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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::*

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

*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 Laurette 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 Require Farms to Post Notice of Pesticides Used ONTP  
2441

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN	ONTP	MAJ	
	OTP-AM	MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill requires the owners or operators of farms to notify both agricultural workers and persons who enter the farm to pick their own produce of the use of pesticides on that farm. The bill was reported out with a split report; majority ought-not-to-pass, minority ought-to-pass as amended by S-413. S-413 would have removed the requirement to notify farmworkers and required the Board of Pesticides Control to work out acceptable provisions for notifying pick-your-own harvesters in rulemaking. The majority report was accepted by both bodies.

**LD** Resolve, to Study a Program to Promote the Purchase of H-ONTP  
**2453** State-Grown Produce by Needy Persons S-ENG

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PRAY	ONTP	MAJ	
TARDY	OTP	MIN	
MATTHEWS Z			
BLACK			

SUMMARY

This bill initiates a program to promote the purchase of state-grown produce by needy persons by means of the distribution of food coupons redeemable at farmers' markets, by which is meant a group of farmers who offer their produce for sale at one location. The bill does not call for a study or a report, although it is assumed that the program will be reviewed periodically, in the same fashion as the majority of other department programs.

LD An Act to Outlaw Pit Bull Dogs in the State LV/WD  
2481

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
LOOK	LV/WD		
BERUBE			

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the owning of pit bull dogs. Current owners of the dogs will be allowed to keep their dogs within the restrictions set forth in this bill. In addition, owners must show proof of liability insurance in order to keep their dog. The Committee was concerned that the bill would single out one breed.