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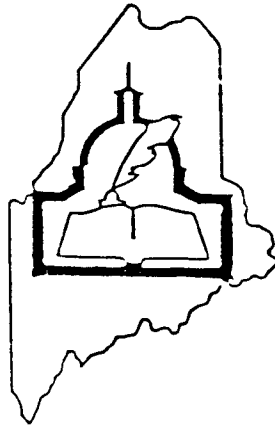
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE  
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES  
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 181 AN ACT CONCERNING DOGS RUNNING AT-LARGE MURPHY E  
ND: 959 FARNUM

OTP-ND HP701 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:  
See new draft LD 959.

LD: 182 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DATE BY WHICH DOGS MUST MURPHY E  
BE LICENSED FARNUM

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:  
This bill was withdrawn. It suggested allowing municipalities to change the date on which dogs are to be licensed from January 1st to April 1st.

LD: 245 AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM WHOLESALE PRICES JACQUES  
UNDER THE MAINE MILK COMMISSION LAW HICHENS  
TUTTLE

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:  
The purpose of this bill was to blunt the effect of the Maine Milk Commission Order 85-2 which proposed different wholesale prices based on delivery costs. It was withdrawn after enactment of LD 431.

LD: 247 AN ACT RELATING TO THE ADULTERATION OF FOOD TARDY  
DAGGETT  
MICHAEL  
CARPENTER  
PUBLIC  
CH # 49

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED

H-17 CA H S

SUMMARY:  
This law provides greater flexibility and additional authority to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in emergency situations involving the adulteration of or tampering with food products, including a different fine schedule when adulteration is found to be intentional. The department did not have adequate authority to protect the public from a potential health threat, especially the immediate removal from sale of adulterated or tampered

products. The department's experience during 1984 in the Girl Scout cookie matter demonstrated the need for this legislation. The law substantially increases the penalty for violating provisions of the law.

LD: 274 AN ACT TO AMEND THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAW CARTER  
ERWIN E  
MCBREAIRTY

OTP HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC  
SENATE Enacted CH # 33  
GOV SIGNED

SUMMARY:

This law clarifies the state's role in ensuring that consumers receive accurate measures of heating oil and gasoline, while encouraging the private sector to do as much of the ongoing meter adjusting as possible.

When a qualified repairman tests and calibrates a tank truck meter, the bill limits state's testing and regulating activities to:

1. Respond to requests for checks by truck owners or operators;
2. Investigate complaints; and
3. Evaluate the competency of a licensed adjuster.

State inspectors will continue to check those trucks which have not been checked within the preceeding 12 months and to spot check trucks which have been tested by a licensed repair person. The frequency of these spot checks depends on the number of errors and miscalculations found.

LD: 303 AN ACT TO REVISE RULES GOVERNING FARDY  
CERTIFICATION OF SEED POTATOES

ND: 1572

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill was replaced by LD 1572.

LD: 304 AN ACT TO SHORTEN THE FINAL PAY SETTLEMENT MICHAEL  
OF MILK DEALERS TO PRODUCERS WHITCOMB  
ND 1412 DAGGETT

OTP-ND HPO981 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill was replaced by LD 1412.