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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 AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE FOREIGN ADOPTION DECREES PL 1987  
459 c. 102

Sponsor: FOSTER  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: When adopting parents are seeking an adoption under the laws of Maine, this bill permits a judge of probate in Maine to recognize an adoption finalized in a foreign country based solely on the judgment of adoption in the foreign country.

LD AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TRUST LAND DESIGNATION OF ND LD 1511  
488 THE PENOBSCOT NATION

Sponsor: PEARSON, Cashman  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1511

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1511.

LD AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF ELECTRONIC RECORDING ND LD 1510  
516 IN DISTRICT, SUPERIOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS

Sponsor: BRANNIGAN, Paradis, P., Cote, Begley  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1510

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1510.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO ACTIVE RETIRED JUDGES IN PL 1987  
517 THE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT c. 85

Sponsor: BRANNIGAN, Paradis, P., Marsano, Gauvreau  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
S-27 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The bill as amended provides statutory authority for a Retired Judge of the Administrative Court to be appointed as an Active Retired Judge of the Administrative Court. Thus, an Active Retired Judge of the Administrative Court may, upon assignment, sit in the Administrative Court, District Court, or Superior Court.

LD AN ACT TO ABOLISH JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY CARRY-OVER  
526

Sponsor: RUHLIN, Davis, Paradis, P., Collins  
Committee Report: Carry-Over

SUMMARY: The bill seeks to abolish the joint liability of defendants in actions for personal injury, property damage,