to changes made in law.

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This amendment proposed to amend Part PP to correct chapter number and section number to avoid a conflict.

This amendment proposed to add a section inadvertently left out of Part SS.

This amendment proposed to amend Part AAA and proposed to remove the provision that imposes a \$10 fee on nonmotorized watercraft such as rowboats, canoes and kayaks. The amendment also proposed to change the fines for failure to wear a seat belt or to properly secure a child in a vehicle from a minimum and maximum fine to a fine of \$50 for the first offense, \$125 for the 2nd offense and \$250 for a 3rd or subsequent offense.

This amendment also proposed to amend language to clarify the application provision in Part DDD.

This amendment proposed to eliminate in Part III the nonconsumption user permit study by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Conservation.

This amendment proposed to strike that section of Part OOO that proposed to authorize the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to examine certain personnel issues. This amendment also proposed to authorize, rather than proposed to require, the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to review the programs specified in Part OOO, section 2, proposed to strike requirement that the committee review whether the public benefit of the program justifies the public expense and proposed to remove the reporting date.

This amendment also proposed to strike duplicative language contained in Part JJJJ, section 1.

This amendment proposed to add Part QQQQ and proposed to provide that targeted funds, identified under essential programs and services for technology, assessment and kindergarten to grade 2, be paid to the school administrative unit or private school that each student from the unorganized territory attends in addition to tuition rates calculated pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 219.

This amendment proposed to remove the section of Committee Amendment “A” that made failure to wear a seat belt a primary offense and thereby retain the current law that allows enforcement of the seat belt requirement only if the operator is detained for a suspected violation of another law. This amendment also proposed to add an appropriation to offset the savings that had been anticipated through implementing the primary enforcement of seat belt requirements.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 12 does the following:

<u>Part</u>	<u>Description</u>
A	Appropriations and allocations of funds reflecting Current Services.
B	Makes appropriations and allocations of funds representing reduction proposals or adjustments to Current Services.

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- C** Specifies a mill expectation of 8.26 mills for fiscal year 2005-06, the cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, consisting of total operating allocation, total debt service allocation and total adjustments and miscellaneous costs, and the state and local shares of those costs.
- D** Clarifies certain provisions of the education funding laws including the Commissioner's authority to pay certain miscellaneous costs related to the laptop program, emergency bus loans and EPS data management and support services. Also transfers \$6,194,152 from the General Fund undedicated revenue to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, Other Special Revenue funds account within the Department of Education in fiscal year 2006-07.
- E** Delays the increase in state-municipal revenue sharing from 5.1% to 5.2% of sales and income tax revenues from July 1, 2005 to July 1, 2007.
- F** Authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in an amount up to \$9,000,000 for improvements to state-owned facilities.
- G** Designates the Department of Administrative and Financial Services as the fiscal agent for the Workers' Compensation Board and the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices and requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to review statewide financial and human resources services and identify savings attributable to improvements in organizational efficiency and cost-effectiveness. Deappropriates the projected statewide consolidation savings.
- H** Extends through fiscal year 2006-07 a change in the distribution formula for the state's share of the Real Estate Transfer Tax by reducing the amount paid to the Maine State Housing Authority by \$7,500,000 in each fiscal year.
- I** Requires the Chief Information Officer to review statewide information technology functions and systems and identify savings and position eliminations attributable to improvements in organizational efficiency and cost-effectiveness. Deappropriates the projected savings.
- J** Requires Judicial Department to implement an accelerated fine collection effort and to fill vacant positions to generate additional General Fund revenue.
- K** Requires the review of the statewide administrative hearing functions to improve efficiency and cost effectiveness. Deappropriates the projected savings.
- L** Extends through 2007 nonconformity with a federal deduction for student loan interest paid 60 months after the start of loan repayment and extends through 2007 a reduction in the child and dependent care credit under the income tax from 25% of the federal credit to 21.5% of the federal credit.
- M** Provides that property transferred by a nonresident decedent to a pass-through entity is included in the estate for purpose of determining the Maine taxable estate under the estate tax.
- N** Provides a special estate tax election at the state level so that the estate of an individual with a surviving spouse may fully fund the taxable estate with an amount equal to the federal exclusion without changing the taxable nature of the estate for Maine purposes.

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- O** Applies the 7% sales tax on lodging to casual rental of living quarters for more than 14 days in a calendar year, including cottages, condominium units and vacation homes, beginning July 1, 2005.
- P** Provides for general conformity with the Internal Revenue Code as of 1/7/05 except that it does not conform with federal increases in the Section 179 business expensing deduction, does not conform with the new federal deduction for certain domestic production activities, does not conform with new federal option that permits the deduction of sales and use taxes rather than income taxes and makes permanent Maine's nonconformity with federal increases in the standard deduction for married joint returns.
- Q** Delays until tax years beginning in 2007, credits under the income tax and the insurance premium tax for contributions to qualified scholarship organizations and for certain employer repayments of education loans on behalf of employees.
- R** Makes permanent the schedule that provides for amortization of the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System by 2028 and provides for related transfers and deappropriations and deallocations.
- S** Delays until 6/30/07 implementation of a sales tax exemption on machinery and equipment used in generation of radio and television broadcast signals.
- T** Part T places into statute, provisions formerly contained in budget preambles relating to general budget administration.
- U** Increases the assessment made to the unorganized territories to help pay for the costs of the Land Use Regulation Commission, authorizes a pilot project with a reporting requirement for the Department of Conservation to issue burn permits electronically, authorizes a \$1.00 increase in the adult day-use fee charged at state parks that provide lifeguard coverage, recognizes revenue from demonstration forestry activities by the Bureau of Parks and Lands with the Department of Conservation and provides appropriations to the Department of Conservation.
- V** Establishes the voluntary employee incentive program for the biennium and lapses \$350,000 of savings to the General Fund in each year of the biennium.
- W** Requires the Commissioner of DEP to review the organizational structure and functions of the department and calculate the amount of savings against each account. It also deappropriates the projected savings.
- X** Increases the state share of retired teachers health insurance from 40% to 45% beginning 10/1/05 and provides that the state will share any rebates, investment gains or other gains under the health insurance plan for teachers at the same percentage as the state percentage of funding of the costs of the insurance.
- Y** Authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer funds among accounts by financial order for the purpose of paying overtime expenses and recognizes additional revenue from boarding juveniles from other governmental entities and from working with the Judicial Department to assess fees on probationers and to enhance collection of supervision fees.
- Z** Delays until the 2008-2009 biennial budget the requirement of an additional 18% General Fund appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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AA	Continues tax expenditures for the 2006-2007 biennium.
BB	Reduces funding in the Department of Labor through efficiencies gained through the department's "Bend the Curve" initiative and directs the Commissioner of Labor to identify the related savings in the Department's General Fund accounts. It also requires the State Budget Officer to transfer those savings by financial order.
CC	Authorizes the Governor, when funds in the State Contingency Account are insufficient, to access up to \$750,000 from any funds available to the State to address certain emergencies.
DD	Requires the Maine State Museum to be open on Sundays and Mondays and transfers to the General Fund unappropriated surplus income from admission fees in the amounts of \$41,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$43,000 in fiscal year 2006-07.
EE	Authorizes the Commissioner of Public Safety to increase the number of speed details using aircraft by 60 per year resulting in an increase in undedicated revenue to the General Fund of \$300,000 in each year of the biennium. It also transfers funds from the State Fire Marshal's Other Special Revenue funds to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.
FF	Increases various filing fees and penalties assessed by the Secretary of State.
GG	Reduces the period for presumption of abandonment of gift obligations from 3 years to 2 years and includes stored-value cards, changes the reporting period for abandoned property reports and requires the Treasurer of State to implement a policy regarding the sale of unclaimed shares of stock.
HH	Requires the State Budget Officer to transfer amounts attributable to savings in state employee health insurance and education health insurance costs resulting from reductions in hospital inpatient rates. Deappropriates projected health insurance savings.
II	Requires the State Budget Officer to calculate and transfer by financial order amounts attributable to savings in the cost of employee health insurance. Deappropriates and deallocates funds to reflect projected savings.
JJ	Establishes minimum fines for the crime of assault and for driving to endanger and transfers funds from an Other Special Revenue account in the Department of the Secretary of State to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.
KK	Authorizes the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to increase license fees through rulemaking for home child care, child care centers and nursery schools.
LL	Clarifies legislative authority with regard to the legislative budget and appropriates and deappropriates funds for the operation of the Legislature.
MM	Authorizes the transfer by financial order from salary savings to All Other as a result of physician vacancies at Bangor Mental Health Institute in each year of the biennium.
NN	Requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to organize working groups to achieve reductions in regulatory and administrative burdens for providers in the areas of licensing, contracting, auditing, billing and other administrative processes.

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OO	Deappropriates \$500,000 in FY 2004-05, \$250,000 in FY 2005-06 and \$250,000 in FY 2006-07 in the Department of Corrections from salary savings.
PP	Establishes the Pharmaceutical Cost Management Council to develop options and make recommendations to maximize the cost effectiveness of the pharmaceutical benefit offered by health plans financed with public dollars and requires the State Budget Officer to calculate and transfer the savings by financial order.
QQ	Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to engage a private vendor to audit providers located outside the State and base the compensation on a percentage of the amount of overpayment received by the department.
RR	Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to change the rate for foster board and care paid to unlicensed homes and permit those homes to apply for licensure to receive a higher reimbursement rate.
SS	Restructures the provisions of information and technology services.
TT	Provides that the fee for a retail tobacco license must be set according to a sliding scale determined by the Department of Health and Human Services according to the relative size of the licensee.
UU	Clarifies that targeted funds distributed to school administrative units (SAU's) must be provided as targeted allocations and requires that all SAU's receive an allocation of targeted funds for technology, assessment and kindergarten to grade 2 education in fiscal year 2005-06. Provides that school administrative units may not be penalized for failing to adhere explicitly to the intent of the targeted fund allocations for that fiscal year only and requires the Commissioner to submit provisionally-adopted rules that establish the requirements for school administrative units plans and the use of the targeted funds. It also provides transition adjustments to certain SAU's in fiscal year 2005-06 that meet certain specifications and adds analysis and reporting requirements for the Commissioner of Education and the Maine Education Policy Research Institute.
VV	Expands the service provider tax to apply to community support services for adults or emancipated children. The additional revenues are transferred to dedicated accounts for the costs of the tax and to fund services previously supported by the General Fund. Adjusts appropriations and allocations accordingly.
WW	Provides technical changes to Public Law 2005, Chapter 2 and Title 20-A. Public Law 2003, chapter 712. Provides revisions to local budget articles for local voters to approve the level of funding that must be revised to meet the funding requirement of essential programs and services. This Part also includes minor technical revisions to sections in Title 20-A to align statutory language with the new school funding law in Title 20-A, chapter 606-B. Provides 7/1/05 effective date for Parts B, C and D of PL 2005, c. 2.
XX	Provides a statewide deappropriation of \$5,750,000 in each year of the biennium from reductions in All Other and requires the State Budget Officer to calculate the savings against each General Fund account for all departments and agencies statewide.
YY	Requires the Commissioner of Education to present a plan to restructure the Child Development Services System and reduces funding which must be absorbed through administrative savings.

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ZZ	Adjusts the base year used to calculate the hospital tax. The taxable base year is rolled forward for state fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07 but fixed for subsequent years. Allocates and deappropriates funds accordingly.
AAA	Establishes minimum and maximum fines for failure to wear a seat belt or to properly secure a child. Retains the current law that provides that seat belt infractions may not be enforced unless the operator has been stopped for another violation of law.
BBB	Excludes certain retail property from BETR reimbursement prospectively. Also requires the State Tax Assessor to report to the Legislature annually on the overlap between BETR reimbursement and benefits received under a tax increment financing agreement. Also requires an annual financial report on the projected cost of the BETR program.
CCC	Provides for a transfer at the end of fiscal year 2005-06 from unappropriated surplus to the Baxter Compensation Authority in an amount up to \$8,122,000 reduced by the amount transferred at the end of fiscal year 2004-05.
DDD	Makes adjustments to the laws of the Department of Health and Human Services related to an estate recovery initiative to generate General Fund savings.
EEE	Increases fees for registration of commercial fertilizer and for a seed labeling license. It also requires the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to deposit amounts in the undedicated revenue of the General Fund from reimbursement for services provided to partner agencies and the United States Department of Agriculture.
FFF	Permits available balances of appropriations in MaineCare General Fund accounts in fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07 to be transferred between accounts by financial order.
GGG	Amends the sales tax exemption for agricultural products to include certain products sold in animal agricultural production and limits the sales tax exemption for products sold for agricultural crop production to those used in commercial production.
HHH	Provides for transfers, appropriations and allocations for programs within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.
III	Increases various hunting and fishing fees; transfers funds from the Carrying Balance program to the General Fund and appropriates funds for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.
JJJ	Appropriates funds for the Fractionation Development Center and for the Maine Small Business Development Centers.
KKK	Specifies how savings in the elderly low-cost drug program resulting from implementation of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, are to be used.
LLL	Transfers funds from the Rehabilitation Services -- Medicaid account in the Department of Labor to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by 6/30/05.
MMM	Provides flexibility in funding and establishing positions for the Maine Military Authority.

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NNN	Authorizes the State to enter into a contract for employee health insurance on a pilot basis that does not adhere to geographic access requirements or rules of the Superintendent of Insurance.
OOO	Authorizes the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to evaluate certain economic development programs and submit its report to the legislative Government Oversight Committee.
PPP	Implements the terms of the collective bargaining agreements made with the Maine State Employees Association, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the Maine State Troopers Association.
QQQ	Implements the terms of the collective bargaining agreements for employees of the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory bargaining unit and the professional bargaining unit of the Judicial Department.
RRR	Identifies the increase in the mileage allowance for employees traveling on state business.
SSS	Authorizes the transfer from the Salary Plan for the implementation of collective bargaining agreements for state employees and other economic items and for the reimbursement of costs associated with contract resolution.
TTT	Extends the service provider tax on extended cable television services to include extended satellite television services.
UUU	Identifies the seven universities of the University of Maine System; appropriates \$3,000,000 in each year of the biennium and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 for reaccreditations planning for the University of Maine at Augusta.
VVV	Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to include provisions under Chapter II, Section 65, Mental Health Services, that were previously included in Section 37, Home Based Mental Health Services as of April 1, 2002.
WWW	Prohibits the Department of Health and Human services from adopting rules to change the eligibility of care requirements for MaineCare community support services during fiscal year 2005-06.
XXX	Requires the Department of Health and Human Services convene a working group to develop a regional system for financing, management, and oversight of the mental health system beginning in fiscal year 2006-07.
YYY	Requires the Department of Health and Human Services adopt rules regarding the benefit package for the MaineCare noncategorical adults program effective through June 30, 2006, and establishes requirements for developing the benefit package effective July 1, 2006. It also establishes requirements for rates of reimbursement for mental health services provided to individuals eligible under the MaineCare noncategorical adults program and adjusts funding as a result of the redesign of the MaineCare noncategorical adults program.
ZZZ	Increases payments to critical access hospitals, the state share of the costs of which is funded by a portion of the hospital tax revenue that was allocated in Part A to fund critical access hospital transition

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	costs related to the federal Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003.
AAAA	Requires that by July 31, 2005, the Superintendent of Insurance deposit \$6,335,897 in excess insurance assessments to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.
BBBB	Establishes requirements for the development and implementation of the MaineCare mental retardation Individual Service Option (ISO) model. Deappropriates funds for savings anticipated from converting the living arrangements of approximately 100 individuals from group homes to living in shared living ISO models.
CCCC	Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to report by 6/1/05 on the development of a rate schedule of services under the MaineCare mental retardation waiver and adopt rules by 1/1/06.
DDDD	Provides for the carry forward of \$3,672,000 in the State Treasurer's General Fund Debt Service account and the transfer to the Budget Stabilization Fund of any balance not needed to pay the cost of debt service.
EEEE	Transfers funding for the Committee on Transition, a statewide network that focuses on the transition of teens and graduates into the adult services system from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Education.
FFFF	Appropriates funds for local adult education programs and for secondary students taking postsecondary courses at eligible institutions.
GGGG	Provides that balances of funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year in the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services appropriated for homemaker or home-based care services must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.
HHHH	Deappropriates funds from the homestead property tax reimbursement program that are no longer needed for that program.
IIII	Provides a cost-of-living adjustment for nursing homes and residential care facilities to be funded from nursing home tax revenue balances.
JJJJ	Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services to use broadly representative working groups to advise on the adult mental retardation services system, and children's mental health and child welfare systems.
KKKK	Increases licensing fess under the Revised Securities Act for broker-dealers, sales representatives and investment advisers.
LLLL	Provides that nonresidents must include in their Maine income the proceeds from any gambling activity conducted in Maine.
MMMM	Provides that under the income tax, for nonresident individuals, that a gain or loss from the sale of a partnership interest is sourced to Maine to the extent the gain or loss is based on property located in Maine.
NNNN	Provides for the setoff of liquidated tax liabilities against payment owed to a taxpayer under a contract

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with a state agency and department.

OOOO Reduces allocation for Lottery Operations to reflect the overbudgeting of information technology expenses.

PPPP Authorizes the issuance of \$410,000,138 in bonds through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to fund prepayment to the Maine State Retirement System of a portion of the Unfunded Actuarial Liability. The bonds are secured by a stream of dedicated revenues and do not pledge the credit of the state. The bond proceeds replaced General Fund appropriations for Teachers Retirement during the 2006-2007 biennium and along with an additional transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus provided additional payments for future retirement liabilities. It also transfers \$66,656,703 to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund in fiscal year 2006-07.

QQQQ Authorizes school administrative units or private schools approved for tuition purposes to receive targeted funds for students in the unorganized territory and appropriates funds to the Department of Education for the additional cost of providing targeted funds to students in the unorganized territory.

LD 508 **An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005** **PUBLIC 3 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRANNIGAN	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-23
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LD 508 was the Governor’s proposed Fiscal Year 2004-05 Emergency Supplemental Budget Bill.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-23) was the unanimous report of the committee in response to the Governor’s proposed bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 3 does the following:

<u>Part</u>	<u>Description</u>
A	Authorizes appropriations and allocations of funds.
B	Authorizes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.
C	Amends the law to increase the maximum limit on transfers to the circuit breaker reserve from \$24,742,857 to \$26,777,647 in fiscal year 2004-05.
	Lapses balances in the Health Reform Reserve Fund account and the General Fund Compensation and Benefit Plan account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2004-05.

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Requires the State Budget Officer to calculate and transfer the amount of allocation to affected departments as an offset to previous statewide measures enacted in PL 2003, chapter 20, Part B.

Requires the State Controller to transfer excess equity of the Retiree Health Insurance Fund not previously identified for transfer to the appropriate funds. The additional General Fund share and a portion of the Highway Fund share are designated for transfer to the General Fund and Highway Fund Compensation and Benefit Plan accounts.

Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer to enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 for the acquisition of a statewide accounting and purchasing system.

- D** Transfers up to \$8,122,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Baxter Compensation Authority at the close of fiscal year 2004-05 as the next priority after certain other statutory year-end transfers. These funds can only be expended for claims of former students.
- E** Lapses \$315,000 of the unencumbered balance forward in fiscal year 2003-04 in the Maine Micro-Enterprise Initiative Fund account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the General Fund in fiscal year 2004-05.
- F** Requires the State Controller to transfer \$2,258,474 from the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund on or before June 30, 2005.
- G** Authorizes the State Controller to advance \$108,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Maine National Guard Education Assistance Pilot Program, Other Special Revenue Fund account within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to provide cash necessary for current expenditures of the tuition assistance program, and specifies that the funds must be returned to the General Fund unappropriated surplus on or before June 30, 2006.
- Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to acquire up to ten buildings, appurtenant real estate, and other interests in real property at the Loring Air Force Base in Limestone, Maine from the Loring Development Authority, and identifies responsibility for oversight and management of the facilities.
- Authorizes the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to expend \$337,949 of the unencumbered balance in the state matching Disaster Assistance – MEMA account to administer current disaster FEMA-1508-DR.
- H** Lapses unencumbered balances in the Child Welfare Services General Fund account and the Disproportionate Share - Bangor Mental Health institute account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2004-05.
- I** Eliminates the intergovernmental transfer of funds from the City of Portland to the State in fiscal year 2004-05.
- J** Authorizes the Office of the Public Advocate to expend 100% of any funds carried forward from fiscal year 2004-05 and 2005-06 for its intended purpose.
- K** Transfers \$100,000 from the Carrying Balances – IF&W General Fund account to the Licensing and

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Registration General Fund account in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Also, transfers \$248,501 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Savings Fund General Fund account in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

- L** Authorizes the State Controller to engage through sole source contracts such auditors, accountants, and investigators as the State Controller deems necessary for special audits, internal financial audits and investigations, to monitor and ensure adherence to contracts and to ensure for proper financial controls and clarifies that nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the powers and duties conferred and imposed by law upon the State Auditor.
- M** Maintains current Medicaid eligibility income criteria for disabled persons at or below 100% of the poverty line, which stops a scheduled increase in income eligibility to 125% of the poverty line.
- N** Increases the budgeted lapsed balance to the General Fund in fiscal year 2004-05 in the Division of Forest Fire Control, General Fund - carrying account in the Department of Conservation by \$88,810.
- O** Amends the title of the Director, Grants Management to Deputy Commissioner in the Department of Labor.
- P** Requires the State Controller to transfer \$23,753,882 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2004-05 to offset future funding needs that includes \$16,353,882 to address a portion of the cost of the additional circuit breaker benefits enacted in PL 2005, c. 2 (LD 1); \$5,000,000 for future collective bargaining costs; and \$2,400,000 for the Maine Clean Elections Fund. \$2,400,000 of the amounts set aside in fiscal year 2004-05 must be transferred to the Maine Clean Election Fund on or before January 1, 2006. The State Controller is authorized to transfer up to \$5,000,000 from the reserve account to the General Fund salary plan upon ratification of a collective bargaining agreement. The remaining amount in the reserve is transferred back to the General Fund unappropriated surplus by the end of fiscal year 2005-06 to offset the General Fund revenue reduction associated with PL 2005, c. 2.
- Q** Requires the State Controller to transfer \$392,206 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Help America Vote Act 2002 account within the Department of Secretary of State and provides an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation and a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation for fiscal year 2004-05.
- R** Authorizes appropriations and allocations of funds for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources for the Maine's Senior Farm Share program and for a forklift.
- S** Requires the State Controller to transfer funds from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to several Other Special Revenue Funds programs within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.
- T** Requires the State Controller to transfer \$750,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the newly established Callahan Mine Site Restoration program within the Department of Transportation and provides an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of the same amount for fiscal year 2004-05.

Public Law 2005, chapter 3 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 11, 2005.

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LD 544 **An Act To Ensure Statewide Access for Schools and Libraries to On-line Reference Materials and Periodicals** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> EDMONDS		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 544 proposed to provide an appropriation to the Maine State Library to fund on-line reference materials to provide access to information from schools and libraries through statewide licensing of reference materials.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 550 **An Act To Appropriate Matching Funds for the Construction of a Convention Center in Oxford Hills** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLETT HASTINGS		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 550 proposed to provide one-time funds to support the construction of a convention center in Oxford Hills to match approximately \$250,000 in private funds that have already been pledged.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 586 **An Act To Authorize a General Bond Issue To Improve the Quality and Safety of Teaching and Science Laboratories** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SCHNEIDER NORTON		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 586 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000, to be used to modernize and improve the teaching and science laboratories, libraries and general classrooms in the University of Maine System.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 588 **An Act To Restore Support for HIV and AIDS Treatment and Prevention** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUDLEY COWGER		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP MAJ ONTP MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 588 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$350,000 in each of fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07 for the Bureau of Health within the Department of Health and Human Services for HIV and AIDS treatment and prevention.

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 622 **An Act To Provide Funding towards the Employment of a** **CARRIED OVER**
Demersal Finfish Ecologist by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KAELIN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-230

LD 622 proposed to appropriate funds for the Department of Marine Resources to use to pay for its share of the costs of a demersal finfish ecologist to be employed by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-230) proposed to reduce the increase in funds for the Department of Marine Resources to use to pay for its share of the costs of a demersal finfish ecologist to be employed by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute and restrict funding to the 2006-2007 biennium only.

This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 636 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Construct a** **CARRIED OVER**
Freshwater Aquaculture and Freshwater Species Biotechnology
Center

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

LD 636 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,000,000, to be used to construct a freshwater aquaculture and freshwater species biotechnology center.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 639 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Rebuild the** **ONTP**
Historic Pier at Fort Preble

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

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LD 639 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$1,200,000, to be used to rebuild the historic pier at Fort Preble in South Portland.

LD 663 **An Act To Reduce the Size of State Government by 5%** **ONTP**

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

LD 663 proposed to reduce General Fund appropriations to reflect savings resulting from an across-the-board reduction of 5% for each of the next 2 biennia.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-197) was the minority report. It proposed to reduce the General Fund deappropriations from the bill and exempt the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools account and the Debt Service - Treasury account from those deappropriations.

LD 669 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Infrastructure for Expanded Treatment Capacity for Alcoholism and Addiction in a Therapeutic Community Model** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 669 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$3,000,000, to be used for the infrastructure for a therapeutic community for long-term residential treatment of alcoholism and drug addiction.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 683 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Clean Up Chemicals in Public Schools** **ONTP**

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

LD 683 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,000,000, to be used to remove and clean up old, expired, unessential and possibly dangerous chemicals in the public schools.

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LD 753 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education** **ONTP**

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

LD 753 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$1,000,000, to be used to purchase the property known as Black Duck Cove on Great Wass Island, which includes a 9,000-square-foot building, a working wharf and 2 lobster pounds, to serve as the home of the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education.

LD 754 **An Act To Issue a General Fund Bond Issue for the Challenger Learning Center of Maine** **ONTP**

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

LD 754 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$500,000, to be used by the Challenger Learning Center of Maine to improve educational achievement in mathematics and to inspire interest in science and technology careers.

LD 755 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Fort Knox** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 755, proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$3,000,000, to be used for the preservation of Fort Knox.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 756 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Revitalize Downtown Areas, Support Cultural Tourism and Expand Maine's Creative Economy** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 756 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$25,000,000, to be used to revitalize downtown areas, support cultural tourism and expand Maine's creative economy.

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This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 757 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote Affordable Workforce Housing** **ONTP**

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

LD 757 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$20,000,000, to be used to promote affordable workforce housing.

LD 766 **An Act To Support the New Century Community Program** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KAELIN WESTON	OTP-AM	H-227

LD 766 proposed to provide funding to the New Century Community Program. The goals of the program are to strengthen local cultural resources, including community arts activities, humanities programs and historic preservation activities; provide educational services beyond the reach of the standard educational system; and preserve both the State's material culture and its built environment through grants for preservation and restoration.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-227) proposed to provide a reduction to the increase in funding to the New Century Community Program.

This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 775 **An Act To Provide a Stable Source of Funding for the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRAHAN COWGER	OTP-AM	H-228

LD 775 proposed to authorize General Fund appropriation of \$1,800,000 for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07. These funds would provide the state match over a 2-year period for \$18,000,000 in federal funds dedicated to the safe drinking water revolving loan fund for the purpose of funding infrastructure improvements by public water systems as necessary to comply with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996.

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Committee Amendment “A” (H-228) proposed to reduce the increase in General Fund appropriations from \$1,800,000 to \$1,000,000 for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 786 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maine** **ONTP**
Resident College Graduates Employed in Maine

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

LD 786 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000, to be used to defray a portion of the cost of a Maine resident's college education at either an in-state or out-of-state postsecondary school if, after graduation, the individual was employed in Maine.

LD 787 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Enhanced** **CARRIED OVER**
Development of Public Geographic Information

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

LD 787 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$6,000,000, to be used for the enhanced development of public geographic information through the Maine Library of Geographic Information for digitizing town parcel maps, for complete orthoimagery, for orthoimagery updates, for digitizing zoning and conservation and open space, for land cover and land use updates, for development of tracking applications, for data validation tools and for generic browser and viewer library portal upgrades.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 794 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Allow** **CARRIED OVER**
Municipalities To Purchase Fishing Rights and Equipment

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

LD 794 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$5,000,000, to be used to assist municipalities in the purchase of fishing rights and equipment.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

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LD 795 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Bulkhead Restoration at the Former United States Coast Guard Site in Portland** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TURNER BRANNIGAN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 795 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,000,000, to be used to rebuild a bulkhead at the former United States Coast Guard site that has been transferred to the Gulf of Maine Research Institute by the Federal Government.

LD 799 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create a Holocaust Human Rights Center at the University of Maine at Augusta** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MITCHELL LERMAN		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 799 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$1,000,000, to be used to construct and establish a Holocaust Human Rights Center at the University of Maine at Augusta.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 800 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Land for Maine's Future Program** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ANDREWS WHEELER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 800 proposed a General Fund bond issue to recapitalize the Land for Maine's Future program with \$75,000,000 over 4 years to continue the State's land conservation efforts, leveraging a minimum of \$37,500,000 in required matching funds.

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LD 805 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Finance the Acquisition of Land and Interest in Land for Conservation, Water Access, Outdoor Recreation, Wilderness and Fish Habitat** **ONTP**

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

LD 805 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$75,000,000, to be used to finance the acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wilderness and fish habitat.

LD 806 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage Rural High-speed Internet Access** **ONTP**

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

LD 806 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,000,000, to be used to provide matching funds to communities to build the infrastructure necessary to provide high-speed Internet access to underserved areas of the State.

LD 808 **An Act To Provide Funding for "Camp To Belong" To Reunite Siblings Separated by Foster Care** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOODY	OTP-AM	H-229

LD 808 proposed to appropriate funds for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grant funds to Camp To Belong for programs to reunite siblings separated by foster care to bring the siblings together for summer reunions and other recreation activities. These funds would need to be matched by funds raised in the private sector.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-229) proposed to reduce the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a grant to Camp To Belong for fiscal year 2005-06 and eliminate the appropriation in fiscal year 2006-07.

This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

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LD 819 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Expand
Maine's Ocean-based Economy** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 819 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$51,000,000, to be used to expand the State's ocean-based economy.

The funds would be used for marine research infrastructure needs in 3 areas: shared research infrastructure, research equipment and laboratory construction and site acquisition.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 843 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine To Provide for Protected Reserve Funds** **ONTP**

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

LD 843 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to provide that the Legislature may create reserve funds to provide for capital improvements, to fulfill long-range goals or to meet fiscal contingencies of State Government.

LD 844 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Stimulate
Maine's Economy** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 844 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$120,000,000, to be used to stimulate economic development in the state through investments in research and development, municipal infrastructure and affordable housing and direct business support in the State as follows:

1. The sum of \$15,000,000 to create jobs and reduce property taxes by providing grants and loans to municipalities for public facilities and infrastructure;
2. The sum of \$10,000,000 for medical research and development by Maine-based biomedical research institutions;
3. The sum of \$5,000,000 to support the State's applied development technology centers;

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4. The sum of \$22,000,000 to partner with the marine biotechnology industry to undertake marine biotechnology research;
5. The sum of \$6,000,000 to provide access to capital for small businesses that demonstrate potential for high growth and public benefit;
6. The sum of \$25,000,000 to provide direct support to businesses in the State;
7. The sum of \$12,000,000 for affordable housing; and
8. The sum of \$25,000,000 for University of Maine research and development activities.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 871 An Act To Recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HOBBINS PELLETIER-SIMPS	ONTP	

LD 871 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposed to require the recapitalization of the Municipal Investment Trust Fund, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 6006-D, and provide financial assistance for the acquisition, design, planning, construction and improvement of public service infrastructure and downtown improvements.

**LD 876 An Act Authorizing a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage CARRIED OVER
Development of Maine's Traditional Industries**

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

LD 876 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,000,000, to be used for funding the Farms for the Future Program and to establish and fund a new Fisheries for the Future Program, which would include encouraging and helping people who fish commercially to join and start new fisheries projects, including hatcheries, cooperative waterfront access space, aquaculture and expansion of traditional industries.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

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LD 890 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Certain State Parks** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WESTON		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 890 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$8,000,000, to be used to finance improvement, upkeep and proper management of those state parks on the critical list produced by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 891 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fight Global Warming through Energy Conservation** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STRIMLING		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 891 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$100,000,000, to be used to fight global warming through energy conservation.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 907 **An Act Authorizing a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Community Support Services for Persons with Mental Illness** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> NUTTING J		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 907 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$15,000,000, to be used to establish an improved community support services program through implementation of the Department of Health and Human Services' Adult Mental Health Services Plan filed with the Kennebec Superior Court in Bates v. Department of Health and Human Services on September 17, 2004 and to provide supervised living accommodations for persons with mental illness.

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LD 926 **An Act Authorizing a General Fund Bond Issue To Preserve
Maine's Traditional Working Waterfront and Farming Economies
by Ensuring Access to Working Waterfront and Farmland** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERCY MILLS P		

LD 926 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$30,000,000, to be used for funding the Working Farm Access Program to help farmers gain access to farmland at a more affordable cost and to establish the Working Waterfront Access Program to help people who fish commercially gain or maintain access to the working waterfront.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 958 **An Act To Provide Funding To Cover the Costs of Mailings to
Armed Forces Personnel Stationed Overseas** **ONTP**

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

LD 958 proposed to appropriate funds to cover certain postage costs incurred by legal residents of the State pertaining to the shipment of mail to members of the armed services stationed overseas.

LD 969 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide
Funds To Support Economic Development** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIOTTI ROSEN R		

LD 969 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$5,000,000, to be used to provide additional capital for the Small Enterprise Growth Fund administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, which provides access to capital for small businesses that demonstrate potential for high growth and public benefit.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

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LD 971 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Shared-use Trails** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 971 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$10,000,000, to be used to develop shared-use trails across Maine.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 975 **An Act To Create Entrepreneurship Internships for Maine High School and College Students** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 975 proposed to provide ongoing funds to create an entrepreneurship internship program for Maine high school and college students to be administered by the Foundation for Blood Research.

This bill, and its adopted amendments, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 997 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Match Available Federal Funds To Repair and Upgrade Maine National Guard Armories** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 997 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$1,000,000, to be used to repair, upgrade and construct Maine National Guard armories and facilities. State funds spent on repair leverage federal funds at a one-to-one ratio. State funds spent on construction leverage federal funds at a one-to-three ratio.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

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LD 998 **An Act To Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues To Match Available Federal Funds for Improvements to Highways and Bridges; Airports; Public Transit; State-owned Ferry Vessels and Ferry and Port Facilities; Port and Harbor Structures; Development of Rail Corridors and Improvements to Railroad Structures; and Statewide Trail and Pedestrian Improvements** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAMON SAMPSON		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 998 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$38,000,000, to be used for improvements to highways and bridges; airports, public transit and state-owned ferry vessels and ferry and port facilities; port and harbor structures; development of rail corridors and improvements to railroad structures; and statewide trail and pedestrian improvements that make the State eligible for up to \$148,000,000 in matching federal funds.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 999 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds for Building Renovations at Campuses of the University of Maine System, the University of Southern Maine and the Maine Community College System** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SCHNEIDER FISCHER		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 999 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$12,000,000, to be used to make building renovations at all campuses of the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System and to improve and expand the facilities of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Southern Maine. The Osher Foundation has offered to provide \$4,000,000 in private funds to match \$2,000,000 in state funds.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 1000 **An Act Authorizing a General Fund Bond Issue for Wastewater Treatment Systems for Fish Hatcheries** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRYANT B		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1000 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$7,000,000 to be used to purchase wastewater treatment systems for fish hatcheries.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

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LD 1001 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Construct and Upgrade Water Pollution Control Facilities and Public Water Systems, Clean Up Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites, Remove Hazardous Materials from Schools, Comply with Federal Storm Water Regulations, Make Public Water System Improvements, Replace Air Quality Monitoring Equipment, Establish Hospice Services, Repair State-owned Dams and Remediate Lead Paint** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COWGER		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1001 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$17,500,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$6,600,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$13,000,000 in federal funds;
2. The sum of \$2,950,000 to clean up uncontrolled hazardous substance sites and landfills, providing the state match for \$2,000,000 in federal funds;
3. The sum of \$1,000,000 to remove hazardous materials from schools;
4. The sum of \$300,000 to match local money and assist municipalities in complying with new federal storm water regulations;
5. The sum of \$150,000 to replace air quality monitoring equipment to inform the public of air quality emergencies;
6. The sum of \$3,500,000 to support public water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$17,500,000 in federal funds;
7. The sum of \$1,000,000 to build new hospices and establish hospice services statewide;
8. The sum of \$1,000,000 to address safety hazards by repairing state-owned dams; and
9. The sum of \$1,000,000 to remediate lead paint in low-income households.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

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LD 1020

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Stimulate Economic Growth and Job Creation through Investments in the Maine Economy

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SMITH N		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1020 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$78,850,000 to be used to stimulate economic growth and job creation through investments in the Maine economy. The funds would be used for the following purposes:

PART A proposed the following:

1. The sum of \$22,000,000 for medical research and development by Maine-based biomedical research institutions in anticipation of approximately \$100,000,000 in federal and private funds for health research to cure disease and to retain Maine graduates by providing high-quality Maine jobs;
2. The sum of \$850,000 to purchase the property known as Black Duck Cove on Great Wass Island to serve as the home of the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education;
3. The sum of \$9,000,000 for marine research and development in anticipation of \$9,000,000 in federal and private funding for competitive capital infrastructure grants to sustain and develop Maine's marine-based economy;
4. The sum of \$5,000,000 for forestry and agricultural research and development in anticipation of \$5,000,000 in federal and private funding for competitive grants to sustain Maine's forestry and agricultural economy;
5. The sum of \$2,000,000 for the Small Enterprise Growth Fund for equity investments in small Maine companies with potential for high growth to leverage private equity investments;
6. The sum of \$5,000,000 for the New Century Community Program for capital improvements to cultural resources;
7. The sum of \$1,000,000 for sustainable water sources and irrigation system development to leverage private funds of at least \$800,000;
8. The sum of \$1,000,000 to replenish the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund to support farm business development, to leverage private funds of at least \$600,000;
9. The sum of \$3,000,000 for grants through Working Waterfronts Conservation Program to leverage \$3,000,000 in matching funds;
10. The sum of \$5,000,000 to furnish and outfit the new bioscience building at the University of Southern Maine with laboratories and equipment to leverage \$1,200,000 in federal funds;
11. The sum of \$6,000,000 to build the University of Maine cold water aquaculture marine science facility to leverage approximately \$10,000,000 in federal funds;

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12. The sum of \$4,000,000 to outfit the Laboratory for Surface Science Technology clean room facility at the University of Maine with state-of-the-art nanofabrication tools and instrumentation to leverage \$4,000,000 in federal grants and contracts for research;
13. The sum of \$3,000,000 to renovate Camden Hall on the University of Maine-Bangor campus for a graduate school for biomedical science;
14. The sum of \$2,000,000 for capital costs and equipment for the career center facility at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College;
15. The sum of \$1,000,000 for education loan repayment incentives through the Finance Authority of Maine to retain and recruit skilled workers in Maine;
16. The sum of \$3,000,000 for recapitalization of the Economic Recovery Program through the Finance Authority of Maine;
17. The sum of \$1,000,000 for the development of the Sunrise Business and Career Center in the Town of Jonesboro;
18. The sum of \$4,000,000 to provide funds for the development of affordable workforce housing and downtown housing and for weatherization and home repair in anticipation of an additional \$9,000,000 in other public and private funding; and
19. The sum of \$1,000,000 for family and elderly housing options for Native American tribes through the Four Directions Development Corporation to help attract \$1,000,000 in federal funds.

Part B of this bill proposed to establish a grant program for the acquisition of real estate that constitutes working waterfront in coastal harbors.

Part C of this bill proposed to reorganize the laws governing the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund.

Part D of this bill proposed to establish the Maine Recruitment and Retention Program within the Finance Authority of Maine to provide repayment of educational loans of individuals who have a bachelor's degree and work in Maine for 4 years.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 1035 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide** **CARRIED OVER**
Funds for the Land for Maine's Future Program

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FISCHER BRYANT B		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1035 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000 to be used to recapitalize the Land for Maine's Future program with \$50,000,000 to continue the State's land conservation efforts, to be matched by at least \$25,000,000 in private and public funds.

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Part B of this bill proposed to amend the land acquisition priorities of the Land for Maine's Future program to include service center communities.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 1043 An Act To Provide Funds for the Preservation of Digital Records CARRIED OVER

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

LD 1043 proposed to provide funds for a digital records management analyst position within the Department of the Secretary of State, Maine State Archives, beginning October 1, 2005 to provide technical and professional leadership and management for the preservation of the State's permanently valuable digital records.

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

**LD 1109 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of ONTP
Maine To Restrict an Increase in the Growth of the State Budget**

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

LD 1109 proposed to establish a ceiling on the growth in state spending to a percentage rate equal to 2/3 of the average real personal income growth rate plus 2/3 of the average forecasted inflation rate, require a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to approve General Fund expenditures that exceed this ceiling and require that surplus funds be distributed: first, to a capital construction and improvements reserve fund and a budget stabilization fund; 2nd, to reduce the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System and to conform Maine tax law with the United States Internal Revenue Code; and 3rd, to the people of the State of Maine.

LD 1125 An Act To Establish the Disaster Relief Fund PUBLIC 439

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EDMONDS	OTP-AM MAJ	S-140
	ONTP MIN	S-397 ROTUNDO

LD 1125 proposed to establish the Homeland Security Relief Fund and authorize transfers to the fund from the General Fund as available until a maximum of \$5,000,000 is available in the fund. The bill proposed to specify that the fund may contain any federal money deposited in the fund and all interest earned on the fund's balance.

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The bill proposed to require the Homeland Security Relief Fund to be the first resource used when the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 742, regarding emergency proclamation, or Title 37-B, section 744, regarding disaster relief, is invoked by the Governor.

Committee Amendment “A” (S-140) proposed to reduce the appropriation from \$3,000,000 to \$1,000,000.

Senate Amendment “A” To Committee Amendment “A” (S-397) proposed to change the name of the fund from "Homeland Security Relief Fund" to "Disaster Relief Fund" to more accurately reflect the purpose of the fund. This amendment also proposed to remove the provision requiring that funds be transferred from the General Fund to the Disaster Relief Fund at the close of each fiscal year and remove the appropriation.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 439 established the Disaster Relief Fund to be administered by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency. This fund must be the first resource used when either §742 (emergency proclamation) or §744 (disaster relief) of 37-B Maine Revised Statutes Annotated is invoked.

LD 1216 **An Act To Strengthen Community Health Centers and Indian Health Centers** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRESSEY	ONTP MAJ	
SNOWE-MELLO	OTP MIN	

LD 1216 proposed to provide funding to reimburse 28 community and Indian health centers for uncollectible, outstanding patient accounts receivable. It also proposed to provide for grants to those centers totaling up to 10% of the balance remaining in the account of the Dirigo Health Fund on June 30th of each year.

LD 1234 **An Act To Reestablish the Maine Coast Environmental Trust Fund within the Department of Marine Resources** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KAELIN	OTP-AM	H-218
WESTON		

LD 1234 proposed to reestablish the Maine Coast Environmental Trust Fund in the Department of Marine Resources. The purpose of the trust fund is to protect and improve the quality of the State's marine environment by providing grants to qualifying organizations. This bill proposed to require the department to develop a competitive grant program, including qualifications and application procedures, and report back to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature with the department's recommendations.

The bill also proposed to appropriate start-up funds to the trust fund and funds to be used to restore the clam flats in Stockton Harbor.

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Committee Amendment “A” (H-218) proposed the following.

1. To clarify that the Maine Coast Environmental Trust Fund is an Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Marine Resources.
2. To specifically allow the fund to accept appropriations and transfers authorized by the Legislature.
3. To replace a direct General Fund appropriation to the fund with a transfer of unappropriated General Fund surplus to the account and provides necessary Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for the account.
4. To specify how much of the allocation is to be spent on the restoration of the clam flats in Stockton Harbor with the remainder to be used to reestablish a competitive grants program.

This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 1272 An Act To Ensure Compliance with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act for Court Facilities CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PELLETIER-SIMPS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-195
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LD 1272 proposed to authorize the Maine Government Facilities Authority to issue securities up to \$3,000,000 to renovate or retrofit court facilities to comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-195) proposed to change the amount of the securities the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority is authorized to issue from \$3,000,000 to \$1,000,000 to renovate or retrofit court facilities to comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 1278 An Act Requiring Long-range Budget Planning CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WOODBURY MARTIN	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1278, which was carried over from the First Special Session, proposed to extend the forecast to encompass the 6 years following the current biennium and require the Governor to use the forecast to develop a long-range budget plan for the following 3 biennia. The plan would be submitted by the Governor to the Legislature along with the regular biennial budget.

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LD 1291 **An Act To Fund Fully the Purchase of Military Time** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ANNIS DAVIS P		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1291 proposed to provide one-time funds to subsidize the purchase of military service credit for the members who applied and were determined eligible to purchase the service credit for calendar year 2004 per Public Law 2003, chapter 693.

LD 1293 **An Act To Assist Families and Children by Increasing Access to the Court System** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PELLETIER-SIMPS HOBBINS		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-196
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LD 1293 proposed to include General Fund appropriations and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations to the Judicial Department to provide funds for 2 family case management officers, 2 assistant clerks and 2 security officers to reduce the backlog of cases in counties with larger populations.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-196) proposed to remove the emergency preamble and the emergency clause from the bill, indicate the positions will be used where the need is most acute and amend the personal services appropriations and allocations to reflect an estimated start date of October 1, 2005.

LD 1311 **An Act To Preserve the Integrity of the Fund for a Healthy Maine** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CUMMINGS		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1311 proposed to require that in certain circumstances allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine would be voted on in separate legislation.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 1330 **Resolve, To Lower the Cost of State Government by Approximately \$1,000,000 Annually** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> NUTTING J		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1330 proposed to reduce state spending by approximately \$1,000,000 annually, commencing with fiscal year 2006-07. This resolve would require that the Governor identify and recommend for elimination to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs 8 politically appointed positions in State Government.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 1348 An Act To Increase Funding for Meals on Wheels Program CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL NASS R	OTP-AM	H-279

LD 1348 proposed to appropriate funds to reimburse volunteers of meals on wheels programs for travel expenses.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-279) proposed to clarify the use and recipient of the appropriation.

This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

**LD 1369 Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and RESOLVE 30
Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget To Review Unfunded EMERGENCY
Mandates**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RINES ANDREWS	OTP-AM	H-260 H-286 FISCHER

LD 1369 proposed to direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget to identify the unfunded state mandates placed on local and regional governmental entities that were enacted prior to November 23, 1992, the effective date of the Constitution of Maine, Article 9, Section 21, which limits the imposition of unfunded state mandates and to recommend legislation for reducing the burden of those mandates.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-260) proposed to change the agency responsible for the review of unfunded state mandates from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget to the Executive Department, State Planning Office. In addition, the amendment proposed to restrict the review to unfunded state mandates that pertain to municipalities.

House Amendment “A” To Committee Amendment “A” (H-286) proposed to change the agency responsible for the review of unfunded state mandates from the Executive Department, State Planning Office to the Intergovernmental Advisory Group.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 30, section 1 directs the Intergovernmental Advisory Group to conduct a review of unfunded state mandates that pertain to municipalities, identify those mandates that were enacted prior to

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November 23, 1992, prepare a list of those mandates that are considered by the affected units of government to be deserving of analysis and review and identify certain characteristics of the listed mandates.

Section 2 allows the Intergovernmental Advisory Group to seek information from a variety of sources that may be affected by the repeal, modification, redesign, enhanced coordination or delayed implementation of the mandate. Section 3 directs the Intergovernmental Advisory Group to report its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and the Legislative Council by November 2, 2005. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.

Chapter 30 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 20, 2005.

LD 1511	An Act Regarding the Budget Process for the Legislative Youth Advisory Council	PUBLIC 414
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRAHAN WESTON	OTP-AM	H-390 S-399 ROTUNDO

LD 1511 proposed to authorize the Legislative Council to seek outside sources of funding for the Legislative Youth Advisory Council and eliminate the requirement on the part of the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service to provide funding for the youth council. The bill also proposed to direct the youth council to prepare a budget with the help of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, to be submitted to the Legislative Council.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-390) proposed to strike the provision that allow the Legislative Council to suspend staffing the Legislative Youth Advisory Council during periods when the Legislature is in regular or special session. In addition, the amendment proposed to add an Other Special Revenue allocation in the event outside funds are received to support the activities of the council.

Senate Amendment “A” To Committee Amendment “A” (S-399) proposed to provide that the staffing assistance provided by the Legislative Council to the Legislative Youth Advisory Council could be curtailed during periods when the Legislature was in regular or special session. The amendment also proposed to direct the Department of Education to transfer funds from funding that supports the Task Force on Citizenship Education that was established pursuant to Resolve 2003, chapter 143 to the Legislative Council.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 414, Section 1 amends 3 MRSA §168-A, sub-§10 to reflect that staff assistance to the Legislative Youth Advisory Council will be provided by the Legislative Council rather than the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service and that the staff assistance may be curtailed during periods when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

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D	Part D establishes the Dirigo Health Enterprise Fund for Dirigo Health, replacing the Other Special Revenue accounts and adjusts allocations to reflect position adjustments related to Dirigo Health. Part D also clarifies, which funds are subject to legislative allocation and adds that Lottery Fund and Dirigo Health Enterprise Fund are subject to legislative allocation.
E	Part E changes method of transferring funds to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services and delays the first transfer to the fund until fiscal year 2007-08.
F	Part F authorizes the Department of Economic and Community Development to transfer funds in excess of \$7,554,189 in the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund account to another Other Special Revenue Fund account to be used for a list of economic development initiatives in fiscal year 2005-06 and 2006-07 only. The amount of the transfers are capped at \$330,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$575,000 in fiscal year 2006-07. This Part also includes a reporting requirement.
G	Part G authorizes the Maine Community College System to use the distribution of \$989,352 from the gross slot revenue to match \$1,000,000 for Osher Scholarships.
H	Part H authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, through the Bureau of General Services to establish the Central Fleet Management and Central Services Divisions in the Bureau of General Services, Department of Administrative and Financial Services, for the purpose of operating the postal service, central copy and duplicating, central warehouse, surplus property, central mail room and central fleet management.
I	Part I designates any revised rules of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission establishing new fees as major substantive rules. It also directs the State Tax Assessor to revise fees already assessed for the Department of Conservation, Maine Land Use Commission services to a town or plantation with only a portion of its land under Maine Land Use Regulation Commission jurisdiction.
J	Part J authorizes the Department of Corrections to conduct a study, costing no more than \$300,000. It establishes the Corrections Alternatives Advisory Committee and requires the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections to submit legislation by January 1, 2006 that establishes a Corrections Incentive Fund.
K	Part K adjusts appropriations and allocations for child welfare services and foster care within the Department of Health and Human Services.
L	Part L amends the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services' authority for approving plans for public improvements by removing the provision that allows the bureau to assess school administrative units fees for reasonable costs on school construction projects for which budgets were established subsequent to July 1, 1995 and adjusts appropriations and allocations to reflect the loss of this fee revenue.
M	Part M establishes within the Maine State Museum a revolving fund to cover the operations of the museum sales program and establishes the Maine State Museum Endowment for Publishing and authorizes the Maine State Museum to deposit a percentage of revolving fund proceeds into the endowment and to use the principal and interest to fund museum publications. Authorizes deposits

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into the endowment fund from private donations and grant funds.

- N** Part N requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to review vacant positions and the reclassification and reorganization process throughout state government and report back to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by January 15, 2006 with any recommendations for position eliminations.
- O** Part O establishes a Commission to reform the state budget process.
- P** Part P authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology to enter into financing arrangements for the acquisition of hardware, software and systems to support the operations of the Statewide Radio and Network System. A maximum principal amount of \$10,000,000 is authorized on or after July 1, 2005 and an additional \$10,000,000 in principal is authorized to be issued on or after July 1, 2006. It also provides funding for the projected debt service costs.
- Q** Part Q authorizes the Maine Community College System and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to receive a transfer of funds from the General Fund Salary Plan for the costs of collective bargaining agreements for employees of the Maine Community College System and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.
- R** Part R amends the retirement program for judges who retired prior to December 1, 1984 to shift administration of the program from the Judicial Branch to the Maine State Retirement System, effective July 1, 2005. Like the retirement program for governors and their survivors, this program is funded from current appropriations, rather than from a trust fund.
- S** Part S extends the 5% service provider tax to certain day habilitation; personal support and residential training services provided to children and adults with mental retardation and adjusts appropriations and allocations to reflect this extension of the tax.
- T** Part T reduces the limit on the transfer to the circuit breaker reserve in fiscal year 2004-05 by \$650,000 to \$26,127,647. It also authorizes the State Controller to transfer amounts from balances in the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement program account, the Homestead Property Tax Reimbursement program account and the Maine Revenue Services program account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2004-05.
- U** Part U increases the aggregate principal amount outstanding at any time from \$170,000,000 to \$220,000,000 related to tax exempt borrowing authority for the University of Maine System and modifies the notification requirement.
- V** Part V authorizes the transfer of \$200,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Maine Milk Pool, Other Special Revenue Fund account within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.
- W** Part W provides a General Fund appropriation for the clean-up and remediation of the Lewis Wolman Company site.

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- X** Part X authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a drug formulary utilizing the MaineCare Drug Utilization Review Committee. It also authorizes the department to adopt routine technical rules for medication availability in emergency situations. The drug formulary takes effect January 1, 2006.
- Y** Part Y redistributes funding provided in the 2006-2007 Part 1 budget for MaineCare payments to hospitals. Funding is to be used for the settlement of the MaineCare hospital reimbursement lawsuit, a reduced level of current hospital MaineCare payment settlements, a reduced funding increase for hospital MaineCare prospective interim payments, and to help offset the impact of the reduction in the 2006 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP).
- Z** Part Z appropriates \$1,000,000 to the Baxter Compensation Authority and changes the order of priority of the FY05 year-end transfers (the “Cascade”) so that the remaining need of the Baxter Compensation Authority is established as the first priority before the other year-end transfers from unappropriated surplus. In the event that the fiscal year 2004-05 year-end transfer are insufficient to fund the full \$7,122,000, the authority's needs remain a priority item in the fiscal year 2005-06 year-end transfers from unappropriated surplus.
- AA** Part AA directs the State Controller to recognize \$11,544,510 of General Fund revenue that has been billed internally within the Department of Health and Human Services as eligible MaineCare costs, but has not yet been paid. These revenue items are not expected to be available as cash receipts until shortly after the close of fiscal year 2004-05. The accrual of these revenue items is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. This part also requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to report by July 31, 2005 on the status of the payment of these internal billings.
- BB** Part BB appropriates funds for 3 positions needed to perform criminal background checks and eliminates one vacant position within the Department of Public Safety.
- CC** Part CC authorizes the Treasurer of State to transfer funds into and out of funds within the cash pool of State Government in order to meet current obligations and requires the State Controller to effect such transfers by journal entry.
- DD** Part DD increases the fines imposed for miscellaneous drug and drug paraphernalia violations.
- EE** Part EE adjusts Federal Expenditures Fund allocations to the Department of Conservation to reflect the establishment of a dedicated account in order to properly administer the federal grants program.
- FF** Part FF increases MaineCare reimbursement for ambulance services and appropriates and allocates funds to meet a projected shortfall in the MaineCare program for fiscal year 2004-05. It also reduces appropriations and allocations for the fiscal year 2006-07 federal medical assistance percentage decrease appropriated in Part A.
- GG** Part GG lapses \$2,500,000 from the Treasurer's General Fund Debt Service account of the \$3,672,000 that was authorized to carry forward at the end of fiscal year 2004-05 pursuant to PL 2005, c. 12, Part DDDD.

Public Law 2005, chapter 396 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 13, 2005.

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LD 1687 **An Act To Develop a New Judicial Facility in Bangor** **PUBLIC 460**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERRY J TARDY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1687 proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities for the purpose of paying costs associated with the construction of a new courthouse in the City of Bangor.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 460 authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities for the purpose of paying costs associated with the construction of a new courthouse in the City of Bangor.

LD 1691 **An Act To Eliminate Pension Cost Reduction Bonding and Provide Replacement Budgeting Measures** **PUBLIC 457**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1691 was reported out of committee, under the authority of H. P. 1194 a Joint Order, without amendment. Please see the enacted bill summary for the details of the bill's content.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 457 does the following:

<u>Part</u>	<u>Description</u>
A	Part A repeals the authority for the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to issue pension cost reduction bonds that was provided in Public Law 2005, chapter 12, Part PPPP, section 1. It also appropriates funds to the Teacher Retirement program within the Department of Education to restore the deappropriations provided in Public Law 2005, chapter 12, Part PPPP, section 5. However, the fiscal year 2005-06 appropriation to fund the unfunded actuarial liability of teachers' retirement is reduced to reflect the transfer of \$41,908,402 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus provided in Public Law 2005, chapter 12, Part PPPP, section 2 and the transfer of \$250,000 from the Maine State Retirement System's Administrative Expense Reserve account to the Retirement Allowance Fund on or before January 1, 2006.
B	Part B makes reductions to several programs within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services through position eliminations and All Other reductions.

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- C** Part C reduces funding for a number of tax-related programs including reductions in funding for the multistate tax commission and Maine Revenue Services' funding for information technology and training.
- D** Part D deappropriates funds from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources by reducing contractual services for advertising, transferring 1/2 of one position to Other Special Revenue Funds, reducing one position to 1/2 time, eliminating one Division Director position and reducing operational costs.
- E** Part E reduces funding to the Department of Audit as a result of a transfer of one Auditor III position to an Other Special Revenue Funds account.
- F** Part F deappropriates funds for the Department of Conservation by reducing assistance to landowners, delaying the purchase of a helicopter used for fire suppression purposes, reducing operational costs and split funding 2 positions with Other Special Revenue Funds. It also reduces the percentage of state park fees that are returned to host municipalities.
- G** Part G authorizes the Department of Corrections to assess county jails for high-risk prisoners, reduces funding for several programs within the department through position eliminations and the reduction of All Other funds and deappropriates funds for the Maine Criminal Justice Commission.
- H** Part H reduces General Fund appropriations to the Maine State Library, the Maine State Museum and the Maine Arts Commission.
- I** Part I reduces funding for debt service to reflect savings in fiscal year 2005-06 and by postponing the start date of certain capital improvement projects. It allows a school administrative unit that proceeds with a delayed project by using bond anticipation notes to have the interest costs of the temporary borrowing paid by the State. It also decreases funding for special education in fiscal year 2006-07 for those school administrative units that are minimum receivers of state subsidy by holding the transition percentage for special education costs at 84%. This Part also decreases funding for school bus purchases in fiscal year 2006-07 and recognizes savings from maximizing federal reimbursement to local school districts for school-based rehabilitation, day treatment and targeted case management services.
- J** Part J decreases General Fund appropriations to the Department of Education for programs other than General Purpose Aid for Local Schools.
- K** Part K reduces funding by \$1,402,250 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$1,404,150 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the State's higher education institutions. This Part also authorizes the University of Maine System to use up to the first \$1,000,000 of distribution from the gross slot machine revenue in fiscal year 2006-07 to support graduate student stipends for biomedical scholarships.
- L** Part L deappropriates \$287,306 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$281,694 in fiscal year 2006-07 from the Department of Economic and Community Development through reductions in funding for certain programs and grants.
- M** Part M deappropriates funds for the Surface Water Ambient Toxics Monitoring program.
- N** Part N shifts funding for a position in the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices from the General Fund to Other Special Revenue Funds.

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- O** Part O reduces funding to the Blaine House from a reduction in intermittent staff and to the Governor's Office from the elimination of one Governor's Special Assistant position. This Part also provides a departmentwide reduction to the State Planning Office and achieves savings in reductions in contractual services within the Governor's Office.
- P** Part P decreases funding for the Business Development Finance and the Natural Resources and Marketing programs within the Finance Authority of Maine.
- Q** Part Q deappropriates funds from the Atlantic Salmon Commission through reductions in operational costs.
- R** Part R deappropriates funds from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife through use of salary savings in the Maine Warden Service.
- S** Part S increases the amount of revenue to be expected from an accelerated collection effort of overdue fines by directing the Judicial Department to access records of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It also reduces funding to be realized through increased efficiencies within the Judicial Department.
- T** Part T decreases General Fund appropriations to the Department of Labor by \$382,900 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$386,500 in fiscal year 2006-07 by reallocating funding for certain positions and activities in the department's Administration program and Employment Services Activities program.
- U** Part U lapses \$800,000 from legislative accounts over the 2006-2007 biennium. It also reduces funding to the Legislature as a result of the suspension of step increases in fiscal year 2005-06 for only those employees earning \$60,000 or more and not represented by a bargaining agent and provides a correction to Public Law 2005, chapter 12.
- V** Part V deappropriates funds from the Department of Marine Resources by reducing operating expenses, by reducing funds for capital purchases, by eliminating one Account Clerk I position, by delaying the hiring of new Marine Patrol positions, by transferring one Marine Resource Technician position to Other Special Revenue Funds, by eliminating one Word Processor position funded by Other Special Revenue Funds, by reorganizing one executive-level position and by mothballing 3 patrol vessels. This Part also appropriates funds for expanded PSP testing pertaining to mahogany quahogs.
- W** Part W transfers funding for the Fire Protection Services Commission from the General Fund to Other Special Revenue Funds within the Department of Public Safety and deappropriates funds for the department by eliminating 2 positions in the Gambling Control Board and reducing grants to regional EMS councils.
- X** Part X deappropriates funds from the Department of the Secretary of State by eliminating one Account Clerk I position and reducing operating funds.
- Y** Part Y deappropriates funds from Personal Services within the Administration - Treasury program and debt service within the Debt Service - Treasury program.
- Z** Part Z reduces funding to the Department of the Attorney General as a result of the elimination of merit pay increases for unclassified positions in fiscal year 2006-07 and reduces funds for civil rights teams

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and deappropriates salary savings from the Human Services Division account and the District Attorneys Salaries account.

- AA** Part AA increases the cigarette tax by \$1 per pack of 20 cigarettes effective September 19, 2005. It also increases the other tobacco tax from 16% of the wholesale price to 20% and the tax on smokeless tobacco from 62% to 78% of the wholesale price effective October 1, 2005.
- BB** Part BB requires the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to transfer \$5,900,000 from the School Revolving Renovation Fund account representing audit recoveries from major school construction projects paid by General Fund appropriations to General Fund undedicated revenue no later than October 31, 2005.
- CC** Part CC eliminates the General Fund appropriations to the Department of Public Safety for the cost of conducting background checks and fingerprinting for certain school employees. It also establishes a \$55 fee for the costs of the fingerprinting and background checks to be paid by the applicant and establishes a nonlapsing dedicated account within the Department of Education to be used to reimburse the State Bureau of Identification for the cost of conducting the fingerprinting and background checks.
- DD** Part DD reduces the amount of state-municipal revenue sharing distributed from the Local Government Fund, "Revenue Sharing 1," during fiscal year 2006-07 by \$5,000,000. This transfer does not affect the amounts transferred from the Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund, "Revenue Sharing 2," or the amounts transferred to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services.
- EE** Part EE requires the State Controller to transfer \$2,335,918 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$2,451,935 in fiscal year 2006-07 from the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.
- FF** Part FF establishes or increases fees for various certifications, endorsements, administrative portfolios and authorizations for teachers, education specialists, educational technicians and administrators. It also establishes an approval requirement for all individuals paid to work in a school or at a Child Development Services System site in positions that do not require certification or authorization and establishes a fee for the initial approval and for renewal of the approval.
- GG** Part GG establishes the Professional Standards Board to advise the State Board of Education regarding professional growth, certification and governance of the education profession in this State.
- HH** Part HH makes adjustments to funding and other changes to selected programs in the Department of Health and Human Services.
- II** Part II transfers funds and adjusts allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine.
- JJ** Part JJ recognizes the drug subsidy payments the State will receive under the federal Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 and distributes the payments to the affected state funds.
- KK** Part KK reduces 2006-07 funding for the MaineCare childless adult waiver program and establishes requirements for meeting this reduction.
- LL** Part LL requires the Department of Health and Human Services to make hospital lawsuit settlement payments prior to September 30, 2005. Appropriations and allocations are adjusted accordingly.

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- MM** Part MM transfers \$1,125,000 per year from the Dirigo Health Enterprise Fund to the General Fund during the 2006-2007 biennium.
- NN** Part NN eliminates references to Freeport Towne Square as a state-operated facility to reflect the privatization of this facility and authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell the Freeport Towne Square state-owned property and deposit the proceeds in an Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Health and Human Services.
- OO** Part OO amends references to the Office of Advocacy within the Department of Health and Human Services and makes adjustments to General Fund appropriations to reflect the privatization of this office effective July 1, 2006.
- PP** Part PP establishes requirements for a managed behavioral health care services system established by the Department of Health and Human Services and deappropriates funds in anticipation of savings from the system.
- QQ** Part QQ allots previously appropriated and allocated funds to be used for Medicare Part D prescription drug wraparound services. It creates a new Fund for a Healthy Maine program, FHM - Drugs for the Elderly and Disabled, and reallocates funds currently allocated for this purpose from the existing FHM - Medical Care program. This amendment also allocates the Fund for a Healthy Maine's share of proceeds from slot machines at commercial race tracks to be used for drug programs for the elderly and disabled and further specifies that these funds must supplement and not supplant existing funds for this purpose.
- RR** Part RR requires the Department of Health and Human Services to restructure the method of providing services under the MaineCare Katie Beckett option. This Part also deappropriates funds in anticipation of savings from this initiative.
- SS** Part SS requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to work with executive branch departments and agencies statewide to achieve annual salary savings from vacant positions. It also provides a transfer from the Salary Plan of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 to the undedicated revenue of the General Fund.
- TT** Part TT postpones the 5% increase in the State's share of funding health insurance for retired teachers as provided in Public Law 2005, chapter 12 from October 1, 2005 to January 1, 2006.
- UU** Part UU repeals a provision enacted by Public Law 2005, chapter 12, Part X, section 3 dealing with the State's sharing in a gain with the Maine Education Association health insurance trust. This provision was found to be illegal.
- VV** Part VV requires the State Controller to transfer \$5,000,000 from Other Special Revenue Funds dedicated accounts within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2006. This Part also includes a reporting requirement to 3 legislative committees to identify the accounts affected and the amounts transferred.
- WW** Part WW deappropriates funds used for grants by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank in the program supporting the Maine Rural Water Association.
- XX** Part XX provides guidance to the Department of Public Safety in the enforcement of laws pertaining to

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flavored malt beverages.

YY	Part YY directs the Workforce Cabinet to study the delivery of training and economic and workforce development programs in Maine and identify specific strategies to leverage both state and federal resources. It requires the Workforce Cabinet to develop recommendations to achieve cost savings and report its findings to the Governor by January 2, 2006. This Part also directs the State Budget Officer to calculate the amount of savings for all departments and agencies associated with this Part and to transfer the amounts by financial order upon the approval of the Governor.
ZZ	Part ZZ transfers a certain part of rents collected by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services from the Maine Military Authority to the General Fund.
AAA	Part AAA provides a gas tax refund for certain purchases by the State and adjusts appropriations and allocations to reflect the anticipated savings. It also requires the State Budget Officer to calculate the savings and transfer the amounts by financial order as an adjustment to appropriations and allocations.
BBB	Part BBB limits reimbursement of property taxes under the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement program for the application period that begins on August 1, 2006 to 90% of the property taxes assessed and paid on eligible property.
CCC	Part CCC changes the timing of reimbursement under the tree growth tax laws and adjusts General Fund appropriations to reflect the delay.
DDD	Part DDD deappropriates funds to reflect an administrative change to the timing of payments from the Veterans Tax Reimbursement program.
EEE	Part EEE expands the definition of "income" under the Maine Residents Property Tax Program to include contributions to retirement accounts and pension plans and amounts paid for benefits under a "cafeteria plan" or dependent care assistance program in order to more accurately measure household income for purposes of determining an applicant's ability to pay rent or property taxes on homestead property.
FFF	Part FFF alters the income tax calculation for multistate corporations. The change apportions the total tax rather than the total income for affected corporations. This change makes the calculation of income tax for multistate corporations consistent with the calculation for nonresident individual income tax for Maine, including the individual taxation of business income from sole proprietors and members of pass-through entities that engage in multistate business activity.
GGG	Part GGG transfers the subsidy for the Maine Ferry Service from the General Fund to the Highway Fund, deappropriates the rest of General Fund appropriations for the Department of Transportation and allocates funding for these programs into the newly established State Transit, Aviation and Rail (STAR) Transportation Fund within the department, transfers certain General Fund, Highway Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the new STAR Transportation Fund, deallocates funds from Highway Fund programs in 3 departments to remain within existing resources, establishes that all allocations for the Department of Transportation and 911 Highway Fund-associated allocations for programs in other departments will be included solely in Highway Fund budgets and includes the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation as the recipient of a report on position vacancies.
HHH	Part HHH provides that funds appropriated to the Office of Innovation within the Department of

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Economic and Community Development for the Fractionation Development Center in Public Law 2005, chapter 12, Part JJJ, section 1 must be used for the specific purpose set forth in Part JJJ, section 1 and may not be reduced, eliminated or diverted for any other purpose.

III Part III provides a transfer of up to \$42,500,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 from Other Special Revenue Funds to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund, which will be repaid on July 1, 2006 with interest.

JJJ Part JJJ establishes the MaineCare Stabilization Fund, an Other Special Revenue Funds account, to prevent the loss of services or increased costs of services to a member under the MaineCare program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 855 or the elderly low-cost drug program under Title 22, section 254.

KKK Part KKK provides a statewide reduction of \$1,886,468 annually to be realized through increased efficiencies in the operation of State Government.