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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee  
Bill Summaries**

**June 1990**

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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP  
OTP-ND  
OTP-ND-NT  
OTP-A  
ONTP  
LVWD  
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass  
Ought to Pass in New Draft  
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title  
Ought to Pass as Amended  
Ought Not to Pass  
Leave to Withdraw  
Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, 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 2056**      **An Act to Limit the Effect of Collateral Estoppel on  
Unemployment Insurance Decisions**

**PUBLIC 691**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
REED  
WHITMORE  
PINEAU

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-778

**SUMMARY**

LD 2056 prevents the application of the legal doctrine of collateral estoppel to unemployment insurance decisions in any court or administrative action outside of the unemployment context.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-778) made technical drafting corrections to the bill.

**LD 2184**      **An Act Regarding Written Notice to Employees of Layoff or  
Termination**

**INDEF PP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HUSSEY  
TARDY  
MCHENRY  
RUHLIN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

LD 2184 proposed to require an employer to provide an employee with written notice of the employee's layoff or discharge.

**LD 2220**      **An Act Regarding Attorney's Fees in Workers' Compensation  
Cases**

**LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CONLEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

LD 2220 proposed to clarify the authority of the Workers' Compensation Commission to regulate the fees received by attorneys representing injured employees for representation under the Workers' Compensation Act.

**LD 2230**      **An Act to Clarify the Negotiability of Sabbatical Leave  
Agreements**

**PUBLIC 901**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
OLIVER  
ESTES

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-981

**SUMMARY**

LD 2230 amended the public school teacher sabbatical leave law to allow the terms and conditions of