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ON  
LABOR**

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Labor

LD 3      An Act to Clarify Eligibility for the STAR Program

PUBLIC 2  
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

MCKEEN  
JOSEPH  
CARTER  
MATTHEWS

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 3 made unemployed or displaced railroad workers eligible for participation in the STAR job training program.

**LD 74**      An Act to Provide Rest Breaks for Certain Persons Exempted  
from the Minimum Wage Law

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

JOSEPH  
KANY

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 74 proposed to include taxi drivers within the requirements of the rest break law.

LD 105      An Act to Permit the Reopening of Certain Workers'  
Compensation Cases

PUBLIC 294

SPONSOR(S)

HANLEY  
REED  
ESTY  
WHITMORE

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-270

SUMMARY

LD 105 proposed to authorize the reopening of workers' compensation cases where fraud had occurred in the original award of benefits.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-270) restricted the reopening of cases due to fraud by requiring a petition alleging fraud to be filed within one year of the initial award of benefits and further required a showing of due diligence by the petitioner. The amendment also provided that the LD would apply only to injuries occurring on or after the LD's effective date.