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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, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD
2334

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE SEPARATION OF JUVENILES
FROM ADULTS WHEN JUVENILES ARE DETAINED IN
COUNTY JAILS

PL 1985
c. 715

Sponsor: MATTHEWS, Z., Carpenter, Priest
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1983.

SUMMARY: Under current provisions of the Maine Juvenile Code, it is clear that a juvenile, upon arrest, may not be detained with adults in correctional facilities. Until this bill, the laws did not specifically state this prohibition with respect to juveniles who have been adjudicated as having committed juvenile offenses. The bill amends the dispositional provisions of the Maine Juvenile Code and the county law enforcement statutes to clearly state that a juvenile in any status in a county jail must be separated from adults.

LD
2354

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH POLICIES GOVERNING
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS

SEN. ADHERED
ONTP

Sponsor: TWITCHELL
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1945.

SUMMARY: The original bill, LD 1945, sought to establish a pretrial screening panel for medical malpractice actions, establish qualifications for expert witnesses in medical malpractice actions, establish limits on pain and suffering damages in these actions, establish a contingent fee schedule for plaintiffs' attorneys in medical malpractice actions, eliminate special proofs required in a malicious prosecution action stemming from an unsuccessful medical malpractice action, and deny punitive damages in medical malpractice actions.

LD 2354 sought to provide for a cap of \$250,000 on damages for pain and suffering in medical malpractice actions, and to establish a fee schedule for attorneys contingent fees in medical malpractice actions.