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<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>(COMMITTEE REPORT) DISPOSITION</u>
2200	AN ACT TO AMEND THE CERTIFIED SEED POTATO LAW		OTP PL 1983, C. 727
SUMMARY: Changes the period of time in which seed potatoes can be certified from 4 generations to 5 generations.			
2244	AN ACT TO CLARIFY RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE MAINE POTATO QUALITY CONTROL LAW	Lisnik	OTP AM PL 1983, C. 780
SUMMARY: Clarifies the responsibility of Maine Potato Quality Control Board to recommend actions to encourage participation in the Maine Bag Program and it further stipulates several considerations the Commissioner of Agriculture must entertain before deciding the amount of the inspection fee to be assessed to those participating potato growers.			
2179	AN ACT TO INCREASE THE POTATO TAX	Lisnik	PL 1983, C. 766
SUMMARY: Increases the tax levied on potatoes grown in Maine from 2 1/2 cents per cwt to 5 cents per hundredweight. The tax increase initially will meet legal expenses incurred by the Maine Potato Council in its attempt to defend Maine potato growers against Canadian imports. Once those debts are discharged, increased revenue will continue to support the Maine Potato Council on the condition that an evaluation be conducted to study the advisability of consolidating the various industry groups representing the Maine Potato sector. A report will be submitted by January 1, 1986.			
2295	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A POULTRY DISEASE CONTROL FUND	Lisnik	OTP PL 1983, C. 747
SUMMARY: Establishes a fund for the Commissioner of Agriculture to use to detect, prevent, control or eradicate any infections or contagious poultry disease within the State of Maine. The fund provides resources to eradicate and indemnify diseased poultry flocks immediately, and the Commissioner is authorized to receive funds for emergency purposes including assessments from owners of commercial poultry flocks.			
2306	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM UNSAFE PESTICIDE USE	Wood	OTP AM PL 1983, C. 761
SUMMARY: Creates the framework for addressing the problem of pesticide drift and requires the Pesticides Control board to propose rules regarding application procedures and tolerance levels for off-target residues by June 15, 1985.			