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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

rights and obligations. If the agreement was not executed voluntarily or was unconscionable when made it is not enforceable. Finally, as amended, the bill voids a premarital agreement 18 months after the arrival of a child, unless the parties agree within that period, in writing, to keep the agreement in effect or to alter it.

LD 732 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF FEES OF INDEPENDENT ADOPTION STUDIES LVWD

Sponsor: CLARK, M., Pouliot, Taylor, Brannigan
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Current law requires the Department of Human Services to conduct an investigation of a child, his antecedents and adoptive parents when the Probate Court makes a request in reference to a non-relative's petition for adoption. This bill would have required the adoptive parents to pay for the Department of Human Service's investigative services.

LD 733 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE STATUTE OF LIMITATION IN CHILD MOLESTATION OR INCEST CASES LVWD

Sponsor: BOUTILIER, Gauvreau, Gill
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 733 proposed to amend the criminal code so that the statute of limitations for crimes involving sexual abuse of children would not begin to run until the victim of the crime reached the age of 18.

LD 744 AN ACT RELATING TO DEBTOR RELIEF FOR VIOLATION OF EXEMPTIONS LVWD

Sponsor: GAUVREAU, Conley
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 744 proposed to create a new cause of action against any creditor who improperly attached or executed upon property of a debtor which was legally exempt from attachment or execution. A court could award injunctive relief, actual and punitive damages, attorney's fees and court costs to a debtor who prevailed in such an action.