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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
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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 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::*

<b>OTP</b>	<b>Ought to Pass</b>
<b>OTP-ND</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>
<b>OTP-ND-NT</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b>
<b>OTP-A</b>	<b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>
<b>ONTP</b>	<b>Ought Not to Pass</b>
<b>LVWD</b>	<b>Leave to Withdraw</b>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>

*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.*

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Testimony concerned the sale of an asset that has been appreciating at a rapid rate for funding state government. Many opponents argued that government operations should not be funded from the sale of capital assets.

**LD** An Act to Make Certain Personnel Records Maintained by the **PUBLIC**  
**2581** Bureau of Human Resources Available to the Bureau of **673**  
Employee Relations

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
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SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 1985

LD 1985 proposed that confidential state employee records maintained by the Bureau of Human Resources in the Department of Administration be made available to the Bureau of Employee Relations. The Bureau of Employee Relations (BOER) and the Maine State Employees Association (MSEA) want access to employee records for disciplinary proceedings, and other proceedings relating to employees.

LD 2581 provides a process by which confidential information may be provided to BOER and MSEA and, at the same time, protect the employees about whom the confidential information pertains.

This new draft allows the introduction of state employee confidential information in closed proceedings in which the Bureau of Employee Relations, a state employee or employees or an organization representing the state employee are parties. These proceedings include negotiation, arbitration, mediation grievance proceedings, human rights, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation and labor relations proceedings.

The confidential information provided for these proceedings is required to be directly related to the proceedings. The Director of Human Resources will make the decision with respect to the type of information that will be disclosed following receipt of a written request for specific information from the Director of Employee Relations. A copy of this request for confidential information will be provided to the state employee or employees and the employee organization representing the employee in grievance proceedings.