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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 AN ACT TO REMOVE STATUTORY PROTECTION FOR THOSE PL 1987  
1693 WHO SEXUALLY ASSAULT VOLUNTARY SOCIAL c. 255  
COMPANIONS

Sponsor: PARADIS, P., Gauvreau, Maybury, Joseph  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1083

SUMMARY: The new draft strikes the voluntary social companion defense from the Criminal Code provisions on rape and gross sexual misconduct. The defense provides that the crime of rape or gross sexual misconduct may be reduced from a Class A to a Class B crime if the victim was a voluntary social companion of the defendant at the time of the crime and had, on that occasion, permitted the defendant sexual contact or voluntarily engaged in sexual contact with the defendant. The bill makes such a defense unavailable to a defendant charged with rape or gross sexual misconduct.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RIGHT TO PREVENT THE PL 1987  
1699 ATTENDANCE OF OR TO REMOVE A COMMITTED OFFENDER c. 299  
FROM A DISCIPLINARY HEARING

Sponsor: GILL, Matthews, Z., Taylor, Manning  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1575

SUMMARY: The original bill, LD 1575, proposed to amend the law granting an imprisoned offender the right to attend his disciplinary hearings in order to allow prison officials to reasonably restrict that right.

The New Draft, LD 1699, redrafted the bill to limit the discretion of prison officials so that the prisoner may be prevented from attending the hearing or removed from the hearing only if his behavior indicates that he is a danger to himself, other persons or property.

LD AN ACT TO GRANT JURISDICTION TO BAIL PL 1987  
1700 COMMISSIONERS TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE c. 300  
JUDICIAL PROCESS

Sponsor: BRANNIGAN, Thistle, Cote, Kilkelly  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 749

SUMMARY: The original bill, LD 749, proposed to substantially broaden the power to issue protective orders in family abuse situations. Its major provisions included:

1. Adding the crimes of sexual abuse of minors and unlawful sexual contact to the list of crimes which can justify a protective order;