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No. 1231

S.P. 455

In Senate, March 21, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Facilitate and Consolidate Certain District Court Cases.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4 14 MRSA §6001, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

6 5. Sums due for rent or damages. In any action for
8 forcible entry and detainer, whether brought pursuant to this
10 section or section 6002, the complaint may include any claim
12 against the defendant for damages that have accrued for the
14 rental of the premises or for any damage or destruction of the
16 building or other property of the plaintiff for which the
18 defendant is legally responsible. The court shall determine the
20 amount, if any, of rent or damages due the plaintiff as of the
22 date of hearing, including all rent due up to and including the
24 date of judgment, and order the defendant to pay the sums as in
 other civil judgments.

STATEMENT OF FACT

20 This bill makes it possible for a forcible entry and
22 detainer action and a suit for collection of unpaid rent and
24 damages to rental property to be combined into one judicial
 hearing in the District Court which would help eliminate the
 judicial backlog and overburdening of the court system.