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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

(requiring the sheriff to bring the debtor to court) or for a contempt subpoena to be served on the debtor informing him of the next hearing and that failure to appear will subject him to civil arrest;

at the disclosure hearing, if the court finds that the debtor has no assets or earnings out of which the judgment could be satisfied, the proceedings terminate; and

in satisfaction of the judgment, the court may order a debtor, having the ability to pay, to pay the judgment through installment payments, orders to 3rd parties to hold property in which the debtor has an interest, orders to employers or other payors of earnings of the debtor to withhold those earnings, orders that property of the debtor be turned over and sold, and orders to place possessory liens on property of the debtor.

LD AN ACT RELATIVE TO NOTIFICATION OF ADOPTION LVWD
876 FINALIZATIONS

Sponsor: McPHERSON, Rolde
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to require the register of probate to provide written notification to biological parents of record as to the date of the finalization of the adoption of their child. This notification would have been required within 30 days of issuance of the adoption decree, and would also have been provided to the Probate Court having jurisdiction.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ADOPTION ALTERNATIVE ACT LVWD
884

Sponsor: WARREN, Paradis, P., Cote
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to provide adoption alternative information to women contemplating an abortion. The Department of Human Services would have established and maintained a program and list for the adoption of children.

The bill would also have required a physician, prior to performing an abortion, to inform the patient of the existence of the program established by DHS. The physician would also have been required to provide the patient with a copy of the "Adoption Alternative Act" and the patient would have signed an information form that proved she had received the information. The form would have been dated, signed by the physician, and witnessed by a third party other than the patient, and then forwarded to DHS.

The bill would have exempted any abortion performed to remove a nonviable fetus or an abortion that was performed because, in the physician's opinion, the mother's health was endangered by the continuation of the pregnancy.

LD AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE PERIOD OF PROBATION FOR LVWD
891 PERSONS CONVICTED OF SEX OFFENSES

Sponsor: ANTHONY, Gill, Brannigan, Kimball
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 891 proposed to require any person convicted of a sex offense to serve a period of probation for at least 2 years or the period for which they are sentenced, whichever is less.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO THE RELOCATION OF THE ND LD 1404
898 SOUTHERN DIVISION OF THE 10TH DISTRICT COURT

Sponsor: McPHERSON, Rolde
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1404

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1404.

LD AN ACT TO LIMIT PERSONAL LIABILITY OF VOLUNTEER ND LD 1777
907 FIREMEN AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE DRIVERS EMERGENCY

Sponsor: KILKELLY, Coles, Cahill, Sewall
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1777

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1777.

LD AN ACT TO REGULATE THE REMOVAL OF CHILDREN OF ND LD 1566
908 DIVORCED OR SEPARATED FAMILIES FROM THE STATE

Sponsor: WARREN
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1566

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1566.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE TORT CLAIMS ACT PL 1987
923 c. 427

Sponsor: PARADIS, P., Conley, Brannigan, Perkins
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-158 PARADIS, P.

SUMMARY: LD 923 proposed to amend the Maine Tort Claims Act to require the State or any of its subdivisions to