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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 right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**LD 1773 An Act to Require Parental Consent to Adoption before a Probate Judge**

**PUBLIC 369**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
ANTHONY POULIOT HANLEY PARADIS P	OTP	

**SUMMARY**

The bill repeals an adoption law provision allowing parents to consent to adoption of their children before a notary public rather than a judge to protect parents from giving up rights without being fully informed of the effects of that decision.

**LD 1776 An Act Concerning Indian Territory under the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Laws**

**CARRIED OVER**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BAILEY H LUDWIG VOSE TOWNSEND		

**SUMMARY**

The bill would give Passamaquoddy Indian territory the same status as lands within any municipality in existence before the formation of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. The bill would place regulatory authority for reservation land use control, including freshwater wetlands, with the Passamaquoddy tribal government. Regulation of the off-reservation environment, such as water or air pollution, would be unaffected by this change. Definitions of certain development activities in the Department of Environmental Protection laws would be amended to exclude tribal development activity that would not be regulated in the absence of this unusual pattern of tribal land ownership.

**LD 1780 An Act to Provide More Effective Recovery of Child Support**

**CARRIED OVER**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
ANTHONY CONLEY PARADIS P		

**SUMMARY**

The bill would clarify and strengthen the laws concerning the collection of child support, especially in administrative cases where the responsible parent is found to be in default.