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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LD 1651 An Act to Establish Greater Communication in the Rule-making Process and to Provide Better Standards for the Adoption of Rules (Reported Pursuant to a Study by the State and Local Government Committee) ND 2611

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP-ND 2611 MAJ	
	OTP-ND 2612 MIN	

SUMMARY

See New Drafts, LD 2611 and 2612.

LD 1949 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Make the Language of the Constitution Gender Neutral ND 2571

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DIAMOND	OTP-ND MAJ	
CLARK N	ONTP MIN	
PERKINS		
FOSTER		

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2571

LD 1960 An Act to Amend the Rules of Construction to Permit Use of Gender-Neutral Language in Maine Statutes PUBLIC 705

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DIAMOND	OTP-AM MAJ	H-515 MAJ REP
PERKINS	ONTP MIN	
CLARK N		
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SUMMARY

LD 1960 proposes that following the Second Regular Session of the 113th Legislature, legislation be drafted with gender-neutral words. The Revisor of Statutes is authorized to change any masculine or feminine gender words to a gender-neutral word when it is clear that the statute applies to both sexes.

Currently, Alaska, Hawaii, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Minnesota require the use of gender-neutral words in the statutes of these states. Rhode Island and Washington State are considering similar requirements.

The bill was amended to remove a provision that contradicted the intent of the bill. The provision that was stricken authorized the use of words of one gender to equally apply to the other genders.