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**“Direct Impact Legislation”**

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The First Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature adjourned at roughly 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Four bond issues were approved as follows, in paraphrased version:

November, 2009 - Do You Favor a \$71,250,000 Bond for Transportation related Issues such as highways, bridges, and ports, etc. Does not directly affect the UMS.

June, 2010 - Do You Favor a \$25,000,000 Bond for Capital Improvements To stimulate economic development, etc. This bond provides \$8,000,000 for the Redevelopment of Brunswick Naval Air Station and \$3,000,000 to the Maine Technology Institute whereby these funds are awarded through a competitive process for Research & Development.

June, 2010 - Do You Favor a \$10,250,000 Bond to Improve Water Quality, Support Drinking Water Programs, etc. No Direct Impact to UMS

June 2010 - Do You Favor a \$33,500,000 Bond to Provide Investments in Weatherization and Energy Efficiency Upgrades to Higher Education Facilities, and Create a Wind Energy Demonstration Site. Distribution as follows:

PUC Energy Efficiency Programs	\$12,000,000
University of Maine System	9,500,000
Maine Community College System	5,000,000
Maine Maritime Academy	1,000,000
Wind Energy Demonstration Site	<u>6,000,000</u>

Total: \$33,500,000