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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

### LD 221 Work Sessions General Information

For this stage of the process of straw voting on LD 221, the Chairs have requested a listing of unvoted initiatives as the mechanism for taking straw votes on the remainder of the Governor's proposal. Work Sessions may address any of the lines on that document. In most cases there will be no notice of which lines or policy areas will be taken up at any given Work Session. Also note that the Committee may, at any point, discuss, and vote on, any of the Language Parts, additional proposals contained in the Policy Committee Report-backs or amendments proposed by a member of the Appropriations Committee.

The document containing previously unvoted initiatives has been posted on the AFA materials page:  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/9709>

The following information may be useful as you navigate the document and try to follow the AFA deliberations.

- 1) The initiatives are grouped by policy committee of jurisdiction (the orange (salmon?) "Comm Code" column) for ease of transition between the report-backs and this document.
- 2) There is a separate document appended to the end that contains just the initiatives related to the consolidation of DHHS programs and accounts.
- 3) The first column is "line number." Line numbers are sequential but there are gaps in the numbering. For example, one row has a line number of "56" and the next row is "67." There are a couple of reasons why this is so but those reasons matter less than the fact that it is so. If you don't care why, skip now to 4). *The main reason is that the document was first created before the recent votes on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety report-back and if I renumbered, I would have to change the line number cross-references in the notes column which you can't see because something had to give if you want to be able to read what you print. Now go to 4).*
- 4) The document posted has been formatted for legal size paper. If you want to print it but can't print on legal then you will have to tweak the settings a bit and, perhaps, get a magnifying glass. The document used by the committee members was printed on larger paper and contains additional columns containing notes and Policy Committee votes (which you can find by viewing the report-backs). This means that the page numbers seen by the committee will not correspond to the ones on your document. Hence the importance of paying attention to whatever else is referenced in committee discussions (line number, policy committee, initiative description or reference number.)
- 5) The posted document contains remaining Part A appropriation and allocation initiatives proposed by the Governor (either as originally proposed or as amended in the Change Package) and those added in the Change Package. It also includes some initiatives that the Governor deleted in per the Change Package that had previously been accepted by AFA and not re-voted. It does not contain unvoted proposed language or amendments, additional initiatives and language recommended by Policy Committees; motions on these will likely be more descriptive than just referencing a line number.