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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 631 AN ACT RELATING TO NOTICE OF INJURY FOR PURPOSES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE CLAIMS ONTP

Sponsor: GAUVREAU, Greenlaw, Andrews  
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: LD 631 proposed to amend the requirement in the Workers' Compensation law that an injured worker must notify his employer of the injury within 30 days of its occurrence or his claim will be barred. The bill added an exception so that if the employee gave notice after 30 days and the employer was not prejudiced by the delay in defending the claim, the claim would not be barred.

LD 650 AN ACT TO PROVIDE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION DURING EMPLOYER INITIATED LOCKOUTS, UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE STRIKES AND TO DISPLACED ECONOMIC STRIKERS ND LD 1355

Sponsor: MICHAUD, Priest, Clark H, Usher  
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT (Majority) LD 1355  
ONTP (Minority)

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1355.

LD 669 AN ACT CONCERNING OCCUPATIONAL HEARING LOSS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT ONTP

Sponsor: PRIEST, Warren, Michaud, Usher  
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: LD 669 proposed to repeal and replace the existing provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act regarding occupational hearing loss. Major changes included in the bill included making the loss of hearing at the 3,000 Hz level compensable, lowering the compensability standard for hearing loss to 20 decibels, creating a standard scale for deducting hearing loss due to old age (presbycusis), holding an employer liable for all hearing loss by an individual if his employment contributed to the loss in any part and allowing recovery for tinnitus (ringing in the ears).