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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
MAY 1988**

*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 summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.*

*All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::*

<b>OTP</b>	<b>Ought to Pass</b>
<b>OTP-ND</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>
<b>OTP-ND-NT</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b>
<b>OTP-A</b>	<b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>
<b>ONTP</b>	<b>Ought Not to Pass</b>
<b>LVWD</b>	<b>Leave to Withdraw</b>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>

*Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.*

*Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.*

LD An Act to Ensure Proper Payment of Fringe Benefit  
2226 Contributions for Construction Workers

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PRIEST	LV/WD		
CONLEY			
JOSEPH			
DUTREMBLE D			

SUMMARY

Construction workers frequently have trouble receiving their negotiated fringe benefits when there are financial problems associated with a construction project. The temporary nature of the work and the numerous layers of contractors and subcontractors exacerbate the problem. This bill proposed a mechanism to ensure payment of delinquent fringe benefit contributions. The bill was withdrawn because of possible federal preemption by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).

LD An Act to Promote the Prompt and Peaceful Settlement of  
2255 Labor Disputes

ND 2531

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DUTREMBLE D	OTP-ND	MAJ	
MCHENRY	ONTP	MIN	
TAMMARO			
ERWIN E			

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2531

**LD 2261** An Act to Clarify that Volunteer and Intern Service in the  
State Environmental Resource Volunteer Effort Program is Not  
Considered Employment for Unemployment Compensation Purposes

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
WILLEY	LV/WD		
COLLINS			

SUMMARY

LD 2261 would have allowed volunteers and interns to work in the SERVE Maine Program without losing their unemployment compensation benefits. However, this action would have brought Maine out of conformity with Federal unemployment insurance regulations. Maine would have lost all federal funds for unemployment insurance and employer tax credits if this bill were enacted.