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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 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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

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

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LD 1373

Resolve, Creating the Court Futures Implementation Commission

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

ONTP

SUMMARY

The resolve is a recommendation of the Commission to Study the Future of Maine's Courts. The resolve would have created the Court Futures Implementation Commission to implement the recommendations made pursuant to Public Law 1989, chapter 891, Part B.

See LD 1553.

LD 1384

An Act to Strengthen the Enforcement of the Code of Fair Practices

VETO SUSTAINED

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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ONTP MIN

H-507

SUMMARY

The bill would have required the State to examine the civil rights and sexual harassment records of companies with which the State proposes to enter into a contract.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-507) (Majority report) would have required contractors to submit copies of their affirmative action programs if the contract with the State is over \$50,000. The State Affirmative Action Coordinator would have reviewed the programs and made a report providing a general overview of affirmative action programs.

LD 1394

An Act Waiving Court Mediation Fees

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

STEVENS K

ONTP

SUMMARY

The bill would have waived the mediation fee in domestic relations cases if the court finds a party is unable to pay. If a party has been granted a mediation fee waiver, the court action could not be halted because of the failure of the other party to pay.

LD 1405

An Act Concerning Tribal Protection Orders

PUBLIC 469
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

CASHMAN
PEARSON

OTP-AM

H-442

SUMMARY

The bill makes the violation of certain provisions of a protection order, issued in either abuse or harassment situations by the tribal court of the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation, a criminal offense. The Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation possess exclusive jurisdiction over the