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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 Provide Retraining Opportunities to Workers who **LV/WD**
2127 have been Replaced During a Labor Dispute

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
COLLINS	LV/WD		
HEPBURN			
BICKFORD			

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to revise the definition of dislocated workers and thus their eligibility for benefits. A fiscal note of \$300,000 and \$175,000 for 1988 and 1989 respectively would have been attached to the bill. Current law provides the same benefits as proposed in this bill so it was withdrawn. The fiscal note was attached to LD 2163.

LD An Act to Improve Retraining Opportunities for Dislocated **PUBLIC**
2163 Workers **570**
EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MARTIN J	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-446 MAJ REP
PRAY	ONTP	MIN	H-447 MCHENRY
COLLINS			
WILLEY			

SUMMARY

LD 2163 corrected several administrative problems in the dislocated workers benefit program. It also extended the sunset date. A committee amendment (H-446) removed the stipulation that a participant "be actively participating" in a program in favor of simpler language and attached a fiscal note. A House amendment (H-447) attached an emergency preamble to the bill.

LD An Act to Extend Unemployment Benefits Under Certain **LV/WD**
2194 Economic Conditions

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
TRACY	LV/WD		
KANY			
ERWIN E			
NUTTING			

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to extend unemployment compensation benefits an additional 26 weeks for individuals involved in a labor dispute or a mass layoff. As written, the bill included only employees of businesses with more than 100 workers or 2% of Maine's work force. It also would not apply to nonunion workers. A fiscal note of over \$9 million would have been attached to the bill. The sponsor withdrew the bill in light of the passage of LD 2163.