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An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act. Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Public Hearings 05/04/21, 02/15/22. (OTP-AM) Report A Accepted 04/15/22. Amended by: CA H-1006. Carried Over: 07/19/21. Final Disposition: Died On Adjournment 05/09/22.

Original Bill

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

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