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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.

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bill would have increased the money a part time employee receiving unemployment compensation would be allowed to keep under a formula contained in the bill. The new draft allows partial benefit recipients to keep \$25 of their earnings before their weekly benefits are docked. LD 2517 also requires the department to provide data related to this change and a report to the Labor Committee.

LD 2525 An Act to Include Certain Prisoners Within the Provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act PUBLIC 654

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

SUMMARY
New Draft Of LD 2038

The Department of Corrections would like to participate in an on-site prison work program developed by the federal government. In order to participate, a prisoner must be eligible for workers' compensation. Under current Maine law, a prisoner is not eligible for workers' compensation benefits while imprisoned. The original bill proposed to make prisoners employed by a private employer eligible for workers' compensation. The new bill clarifies the exemption and adds an application section so that these changes only apply to injuries after this bill goes into effect.

LD 2531 An Act To Promote the Prompt and Peaceful Settlement of Labor Disputes VETO SUSTAINED

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DUTREMBLE D	OTP-MAJ	H-777 MCHENRY
MCHENRY	ONTP-MIN	
TAMMARO		
ERWIN E		

SUMMARY
ND Maj Rpt of 2255

LD 2255 proposed to prohibit the hiring of professional strikebreakers. Professional strikebreakers were defined as persons or businesses that "customarily and repeatedly" offer their services as strikebreakers. The customarily and repeatedly standard is used in the current statutes prohibiting strikebreakers.

The new draft, LD 2531, defined professional strikebreaking activity as contracting to do work normally assigned to persons involved in a labor dispute on at least three previous occasions. The bill received a divided report in committee, passed both the House and Senate, but was vetoed by the Governor. The veto was sustained.