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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

LD 513 AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL EVIDENCE AND COSTS ONTP
IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASES

Sponsor: PRAY, Dutremble, Conley, Martin
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: LD 513 proposed to grant a workers' compensation commissioner authority to award the costs of bringing a workers' compensation claim to an employee (i.e. paid by the employer) if the action was brought or defended in good faith and upon reasonable grounds and if the costs were necessary to the proper and expeditious disposition of the case.

LD 532 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF SPENDABLE ONTP
EARNINGS AS A BASIS FOR CALCULATING WORKERS'
COMPENSATION BENEFITS

Sponsor: HIGGINS, Willey, Begley,
Committee Report: ONTP (Majority)
OTP-A (Minority)

SUMMARY: LD 532 proposed to calculate workers' compensation benefits as 80% of a worker's take-home pay (after subtracting state and federal income taxes and social security taxes) rather than his gross pay if that calculation would result in a lower payment than the existing calculation of 2/3 of a worker's gross pay.

The Committee Amendment to the Minority Report added a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 541 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF INJURY ND LD 1668
UNDER THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION ACT

Sponsor: BEGLEY, Collins, Zirnkilton
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1668

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1668.