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1067 AN ACT TO REGULATE SMOKING ON Rep. P. Reeves MAJ-OTP-ND
PUBLIC CONVEYANCES IN THE ID 1604
STATE OF MAINE MIN-ONTP

SUMMARY: The bill defined public conveyances, and banned smoking except in designated permitted areas. Signs were required, and the no-smoking areas must be at least 50% of the total area open to the public, and at least as attractive and convenient as the smoking areas. Waivers were permitted, and could be obtained from either the Department of Transportation or the Public Utilities Commission, on a showing of financial hardship. There were no penalties.

1123 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS Sen. Hichens HSE-INDEF. PP
OF THE MEDICAL EYE CARE PROGRAM SEN-INDEF. PP

SUMMARY: The new draft of LD 548 incorporated the change in visual acuity standards, added an appropriation to cover the costs of the services, and left the program in its current place in the Bureau of Health.

1135 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL Rep. Michaud LV/WD
GENERAL ASSISTANCE REIMBURSE- HSE-ACCEPT LV/WD
MENT LAW SEN-ACCPY LV/WD

SUMMARY: This bill was intended to cut the expense of state reimbursement to municipalities for their general assistance costs by requiring municipalities to consider all assets available to applicants. It also defined those assets which should be included, such as unearned and earned income, trust funds, and other income and property and those assets which should be excluded.

The Committee never held a hearing on the bill, but considered it together with the other General Assistance bills, IDs 554, 841, 842 and 1337. Part of its provisions were incorporated into the new draft, ID 1764.

1146 AN ACT TO IMPROVE MAINE'S Sen. Bustin OTP-ND
DENTAL HEALTH ID 1717

SUMMARY: The bill amended the current statute on fluoridation by adding a definition of "customer." It also changed the statute's provisions on the percentage of voters necessary to approve fluoridation in a system serving more than 1 municipality: from 80%, to a majority. The bill did not affect the procedure for fluoridation in a city, town or plantation.

After considerable discussion on the benefits of fluoridation, and the electoral arrangements, the Committee developed a new draft.