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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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**LD 574**

**An Act Allowing Animal Welfare Personnel of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to Enforce Laws Prohibiting the Sale of Certain Fish and Wildlife**

PUBLIC 89

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MARSH

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-120

**SUMMARY**

This bill permits personnel of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to enforce laws and rules enforced by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pertaining to wildlife importation and possession.

The committee amendment (H-120) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 589**

**An Act to Continue Certain Provisions of the Seed Certification Laws That Encourage the Development of New Varieties**

PUBLIC 125

**SPONSOR(S)**  
KIEFFER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-85

**SUMMARY**

This bill removes the scheduled repeal date of January 1, 1994 for the laws dealing with nonreleased potato varieties. This law was originally enacted in 1987 and provides that potatoes may not be certified as seed if they are of a variety that is either protected by patent or otherwise not released to the public.

The committee amendment (S-85) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 634**

**An Act to Extend the Repeal Date of the Laws Governing Biosynthetic Bovine Somatotropin**

PUBLIC 291  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TITCOMB  
HEESCHEN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM      MAJ  
ONTP          MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-105  
S-123      CAREY

**SUMMARY**

This bill extends the sunset provision regarding the laws that restrict the use and administration of biosynthetic bovine somatotropin, known as BST, from February 1, 1993 to February 1, 1994.

The committee amendment (S-105), the majority report of the committee, deletes the retroactivity section of the bill and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-123) corrects a technical error in committee amendment "A". The committee amendment removed the retroactivity section of the bill and attempted to revive the substantive provision of law effective on the effective date of this emergency measure. The substantive provision, however, was repealed by its own terms on February 1, 1993 and can not therefore be simply revived. This amendment reenacts the same language but with a repeal date of February 1, 1994, thereby giving effect to the intent of the committee amendment.