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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
JUNE 1984

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE LEGISLATION  
111th Legislature, Second Regular Session

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BILLS ENACTED

1835	AN ACT PROHIBITING RELEASE OF ANIMALS BY STATE HUMANE AGENTS FOR EXPERIMENTATION OR VIVISECTION PURPOSES	Hichens	OTP-ND PL 1983, C. 621
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SUMMARY: Replaced by LD 2052. See LD 2052.

2028	RESOLVE, ESTABLISHING A FOOD POLICY FOR MAINE		OTP PL 1983, C. 51
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SUMMARY: Establishes a Food Policy for Maine which was drafted after an extensive study by the Agriculture Committee in off-session which documented Maine's heavy reliance on imported food from other states (70%) and which determined Maine's food production potential. The food policy acknowledged the contribution that agriculture makes to Maine's economy and community life, and it encourages more production of food which can be grown efficiently and competitively.

2052	AN ACT PROHIBITING RELEASE OF ANIMALS BY STATE HUMANE AGENTS FOR EXPERIMENTATION OR VIVISECTION PURPOSES	Hichens	OTP-ND PL 1983, C. 621
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SUMMARY: Prohibits the transfer of animals from humane societies, shelters, and animal care centers to laboratories and medical centers for the purpose of vivisection and experimentation.

2149	AN ACT RELATING TO CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION	Erwin, E.	OTP PL 1983, C. 834
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SUMMARY: Increases membership on the Harness Racing Commission from 3 to 5 Commissioners with the added condition that appointments made by the Governor shall reflect broad geographic distribution of the State. An additional appropriation of \$7,200 is included to meet added expenses for a larger Commission. Section 3 of the bill was stricken by House Amendment 600 which would have allowed the Harness Racing Commission to avoid consideration of minor, frivolous appeals concerning rule infractions.