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531 AN ACT TO AMEND THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW AS REQUIRED BY THE TAX EQUITY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1982 Beaulieu OTP PL 1983, c. 13 (emerg.)

SUMMARY: Increases the amount of an employer's payroll wages subject to unemployment compensation contributions from \$6,000 to \$7,000, starting in 1983; reduces benefit amounts to the next lowest dollar in cases where a fraction results from computation; allows retroactive payments to nonprofessional employees of institutions of higher learning; these provisions required for conformity with federal law under TEFRA.

537 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COST CONTAINMENT Tuttle LV/WD(acc.)
Ridley
Swazey
Zirkilton

SUMMARY: Places a 5% cap on all annual adjustments of workers' compensation benefits.

544 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF SENIORITY PROVISIONS Hayes LV/WD(acc.)
Baker

SUMMARY: Seniority, layoff, recall and impact on working conditions are made negotiable items in bargaining between public employers of teachers and teacher bargaining agents.

NOTE: See LD 1350.

545 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE NONNEGOTIABILITY OF EDUCATIONAL POLICIES Hayes LV/WD
Bost
Beaulieu

SUMMARY: Public school teachers provided with the right to bargain on educational policies.

NOTE: See LD 1350.

546 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PARTICIPATION IN GOOD FAITH IN FACT FINDING Hayes OTP
Bost PL 1983, c. 127
Brown, A.
Matthews, K.

SUMMARY: Amends University of Maine Labor Relations Act to require the parties to participate in good faith in fact-finding, making the law consistent with the State Employees Act and Municipal Public Employees Act.