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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, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

payment of workers' compensation benefits by making the employer/insurer liable for certain damages suffered by an employee as a result of a delay in workers' compensation proceedings. If an employee was not paid within one week of the informal conference, and he later recovered benefits, the employer would have to reimburse the employee for any housing or personal possessions repossessed or insurance coverage lost on account of the delay in receiving benefits. The bill received a unanimous ought not to pass report in return for the passage of a resolve directing the Workers' Compensation Commission to study the causes of delay within the system. See L.D. 2309.

LD 2098 AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID AND OTHER SERVICES ND LD 2274
AND PAYMENTS PENDING HEARING AND DECISIONS
UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

Sponsor: MARTIN J
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT

SUMMARY: See new draft, L.D. 2274.

LD 2099 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PROMPT PAYMENT OF MEDICAL ONTP
BILLS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

Sponsor: HIGGINS H, Michaud
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: L.D. 2099 changed the time period within which an employer is required to pay compensation for medical expenses under the Workers' Compensation Act from 90 days to 30 days.

LD 2122 AN ACT TO IMPROVE RETRAINING OPPORTUNITIES PL 1985
FOR DISLOCATED WORKERS c. 591

Sponsor: MARTIN J, Tammaro, Pray, Dutremble
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2017

H-561 HA

SUMMARY: L.D. 2017 extended the maximum length of time in which a person could draw unemployment benefits for up to 26 additional weeks as long as that person was in an approved training program; these benefits would not be paid if the person were eligible for similar federally-funded benefits.