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- 795 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE SEED POTATO BOARD Carpenter ONTP
- 835 AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL CONTRACTS Carpenter ENACT. PL 336

SUMMARY: Requires prompt written confirmation of terms of sale from the potato buyer to the potato producer, and it also requires the buyer to provide written documentation to the producer to substantiate any claim for an adjustment in the price of a negotiated sale. House Amendment "A" further stipulates that before any change is made in the price, there shall be mutual agreement between parties in writing.

- 883 AN ACT CONCERNING SOLIDS IN MILK Michael OTP IN NEW DRAFT, ID 1573

SUMMARY: Requires that milk containing solids or nonfat solids must be clearly labeled or advertised as such. It also requires listing of calories in an 8oz serving and the fat content. Finally, the ingredients in eggnog must be listed on its container.

- 900 AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL Michael ENACT. PL 309

SUMMARY: Maintains the same number of members and the existing distribution of representation, except that the University of Maine representative must have practical experience and knowledge of integrated pest management techniques.

- 901 AN ACT TO EXTEND AND AMEND THE STATUTE ENTITLED PURCHASE OF FOOD-STUFFS FROM MAINE CONCERNS Michael ENACTED

SUMMARY: Extends the life of the so called "institutional marketing act" which expired through sunset provision in January, 1983. This measure mandates state institutions and schools to purchase food produced by Maine farmers or fishermen, provided that the local food is available in adequate quantity, meets quality standards and is priced competitively. Approved a half-time position of coordinator in the Bureau of Purchases.

- 902 AN ACT TO DEFINE CIDER Michael ENACT. PL 220

SUMMARY: Cider, the law says, is not cooked or pastuerized above 155 degrees.

- 912 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF AGRICULTURAL FAIRS Wood ENACT. PL 180

SUMMARY: Raises the pay out premium from \$750 to \$1200 for agricultural displays at fairs. Requires the Department of Agriculture to set up a 3 year cycle for identifying fair dates and to announce those dates by December 15th. See LD 675.