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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 TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF SEASONAL  
1051 UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW

PL 1987  
c. 131

Sponsor: CLARK, Gould R. A, Salsbury, Pray  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: LD 1051 amends the definition of a seasonal employer under the employment security laws by including a variety store or trading post that is customarily operated for less than 26 weeks out of the year.

**LD** AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATORY WORKFARE PARTICIPANTS  
**1070**

PL 1987  
c. 67

Sponsor: WARREN, Swazey, Nadeau G R, Andrews  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 118

SUMMARY: The original bill, LD 118, proposed to include persons who perform work for municipalities under a "workfare" system within the definition of "employee" in the Workers' Compensation Act. This would bring these persons within the coverage of the Act.

The New Draft, LD 1070, did not bring workfare recipients under the Workers' Compensation Act but simply prevented municipalities from attempting to recover any general assistance, including medical or rehabilitative expenses, that the municipality pays to or for the workfare recipient and which is made necessary because of an injury suffered by the recipient while working for the town under a workfare program. The injured individual would retain his or her right to sue the town for negligence within the restrictions of the Maine Tort Claims Act.

LD AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM BENEFITS UNDER  
1113 THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

ONTP

Sponsor: BAKER,  
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: LD 1113 proposed to increase the maximum weekly benefit payable under the Workers' Compensation Act to 200% of the state average weekly wage.