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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were 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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**LD 911****An Act to Amend the Maximum Number of Benefit Weeks for Partial Disability Under the Workers' Compensation Act****ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
 CONLEY  
 ESTY  
 MCHENRY  
 MCKEEN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
 ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill allowed payment of benefits for partial incapacity for up to 1,000 weeks after maximum medical improvement.

**LD 923****An Act Concerning Unemployment Benefits During Lockouts****VETO SUSTAINED**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
 OTP-AM MAJ  
 ONTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
 H-326 MAJ REP

**SUMMARY**

LD 923 allowed persons unemployed due to an employer-initiated lockout to receive unemployment benefits.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-326) added a fiscal note.

**LD 932****Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Local Public Employee Collective Bargaining****INDEF PP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
 PEARSON  
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 NADEAU  
 ESTY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
 OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
 S-108

**SUMMARY**

LD 932 established the Task Force on Local Public Employee Collective Bargaining to explore methods of impasse resolution in local public employee bargaining.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-108) increased the membership of the task force to include local school officials and teachers and added a requirement that members be appointed to achieve broad geographic representation. It allowed the neutral members of the task force to be paid a per diem of \$100 and all members to be paid expenses and travel costs. It added an appropriation and a fiscal note.