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1605 AN ACT TO CREATE A MAINE POTATO DEALERS' LICENSING BOARD Lisnik OTP-ND ID 1723

SUMMARY: Raises the bond requirement for dealers to protect potato producers; establishes separate requirements for transaction records of processors and obligates the Department of Agriculture to review the current licensing law and report back to the Legislature by January 1, 1984.

1642 AN ACT RELATING TO THE BRANDING OF POTATOES Carpenter ENACT.

SUMMARY: Ensures that the country of origin of all potatoes packed in Maine is conspicuously marked on each container.

1681 AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE MAINE MILK INDUSTRY McCollister EMER. ENACT.

SUMMARY: Attempts to protect the milk industry against predatory price setting in the event that pricing orders established by the Maine Milk Commission are rendered invalid by court decision.

1685 AN ACT TO STABILIZE MAINE POTATO PRICES Lisnik ENACT.

SUMMARY: Establishes a Maine Marketing Advisory Board which shall work with the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish a system to determine a mandatory minimum price, daily for round white potatoes. The Commissioner has the authority to hire a marketing specialist to implement the pricing system and to establish rules for the operation of the program. Primary means of enforcing the law will be through a first handler license which all packers must obtain, and the license fee will finance program expenses

1723 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE POTATO DEALER LICENSING LAW Lisnik ENACT.

SUMMARY: See LD 1605.

1733 AN ACT TO REVISE THE WOOD MEASUREMENT LAW Wood N.D. OF LD 1190
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SUMMARY: Appointment of special select committee to review the issue. Refer to LD 1768.

1734 AN ACT TO REVISE THE WOOD MEASUREMENT LAW Wood N.D. OF LD 1190,
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1754 AN ACT CREATING A MAINE MILK POOL Hall N.D. OF LD 1450,
ENACTED

SUMMARY: Authorizes adjustment of prices paid to Maine milk producers to eliminate a portion of the higher price received which is the result of