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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

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1593 proposed to ban employers' use of tape recorders to receive messages from employees that they would be late or absent from work.

**LD 1627 An Act Concerning Protection from Unfair Competition**

**LV/WD**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1627 proposed to expand the scope of the state "Davis-Bacon Act" by including several types of public construction projects within its requirements and by determining "prevailing wage rates" solely by reference to local union wages.

**LD 1630 An Act to Strengthen an Injured Employee's Right to Rehabilitation and to Improve the Workers' Compensation Rehabilitation System (Reported Pursuant to Public Law of 1987, Chapter 779)**

**PUBLIC 580**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-586  
S-380 ESTY

SUMMARY

LD 1630 was introduced as a result of a study conducted by the Rehabilitation Subcommittee and proposed several amendments to the workers' compensation rehabilitation system, including:

1. Authorizing the rehabilitation administrator to order the implementation of rehabilitation plans where an employer/insurer had refused to agree to the plan with the costs of the plan paid from the Employment Rehabilitation Fund;
2. Preventing an employer/insurer from appealing the administrator's decision to implement a plan, but permitting an employee's appeal of a refusal to order implementation;
3. Requiring the employer/insurer to pay twice the plan implementation costs into the Employment Rehabilitation Fund if the employee returned to work;
4. Adopting a system of "macro-management" of the rehabilitation system;
5. Requiring coordination of the rehabilitation system with job training programs offered by the Maine Department of Labor;