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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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.

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

**LD 798 An Act to Include Salaries, Pensions and Insurance for
Binding Arbitration under the Municipal Public Employees
Labor Relations Law**

ONTP-MIN REP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN	OTP-AM MAJ	
MATTHEWS	ONTP MIN	
MCHENRY		
DORE		

SUMMARY

LD 798 proposed to allow the use of binding arbitration in disputes over salaries, pensions and insurance under the Municipal Employees Labor Relation Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-253) replaced the LD and added the use of a system of "issue-by-issue last best offer" arbitration in resolving disputes between municipal employers and their employees.

**LD 806 An Act Relating to Vocational Rehabilitation under the
Workers' Compensation Act**

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN	LV/WD	
MARTIN J		
MCHENRY		

SUMMARY

LD 806 proposed to repeal the present workers' compensation rehabilitation law and enact the law currently in effect in Connecticut. Under that system, rehabilitation services are paid for from a fund established by a 2% assessment on insurers and self-insured employers in the state. The workers' compensation rehabilitation office would perform many rehabilitation services for injured employees through its own staff of rehabilitation providers.

**LD 818 An Act to Define the Compensation Period for Injuries
Resulting in Partial Incapacity under the Workers'
Compensation Act**

ONTP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
EMERSON	ONTP	

SUMMARY

LD 818 proposed to limit the maximum healing period allowed for partial incapacity under the Workers' Compensation Act to 80 weeks.