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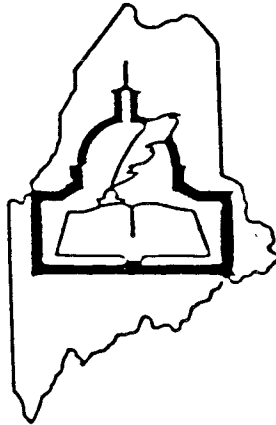
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BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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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 First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 862 AN ACT RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PRIEST

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have allowed seasonal workers with at least \$400 in nonseasonal base period earnings to be treated as regular unemployment claimants without seasonal earnings for the purpose of calculating both the weekly benefit amount and maximum benefit amounts.

LD: 863 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE STATUS OF NEWSPAPER CARRIERS UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACT JOSEPH DUTREMBLE DIAMOND J BRANNIGAN PUBLIC CH # 74

OTP HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

SUMMARY:

The bill exempts the delivery and distribution of periodicals to the ultimate consumer by a person who is paid on a commission basis from the definition of employment for the purposes of the Unemployment Compensation Act. This results in an unemployment tax exemption for the newspaper and periodical dealers who hire these people and makes the persons performing these services ineligible to receive unemployment benefits.

LD: 864 AN ACT TO ASSIST WORKERS' DISPLACED FROM EMPLOYMENT BY IMPORTS CONNOLLY TUTTLE DUTREMBLE MARTIN J PUBLIC CH # 346

OTP-AM HOUSE Emerg. Enacted
SENATE Emerg. Enacted
GOV EMER SIGNED

H-271 CA H S

SUMMARY:

The original bill would have enacted several State provisions as an adjunct to the Federal Trade Act of 1974. It required the State to establish procedures for making Trade Act applications, to determine the impact of foreign imports in layoffs, to notify all affected workers of Trade Act opportunities, to formulate reemployment plans and provide other services for eligible workers, and to transfer money annually from the Special Administrative Expense Fund into a special account for providing training and support services to eligible workers. The bill was replaced by Committee amendment H-271 which directed the Commissioner of Labor to adopt rules implementing the provisions of the Trade Act and provided for the use of funds from the Special

Administrative Expense Fund to pay the expense of administering the program. The amendment requires all money over \$100,000 in that account on June 30, 1985 to be placed in a Displaced Workers Fund to provide training and support services for dislocated workers. This is a one-time financing arrangement; in future years this excess will once again continue to be paid into the Unemployment Compensation Fund. The commissioner is required to report back to the Legislature on January 1, 1986 on the use of the money and if there is a need for additional future funding.

LD: 866 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE NONNEGOTIABILITY OF EDUCATIONAL POLICIES HANDY CLARK H

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have made the educational policies of a public school a subject of collective bargaining.

LD: 942 AN ACT TO AMEND THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT TO PERMIT A MEMBER IN GOOD FAITH OF AN EMPLOYEE'S HOUSEHOLD TO COLLECT DEATH BENEFITS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS TWITCHELL JACKSON

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill would have allowed a good faith member of a deceased employee's household to collect death benefits under the Workers' Compensation Act if the claim had been filed before January 1, 1981, the claimant was a member of the household for more than one year, and no other death benefits had been paid under the Workers' Compensation Act because of that employee's death.

LD: 948 AN ACT TO CREATE A CANCER PRESUMPTION FOR FIREFIGHTERS IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW BEAULIEU

HOUSE Ref'd to Committee
SENATE Ref'd to Committee
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill established a rebuttable presumption under the Workers' Compensation Act that any cancer suffered by a firefighter who could prove that he had been exposed to carcinogenic substances in the line of duty was occupationally-related. Held over for the Second Regular Session.