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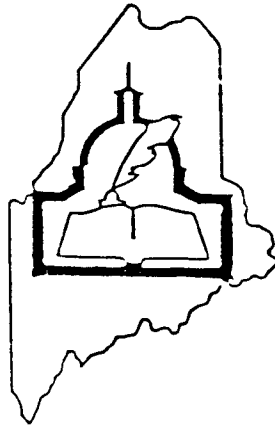
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
JULY 1985

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: 305 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MAINE AGRICULTURAL LIMESTONE MATERIAL ACT LISNIK
 CARPENTER
 CROUSE
 THERIAULT

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

SUMMARY:
 LD is duplicate printing of LD 396. See LD 396.

LD: 322 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE BLUEBERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PERKINS
 ERWIN E
 MCCOLLISTER
 CONNERS
 PUBLIC
 CH # 75

OTP HOUSE Enacted
 SENATE Enacted
 GOV SIGNED

SUMMARY:
 This law changes the name of the University of Maine Blueberry Advisory Committee to the Blueberry Advisory Committee. The change had been requested by the administration at the University of Maine at Orono.

LD: 369 AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY EXTENSION WORK IN MAINE BLACK
 SHERBURNE

ND: 1533 ERWIN E
 RIDLEY

OTP-ND SPO584 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
 SENATE Accepted Committee Report
 GOV

SUMMARY:
 See the new draft LD 1533.

LD: 372 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSING OF COMPANIES WHO APPLY PESTICIDES AS CUSTOM OR COMMERCIAL APPLICATORS BROWN L
 MICHAEL
 MCCOLLISTER

OTP HOUSE Enacted
 SENATE Enacted
 GOV SIGNED PUBLIC
 CH # 122

S-41 SA E ERWIN H S

SUMMARY:
 This law broadens the authority of the Board of Pesticides Control over spray contracting firms by requiring the licensing of all commercial and custom application companies to insure effective regulatory control. It makes all such companies answerable for their management policies and practices to the Board of Pesticides Control. These provisions are consistent with recommendations made by the Committee on Audit and Program Review which noted that safe and environmentally sound performance of a given spray

applicator depends upon the quality of company supplied equipment, the company's decision on pesticide selection, and the training and supervision policies of the company.

LD: 396 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE LIME LAW

CALLAHAN
MICHAEL

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

SUMMARY:

This bill was withdrawn by Representative Callahan because of the need to reconstruct some of the key provisions. This legislation will probably appear again with modifications. It is designed to regulate the sale and distribution of liming materials. It separates current requirements for lime from the fertilizer law, allowing for more accurate information consistent with liming requirements, guarantees and labeling. It allows for tonnage reporting, as well to provide a clearer picture of distribution and use of lime in Maine.

LD: 431 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE VOLUME DETERMINED
EMERGENCY DELIVERY PRICES OF MILK
ND: 94

MICHAEL
MCCOLLISTER
SHERBURNE
HICHENS
PUBLIC
CH # 42

HOUSE Emerg. Enacted
SENATE Emerg. Enacted
GOV EMER SIGNED

H-7 HA MICHAEL H S
S-14 HA ERWIN E H S

SUMMARY:

This law is the new draft of LD 94. It instructs the Maine Milk Commission to consider the impact of its pricing orders on the dairy industry, and it prohibits the commission from establishing price differentials based on volume deliveries. This law provides for a comprehensive assessment of the long-run effectiveness of current and alternative state policies and programs by a panel of milk pricing experts. This assessment will review regulatory options in terms of their impacts on dairy farmers' incomes, on the economic viability of Maine milk processors and on consumers.