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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:

<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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LD 667 An Act Restoring the Right to Sue to Workers Injured Due to Gross Negligence

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
COFFMAN

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have restored to the injured employee the right to sue the employer for damages if the injury is due to the gross negligence or illegal act of the employer. Any recovery would be in addition to that available to the employee under the Workers' Compensation Act.

LD 676 An Act to Limit Attorney's Fees in Workers' Compensation Cases

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
HANLEY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have adjusted downward the percentages allowed as attorney's fees of the lump-sum settlement award after deduction of the expenses incurred on the employee's behalf under the workers' compensation laws.

LD 683 An Act to Establish a Full Employment Program as a Pilot Project in Certain Counties of the State

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

SPONSOR(S)
HANLEY

COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have directed the Department of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Human Services, to create the Full Employment Program for residents of Oxford County. The program would remove citizens voluntarily from the AFDC program, the food stamp program and the unemployment compensation system and provide them with a job in either the public or private sector. The bill directed the Commissioner of Labor to submit an implementation plan by January 15, 1994.

The majority report of the committee (S-204) amended the bill to clarify that the bill would not directly establish the pilot program but would require the Department of Labor to develop implementing legislation to be submitted to the Legislature by March 1, 1994. It also moved the responsibility for seeking federal waivers from the Legislature to the appropriate Executive Department, changed the location of the pilot program from Oxford County to a county selected by the Department of Labor, and provided that the pilot program may not be inconsistent with any welfare reform legislation passed.