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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

fewer employees). The bill also increased the allowable charge for continuing group health coverage from 100% to 102% of the employer's costs to match the Federal law and to cover added administrative expenses.

LD AN ACT TO EXEMPT PRISONERS FROM THE PROVISIONS PL 1987
726 OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT c. 210

Sponsor: HEPBURN, Paradis P, Joseph
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 222
Amendments Adopted:
S-71 DUTREMBLE

SUMMARY: LD 222, the original bill, proposed to exclude any prisoner within a state correctional facility or a convicted offender who is ordered to perform restitutionary work by a court from coverage under the workers' compensation system. This would prevent any possible workers' compensation claims by a prisoner who was injured while working in that position.

The New Draft, LD 726, both extended and limited the original bill. It limited the scope of the bill by deleting any reference to persons ordered by a court to perform restitutionary work. It extended the original provisions by also preventing prisoners in a county jail who perform work in the jail from filing workers' compensation claims for a work-related injury.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-71) redrafted the bill to clarify that all prisoners in a state prison or county jail are excluded from the workers' compensation system except that prisoners in a county jail who are sentenced for 72 hours or less (commonly OUI offenders) and who are assigned work outside of the jail and prisoners on a work release program may be covered by workers' compensation if they meet the usual requirements of an employee.

LD AN ACT TO EXTEND MEDICAL BENEFITS TO LVWD
728 PERMANENTLY LAID-OFF EMPLOYEES

Sponsor: PRAY, Dutremble, Willey, Rand
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 728 proposed to amend the law requiring employers to allow employees to continue group health insurance plans at their own expense if they were temporarily laid-off or out on workers' compensation so that it would apply to any terminated employee, whether on temporary lay-off or otherwise, and extended the time period for which the insurance could be extended to 18 months.