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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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 &amp; 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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**LD 164 An Act to Amend the Child Labor Laws**

ONTP

**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.