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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 &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.

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**SPONSOR(S)**  
CHASE**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-504**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the laws governing inspection of elevators and lifts. It allows the supervising inspector to examine and qualify elevator inspectors who do not work for the State. Examination and licensing fees for elevator inspectors and tramway inspectors are set by the Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety within statutory limits. The bill provides standards for revocation of an elevator inspector's license. Licensed elevator inspectors are allowed to perform periodic inspections with the period of inspection set by the board based on class, size and usage of the elevator. The bill increases the allowable fine for use of a condemned elevator or tramway to a maximum of \$500. The bill allows a licensed elevator inspector to perform both initial and periodic inspections and allows the supervising inspector to permit a licensed inspector to retain the inspection fee in accordance with standards to be set by board rules. The bill also modifies the reporting requirements to apply to both licensed tramway and licensed elevator inspectors.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-504) requires the Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety to adopt by rule the requirements necessary to sit for the elevator inspector exam and the standards for the audit and review of inspections performed by elevator inspectors not employed by the State. The amendment adds a provision allowing an elevator mechanic to inspect elevators if the mechanic has an inspection endorsement to the mechanic's license. The amendment allows the board to file a complaint with the Administrative Court to remove an inspection endorsement from an elevator mechanic's license. The amendment also removes the provision in the bill that would have allowed the initial inspection of an elevator to be made by an elevator inspector not employed by the State. The amendment requires the fees for inspections to be paid to the State and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1205 An Act to Conform State Unemployment Compensation Laws to Federal Requirements**

PUBLIC 222

**SPONSOR(S)**  
RAND**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-163**SUMMARY**

The federal unemployment compensation amendments of 1993 require states to establish a system of profiling new claimants for unemployment benefits. The purpose of this system is to identify which claimants will be likely to exhaust benefits and need job search assistance services, to refer such claimants to reemployment services and to collect follow-up information relating to these services and the employment outcomes. Part of the requirement in federal law is that state unemployment laws must be modified to make participation in reemployment services a condition of benefit eligibility for individuals profiled as likely to exhaust unemployment benefits and need job search assistance. This bill creates this new benefit eligibility requirement.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-163) provides that if a person is referred to reemployment services, that person can satisfy the participation requirement through completion of a comparable program. The amendment includes a definition of good cause for the individual's failure to participate. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.