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**STATE OF MAINE  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**



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**JULY 1989**

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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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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-206 GWADOSKY

SUMMARY

LD 1550 was a New Draft of LD 371 and proposed to create a commission to study the employment of minors.

**LD 1558 An Act to Clarify the Provisional Payments Provision of the Workers' Compensation Law Regarding Disability and Medical Payments**

**PUBLIC 468**

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM MAJ  
OTP-AM MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
S-314 MAJ REP

SUMMARY

LD 1558 proposed to require insurers and self-employed employers to pay health and disability benefits due to an injured employee whose workers' compensation claim was pending or controverted. Contradictory disclaimer clauses in insurance policies were nullified by the LD and the Workers' Compensation Commission was granted jurisdiction to determine compensability of a claim under any insurance policy.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-314) completely replaced the LD and requires the Superintendent of Insurance to adopt rules to assist injured workers in cases where both the workers' compensation carrier and the health or disability carrier refuse to pay for a claim. The Superintendent will recommend any additional necessary legislation for introduction to the 2nd Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.

**LD 1561 An Act to Create the Lineworker's Safety Act**

**ONTP**

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1561 proposed to create the Lineworkers' Safety Act regulating safety precautions taken by workers with high-voltage electrical lines.

**LD 1577 An Act Concerning Unemployment Benefit Eligibility**

**OTP-ND LD 1753**

SPONSOR(S)  
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COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-ND

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1577 proposed to exempt from the "able and available" requirement of the unemployment laws those employees who had been laid off but placed on a "recall list" by their employer.

See NEW DRAFT/NEW TITLE -- LD 1753.