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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 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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

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

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Joint Standing Committee on Labor

LD 45 **An Act to Require Recovery of Unemployment Benefit Overpayments** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
DEXTER

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that if a decision on a claimant's unemployment benefit is overruled or an error is corrected, the claimant must return the overpayment to the Bureau of Employment Security. The bill would have removed the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission's discretion to waive recovery of the overpayment.

LD 69 **An Act to Amend the Dislocated Worker Benefits Program** PUBLIC 3
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
CARPENTER

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-13 HANDY

SUMMARY

This bill allows for a temporary continuation of the Dislocated Worker Benefits Program until June 30, 1993. Without this bill current law would require the program to end on January 2, 1993 and not be effective for the remainder of 1993 because of declining reserves in the State's Unemployment Compensation Fund. The Senate Amendment (S-13) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 86 **An Act to Encourage Municipal and County Officials to Be in Contract Negotiations** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
KUTASI

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided that under the municipal public employee labor relations laws the arbitrator's determinations on both financial and nonfinancial controversies are binding on both parties. Under current law the arbitrator's decision is only advisory on controversies over salaries, pensions and insurance.

LD 160 **An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act As It Pertains to Officers' Immunity** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
CARLETON

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided that the immunity extended to employers under the Workers' Compensation Act continues regardless of the capacity under which the employer is acting at the time of the employee's injury. The change would have been retroactive to July 11, 1992, the date of the Law Court's decision in LaBelle v. Crepeau, 593 A.2d 653 (Me. 1991).