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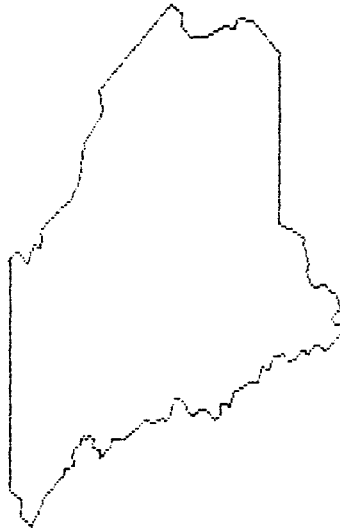


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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
**Labor**

BILL SUMMARY



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1138	AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE	Connolly McHenry Hayes	M-ONTP m-OTP-A H-acc. m. rep.; insisted on eng. with C-A. S-adhered to M(ONTP) rep.
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SUMMARY: Increases state minimum wage from the current level of \$3.35/hr. to \$3.90/hr. in 3 steps over a 3-year period.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" raises minimum wage to \$3.50/hr. as of Oct. 1, 1983 but eliminates the further increases (adopted).

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-286): adds fiscal note (Beaulieu).

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-208): adds emergency clause and eliminates proposed increase; establishes study committee (Dutrenble).

1148	AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR INJURED MAINE WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES	Connolly Dutrenble Tuttle	PL 1983, c. 91 (ND of LD 386)
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SUMMARY of LD 386: Employer must continue the same general health insurance policies on the same cost basis for an injured worker and his family for 3 years from the date of injury.

SUMMARY of LD 1148: Does not impose duty for employer to continue coverage for 3 years; existing law gives a person 31 days after his coverage under group health plan to convert to an individual policy; this bill allows 30 days additional time to convert if coverage ceases because his employment ends as a result of an injury for which the employee claims workers' compensation benefits.

1170	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALL CLAIMANTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE THE COMPLETE SET OF ALL DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RULES AND POLICIES GOVERNING THE DETERMINATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY AND PAYMENT OF BENEFITS	Pray Carpenter	PL 1983, c. 115 (ND of LD 613)
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SUMMARY: All Dept. of Labor policies, rules, memoranda and instructions, rather than only promulgated rules, must be compiled to be easily usable by the public; this must be completed by July 1, 1984.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-27): Corrects technical error (Danton) (Adopted).

1204	AN ACT TO INCORPORATE LAST BEST OFFER PROVISIONS INTO THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE LABOR RELATIONS LAWS	Diamond, J. Cox Weymouth Hayes	M-ONTP m-OTP-ND(acc.) See LD 1678
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