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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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&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 219**      **An Act to Require Health Insurance for Laborers on Public Works Projects**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
COFFMAN                              ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required contractors to provide health insurance for laborers on all public works projects.

**LD 229**      **An Act to Clarify an Exemption in the Laws Governing Unemployment Compensation**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
KUTASI                                  ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have added the requirement that a claimant for unemployment compensation must be married and living with the claimant's spouse if the claimant left work to follow the claimant's spouse to a new residence.

**LD 235**      **An Act to Conform Maine Law Related to Commission Salespersons with Federal Law**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
RUHLIN                                  ONTP                      MAJ  
HANDY                                  OTP-AM                      MIN

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have amended the definition of commissioned salespersons presently exempt from the minimum wage law to include those salespersons exempt from the overtime requirements under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

The minority report of the committee would have amended the bill to provide an exemption from the overtime pay provision for commissioned salespersons if at least half of the person's compensation is from commissions and the salesperson's regular rate of pay is at least 1 1/2 times the state minimum wage.

**LD 301**      **An Act to Establish the Definition of Week for Purposes of Unemployment Compensation**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
AHEARNE                              ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have changed the definition of week in the Employment Security Law so that benefits would be determined on the basis of the standard workweek of a claimant's last employment. If there were no such standard week to refer to, the definition of week established by the Unemployment Insurance Commission would apply.