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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 summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

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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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD 266 AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE ANTITRUST LAWS

PL 1987
c. 60

Sponsor: PARADIS, P., Warren, Brannigan
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-44 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: LD 266 proposed to make State antitrust law consistent with the federal laws by exempting local government units and local government officials from the triple damages provision of the antitrust law.

The Committee Amendment (H-44) added an application section to clarify that the new provisions would not apply to pending actions except in certain limited circumstances.

LD 268 AN ACT TO CREATE THE LITIGATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT CARRY-OVER

Sponsor: HILLOCK, Collins
Committee Report: Carry-Over

SUMMARY: The bill primarily seeks to require the court in any civil action to award reasonable attorneys fees and costs against any attorney or party who brings or defends a civil action that the court determines lacks substantial justification.

LD 269 AN ACT TO CREATE A NONECONOMIC DAMAGES AWARD ACT CARRY-OVER

Sponsor: HILLOCK, Collins
Committee Report: Carry-Over

SUMMARY: The bill primarily seeks to limit damage awards in personal injury actions to economic damages of any amount and noneconomic damages of no more than \$250,000 or the amount of economic damages awarded, whichever amount is greater.

LD 282 AN ACT RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS FOR PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS ND LD 1349

Sponsor: ANDREWS, Gauvreau, Warren, Paradis, P.
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1349

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1349.