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#### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

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BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JUNE 1987

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

reduce the time period for appealing a denial of a request to inspect public records from 10 days to 5 working days; and

make a willful violation of the Freedom of Access Law a civil violation for which no more than \$500 may be forfeited, with the requirement that the governmental entity whose office or employee committed the violation must pay the forfeiture.

LD 1860 AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE REGARDING TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

PL 1987 c. 449 EMERGENCY

Sponsor: CASHMAN, Pearson

Committee Report: NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: LD 1860 amends the Maine Uniform Commercial Code, Article 9, in order to allow the Maine Indian tribes to grant lenders a perfected security interest in personal property in the same manner as any other borrower. Existing law exempted transfers by a governmental entity from the operation of Article 9 of the Maine UCC; the bill simply allowed Article 9 to apply to Indian governments.

LD AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN SUNSET PROVISION IN THE JUDICIARY LAWS

PL 1987 c. 518 EMERGENCY

Sponsor: CARTER, Martin, J., Pray, Pearson Committee Report: NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The bill repeals the sunset provision that would have removed from the statutes the courts' authority to assess fees for court mediation services.