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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
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BILL SUMMARY



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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:

949

AN ACT TO REFORM THE CURRENT SPENDABLE  
EARNINGS PROGRAM WITHIN THE WORKERS'S  
COMPENSATION LAWS

STETSON  
RIDLEY

ONTP                   HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
                          SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
                          GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 949 would have required benefits under the Workers' Compensation Act to be paid at the lower of 2/3 of the injured worker's average gross weekly pay or 80% of his after-tax earnings. The bill also reduced the maximum benefit level to 100% of the state average weekly wage.

LD:

950

AN ACT CONCERNING AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES  
UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

WHITCOMB  
BLACK  
TARDY  
WILLEY

ONTP                   HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
                          SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
                          GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 950 would have limited the calculation of an employee's average weekly wages to only those wages earned on the job at which he was injured; wages earned from a 2nd employer would not be included. This would have limited his workers' compensation benefits to 2/3 of his average weekly wages at only the job on which he was injured.

LD:

962

AN ACT TO PROVIDE RETRAINING OPPORTUNITIES  
TO PERSONS WHOSE EMPLOYMENT TERMINATES AS A  
RESULT OF A PLANT CLOSING

TUTTLE

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

SUMMARY:

This bill would have created a Retraining Assistance Fund to be used for the retraining of workers displaced from employment because of a plant closing. The fund was to be financed by contributions from employers terminating or relocating an establishment covered by the Act.