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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE  
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

**AUGUST 1995**

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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 provides that the duty of a public employer and public employees to bargain in good faith continues after an arbitrator has made advisory recommendations. It also provides that the most recent collective bargaining agreement remains in force until a new agreement is ratified. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 931 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Contractual Obligation for Members of the Maine State Retirement System**

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MITCHELL EH	OTP-AM MAJ	
CASSIDY	ONTP MIN	
JACQUES		

**SUMMARY**

This resolution proposed an amendment to the Constitution of Maine that would have established a contractual relationship between the State and public employees for pension benefits that may not be diminished or impaired. Pension benefits may be diminished only for public employees hired after the effective date of a law diminishing benefits.

**LD 939 An Act to Exclude Services Provided by Home Stitchers from the Definition of Employment for Purposes of Unemployment Compensation**

PUBLIC 204

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LINDAHL	OTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the laws governing unemployment compensation to specifically exclude from the definition of "employment" services performed by an individual as a home stitcher as long as that employment is not subject to federal unemployment tax.

**LD 946 An Act Concerning Preference to Maine Workers and Contractors**

CARRIED OVER

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LONGLEY		
JACQUES		

**SUMMARY**

This bill gives preference in the award of construction and public works contracts by the State and its political subdivisions to in-state bidders, provided their bids are no more than 5% over bids submitted by out-of-state bidders. The bill defines "in-state bidder" as a bidder whose principal place of business or a branch of the bidder's principal place of business has been located in the State for a period of at least 2 years and who will employ at least 90% Maine residents to perform the conditions of the contract. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session.