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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

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-356)  
provides for the transition from chapter 14 to chapter 14-A.

LD            AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRESERVATION AND CARE            PL 1987  
1719        OF BURIAL PLACES AND MEMORIALS FOR THE DEAD            c. 326

Sponsor:    ROLDE  
Committee Report:    New Draft of LD 761

SUMMARY:    The original bill would require municipalities to maintain any burial grounds more than 100 years old. It would also prohibit the removal of gravestones, except under certain safeguards, and anyone who does so would commit a Class C crime. In addition, the offender would have to pay triple damages to the persons in charge of the burial ground.

The New Draft requires the approval of the owner of the burial ground, a lineal descendent of the deceased buried there or the municipality before repairing, maintaining or removing any part of a gravestone or monument. If one is removed, it must be kept within the confines of the burial ground or cemetery. Any person who interferes with a cemetery or burial ground, except as authorized, commits a Class D crime. It is a Class C crime to illegally possess or sell a gravestone, and the offender is liable for triple damages.

LD            AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS BY POLITICAL            ONTP  
1778        ACTION COMMITTEES

Sponsor:    HANDY, Carroll, Estes, Matthews, Z.  
Committee Report:    New Draft of Min. Report of LD 1367

SUMMARY:    This is the Minority report on LD 1367 (Maj. ONTP). The New Draft would require a candidate who receives a contribution exceeding \$250 from a political action committee to submit a report to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices within 48 hours of receipt.