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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.

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

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 AN ACT RELATING TO NOTICES OF CONTROVERSY UNDER ONTP  
704 THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

Sponsor: GAUVREAU, Begley, Zirnkilton, Rand  
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: LD 704 proposed to allow an employer to request a commissioner to order an extension of time, up to 90 days, in which to file a notice of controversy after a worker files a claim for workers' compensation benefits. The bill also included exceptions for an employer's failure to file f due to fraud, excusable neglect or upon discovery of new evidence.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR ONTP  
707 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Sponsor: BAKER, Handy, Rand  
Committee Report: ONTP (Majority)  
OTP-A (Minority)

SUMMARY: LD 707 proposed to make substitute teachers in public schools eligible for membership in collective bargaining units under the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Act if they had received an assurance of continuing employment sufficient to disqualify them from receiving unemployment compensation.

The Committee Amendment to the Minority Report clarified references to school districts to ensure that municipal districts were included as well as school administrative districts and deleted the requirement that the substitute teacher receive an assurance of continued employment.

LD AN ACT TO RECONCILE STATE LAW WITH FEDERAL LAW PL 1987  
725 REGULATING THE CONTINUATION OF GROUP HEALTH c. 25  
INSURANCE COVERAGE

Sponsor: RUHLIN, Willey  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 69

SUMMARY: The original bill, LD 69, proposed to repeal the state law governing an employee's right to continue group health coverage at his own expense after a temporary layoff or loss of his job due to a workers' compensation injury.

The new draft, LD 725, proposed to amend the existing law so that it would apply only to those employers who are not subject to the Federal law governing the continuation of group health coverage (i.e. those employers with 20 or