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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Lorette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD An Act to Encourage and Monitor the Use of New Potato
2181 Varieties

ND 2586

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MAHANY TARDY PARADIS J PINES	OTP-ND	

SUMMARY
Replaced By LD 2586

LD An Act to Provide Funds for the Seed Potato Breeding Program P & S
2196 128

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MAHANY TARDY PARADIS J PINES	OTP	S-499 PEARSON

SUMMARY
This bill appropriates \$60,000 for the breeding program of the Maine Seed Potato Board. The bill gave no discussion of this program.

LD An Act to Improve the Marketing of Potatoes by
2197 Strengthening the Maine Bag Program LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
TARDY PARENT MACBRIDE	LV/WD	

SUMMARY
This bill seeks to strengthen the marketing of Maine potatoes by requiring the Maine Potato Quality Control Board to adopt an official logo and to require its use on all Maine bags. In-state packers are required to use the logo if they have paid a potato tax and completed inspection. Out-of-state packers may use the logo for a fee if they have complied with in-state packing requirements.

This bill also prohibits the packing of potatoes in a Maine bag unless those potatoes are of a variety approved by the commissioner. If it is suspected that a shipment of potatoes does not conform to the approved variety, the suspected violation is not grounds for refusing to ship those potatoes.