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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-502) clarifies that the law does not apply to grandparents of a child whose parent gave up the child for adoption.

LD 1333 **An Act to Include Radiology in the Medical Liability
Demonstration Project**

**PUBLIC 319
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GAUVREAU CLARK M FARNSWORTH RICHARDS	OTP-AM	S-177

SUMMARY

The bill includes radiology in the medical liability demonstration project which is scheduled to begin on January 1, 1992. The specialties of obstetrics and gynecology, anesthesiology and emergency medicine are already included in the demonstration project.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-177) adds a fiscal note.

LD 1361 **An Act Concerning Jury Duty**

LV/MD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LIPMAN DONNELLY DUPLESSIS	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

The bill would have removed the exemption from jury service for physicians, dentists and attorneys-at-law.

LD 1362 **Resolve, to Develop Evidence Protocols and Standardized Kits
for Cases of Alleged Gross Sexual Assault**

**RESOLVE 17
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RICHARDS DUPLESSIS CATHCART MCCORMICK	OTP-AM	H-565

SUMMARY

The resolve requires the Department of Human Services and the Department of Public Safety to propose a standardized kit for hospitals to use in collecting evidence for cases of alleged gross sexual assault.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-565) makes technical corrections and adds a fiscal note.