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### ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
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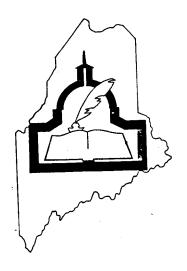
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BILL SUMMARY



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2038 AN ACT TO PERMIT REASON-ABLE VISITATION RIGHTS FOR GRANDPARENTS WHEN A PARENT IS DECEASED Ketover

ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill sought to permit a grandparent to petition a court in the division or county where the grandchild resides, for the right to visit with his or her grandchild when that child's parent, the son or daughter of the petitioning grandparent, has deceased.

2039 AN ACT TO INCLUDE HANDI-CAPPED PERSONS AS A PRO-TECTED GROUP UNDER THE MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT Bell

LV/WD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to amend the Maine Human Rights Act to make it illegal to deny credit solely on the basis of physical handicap. Other sections of the Human Rights Act concerning housing, employment and public accommodations discrimination preclude discrimination against the physically and mentally handicapped. An amendment to this bill, proposed at the public hearing, suggested precluding credit discrimination because of mental as well as physical handicap. The bill was withdrawn simply because work needs to be, and is being, done to improve the definition of "physical handicap" in the Act.

2044 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE DOLLAR LIMITATION FOR CASES WHICH MAY BE BROUGHT IN SMALL CLAIMS COURT

Baldacci

PL 1983, c. 678

SUMMARY: Increased the dollar limitation for cases which can be bought in Small Claims Court from \$1,000 to \$1,400. Although the committee discussed creating two filing fees, based on the amount claimed for recovery, the final decision was to continue to let the courts set the fee.