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## STATE OF MAINE

# ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

AGRICULTURE

BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

Ought to Pass OTP Ought to Pass in New Draft OTP-ND Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title OTP-ND-NT Ought to Pass as Amended OTP-AM Ought Not to Pass ONTP Leave to Withdraw LVWD Indefinitely Postponed INDEF PP

LD

Sponsor: CARPENTER, Lisnik, McBreairty, Ayer Committee Report: OTP

H-685 AYER

S-45- MCBREAIRTY H S

SUMMARY: The Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature enacted a law increasing the Maine Potato Tax and mandating that Maine potato industry organizations submit to the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature a bill proposing the reorganization of the Maine potato industry. This law creates a new organizational structure which is intended to allow new leadership to emerge from all portions of the Maine potato industry.

This law creates the Maine Potato Board, a unified potato industry organization that will provide direction for the industry in policy development, promotion, research and other related activities. The new board, which replaces the current Maine Potato Commission and a number of other industry groups, will be closely aligned with State Government, will function under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, and will use Maine potato tax revenues to shape the future of the industry.

The Maine Potato Board will be comprised of representatives of all potato producer groups, dealers and processors, each elected by representative assemblies, creating a unified, industry-wide body directly elected and supported by the potato industry community.

T.D AN ACT TO INCREASE THE REGISTRATION FEE PL 1985 2208 CHARGED TO PESTICIDE MANUFACTURERS AND OTHER c. 627 REGISTRANTS

Sponsor: MICHAEL, McCollister, Erwin, E., Parent Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1715