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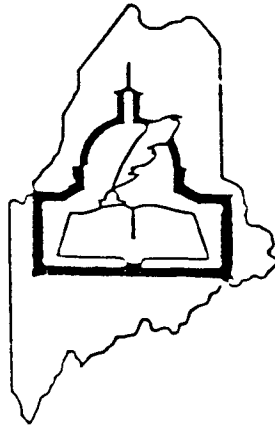
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AGRICULTURE
BILL SUMMARY



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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: 432 RESOLVE, MODIFYING MAINE MILK COMMISSION
EMERGENCY ORDER 85-2 TO REMOVE VOLUME DISCOUNT PRICING

MICHAEL
MCCOLLISTER
SHERBURNE
HICHENS

HOUSE Other
SENATE Other
GOV

SUMMARY:

This resolve proposed to modify the Maine Milk Commission order 85-2 by replacing the volume discount wholesale pricing established in order 85-2 with a single wholesale minimum price which would not vary with the volume of milk delivered.

LD: 635 AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMMISSION ON FARMLAND
LOSS

MICHAEL
WHITCOMB
MCGOWAN

OTP HOUSE Indef. PP
SENATE Indef. PP
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have established a state policy which recognizes the importance of agriculture to the state's economy and the need to ensure an adequate and affordable supply of productive agricultural land as the basis for that activity. The State has already adopted a food policy, the Resolves of 1983, chapter 51, which stresses the vital relationship between our land base and our future as a food-growing region.

It also would have created a 17-member Commission on Farmland Loss to further define the nature of farmland loss in Maine; to define those agricultural lands which are important to protect; to review programs in other states to protect agricultural land and to identify those applicable to Maine; to hold public hearings throughout the State to report its findings and solicit public input on appropriate actions to protect Maine's important agricultural lands; and to recommend a farmland protection program to the Maine Legislature. A request for \$60,000 would have provided the resources to provide staff support and to meet expenses.

LD: 823 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE SUNSET PROVISION OF
THE POTATO PRICE STABILIZATION LAW

LISNIK
SMITH C W

OTP HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV

CH # 450

SUMMARY:

This change in statute extends the sunset provision from June 1, 1986, to June 30, 1987 for the Potato Price Stabilization Program to continue its work.