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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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. The publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, the committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number, together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

5581LHS

SUMMARY

This bill allows an elected official who had chosen not to be a member of the Maine State Retirement System the opportunity to buy credit for part or all of the period the official was not a member. The amount of payment required is the amount the official would have contributed as a member for that period, plus interest. The decision to make back contributions must be made by December 31, 1995.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-196) makes the following changes:

1. It expands the application of the buyback provision to officials appointed for a fixed term to be consistent with existing law;
2. It requires officials who purchase back service under this provision to pay the actuarial equivalent of the benefit being purchased to avoid increasing the unfunded liability of the retirement system; and
3. It eliminates the option for officials who purchase back service to select the period of service they wish to buy back.

LD 777 An Act to Amend the Composition of the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL EH	ONTP MAJ	
	OTP MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill would have amended the laws governing the composition of the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System by authorizing the Maine Association of Retirees to submit a list of nominees for one of 4 board members appointed by the Governor.

LD 790 An Act to Allow the Workers' Compensation Board to Submit Legislative Proposals Annually PUBLIC 103

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BEGLEY	OTP	
CHASE		

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Workers' Compensation Board to recommend to the Legislature changes annually instead of in first regular sessions only.

LD 839 An Act to Allow the Workers' Compensation Board to Regulate Nonfinancial Aspects of Workers' Compensation Arbitration PUBLIC 105

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BEGLEY	OTP-AM	S-73
CHASE		

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Workers' Compensation Board to adopt rules to establish administrative processes to review and adopt individual arbitration plans and performances. The Attorney General's office has advised the board that under the current law, it has no authority to regulate any issue beyond the amount of fee to be paid to the arbitrator.