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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 823

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7 H.P. 551

House of Representatives, February 28, 1985

8 Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

9 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and ordered printed. Sent up
for concurrence.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Lisnik of Presque Isle.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Smith of Mars Hill.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Extend the Sunset Provision of the
18 Potato Price Stabilization Law.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 PL 1983, c. 582, §4, is amended to read:

23 Sec. 4. Repeal. This Act is repealed June 17,
24 1986 June 30, 1987.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

The Potato Price Stabilization Program was established by the Legislature in 1983, by Public Law 1983, chapter 582, to address the problem of fluctuations in potato prices which cause sever instability in the industry.

The Legislature authorized the program for a test period, with a repeal provision effective June 1, 1986. The industry believes the test period has proven highly successful and that the information being generated is critically important to farmers in making accurate marketing decisions. It is essential that this program be continued for an additional period of time. This proposal extends the sunset provision from June 1, 1986, to June 30, 1987.

Originally, Public Law 1983, chapter 582 provided for a handler licensing fee to fund the program. This was repealed in 1984. Since there is no longer dedicated revenue for funding, the Governor has included funds in the 1984-85 and 1985-86 Part II budget to replace handler fees to fund the program.

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