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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. The summaries are arranged alphabetically, and indexed separately by committee.

<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	(Committee Report) <u>DISPOSITION</u>
2100	AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE NEUTRAL PROCESSES IN MAINE'S LABOR RELATIONS LAWS	Gauvreau Carpenter	LV/WD

SUMMARY: Section 1 of the bill, which was intended by the sponsor to apply only to the State Act, not the Municipal Act, changes procedures for appointing a fact-finding panel. Section 2 adds standards to the Municipal Act to guide arbitrators, just as the State and University Act already contain. Section 3 allows a direct appeal from a M.L.R.B. decision to the Law Court when the appeal is based solely on issues of law. Section 4 amends the State Act so that fact-finding panels are appointed using the same procedures as provided in the Municipal Act.

2175	AN ACT TO CREATE THE JUDICIAL EMPLOYEES LABOR RELATIONS ACT	Study bill	NO COMM. RPTS. PL 1983, C. 702
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SUMMARY: LD 2175, as amended by House Amendment "A", extends collective bargaining rights to employees of the judicial branch. At the time the law becomes effective, the Supreme Judicial Court will issue an order also extending these rights. This cooperative approach resulted from the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Collective Bargaining for Judicial Department Employees which was established by the Legislature in the 1st Session and appointed by the Court. The legislation is patterned largely on the existing State and Municipal Acts with certain changes designed to recognize constitutional differences between the executive and judicial branches of government.

2190	AN ACT TO AMEND THE EARLY PAYMENT PROVISION OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT WITH RESPECT TO PAYMENTS FOR IMPAIRMENT AND MEDICALS-ONLY CLAIMS	Martin, J. Beaulieu Joseph Dutremble	OTP-A PL 1983, C. 682 (EMERG.)
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SUMMARY: LD 2190, later amended by Committee Amendment "A", was submitted on the request of the Chairman of the workers' Compensation Commission. The law removes compensation for impairment and medical expenses from the 14-day time limits of the new early-pay system. It establishes a 90-day initial decision-making period within which the insurer must decide to pay or controvert. This allows more time to obtain the medical reports which are needed to make decisions in these cases. The 14-day period remains in effect for other claims, including incapacity claims.

2196	AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAINE LABOR RELATIONS LAW	Beaulieu	LV/WD
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SUMMARY: The Maine Labor Relations Act extends collective bargaining rights and procedures to private sector employees working for employers not covered by the National Labor Relations Act.