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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**



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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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LD 1506

An Act to Provide Stipend Payments under the Workers' Compensation Act to Claimants Whose Cases Are Not Resolved within 2 Years

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
HEPBURN
MARTIN H
HICKEY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1506 proposed to require the payment of benefits to an injured employee whose workers' compensation claim had not been resolved within 2 years.

LD 1513 An Act to Encourage Further Negotiations in Labor Disputes

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
MATTHEWS
ESTY
MCHENRY
RAND

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1513 proposed to prevent an employer from hiring permanent replacement workers during a strike until 6 months after the commencement of the strike.

LD 1521 An Act to Clarify the Definition of Seasonal Workers under the Workers' Compensation Law

PUBLIC 511

SPONSOR(S)
BUSTIN
O'DEA
KETOVER
LUTHER

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-637 MCHENRY
S-293

SUMMARY

LD 1521 proposed to define "seasonal workers" under the Workers' Compensation Act as employees in a "seasonal industry" as that term is defined in the unemployment compensation law.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-293) replaced the LD and simply provided that any employee who normally worked for more than 26 weeks in a calendar year was not a "seasonal worker."

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-637) provided that in addition to the exclusion provided by Committee Amendment "A," the term "seasonal worker" would include agricultural and forest products employees.