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**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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Lorette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD An Act to Ensure Family Medical Leave in the State
1984

ND 2534

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CLARK M	OTP-ND	MAJ	
MARTIN J	ONTP	MIN	
CLARK N			
ZIRNKILTON			

SUMMARY
Replaced By LD 2534

LD An Act to Include Certain Prisoners within the Provisions of ND 2525
2038 the Workers' Compensation Act

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN	OTP-ND		
THISTLE			
GILL			
GREENLAW			

SUMMARY
Replaced By LD 2525

LD An Act to Establish the Strategic Training for Accelerated ND 2494
2039 Reemployment Program

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
COLLINS	OTP-ND	MAJ	
DUTREMBLE D	ONTP	MIN	
HEPBURN			
TAMMARO			

SUMMARY
Replaced By LD 2494

LD An Act to Protect Workers from Unreasonable Exposure to LV/WD
2074 Toxic Substances in the Workplace

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
JOSEPH	LV/WD		
PRAY			
MICHAUD			
KANY			

SUMMARY
This bill proposed to allow employees unreasonably exposed to a toxic substance in the workplace to sue for damages outside the workers'

compensation system. The burden of proof would be borne by the employee and there would be a 2-year statute of limitation. The bill was withdrawn by the sponsor to further refine this approach.

LD An Act to Promote Safety in the Workplace
2083

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
JOSEPH MARTIN J PRAY ANDREWS	LV/WD		

SUMMARY

LD 2083, a companion bill to LD 2074, proposed to allow employees to sue an employer for the removal of warnings, guards or safety devices in the workplace. This bill was withdrawn by the sponsor.

LD An Act to Increase Work Incentive in the Unemployment
2105 Insurance Partial Benefit Structure

ND 2517

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
RYDELL COLLINS JOSEPH RAND	OTP-ND		

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2517

LD An Act to Prohibit Strikebreaking Activity
2124

ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill embodies the Governor's proposal for prohibiting strikebreakers. It prohibits contracts with businesses whose primary business activity in the State is strikebreaking, however, primary business activity was not defined. The bill received a divided report out of committee and did not pass in the House. See also LD 2531.