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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. The summaries are arranged alphabetically, and indexed separately by committee.



<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
2159	AN ACT TO CLARIFY AND MAKE CONSISTANT THE RULES OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING GENDER USED IN THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED	Pray	INDEF. PP

SUMMARY: This bill was never referred to committee, but reference to the Judiciary Committee had been recommended. It sought to repeal a provision of the new Education Revision which establishing a rule of construction which stated that words of the masculine gender do not include the feminine gender unless they are part of an occupational title. This rule of construction was enacted in an attempt to make the education revision gender neutral.

2162	AN ACT TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO REGIONAL PRESIDING JUSTICE WITH CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT	Trafton	PL 1983, c. 688
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SUMMARY: This new draft of LD 1850 eliminated references to Regional Presiding Justices, positions which have been replaced by a Chief Justice of the Superior Court by Public Law 1983, chapter 269. This bill also clarified outdated references to judicial regions and redefined the authority of the Chief Justice of the Superior Court.

<b>2163</b>	AN ACT RELATING TO THE TIME OF PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE TRUST LAND DESIGNATION	Cashman	PL 1983, c. 660
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SUMMARY: This new draft of LD 1822 extends the time for designation of Passamaquoddy Tribe Trust Land from January 1, 1985 to January 1, 1986.

2166	AN ACT TO PROMOTE FAMILY PERMANENCY	Thompson	PL 1983, c. 772
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SUMMARY: This bill was the result of the work of a multidisciplinary committee convened by the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services to address problems regarding securing termination of parental rights of children for the purpose of placement for adoption. The purpose of this bill was to assure that children whose lives have been disrupted are provided safe permanent homes as soon as possible.