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#### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

#### Labor

#### BILL SUMMARY



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- 626 AN ACT RELATING TO ATTORNEY'S FEES Twitchell LV/WD(acc.)
  UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW
- SUMMARY: Attorney's fees would be paid for the claimant in workers' compensation cases only if he or she prevails in the claim.

NOTE: See also LD 783.

634 AN ACT TO PRESERVE NEGOTIATED CON- Dutremble LV/WD(acc.)
TRACTS BETWEEN SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND
VARIOUS BARGAINING AGENTS

SUMMARY: Seniority, layoff and recall are made negotiable items between public employers of teachers and teacher bargaining units.

NOTE: See LD 1350.

AN ACT RELATING TO SKIERS' AND Brown, K. LV/WD(acc.)
TRAMWAY PASSENGERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- SUMMARY: Any skiler accepts the inherent danger of the sport, as a matter of law, and cannot maintain a suit against the operator for injuries resulting from those inherent dangers; any skiler has the sole responsibility for knowing his or her own ability and to conduct himself or herself within those limits.
- AN ACT RELATING TO CHANGES IN METHOD Perkins, T. LV/WD(acc.)
  THAT UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ARE CHARG- Brown
  ED TO EXPERIENCE RATING RECORDS Perkins, A.
  Zirnkilton
- SUMMARY: Amends unemployment compensation law so that benefits are charged against a seasonal employer's experience rating only for the period in which the employer is operating rather than charging his rating for benefits based on an employee's wages over a full year working elsewhere.
- NOTE: The topic of seasonality will be addressed by the study commission authorized under LD 490.
- AN ACT RELATING TO PAYMENT BY AN EM- Dutremble M-OTP(acc.)
  PLOYER WHEN A PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICA- m-ONTP
  TION OF ILLNESS IS REQUIRED Indef.PP
- SUMMARY: An employer who requires an employee to get a physician's certificate to show that the employee's absence from work was due to illness must pay the cost of obtaining the certificate.
- SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-31): Makes it clear that an employer is only responsible for paying the cost of an employee's visit to the doctor's office to obtain the required certificate, not for other visits to the doctor. (Carpenter) (Adopted)