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**BILL SUMMARIES
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AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PUBLIC XXX | <i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i> |
| P&S XXX | <i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i> |
| RESOLVE XXX | <i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i> |
| CON RES XXX | <i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i> |
| EMERGENCY | <i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i> |
| CARRIED OVER | <i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i> |
| FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT | <i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i> |
| ONTP | <i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i> |
| LVWD | <i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i> |
| INDEF PP | <i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i> |
| DIED BETWEEN BODIES | <i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i> |
| VETO SUSTAINED | <i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i> |
| UNSIGNED | <i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i> |
| DIED ON ADJOURNMENT | <i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i> |

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 1384 An Act to Protect the Integrity and Enforceability of Collective Bargaining Agreements

CARRIED OVER

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| RUHLIN RAND ESTY ESTES | | |

SUMMARY

This bill required both the public employer and the bargaining agent to comply with all contract provisions resulting from a collective bargaining agreement for the duration of the agreement unless the Maine Labor Relations Board first determined that the negotiation of such provisions was materially affected by a violation of the bargaining laws.

LD 1401 An Act to Base Workers' Compensation Insurance Surcharge on Preventable Injuries

ONTP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CONLEY RAND BUSTIN | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

This bill added a premium surcharge category of 2.0 or greater to the formula for the Workers' Compensation Accident Prevention Account. In determining loss surcharges, it required that preventable injuries be counted double and nonpreventable injuries be discounted by half.

LD 1418 An Act to Increase the Interest Paid on Workers' Compensation Awards

ONTP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MCHENRY MITCHELL E PINEAU ESTY | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

This bill raised the rate of interest on workers' compensation awards from 6% to 15% per year for the time between the filing of the petition and the award, not counting any period of a continuance of greater than 30 days requested by the prevailing party. For the time period from the date of the decree to the date of payment, the interest rate was increased from 10% to 30% per year.