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STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

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113TH LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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8 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 921, L.D. 2412,
9 Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Membership on the Maine
Blueberry Commission."

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11 Amend the bill by striking out all of the title
and inserting in its place the following:

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13 'AN ACT to Require a Study of the Maine Blueberry
Commission.'

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15 Further amend the bill by striking out everything
16 after the enacting clause and inserting in its place
the following:

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18 'Sec. 1. Committee created and charged;
19 established; membership. The Committee to Study the
20 Organization of the Maine Blueberry Commission is
21 hereby established. The committee shall consist of a
22 subcommittee of 5 members of the Joint Standing
23 Committee on Agriculture selected by the chairmen of
24 the committee. The chairmen shall call the first
25 meeting of this study committee no later than August
26 1, 1989. The study committee shall select its
chairman at this first meeting.

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28 Sec. 2. Duties. The committee shall study the
following issues:

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- 1 1. Commission membership including possible
2 representatives from the following constituencies:
 - 3 A. Growers who do no processing;
 - 4 B. Companies which grow and do fresh-pack
5 processing only;
 - 6 C. Companies which grow and do types of
7 processing in addition to fresh pack;
 - 8 D. Processors who do no growing;
 - 9 E. Growers involved in direct marketing;
 - 10 F. Wholesalers of blueberries;
 - 11 G. Food stores;
 - 12 H. Members of the academic community specializing
13 in research and development or marketing;
 - 14 I. Professionals in the fields of marketing,
15 advertising or promotion; and
 - 16 J. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural
17 Resources;
- 18 2. Whether the representative of a given
19 constituency should be required to be actually
20 performing the functions represented by his
21 constituency;
- 22 3. Whether members should be appointed by the
23 Governor, the department, the directors of the
24 interest groups represented or the board of the
25 interest groups represented;
- 26 4. Whether any funding problems will be
27 occasioned by increased committee membership;
- 28 5. How regional representation will be provided
29 for;
- 30 6. Whether the chairman shall be selected by the
31 Governor, the department or the commission;

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1 7. Whether a quorum for voting purposes shall be
2 based on all members or all members present at a duly
3 announced meeting;

4 8. Whether there should be a certain number of
5 meetings a year, as called by the chairman or as voted
6 by the members;

7 9. The length of terms of office and any limits
8 on the number of terms that can be served;

9 10. The basis for removing commission members and
10 whether the removal power should be with the
11 commission or with the appointing authority; and

12 11. Who should determine the time and location of
13 meetings.

14 **Sec. 3. Report.** The study committee shall
15 present its findings, together with any recommended
16 legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on
17 Agriculture by December 1, 1988. That committee shall
18 present its report and legislation to the Legislature
19 by January 1, 1989. If a request for extension is
20 needed while the Legislature is not in session, it may
21 be acted upon by the Legislative Council.

22 **Sec. 4. Staff assistance.** If staff assistance
23 is desired, it shall be requested from the Legislative
24 Council.

25 **Sec. 5. Agency participation.** The committee
26 shall seek the advice of similar commissions and
27 agencies of State Government that deal with such
28 commissions.

29 **Sec. 6. Compensation.** The members of the
30 committee shall receive the legislative per diem, as
31 defined in Title 3, section 2, for each day's
32 attendance at Committee meetings, except when the
33 meeting is held in Augusta during a day when the
34 Legislature is in session. Members shall also receive
35 expenses upon application to the Executive Director of
36 the Legislative Council.

37 **Sec. 7. Budget.** If the committee requires

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1 funding for additional meetings, it shall make request
2 of the Legislative Council which shall be empowered to
3 act upon such a request.

4 Sec. 8. Appropriation. The following funds are
5 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
6 purposes of this Act.

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9 Committee to Study the
10 Organization of the Maine
11 Blueberry Commission

12	Personal Services (per diem)	\$1,400
13	All Other	2,200

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15	Total	<u>\$3,600</u>

16 To fund 3 meetings of the study
17 committee and one meeting of the
18 Joint Standing Committee on
19 Agriculture.'

20 STATEMENT OF FACT

21 The original bill called for a change in the
22 composition of the Maine Blueberry Commission from 5
23 processors and 3 growers to 4 and 4. This bill sets
24 up a subcommittee of the Joint Standing Committee on
25 Agriculture to study the organization of the
26 commission.

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Reported by the Majority for the Committee on Agriculture.
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