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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 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE
1170

VETO
SUSTAINED

Sponsor: CONNOLLY, Martin, Pray, Dutremble
Committee Report: OTP (Majority)
ONTP (Minority)

Amendments Adopted:
S-115 DUTREMBLE

SUMMARY: LD 1170 proposed to increase the minimum wage to \$3.95/hour by 10 cent increases in each year for 3 years, beginning January 1, 1988. The bill also provided that if the federal minimum wage should rise above Maine's, the state minimum wage would increase to the same level as the federal, but not over \$5/hour.

The Senate Amendment (S-115) increased the "tipping credit" for service employees to prevent the minimum tipping wage from increasing as the minimum wage increased. The amendment also added an appropriation section.

LD AN ACT TO FULLY COMPENSATE INJURED WORKERS AND
1195 THEIR FAMILIES FOR LOSSES SUFFERED BECAUSE OF
DELAYS IN PAYING CLAIMS

ND LD 1695

Sponsor: MCHENRY, Paradis P, Andrews
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1695

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1695.

LD AN ACT TO ASSURE PROPER NOTICE OF WORKERS'
1271 COMPENSATION CLAIMS

PL 1987
c. 103

Sponsor: COLLINS, Zirnkilton
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 165
Amendments Adopted:
H-73 MCHENRY

SUMMARY: The original bill, LD 165, proposed to amend the current requirement that an employee must notify his employer of a work-related injury within 30 days of its occurrence by requiring that notice to be given in writing. The bill also added a requirement that self-employed individuals must give notice of an injury to their insurer and repealed the provision that obviated the need for notice if the employer had actual knowledge of the injury.

The new draft, LD 1271, eliminated all of the bill's provisions except for the requirement that a self-employed individual notify his insurer of an injury.

House Amendment "A" (H-73) clarified that notice may also be given to the insurance carrier's agent or agency with whom the individual normally does business.

LD AN ACT PROVIDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS LVWD
1312 TO LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES

Sponsor: TUTTLE, McHenry, Andrews
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 1312 proposed to extend the State Employees Labor Relations Act to cover legislative employees. The Legislative Council would act as bargaining agent for the Legislature. All legislative employees would be eligible for collective bargaining except for legislators themselves, persons appointed by the Governor or the Legislature, any person with a confidential relationship related to collective bargaining matters with the Legislative Council, temporary or on-call employees and persons employed for less than 30 days.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO SUBCONTRACTORS UNDER THE ND LD 1844
1329 WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

Sponsor: MANNING, Simpson, Curran, Rydell
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1844

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1844.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION VETO
1355 DURING EMPLOYER-INITIATED LOCKOUTS SUSTAINED

Sponsor: MICHAUD, Priest, Clark H, Usher
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 650

SUMMARY: The original bill, LD 650, proposed to authorize unemployment compensation to be paid to employees who are out of work due to a labor dispute unless their unemployment is due to an economic strike over wages or benefits.

The New Draft, LD 1355, limited the expansion of unemployment compensation eligibility to those employees who were locked out of their job. If an employee was willing to continue working under an expired contract and his employer took the step of locking him out, that employee would be eligible for unemployment benefits.