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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

LD 1175      An Act to Describe the Division of Southern Cumberland of  
the 9th Maine District Court

PUBLIC 184

SPONSOR(S)

GREENLAW  
CONLEY  
SIMPSON  
TITCOMB

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-171

SUMMARY

The bill would move Raymond, Windham and Standish to the Division of Northern Cumberland.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-171) retains Windham in the Division of Southern Cumberland.

LD 1179      An Act Concerning the Rights of a Father to Bring a  
Paternity Action

PUBLIC 298

SPONSOR(S)

RICHARDS  
GAUVREAU  
EMERSON  
BURKE

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-326

SUMMARY

The bill provides to fathers the right to initiate a paternity action.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-326) clarifies that an alleged father may bring a paternity action and that a mother may rebut the presumption of paternity established by medical tests.

**LD 1181**      An Act to Increase the Number of Superior Court Justices and  
District Court Judges

INDEF PPND  
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

CONLEY  
MACBRIDE  
HASTINGS  
HOBBINS

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-286

SUMMARY

The bill would add 2 Superior Court Justices and 2 at-large District judges.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-286) adds an emergency preamble and clause. It also would place one of the new District Court judges in District 6, and adds an appropriation.

Killed on Appropriations Table. One new District Court judge added in Part 2 budget.