

*Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

**LD 42**                      **An Act To Expand the Maine Economic Improvement Fund**                      **INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FISCHER MARTIN	OTP-AM    MAJ ONTP        MIN	H-281

LD 42 proposed appropriations providing \$2,000,000 annually 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.

(Note: 2005 Public Law, chapter 519, Part A provided a one-time appropriation of \$600,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the commercialization of research and development activity and one-time funding for the Gulf of Maine Ocean Observing System.)

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

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

LD 78 proposed 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.

**LD 119**                      **An Act To Promote Math and Science Education Learning Kindergarten to Grade 12**                      **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

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

LD 119 proposed ongoing appropriations of \$2,500,000 in each year of the biennium 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 appropriation to \$1,000,000 in each year of the biennium for graduate fellowships within the University of Maine System that are geared toward science and math education.

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**LD 123**

**An Act Concerning Multiple-item Bond Issues**

**DIED BETWEEN  
BODIES**

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

LD 123 proposed the Secretary of State prepare a ballot for a bond issue in such a way that if there were multiple, unrelated items, a voter would vote on unrelated items individually.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-1064)** proposed to incorporate a fiscal note.

**LD 149**

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

**ONTP**

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

LD 149 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$5,000,000 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 and proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$310,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$620,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the operating costs of the Fractionation Development Center.

**LD 170**

**An Act To Provide Funding for a Veterans' Cemetery in Springvale**

**ONTP**

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

LD 170 proposed an appropriation of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 for the State's share of the costs of constructing a veterans' cemetery in Springvale.

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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**                      **P & S 59**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARADIS MARTIN	OTP-AM    MAJ ONTP      MIN	H-206 S-678   ROTUNDO

LD 180 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$750,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 for the Maine Potato Board to purchase rotting potatoes in need of proper disposal.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-206)** proposed to reduce the appropriation to \$50,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and eliminating the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

**Senate Amendment “A” to Committee Amendment “A” (S-678)** proposed to eliminate the appropriation in fiscal year 2005-06 and appropriates \$5,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to assist farmers who are in need of assistance with the disposal of rotting table stock potatoes.

*Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 59 provides a \$5,000 appropriation in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Maine Potato Board to assist farmers who are in need of assistance with the disposal of rotting stock potatoes.

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

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

LD 198 proposed an appropriation of \$1,500,000 each year to the University of Maine System's Fogler Library to develop and support a digital library.

**LD 199**                      **An Act To Support and Expand Regional Teacher Development  
Centers**                      **DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

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

LD 199 proposed ongoing appropriations of \$1,000,000 in each year of the biennium to support and expand the University of Maine System's Regional Teacher Development Centers.

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**Committee Amendment “A” (H-205)** proposed to reduce the appropriation to \$100,000 in each year of the biennium to support and expand the University of Maine System's Regional Teacher Development Centers.

**LD 228**                      **An Act To Provide Funding for the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education**                      **P & S 53**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RAYE DUGAY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-679 ROTUNDO
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LD 228 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$15,000 in each year of the biennium to the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education.

**Senate Amendment “A” (S-679)** proposed to eliminate the \$15,000 General Fund appropriation for fiscal year 2005-06.

### *Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 53 provides an ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$15,000 beginning in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education.

**LD 248**                      **An Act To Provide Funding for Dues for the International Northeast Biotechnology Corridor**                      **P & S 55**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FINCH GAGNON		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-680 ROTUNDO
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LD 248 proposed ongoing annual appropriations of \$11,000 beginning in fiscal year 2005-06 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.

**Senate Amendment “A” (S-680)** proposed to eliminate the fiscal year 2005-06 appropriation.

### *Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 55 provides an appropriation of \$11,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Department of Economic and Community Development for dues associated with the International Northeast Biotechnology Corridor.

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

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

LD 263 proposed ongoing General Fund appropriations beginning in fiscal year 2005-06 of \$1,000,000 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.

(Note: 2005 Public Law, chapter 519, Part A provided an appropriation of \$375,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for this purpose.)

**LD 273**                      **An Act Regarding the So-called Katie Beckett Benefits in the  
MaineCare Program**                      **PUBLIC 633**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRENNAN EDMONDS	OTP-AM	S-647

LD 273 proposed repealing 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 proposed benefits to children with disabilities who receive services while residing at home. Premiums under the proposed cost sharing arrangement were associated with collection from families of \$900,000 in the 2004-05 supplemental budget.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-647)** proposed to require the Department of Health and Human Services to consult with stakeholders prior to implementing changes to the Katie Beckett waiver policy.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2005, chapter 633 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to consult with stakeholders prior to implementing changes to the Katie Beckett waiver policy.

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**LD 274**                      **An Act To Raise the University of Maine System Debt Ceiling**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TURNER MCKENNEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 274 proposed increasing the tax-exempt borrowing authority for the University of Maine System from \$170,000,000 to \$220,000,000.  
(Note: 2005 Public Law, chapter 386, Part U authorized the same increased amount.)

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JOY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<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, effective for the biennium that begins on July 1, 2008 and further proposed a one-year budget for the period beginning on July 1, 2007.

**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**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> EDMONDS BLISS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 404 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$8,400,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 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.

(Note: Via 2005 Public Law, chapter 386, Part Z the Authority received a \$1,000,000 appropriation in fiscal year 2005-06 and the authority to receive a transfer of \$7,122,000 from available fiscal year 2004-05 unappropriated surplus of the General Fund for the purpose identified above. The transfer of \$7,122,000 was made.)

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> EDMONDS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 544 proposed an annual appropriation of \$450,000 beginning in fiscal year 2005-06 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.

(Note: 2005 P & S Law, c. 57 appropriated \$25,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Maine State Library for the purpose stated above.)

**LD 550**                      **An Act To Appropriate Matching Funds for the Construction of a Community Center in Oxford Hills**                      **P & S 58**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLETT HASTINGS		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM    MAJ ONTP        MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-1079
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LD 550 proposed one-time funds to support the construction of a convention center in Oxford Hills to match approximately \$250,000 in private funds that had already been pledged.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-1079)** proposed to change the title of the bill, eliminating the emergency preamble and the emergency clause and appropriating \$50,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to provide a grant to the Oxford County Agricultural Society to support the construction of a community center on land owned by the association.

***Enacted law summary***

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 58 provides a one-time appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2006-07, to be matched by private funds of at least that amount, to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to provide a grant to the Oxford County Agricultural Society to support the construction of a community center on land owned by the association.

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

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

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**LD 588                      An Act To Restore Support for HIV and AIDS Treatment and                      INDEF PP**  
**Prevention**

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

LD 588 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$350,000 annually in 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.

(Note: 2005 Public Law, chapter 519, Part BBB appropriated \$52,231 for the purpose identified above.)

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

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

LD 622 proposed a \$100,000 ongoing General Fund appropriation in each year of the biennium 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 General Fund appropriation to \$75,000 in each year of the biennium 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 restricts funding to the 2006-2007 biennium only.

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

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

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



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**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**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KOFFMAN BROMLEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 669 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the infrastructure for a therapeutic community for long-term residential treatment of alcoholism and drug addiction.

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WESTON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 755 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the preservation of Fort Knox.

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> EDMONDS RECTOR		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 756 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$25,000,000 to revitalize downtown areas, support cultural tourism and expand Maine's creative economy.

**LD 766**                      **An Act To Support the New Century Community Program**                      **INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KAELIN WESTON		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-227
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LD 766 proposed an appropriation of \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the New Century Community Program.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-227)** proposed an appropriation of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the program identified above.

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(Note: 2005 Public Law, chapter 519, Part A provided an appropriation of \$400,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the program identified above.)

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRAHAN COWGER	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-228
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LD 775 proposed General Fund appropriations of \$1,800,000 in each year of the biennium to 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.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-228)** proposed a reduction to the General Fund appropriation from \$1,800,000 to \$1,000,000 for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KOFFMAN COWGER	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 787 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$6,000,000 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.

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STRIMLING DUDLEY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 794 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$5,000,000 to assist municipalities in the purchase of fishing rights and equipment.

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**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**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 799 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$1,000,000 to construct and establish a Holocaust Human Rights Center at the University of Maine at Augusta.

**LD 808**                      **An Act To Provide Funding for “Camp To Belong” To Reunite Siblings Separated by Foster Care**                      **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

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

LD 808 proposed General Fund appropriations of \$20,000 in each year of the biennium 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. It was proposed that the funds be matched by funds raised in the private sector.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-229)** proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2005-06 to \$10,000 for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a grant to Camp To Belong and to eliminate the appropriation in fiscal year 2006-07.

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

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

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

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**LD 844**

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

**ONTP**

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

LD 844 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$120,000,000 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;
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.

**LD 876**

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

**ONTP**

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

LD 876 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,000,000 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.

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WESTON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 890 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$8,000,000 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.

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

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

**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**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERCY MILLS P		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 926 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$30,000,000 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.

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

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

LD 969 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$5,000,000 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.

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

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

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

**LD 975**                      **An Act To Create Entrepreneurship Internships for Maine High School and College Students**                      **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

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

LD 975 proposed ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$80,000 in each year of the biennium to create an entrepreneurship internship program for Maine high school and college students to be administered by the Foundation for Blood Research.

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GAGNON PATRICK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 997 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$1,000,000 to repair, upgrade and construct Maine National Guard armories and facilities. State funds to be spent on repair were to leverage federal funds at a one-to-one ratio. State funds to be spent on construction were to leverage federal funds at a one-to-three ratio.

**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**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SCHNEIDER FISCHER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 999 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$12,000,000 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 had offered to provide \$4,000,000 in private funds to match \$2,000,000 in state funds.

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

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

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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**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COWGER		<u>Committee Report</u> JT RULE 309		<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.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, citing Joint Rule 309, took possession of the bill on May 23, 2006 and directed the bill be delivered to the Secretary of the Senate.



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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**

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Sponsor(s)  
SMITH N

Committee Report  
JT RULE 309

Amendments Adopted

LD 1020 does the following:

Part A of this bill 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 as follows:

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 establishment of a grant program for the acquisition of real estate that constitutes working waterfront in coastal harbors.

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

Part D of this bill proposed establishing 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.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, citing Joint Rule 309, took possession of the bill on May 23, 2006 and directed the bill be delivered to the Clerk of the House.

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

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

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and public funds. In addition, the bill proposed to amend the land acquisition priorities of the Land for Maine's Future program to include service center communities.

**LD 1043**

**An Act To Provide Funds for Online Reference Materials**

**P & S 57**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EDMONDS	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	S-691 ROTUNDO

LD 1043 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$72,556 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$114,410 in fiscal year 2006-07 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.

**Senate Amendment “A” (S-691)** proposed to eliminate the appropriation for fiscal year 2005-06, reduce the appropriation for fiscal year 2006-07 to \$25,000 and amend the initiative to reflect that the appropriation is for the Maine State Library to fund online reference materials to provide access to information from schools and libraries through statewide licensing of reference materials.

*Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 57 provides an appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Maine State Library to fund online reference materials to provide access to information from schools and libraries through statewide licensing of reference materials.

**LD 1234**

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

**PUBLIC 641**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KAELIN WESTON	OTP-AM	H-218 S-683 ROTUNDO

LD 1234 proposed reestablishing the Maine Coast Environmental Trust Fund in the Department of Marine Resources to protect and improve the quality of the State's marine environment by providing grants to qualifying organizations. This bill proposed the department 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 proposed a start-up appropriation of \$52,300 in fiscal year 2005-06 for the competitive grant program and to restore the clam flats in Stockton Harbor.

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

1. Clarify that the Maine Coast Environmental Trust Fund is an Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Marine Resources.

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2. Authorize that the fund be allowed to accept appropriations and transfers by the Legislature.
3. Authorize a transfer of unappropriated General Fund surplus to the account and provides necessary Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for the account.
4. Specify the amount of the allocation for the restoration of the clam flats in Stockton Harbor is \$40,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 only, the allocation for the competitive grants program in fiscal year 2005-06 is \$12,300 and proposed a minimum allocation for the competitive grants program in fiscal year 2006-07 of \$500

**Senate Amendment “A” to Committee Amendment “A” (S-683)** proposed to eliminate the requirement that the Department of Marine Resources develop a competitive grant program for improvement and protection of the State's marine environment and the funding for that program. This amendment also proposed the General Fund transfer and corresponding allocation for the restoration of the clam flats in Stockton Harbor be \$25,000 in fiscal year 2006-07.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 2005, chapter 641 reestablishes the Maine Coast Environmental Trust Fund in the Department of Marine Resources; allows the fund to accept appropriations and transfers authorized by the Legislature; authorizes a transfer of \$25,000 from the unappropriated General Fund surplus to the account and provides an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation in fiscal year 2006-07 for the account for the restoration of the clam flats in Stockton Harbor.

**LD 1278                                      An Act Requiring Long-range Budget Planning                                      ONTP**

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

LD 1278 proposed the State Budget Officer prepare a forecast of revenues and expenditures for the 3 biennia immediately following the current biennium and requires the Governor to use the forecast to develop a long-range budget plan and submit the plan to the Legislature along with the regular biennial budget.

**LD 1293                                      An Act To Assist Families and Children by Increasing Access to the Court System                                      DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIMPSON HOBBINS	OTP-AM    MAJ ONTP        MIN	H-196

LD 1293 proposed General Fund appropriations of \$154,664 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$147,943 in fiscal year 2006-07 and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations of \$300,230 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$287,183 in fiscal year 2006-07 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.

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**Committee Amendment “A” (H-196)** proposed to remove the emergency preamble and the emergency clause from the bill, proposed the positions be used where the need is most acute and proposed the personal services appropriations and allocations be amended 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                      ONTP**

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

LD 1311 proposed that in certain circumstances allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine be voted on in separate legislation.

**LD 1330                      Resolve, To Lower the Cost of State Government by \$1,000,000 Annually                      DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J	ONTP      MAJ OTP-AM    MIN	S-636

LD 1330 proposed to reduce state spending by approximately \$1,000,000 annually, commencing with fiscal year 2006-07. This resolve proposed 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.

**Committee Amendment “A” (S-636)** is the minority report and it proposed to eliminate reference to a specific number of positions to be eliminated, specified that spending be reduced by \$1,000,000 annually and changed the reporting date to October 1, 2006.

**LD 1348                      An Act To Increase Funding for Meals on Wheels Program                      P & S 64 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL NASS R	OTP-AM	H-279 S-684 ROTUNDO

LD 1348 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal yeas 2005-06 and 2006-07 to reimburse volunteers of meals on wheels programs for travel expenses.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-279)** clarified the use and recipient of the appropriation.

**Senate Amendment “A” to Committee Amendment “A” (S-684)** added an emergency preamble to the bill, proposed the appropriation for fiscal year 2005-06 be reduced to \$75,000 and eliminated the General Fund appropriation for fiscal year 2006-07.

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**Enacted law summary**

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 64 provides an appropriation of \$75,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 to supplement funding for mileage reimbursement to volunteers of meals on wheels program. Unexpended funds must be carried forward.

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 64 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 1, 2006.

**LD 1540                      An Act To Appropriate Funds for the School Breakfast Program                      P & S 56**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROTUNDO CUMMINGS	OTP-AM	S-195 S-667 ROTUNDO

LD 1540 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$103,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$107,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the school breakfast program.

**Committee Amendment “A” (S-195)** proposed that the appropriation of funds for the school breakfast program be for the 2006-2007 biennium only.

**Senate Amendment “A” to Committee Amendment “A” (S-667)** proposed to eliminate of the appropriation in fiscal year 2005-06 and proposed the appropriation for fiscal year 2006-07 be reduced to \$25,000.

**Enacted law summary**

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 56 provides a one-time appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the school breakfast program.

**LD 1703                      An Act To Provide Supplemental Funding for Mileage Reimbursement for Volunteers for the Meals on Wheels Programs                      ONTP**

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

LD 1703 proposed an increased appropriation of \$100,000 beginning in fiscal year 2005-06 to supplement funding for the mileage reimbursement for volunteers for meals on wheels programs.

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**LD 1737**                      **An Act To Provide Funding for the Construction of a Regional Career Center**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 1737 proposed a one-time appropriation of \$780,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Spurwink School for the construction of a regional career vocational center in the Town of Casco to provide career training and services, including technical training, job placement and transitional services, to teens and adults who are 20 years of age and younger.

**LD 1891**                      **An Act To Provide Funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program**                      **P & S 29  
EMERGENCY**

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

LD 1891 proposed a \$5,000,000 General Fund appropriation to the Maine State Housing Authority for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and specified that the funds may be used only for fuel purchases. The bill was not referred to a committee and was adopted as originally proposed and enacted as 2005 P & S, c. 29.

***Enacted law summary***

Private and Special 2005, chapter 29 provides a \$5,000,000 General Fund appropriation to the Maine State Housing Authority for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and specifies that the funds may be used only for fuel purchases.

Private and Special 2005, chapter 29 was enacted as an emergency measure effective January 5, 2006.

**LD 1905**                      **An Act To Conserve Energy in Maine Homes**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 1905 proposed to establish the Weatherization Assistance Program to be administered by the Maine State Housing Authority to provide funds or materials to eligible households to improve the energy efficiency of the homes of those eligible households. The program was to be funded by an annual allocation of \$7,500,000 of the funds from the real estate transfer tax that are transferred to the Maine State Housing Authority. This bill further proposed to strike current law that requires the \$7,500,000 to go to the General Fund in fiscal year 2006-07.

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LD 1909

**An Act To Make Minor Technical Changes to Maine's Spending Growth Benchmarks**

**PUBLIC 621**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODBURY	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-1063

LD 1909 proposed certain technical and clarifying changes to the state, county and municipal spending limitations enacted in 2005, including:

1. Clarification of the definition of “baseline General Fund revenue” and the treatment of education funding increases until the state share of education funding reaches 55%;
2. Provides consistency in the use of the term “appropriation limitation”;
3. Provides language describing the transfer of amounts to reserve accounts;
4. Specifies that the calculation of county and municipal limitations adjustments are calculated by multiplying the prior year's limit by one plus the growth limitation factor (see note below);
5. Establishes the Director of the State Planning Office within the Executive Department as the person determining “average real personal income growth” and the annual date for that determination for purposes of determining various limitations;
6. Provides that adjustments to county and municipal limitations be available for decreases in state funding as well as increases; and
7. Provides that municipal limitations do not need to be adjusted for changes in state reimbursement under the Urban-Rural Initiative Program if those changes are the result of operation of the statutory formulas under that program.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-1063)** proposed to amend section 4 of the bill to include changes made to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1535 by Public Law 2005, chapter 519; proposed to remove section 5 of the bill because that section was rendered unnecessary by Public Law 2005, chapter 519; proposed to remove section 10 of the bill, amending the county spending limitations provisions; and proposed to amend section 15 to provide that municipal spending limitations do not need to be adjusted for changes in state reimbursement for urban-rural road assistance expenses if those changes are the result of the operation of the statutory formula for that program.

(Note: 2 references to the calculation of county and municipal limitations specifying that adjustments are calculated by multiplying the prior year's limit by one plus the growth limitation factor were inadvertently omitted in the Committee Amendment. An amendment to LD 2055, An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine, was proposed to correct the omission.)

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 2005, chapter 621 makes the following technical and clarifying changes to the state, county and municipal spending limitations enacted in 2005.



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1. The bill clarifies the definition of “baseline General Fund revenue” and the treatment of education funding increases until the state share of education funding reaches 55%.
2. It provides consistency in the use of the term “appropriation limitation.”
3. It corrects language describing the transfer of amounts to reserve accounts.
4. It corrects several references to the calculation of county and municipal limitations by specifying that adjustments are calculated by multiplying the prior year's limit by one plus the growth limitation factor (see note below).
5. It establishes the Director of the State Planning Office within the Executive Department as the person determining “average real personal income growth” and the annual date for that determination for purposes of determining various limitations.
6. It clarifies that municipal limitations do not need to be adjusted for changes in state reimbursement under the Urban-Rural Initiative Program if the change is the result of operation of the statutory formulas under that program.

(Note: 2 references to the calculation of county and municipal limitations specifying that adjustments are calculated by multiplying the prior year's limit by one plus the growth limitation factor were inadvertently omitted in the Committee Amendment. LD 2055, PL 2005, c. 683, Part I, An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine, corrects the omissions.)

**LD 1911**                      **An Act To Provide Funding for Tribal Economic Development for the Penobscot Indian Nation and Other Federally Recognized Tribes**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SOCKALEXIS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1911 proposed to appropriate funds for the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide \$250,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2005-06 to the Penobscot Indian Nation and \$750,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2005-06 to other federally recognized tribes for economic development. These funds were to assist the nation and tribes with feasibility studies, implementation of economic projects, matching funds and economic development planning activities.

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**LD 1915**                      **An Act To Increase Supervision of Red Tide on the Maine Coast**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERRY A		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1915 proposed General Fund appropriations of \$38,444 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$124,681 in fiscal year 2006-07 to establish 4 additional seasonal Conservation Aide Intern positions for the periods April 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006 and from April 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007 to be used for water monitoring purposes.

(Note: 2005 Public Law, chapter 519, Part A provided appropriations of \$92,002 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$246,171 in fiscal year 2006-07 and created 7 seasonal Conservation Aide positions to the program identified above.)

**LD 1940**                      **An Act To Provide an Energy Emergency Relief Fund To Provide Assistance for Home Heating Fuel Costs for Residents of This State, for Gasoline Costs for Service Providers and for Heating Fuel for Health Care Services Providers**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LERMAN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1940 proposed a \$5,000,000 General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2005-06 to supplement low-income home heating fuel programs, to supplement mileage reimbursement for service providers, including, but not limited to, those in the meals on wheels program and to supplement reimbursement for heating fuel for health care services providers, including, but not limited to, nursing homes, residential care facilities and community-based residential services providers.

**LD 1941**                      **An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Clean Election Fund**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1941 proposed the transfer of \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to the Maine Clean Election Fund no later than July 31, 2006 to assure gubernatorial and legislative candidates sufficient funding in the 2006 elections.

(Note: 2005 Public Law, chapter 519, Part KK authorized a transfer of \$1,200,000 from the undedicated revenue of the General Fund to the Maine Clean Election Fund.)

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**LD 1946**

**An Act To Ensure the Continued Ability of the Maine Economic Growth Council To Produce the Measures of Growth Report and Provide Financial Assistance for Flood Damage**

**P & S 66  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BROMLEY RECTOR	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-1114 BRANNIGAN S-693 ROTUNDO
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LD 1946 proposed a one-time appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the Maine Economic Growth Council in order to continue to produce the Measures of Growth report.

**Senate Amendment “A” (S-693)** proposed to reduce the appropriation to the Maine Economic Growth Council to \$20,000 in fiscal year 2006-07; proposed an appropriation of \$880,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Maine Emergency Preparedness Agency to assist certain municipalities that suffered flood damage that occurred in spring 2005; proposed a deappropriation of \$400,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 from the Baxter Compensation Authority; and a deappropriation of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 from the Gambling Control Board.

**House Amendment “A” to Senate Amendment “A” (H-1114)** proposed an emergency preamble to ensure that the funding provided in Senate Amendment “A” may occur and proposed increasing the deappropriation to the Baxter Compensation Authority to \$425,000 in fiscal year 2005-06.

***Enacted law summary***

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 66 provides a one-time appropriation of \$20,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the Maine Economic Growth Council in order that it may continue to produce the Measures of Growth report. It provides an appropriation of \$880,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to assist certain municipalities that suffered flood damage that occurred in spring 2005, and deappropriates \$425,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 from the Baxter Compensation Authority and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 from the Gambling Control Board.

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 66 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 1, 2006.

**LD 1948**

**An Act To Save the Marine Technology Center and Strengthen Maine's Boatbuilding Workforce**

**P & S 54**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RAYE EMERY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-637 S-694 ROTUNDO S-704 ROTUNDO
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LD 1948 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$433,877 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the Marine Technology Center of Washington County Community College, or “MTC for the following purposes:

1. To ensure the core level of staffing necessary to maintain a sustainable and world-class boatbuilding program at the MTC;

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2. To allow the MTC to deliver boatbuilding training at various sites along the Maine coast in order to more fully meet the statewide workforce needs of Maine's marine industry; and
3. To subsidize the cost of planning and delivering a statewide expansion of the registered apprenticeship program and customized training of existing workers.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-637)** incorporated a fiscal note.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-694)** proposed to eliminate the appropriation for the Marine Technology Center; required the Washington County Community College and the City of Eastport to explore the possibility of forming partnerships with interested parties to strengthen and secure the future of the Marine Technology Center and report the results of their efforts and their recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by February 1, 2007; and proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 to the Department of Economic and Community Development for a grant to the City of Eastport.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" (S-704)** proposed that the Department of Economic and Community Development facilitate the formation of partnerships and, with input and assistance from the Washington County Community College and the City of Eastport, report on the results of those efforts to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by February 1, 2007; and proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 to the Department of Economic and Community Development for a grant to the City of Eastport.

### *Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 54 requires the Department of Economic and Community Development to facilitate the formation of partnerships to strengthen and secure the future of the Marine Technology Center at Eastport. It requires the department, with input and assistance from the Washington County Community College and the City of Eastport, to report the results of its efforts and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters; and it provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to facilitate these efforts.

**LD 1956**

**An Act To Recapitalize the Maine Downtown Center**

**P & S 61**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RICHARDSON J		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-699 ROTUNDO
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LD 1956 proposed a one-time appropriation of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for recapitalization of the Maine Downtown Center.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-699)** proposed to reduce the one-time appropriation to \$75,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for recapitalization of the Maine Downtown Center strikes and providing a one-time appropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board.

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**Enacted law summary**

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 61 provides a one-time appropriation of \$75,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to recapitalize the Maine Downtown Center and a one-time appropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board.

**LD 1960**                      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create a Block Grant Program To Promote Economic and Cultural Development**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 1960 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000 to create a block grant program to promote economic and cultural development.

**LD 1968**                      **An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007**                      **PUBLIC 519  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRANNIGAN ROTUNDO	OTP-AM	H-878 H-901 BRANNIGAN

LD 1968 was the Governor’s proposed Fiscal Year 2005-06 and Fiscal Year 2006-07 Supplemental Budget Bill.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-878)** was the unanimous report of the committee in response to the Governor’s proposed bill.

**House Amendment “D” (H-901)** proposed corrections to a department name in an appropriations and allocations section and corrections to 2 cross-references, proposed maintaining current law regarding to whom the chief advocate in the Office of Advocacy reports and proposed a technical correction to the year-end transfer, the so-called “cascade”.

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### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2005, chapter 519 does the following:

#### PART A

Authorizes appropriations and allocations from various funds for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

#### PART B

Authorizes appropriations and allocations from the various funds for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007, in order to provide funding for approved reclassifications and range changes.

#### PART C

Repeals Public Law 2005, chapter 457, Part III, which provided for a transfer of \$42,500,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 from Other Special Revenue Funds to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund, which was to be repaid on July 1, 2006 with interest.

#### PART D

Exempts several Other Special Revenue Funds accounts from statewide reductions enacted in Public Law 2005, chapter 12 related to retirement amortization and health insurance savings.

#### PART E

Authorizes limited-period, project or other temporary positions that are established by financial order to be established for a period not to exceed 2 years unless a specific appropriation or allocation is made by the Legislature beyond 2 years. Currently, positions established by financial order must have an end date no later than the statutory adjournment date for the next regular session of the Legislature.

#### PART F

Requires the State Controller to transfer \$29,000,000 on July 1, 2006 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

#### PART G

Provides specific limitations for tax purposes on the domicile concept in the definition of "resident individual" in the case of an individual who does not maintain a permanent place of abode in Maine and is present in Maine for only short periods of time. It provides that domicile determinations may not be based solely on the location of an individual's professional advisors or political contributions. It also provides that charitable contributions may not be used to determine residency (related to LD 325).

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### PART H

Allows a refundable historic rehabilitation credit to a developer who owns 2 or more structures located in the Kennebec Arsenal District National Historic Landmark. The refundable credit is limited to \$500,000 per year and is allowed only for 4 consecutive tax years beginning in 2006 (related to LD 1775).

### PART I

Clarifies that the fee for each initial criminal history record check is \$55, which includes a one-time fee for fingerprinting, and each renewal criminal history record check is \$24. It directs the Commissioner of Education to reimburse \$31 to any person who has paid \$55 for a renewal criminal history record check between September 17, 2005 and the effective date of the provision.

Amends the definition of “adult education” to add college courses that adult education students take as a transition to college.

Provides reimbursement for college transition courses provided by adult education at 75% of the cost of salaries and fringe benefits and 50% of the cost of consumable supplies and textbooks.

### PART J

Authorizes the Department of Education to allocate bus purchases approved in fiscal year 2004-05 in fiscal years 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Implements the transfer of funds for 5 positions from the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools account to the Management Information Systems account.

Establishes the maximum debt service limit for fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11 as required by Title 20-A, section 15905, subsection 1, paragraph A-1.

Establishes the 2006-07 funding level for the local and state contributions to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-E.

Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into lease-purchase financing arrangements on behalf of the Department of Education for the acquisition of portable computer systems to support the operations of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative program.

Requires the Commissioner of Education, with advice from the Advisory Board of the Maine Learning Technology Fund, to submit a report that includes findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation to revise and update Title 20-A, chapters 606-B and 801, and present the findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters no later than January 31, 2008.

Requires the Commissioner of Education to conduct a comprehensive review of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters on the progress and results of the evaluation annually by February 15th of each year beginning on February 15, 2007.

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### PART K

Removes the Director, Office of Management Services position from those within the Department of Environmental Protection that are major policy-influencing positions.

### PART L

Requires the State Controller to transfer \$175,000 from the Carrying Account - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to the Licensing and Registration account - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to support the costs associated with the transfer of the MOSES program from MCI to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Requires the State Controller to transfer \$45,000 from the Carrying Account - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to the Specialty License Plate Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of the Secretary of State by June 30, 2007.

Requires the State Controller to transfer \$935,000 from the Carrying Account - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by June 30, 2007.

### PART M

Directs that \$252,577 of the unencumbered balance in the Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center General Fund account in the Department of Health and Human Services lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2005-06.

Directs that \$231,924 of the unencumbered balance in the Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center General Fund account in the Department of Health and Human Services lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2005-06.

Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to continue a Rehabilitation Consultant position in the Office of Management and Budget through June 16, 2006 and allows salary savings to be used to fund the cost of the extension.

Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to continue a Public Service Coordinator II position in the Bureau of Medical Services through June 16, 2006 and allows salary savings to be used to fund the cost of the extension.

### PART N

Requires the State Controller to transfer \$2,346,727 no later than June 30, 2006 and \$2,103,273 no later than June 30, 2007 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

Requires the State Controller to transfer \$3,954,211 in fiscal year 2005-06 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Medical Care Services Federal Expenditures Fund program within the Department of Health and Human Services to settle federal audit findings related to school-based health services and the prescription drug discount program.



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Requires the State Controller to transfer \$4,850,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Foster Care Federal Expenditures Fund program within the Department of Health and Human Services to settle federal audit findings related to the Adoption Assistance program.

### PART O

Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology to enter into lease-purchase financing arrangements on or after July 1, 2006 with debt service commencing on or after July 1, 2007 for the acquisition of hardware, software and other systems retrofitting to support the operations of Maine Revenue Services tax administration facilities. It adds reporting requirements concerning all major state information technology systems including business continuity planning efforts. It authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters to report out legislation during the 123rd Legislature to enhance the Legislature's oversight of statewide information systems.

### PART P

Renames the Maine State Film Commission program in the Department of Economic and Community Development the Maine State Film Office program.

### PART Q

Authorizes the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to establish 2 State Police Sergeant project positions to be temporarily assigned to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for each training class at the academy.

### PART R

Authorizes any balance remaining on June 30, 2006 in the Baxter Compensation Authority General Fund account to carry forward to fiscal year 2006-07 to be expended by September 30, 2006.

### PART S

Establishes the Director, External Affairs position as a major policy-influencing position in the Department of Marine Resources.

### PART T

Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into lease-purchase financing arrangements on behalf of the Department of Corrections for the acquisition and installation of energy-saving devices for its facilities and requires a report to identify the savings achieved from these energy-saving devices.

### PART U

Requires the State Controller to transfer \$500,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Callahan Mine Site Restoration Other Special Revenue Funds program within the Department of Transportation.

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### PART V

Requires the State Controller to transfer \$101,743 in fiscal year 2005-06 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Risk Management Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to reimburse the Risk Management Fund for settlement payments made to potato growers.

Requires the State Controller to transfer \$708,223 in fiscal year 2005-06 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Risk Management Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to reimburse the Risk Management Fund for a judgment against the Department of Administrative and Financial Services resulting from a contract dispute.

### PART W

Requires that income from the rental of facilities in Limestone be deposited into an Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to be used for improvements and other costs of managing the facilities operated by the Maine Military Authority in Limestone and for the reimbursement of certain supplemental life insurance costs.

Authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to transfer funds collected from the rental of facilities in Limestone to the General Fund as undedicated revenue or to the Maine National Guard Education Assistance Pilot Program in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Other Special Revenue Funds account for tuition assistance and for the reimbursement of certain supplemental life insurance costs (related to LD 1700).

Clarifies that amounts transferred to the General Fund undedicated revenue from rental payments from the Maine Military Authority are not necessarily the first amounts received.

Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to transfer up to \$390,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$341,536 in fiscal year 2006-07 from the Bureau of General Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Maine National Guard Education Assistance Pilot Program and reimbursement for purchase of supplemental insurance program, Other Special Revenue Funds accounts in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

Requires that the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management reimburse members of the National Guard and Reserves of the United States Armed Forces assigned to a unit in Maine for the cost of monthly premiums paid to the Federal Government for supplemental life insurance. A member of the National Guard or Reserves assigned to a unit in Maine who serves in the theater of operations for Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom during any month in the calendar year 2006 is eligible for reimbursement for each month deployed in that year regardless of the number of days served in that month.

### PART X

Adds the Maine State Law Enforcement Association to the bargaining units authorized to access funding in the General Fund, Salary Plan account to implement economic terms of collective bargaining agreements for fiscal years ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

Authorizes available Personal Services balances in General Fund accounts to be transferred between programs and departments within the General Fund by financial order to be used for collective bargaining agreement costs.

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### PART Y

Removes the Director of General Services position from those positions within the Department of Conservation that are major policy-influencing positions.

### PART Z

Removes the Chief Information Officer position from those positions within the Department of Health and Human Services that are major policy-influencing positions.

### PART AA

Requires the State Budget Officer to review the programs receiving allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to proportionately distribute, by financial order, a deallocation of \$8,391,658 included in this Part. It requires the State Budget Officer to first apply any unexpended balance in the Fund for a Healthy Maine on June 30, 2006 before making any adjustments to the allocations. The State Budget Officer is required to report on the distribution of those adjustments to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 1, 2007.

Authorizes legislation to be submitted to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature to redistribute any alternative funding sources identified as an offset to the deallocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

### PART BB

Removes the designation of the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council as the designated state agency for the purposes of directly receiving federal funding and names the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to serve instead in that limited capacity.

### PART CC

Removes nonconformity with the federal student loan interest deduction for interest paid after 60 months from the start of the loan repayment period. The change applies to tax years beginning after January 1, 2006.

### PART DD

Restores the Maine child care credit to 25% of the federal credit. The change applies to tax years beginning after January 1, 2006.

### PART EE

Exempts all sales or leases of aircraft that weigh over 6,000 pounds that are propelled by one or more turbine engines or that are in use by a Federal Aviation Administration classified 135 operator. It excludes from the Maine use tax any other aircraft purchased by a nonresident outside Maine that is used in Maine for 20 days or less, exclusive of days during which an aircraft is present in Maine for “major alterations,” “major repairs” and “preventive maintenance,” as those terms are defined by the Federal Aviation Administration. It clarifies the application of the exemptions in Title 36, section 1760, subsection 45 as they may relate to entities.

### PART FF

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Clarifies that certain former Department of Corrections employees, now a part of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, remain eligible for the 1998 Special Retirement Plan.

### PART GG

Establishes tax benefits for media production companies making productions in whole or in part in Maine. It allows a reimbursement equal to 12% of certified media production wages to resident employees and 10% to others for a media production company that meets certain criteria. It allows a credit for Maine income tax directly related to income generated by a certified media production activity.

### PART HH

Amends Public Law 2005, chapter 457, Part EE, section 1 by changing the amount of the transfer to the General Fund unappropriated surplus from the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account, from \$2,451,935 to \$1,951,935 in fiscal year 2006-07.

### PART II

Transfers \$300,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund 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.

### PART JJ

Eliminates 253 vacant positions, resulting in elimination of 199.071 legislative and FTE headcount in accordance with Public Law 2005, chapter 457, Part. GGG, section 12.

### PART KK

Directs the State Controller to transfer an additional \$1,200,000 from undedicated General Fund revenue to the Maine Clean Election Fund.

### PART LL

Amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 606-B to reflect the work that has been done to implement the system of learning results.

### PART MM

Appropriates and allocates to the Departments and Agencies – Statewide account additional savings in the cost of health insurance. It requires the State Budget Officer to calculate the amount of savings that apply against each General Fund account for all departments and agencies except legislative branch departments and agencies from these additional savings and to transfer the amounts by financial order upon the approval of the Governor. It directs these transfers be considered adjustments to appropriations in fiscal year 2006-07. It directs the State Budget Officer to provide the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs a report of the transferred amounts no later than November 1, 2006.

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### PART NN

Amends Public Law 2005, chapter 386, Part Q, section 2 to allow the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to receive transfers from the General Fund Salary Plan for the costs of collective bargaining agreements for employees of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf in an amount not to exceed \$294,658 for the 2006-2007 biennium.

### PART OO

Creates the Consolidated Emergency Communications Fund as an enterprise fund for the deposit of any payments made by municipal, county and state governmental entities in Kennebec County. It directs the fund may not lapse but must be carried forward to carry out the purposes of this Part.

Authorizes the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Maine Communications System Policy Board to transfer position counts and available balances by financial order to the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Department of Public Safety.

Authorizes the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Services Communication Bureau to establish positions by financial order when municipal, county and state governmental entities in Kennebec County voluntarily consolidate communication systems with the bureau's communications systems.

(Note: The Appropriations Committee intended that the fund identified in this Part be the *Consolidated Emergency Communications Fund* in the Department of Public Safety and not the *Emergency Services Communication Bureau* in the Public Utilities Commission. In addition, the Appropriations Committee had intended the authorization not be restricted to Kennebec County. LD 2055, PL 2005, c. 683, Part D, An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine, corrects this error.)

### PART PP

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse all licensed critical access hospitals at 117% of MaineCare allowable costs for both inpatient and outpatient services provided to patients covered by the MaineCare program.

### PART QQ

Amends provisions related to the rounding of the value of assets in the calculation of penalties for transferring assets in MaineCare to comply with federal regulations.

### PART RR

Updates the statute concerning the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Advocacy and defines "client" as a person receiving, seeking or requesting services for people with mental retardation.

### PART SS

Corrects and clarifies certain definitions and changes requirements for community agencies to require them to design and operate internal systems that will ensure financial reporting reliability, operating efficiency and compliance with their legal requirements. It requires these agencies to meet any reporting requirement set out in their social services agreements with the Department of Health and Human Services.

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Increases the threshold requirement for community agencies to be audited by a qualified independent public accountant to \$500,000 of expenditures of departmental funding and eliminates the requirement for compilations.

Repeals the requirement that other state agencies using the department's audit services must reimburse it for such services.

### PART TT

Establishes the Maine Use Tax Compliance Program, providing an incentive for taxpayers to voluntarily report taxable purchases during the last 6 years upon which Maine use tax was not paid. Payment of the tax, without interest or penalties, is required for the 3 calendar years with the highest use tax liability and use tax liability for the 3 "low years" is forgiven.

### PART UU

Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources to continue one limited-period Public Service Coordinator position through October 31, 2006. This position is assisting the bureau in its efforts to resolve the administrative services bargaining unit contract. Funding for this position and any All Other related costs is from the General Fund Compensation and Benefit Plan account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and in accordance with Public Law 2005, chapter 12, Part SSS. This position was established by Financial Order 02486 F6.

### PART VV

Changes the priority order of distributions from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. It establishes the transfers to the State Contingent Account as a first priority and transfers to the Loan Insurance Reserve as the 2nd priority. After these fixed-dollar transfers are made, the available balance in the unappropriated surplus is distributed as follows: 35% to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund; 20% to the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital; 20% to the Retirement Allowance Fund; 15% to the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1519; and the final 10% to the Capital Construction and Improvements Reserve Fund established in Title 5, section 1516-A. This new distribution changes the base for the percentage from excess revenue to the broader definition of available unappropriated surplus. Prior to these changes, the transfer percentages were based on excess revenue and only distributed 80% of excess revenue and after these transfers were made the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund received the remaining available balance of the unappropriated surplus.

### PART WW

Requires the Department of Education to dispose of computers and peripheral equipment purchased as part of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services' surplus property program, except for computers and peripheral equipment purchased by a school district. All proceeds from the sale or other disposal agreement net of selling and disposal costs must be deposited in the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools General Fund account within the Department of Education to be used for the continued support of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative.

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### PART XX

Provides that the Commissioner of Education may pay for costs for secondary students to take postsecondary courses at eligible institutions. It also provides that a student may take a postsecondary course if the student receives a recommendation from the student's school administration or from a teacher at the student's school.

### PART YY

Increases the level of the lease purchase authorization for the financing arrangement for the acquisition of laptop computer systems for fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 to support the Maine Learning Technology Program.

### PART ZZ

Provides a General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the college transition program within the adult education program.

### PART AAA

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide emergency drug coverage to persons eligible for coverage of prescription medications under certain specific circumstances. It gives the department authority to use unspent Medicare Part D "clawback" funding for additional Medicare Part D wraparound services and authorizes the department to transfer funds related to the Medicare Part D prescription drug program between the Medical Care - Payments to Providers and Low-cost Drugs to Maine's Elderly accounts. It requires the department to provide regular reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding the status of the state-paid prescription drug coverage related to Medicare Part D. It also provides an appropriations and allocations section.

### PART BBB

Provides a General Fund appropriation of \$52,231 in fiscal year 2006-07 for HIV and AIDS treatment and prevention programs.

### PART CCC

Creates new rate-setting requirements for the mental retardation waiver initiative authorized under Public Law 2005, chapter 12, Part BBBB. These requirements are intended to address the delay in submitting the waiver for federal approval.

### PART DDD

Transfers fiscal year 2006-07 funding into fiscal year 2005-06 to support MaineCare costs as a result of interim payment recovery timing issues. It also requires a financial summary and report on the status of the Department of Health and Human Services' progress in its Maine claims management system-related interim payment recovery efforts. The report must include the amount of recoveries accrued, the amount received, the amount outstanding and the amount determined uncollectible as of June 30, 2006, July 31, 2006 and August 31, 2006, broken down by state and federal funding sources. The report must also include the status of any federal changes in reimbursement or policy as a result of the Maine claims management system-related difficulties. It also clarifies legislative intent regarding the Department of Health and Human Services' compliance with legislatively mandated reporting requirements.

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### PART EEE

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs by January 15, 2007 that presents a recommended plan for paying hospitals for services provided under the MaineCare program in full and includes recommendations for setting the annual hospital prospective interim payments at levels sufficient to reflect the increased patient volume.

### PART FFF

Allocates funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to partially restore funding deallocated in Public Law 2005, chapter 457, Part II.

### PART GGG

Appropriates \$250,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the Department of Health and Human Services to award grants for hospice services. The funds must be awarded through a competitive bidding process and distributed equally among the following 2 areas of the State: Lewiston and Auburn; and Scarborough and South Portland. Grantees must have plans submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services by July 1, 2006 to qualify for these grants.

(Note: The Appropriations Committee intended that the appropriation fund 2 newly built hospice facilities as opposed to awarding funds on a competitive basis. In addition, the Committee intended to identify certain details of the plan grantees are required to submit to the Department of Health and Human Services and intended to require the Department of Health and Human Services submit a report to certain joint standing committees of the Legislature identifying how the grant funds were utilized by the grantees. LD 2055, PL 2005, c. 683, Part C, sections 11 and 12, An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine, corrects this error.)

### PART HHH

Appropriates and allocates funds for hospital settlements under the MaineCare program to be paid prior to October 15, 2006 and transfers \$15,000,000 from the General Fund to the Highway Fund in fiscal year 2006-07 to increase the number of highway and bridge improvement projects that can be completed in fiscal year 2006-07.

### PART III

Reflects the addition of 3 District Court Judge positions and one Superior Court Justice position.

### PART JJJ

Provides a General Fund appropriation of \$994,602 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the Judicial Department to establish the Business and Consumer Court and transfers \$200,000 of dedicated funds within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to partially offset the General Fund appropriation to the Judicial Department.



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### **PART KKK**

Clarifies that municipal officers may authorize employees who provide emergency services to aid with public service emergencies in other municipalities, whether as part of a municipal fire department or separately and further clarifies that when employees who provide emergency services assist other municipalities, whether as part of a municipal fire department or separately, those employees have the same privileges and immunities as when acting in their own municipality.

### **PART LLL**

Provides an income tax deduction for contributions to a qualified tuition program established under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. The deduction is equal to \$250 for each designated beneficiary and is limited to contributors with federal adjusted gross income not exceeding \$100,000 for returns with a filing status of single or married filing separately or \$200,000 for returns with a filing status of married joint or head of household.

### **PART MMM**

Expands eligibility for property tax exemptions to veterans of certain conflicts that do not currently qualify for the exemption.

### **PART NNN**

Conforms Maine income tax law to federal law regarding contributions to health savings accounts.

### **PART OOO**

Changes the threshold for issuance of resale certificates from \$10,000 to \$3,000 in annual gross sales and extends the duration of resale certificates from one year to 3 years and establishes that subsequently issued resale certificates are effective for 5 years.

### **PART PPP**

Extends the tax credit given for the construction or improvements to any filling station for the purpose of providing clean fuels to the general public for use in motor vehicles from December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2008.

### **PART QQQ**

Includes in the definition of “commercial agricultural production” the removal and storage of manure related to the production of livestock, thus providing a sales tax exemption for machinery purchased for use in the removal and storage of manure as well as the electricity used to operate the machinery.

### **PART RRR**

Establishes the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Maintenance Fund to provide for the maintenance and upkeep of Maine veterans' cemeteries. It provides an allocation for the expenditure of funds received from a voluntary tax check off on the individual income tax form that allows a taxpayer to donate a portion of a tax refund or make a donation with the tax return and provides an appropriation associated with the administrative costs associated with the tax check off.

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### PART SSS

Exempts from the real estate transfer tax deeds between grandparent and grandchild, effective August 1, 2006.

### Part TTT

Establishes an income tax credit for businesses that use or modify a pollution-reducing boiler or furnace system, requires certifications of eligible systems by the Department of Environmental Protection, repeals the credit after 4 years and requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to report annually on the use of the credit as part of its economic development incentive report.

### PART UUU

Provides that \$1,600,000 in unencumbered balance forward in fiscal year 2004-05 in the Education in the Unorganized Territory, General Fund account in the Department of Education lapses to the General Fund in fiscal year 2005-06 and deappropriates \$400,000 from the Education in the Unorganized Territory (EUT) program within the Department of Education in fiscal year 2005-06.

(Note: The Appropriations Committee intended that the deappropriation come from the Personal Services line rather than the All Other line of the EUT account. LD 2055, PL 2005, c. 683, Part C, section 13, An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine, corrects this error.)

### PART VVV

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Labor to adopt rules to affect an increased rate of reimbursement to those providing consumer-directed personal assistance services.

### PART WWW

Provides an appropriation to the Disability Rights Center to be used to provide advocacy services for children with serious disabilities in education-related matters.

### PART XXX

Changes the title of court security officers to state judicial marshal and state judicial deputy marshal and adds these positions to the definition of "law enforcement officer", entitling them to death benefits for officers who die in the line of duty.

### PART YYY

Reflects the policy of the Legislature to establish a means of financing sustainable passenger rail service in the State of Maine and requires the Commissioner of Transportation to identify financial resources to develop an implementation plan for the provision of sustainable passenger rail service and to submit a report to the Legislature.

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### PART ZZZ

Establishes additional requirements for the managed behavioral health care services system initiative authorized under Public Law 2005, chapter 457, Part PP.

### PART AAAA

Provides for an annual stipend for each public school teacher in Maine who has attained certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as of July 1, 2006 or thereafter and provides funds to the Maine State Retirement System for the additional cost of the normal cost component; provides additional one-time funds for the Educators for Maine program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine for residents of the State who are pursuing careers in education; provides for the continuing implementation of essential programs and services and makes changes designed to achieve the goals of the EPS funding model of adequacy and equity in the funding of education for kindergarten to grade 12; recognizes the special education costs of certain member municipalities that are determined to be minimum state allocation receivers but delays the implementation of the adjustment proposed until fiscal year 2007-08; extends to fiscal year 2006-07 and modifies the adjustment for certain school administrative districts and community school districts that have member municipalities with local contributions that are below the maximum mill rate expectation but that are adversely affected as a result of the cost-sharing mechanism established pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688; modifies the adjustment in fiscal year 2006-07 to recognize 35% of the special education costs of eligible school districts as compared to 25% of the special education costs that were recognized by the adjustment provided in fiscal year 2005-06; and provides a transition adjustment for fiscal year 2006-07 to provide additional state subsidy to those school administrative units that have experienced a significant increase in the property valuation as compared to the statewide average increase in property valuation from 2004 to 2005.

### PART BBBB

Provides authority for the progressive treatment program to increase outpatient treatment and decrease reliance on hospitalization to 50 persons with severe mental illness who are involuntarily hospitalized. The provision is repealed July 1, 2010. It appropriates funds for the progressive treatment program in the Department of Health and Human Services and the Judicial Department and includes funding for residential services as recommended by the Court Master in Paul Bates et al. v. Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services et al.

### PART CCCC

Appropriates funds for residential care facilities and nursing facilities for increased heating costs during the 2005-2006 heating season to be paid before July 1, 2006 notwithstanding any provision of law or rule to the contrary or cost cap or other limitation applicable to residential care facilities and nursing facilities and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend MaineCare rules, through routine technical rulemaking, to provide for the distribution of these funds.

### PART DDDD

Removes the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services develop a MaineCare drug formulary and authorizes the department to develop a drug formulary.

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### PART EEEE

Requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to report on the efforts of the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the availability of workers for homemaker and home-based care programs.

### PART FFFF

Deappropriates fiscal year 2005-06 savings from the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement program within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Public Law 2005, chapter 519 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 29, 2006.

**LD 2045**

**An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission  
To Reform the State Budget Process**

**PUBLIC 601**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ROTUNDO BRANNIGAN	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-570
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LD 2045 proposed to implement the statutory recommendations of the Commission to Reform the State Budget Process. The Commission proposed changes to create a budget document that would be more useful throughout the budget deliberations of the Legislature and to adjust the statutes to reflect the recommended change in the budgeting methodology. The change would shift the starting point for the biennial budget from the traditional current services model to a modified flat-funded model. Instead of building from prior biennial requests increased by an inflation factor, requests for appropriations and allocations would start from authorized positions and flat-funded non-personal services appropriations and allocations. Increases from those flat-funded amounts would need to be justified and the initiatives presented in the unified budget bill. It proposed elimination of some recently enacted restrictions on departmental budget requests, to be replaced by the flat-funded restrictions. It also proposed more flexibility in the Governor's budget document. LD 2045 also proposed changing references to the Governor's submission of a budget bill and replace them with references to the budget document, which would be reformatted beginning in the 2008-2009 biennium to mirror the new budget document format approved by the commission.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-570)** proposed to clarify the content of the state budget document to be submitted by the Governor-elect or the Governor.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2005, chapter 601 implements the statutory recommendations of the Commission to Reform the State Budget Process. The changes shift the starting point for the biennial budget from the traditional current services model to a modified flat-funded model. Instead of building from prior biennium requests increased by an inflation factor, requests for appropriations and allocations start from authorized positions and flat-funded non-personal services appropriations and allocations. Increases from those flat-funded amounts need to be justified and the initiatives presented in the unified budget bill. It eliminates some recently enacted restrictions on departmental budget requests, which are replaced by the flat-funded restrictions. It also provides more flexibility in the Governor's budget document. It changes references to the Governor's submission of a budget bill and

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replaces them with references to the budget document, which will be reformatted beginning in the 2008-2009 biennium to mirror the new budget document format approved by the commission.

**LD 2081**                      **An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Relating to the Seed Potato Board**                      **P & S 67**

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

LD 2081 proposed a \$30,000 appropriation in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Seed Potato Board for equipment needed at the Porter Seed Farm in Masardis.

### *Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 67 appropriates \$30,000 to the Seed Potato Board for equipment needed at the Porter Seed Farm in Masardis.

**LD 2120**                      **Resolve, To Require the Governor To Submit Legislation for Flood Damage Relief to the 123rd Legislature**                      **RESOLVE 217**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT B	OTP-AM      MAJ	S-705
HOTHAM	OTP-AM      MIN	

LD 2120 proposed a \$500,000 appropriation in fiscal year 2006-07 for infrastructure, including, but not limited to, water and sewer lines, for a new downtown area located outside the flood zone in the Town of Canton.

**Committee Amendment “A” (S-705)** proposed the bill be replaced with a resolve directing the Governor to submit emergency legislation to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature that provides funding for the following:

1. The 15% state share of costs associated with the flood damage that occurred in York County in May 2006;
2. The balance of the 15% state share of costs associated with the flooding in spring 2005; and
3. An amount not less than \$500,000 for the relocation of the downtown area of the Town of Canton outside of the flood zone, including but not limited to infrastructure such as water and sewer lines.

The proposed funding must be provided in legislation dedicated solely to the purposes described in subsections 1, 2 and 3 and submitted no later than January 2, 2007.

A minority of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs proposed the bill be replaced with a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$4,000,000 to provide funding for the State's share of cost associated with the flood damage that occurred in spring 2005, spring 2006 and for the relocation of the

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downtown area of the Town of Canton outside of the flood zone, including, but not limited to, such infrastructure as water and sewer lines.

### *Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2005, chapter 217 requires the Governor submit emergency legislation to the 123<sup>rd</sup> Legislature that provides funding for the following:

1. The 15% state share of costs associated with the flood damage that occurred in York County in May 2006;
2. The balance of the 15% state share of costs associated with the flooding in spring 2005; and
3. An amount not less than \$500,000 for the relocation of the downtown area of the Town of Canton outside of the flood zone, including but not limited to infrastructure such as water and sewer lines.