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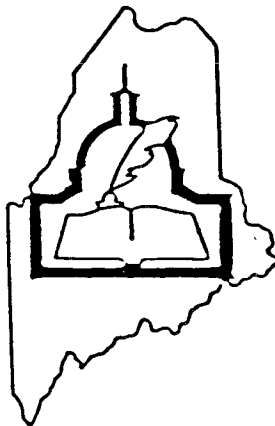
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
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BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES  
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 341 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
CASES BE DECIDED ON THEIR MERITS

WILLEY  
TWITCHELL  
ZIRNKILTON  
TAMMARO

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill repealed the use of the rule of liberal construction in workers' compensation cases and replaced it with a directive to the courts and the Workers' Compensation Commission to construe each case upon its merits, favoring neither the employee nor the employer. See LD 1634.

LD: 368 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE STATUS OF WORKFARE  
RECIPIENTS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
ACT

CHALMERS  
MANNING  
CARPENTER  
WILLEY

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill was intended to clarify that workfare recipients are covered under the Workers' Compensation Act, to require the use of a single job classification for all such recipients for insurance purposes, and to limit workers' compensation coverage to medical expenses and permanent impairment benefits.

LD: 422 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE EXEMPTION FOR FARM  
FAMILY CORPORATIONS FROM 4 TO 8 EMPLOYEES  
UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW

BLACK  
SHERBURNE  
ERWIN E  
DAGGETT

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 422 would have increased the present exemption for small farms (up to 4 employees) from the requirement to obtain workers' compensation coverage by allowing these farms to employ up to 8 persons and still remain exempt. See committee amendment H-156 to LD 1240.