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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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amendment, as under current law, distributions not otherwise covered by valid or enforceable wills, trusts, contracts, court-approved settlements or similar instruments must be made to the minor upon the minor reaching majority.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-894): The amendment adds a fiscal note.

LD 1732 An Act to Require Certain Disclosures in Adoptions and to Provide Additional Protective Services for Children PUBLIC 630

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TITCOMB MELENDY LARRIVEE	OTP-AM	S-526

SUMMARY

The bill required that medical and genetic information be provided to prospective adoptive parents. Disclosure of previous serious physical, sexual or emotional abuse would also be required. The Department of Human Services would provide funds in certain circumstances to assist parents in placing children in need of services in residential child care facilities without having the department assume legal custody of the children.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-526): The amendment:

1. Deletes the financial assistance section from the bill;
2. Requires that the Department of Human Services or a licensed adoption agency must provide information that is reasonably available in addition to medical and genetic information; and
3. Requires that information regarding sexual, emotional or physical harm to the child in addition to abuse of the child be provided.

LD 1751 An Act to Require that Restrooms are Accessible to Persons with Disabilities (BY REQUEST) ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MILLS	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The bill provided that any building or facility used as a place of public accommodation or employment must have restrooms that are accessible to persons with disabilities.

LD 1754 An Act to Increase the Penalties for Trafficking in or Furnishing Scheduled Drugs ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

The bill provided that a person who unlawfully trafficks in or who unlawfully furnishes scheduled drugs on or within 1,000 feet of public housing is guilty of aggravated trafficking or furnishing scheduled drugs. Aggravated trafficking or furnishing scheduled drugs is a crime one class more serious than trafficking or furnishing would be otherwise.