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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

CARRIED OVER

ONTP

ENACTMENT FAILED

INDEF PP

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Bill carried over to Second Session

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill failed to get majority vote

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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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LD 164 An Act to Amend the Child Labor Laws

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SPONSOR(S)
FARREN

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that the agricultural exemption from certain provisions of the child labor laws includes employment in the initial processing of farm crops as long as the work is not in direct contact with hazardous machinery or hazardous substances. The new language is consistent with the United States Department of Labor's interpretation of the agricultural exemption under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 United States Code, Sections 201 to 219.

This provision was incorporated into LD 1108.

LD 193 An Act to Ensure Continued Support for Dislocated Workers in Retraining Programs

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
DUTREMBLE D
HANDY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have repealed the provisions that would cause the dislocated worker benefit program to sunset.

The sunset date for the dislocated worker benefit program was extended in LD 978.

LD 203 An Act to Provide Wage Equity for Teenage Laborers

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
PINEAU
HANDY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have repealed the provision of law that allows employers to pay individuals under 19 years of age only 85% of the minimum wage.

This provision was incorporated into LD 1108.

LD 217 An Act to Amend the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Laws

PUBLIC 38

SPONSOR(S)
MORRISON

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-38 RUHLIN

SUMMARY

This bill makes certain technical corrections and a change in a cross reference so that the Maine Labor Relations Board is not required to make a legal determination on the appropriateness of a bargaining unit prior to holding an election for a merger of bargaining units with the same public employer. The House Amendment (H-38) adds a fiscal note to the bill.