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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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

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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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

The Committee Amendment (H-22) also authorized an additional position of supervisor of employee assistants and added an appropriation to the bill.

The Senate Amendment (S-10) made a technical correction to the appropriation.

LD 300 AN ACT RELATING TO INTEREST ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION AWARDS LVWD

Sponsor: DORE, Joseph,
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 300 proposed to require interest to be paid on workers' compensation awards, however, present law already provides for the payment of interest.

LD 305 AN ACT RELATING TO TRIAL WORK PERIODS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT LVWD

Sponsor: WILLEY,
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 305 proposed to modify the law governing trial work periods under the workers' compensation law. Benefits and compensation are normally suspended while an employee is working during a trial work period. LD 305 proposed to continue that suspension, even if the employee stopped participating in the trial work period, until he filed a petition with the Commission explaining his decision to stop participation in the trial work period.

LD 318 AN ACT RELATING TO THE REVIEW OF BENEFITS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT ONTP

Sponsor: TWITCHELL,
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: LD 318 proposed to revise the workers' compensation law regarding petitions for review. It amended present law to eliminate the existing requirement that an injured employee's physical condition change before additional petitions for review may be filed and allowed current economic circumstances to be considered in the award of benefits. The bill also permitted an employer to stop paying benefits pending a hearing if he obtained a medical opinion that the employee was able to resume work.