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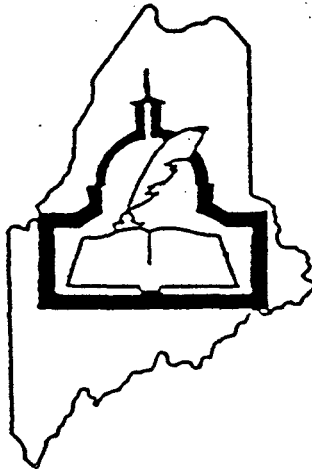
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR

**LD An Act to Reduce the Potential for Violence during Labor
1902 Disputes**

**PUBLIC
558
EMERGENCY**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>	
KANY	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-424	DIAMOND
ERWIN E	ONTP	MIN	S-298	MAJ REP
PRAY				
PRIEST				

SUMMARY

LD 1902 proposed to prevent employers involved in a labor dispute from receiving job applicants at any work site involved in the labor dispute. Those employers may conduct hiring activities at a site located away from the worksite. It also prohibited the possession of dangerous weapons at any location where hiring procedures were being undertaken and prevented public law enforcement officers from wearing their uniform or badge except when on active duty.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-298) rewrote the LD and made the following changes.

1. It requires the employer to give 10 days' notice of off-site hiring activities to the local law enforcement agencies.
2. It prohibits any picketing or protesting within 200 feet of any off-site hiring location by employees involved in the labor dispute.
3. It limits the prohibition on local law enforcement officers wearing their official uniforms so that it applies only within the area of the labor dispute.

House Amendment "A" (H-424) strips the emergency from the LD.

**LD An Act to Reform the Maine Workers' Compensation Act to ND 1928
1918 Assure Coverage for Maine Workers**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>	
COLLINS	OTP-ND	MAJ		
WILLEY	ONTP	MIN		

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 1928

LD 1918 was the Governor's workers' compensation reform bill; it emerged from committee as a new draft -- LD 1928. The original bill proposed many major changes in the workers' compensation system, including the following:

1. Creation of a fee schedule for medical services;

2. Reducing the maximum benefit to 133 1/3% of the state average weekly wage;
3. Limiting permanent incapacity benefits to injured workers who suffered more than 75% permanent impairment;
4. Eliminating the cost-of-living adjustment for partial incapacity benefits and setting a durational limit upon their receipt which varied according to the degree of the injured worker's permanent impairment;
5. Establishing a "whole-body" permanent impairment rating system and requiring a set-off of permanent impairment benefits from incapacity benefits; and
6. Creating an independent medical examiner system.

LD An Act to Encourage Prompt and Peaceful Settlements of VETO
1919 Labor Disputes SUSTAINED

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
JOSEPH	OTP	MAJ	H-435 GWADOSKY
MARTIN J PRAY DUTREMBLE D		MIN	H-436 PRIEST

SUMMARY
 See Second Regular Session.

LD An Act to Reform the Maine Workers' Compensation Act to INDEF PP
1928 Assure Coverage for Maine Workers

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
COLLINS WILLEY			

SUMMARY
 New Draft Of LD 1918

LD 1928 was the new draft of LD 1918, the Governor's workers' compensation reform bill. The substance of the LD was included as Senate Amendment "A" to LD 1929 -- the workers' compensation insurance reform bill. The LD included many changes to the workers' compensation system, including the following:

1. It gave the Maine Human Rights Commission jurisdiction to hear complaints of discrimination in hiring because of a previous workers' compensation claim;
2. Required the Workers' Compensation Commission to adopt a medical services fee schedule by rule;
3. Froze the maximum weekly benefit for one additional year until July 1, 1989;