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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.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 879 proposed to require the State to provide training in the use of self-contained breathing apparatus to those state employees who were required to use that equipment in their job.

**LD 895 An Act to Ensure Proper Payment of Fringe Benefit
Contributions for Construction Workers**

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 895 proposed to establish a mechanism to enhance the ability of construction workers to collect fringe benefit contributions from contractors who failed to pay those contributions.

**LD 900 An Act Relating to the Reemployment of Injured Workers Under
the Workers' Compensation Act**

PUBLIC 388

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM MAJ
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-193 MAJ REP

SUMMARY

LD 900 proposed to extend the time within which an employer is required to reinstate an injured employee to suitable work from one year to 3 years and also proposed to extend the time within which mandatory retraining may be ordered for an injured employee from 14 months after maximum medical improvement to 48 months.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-193) replaced the bill and extended the time period for reinstatement to suitable employment from one year to 2 years only when the employer has over 250 employees.