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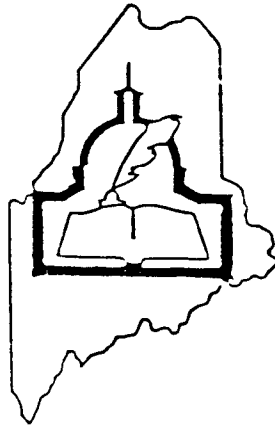
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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BILL SUMMARY



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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.

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 severe instability in the industry. The Legislature had authorized the program for a test period, with a repeal provision effective June 1, 1986.

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

HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Enacted CH # 47
GOV SIGNED

SUMMARY:

It clarifies the intent of the original bill by making the owner of the dog responsible for a dog running-at-large and by stipulating a specific monetary penalty.

LD: 1014 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT PROCEDURES FOR INSURING MICHAEL
EMERGENCY THE SAFE RETURN AND PROPER DISPOSAL OF ERWIN E
RESTRICTED PESTICIDE CONTAINERS BLACK
PARENT
OTP HOUSE Emerg. Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Emerg. Enacted CH # 54
GOV EMER SIGNED

SUMMARY:

Enacted as an emergency piece of legislation, this law clarifies the authority of the Board of Pesticides Control to collect and return deposits on limited and restricted use pesticides purchased out-of-state and brought into Maine for use in Maine.

This authority was not explicitly granted in "The Act to Provide for the Return and Proper Disposal of Containers," enacted by the Legislature in Public Law 1983, chapter 542. An emergency preamble is required because certain provisions of chapter 542 take effect April 1, 1985.

Section 1 provides:

1. That pesticide containers purchased out-of-state, but held or used within the State, are included in the scope of the enabling legislation for the Pesticides Containers Program;
2. That the Board of Pesticides Control establish the deposit for containers purchased out-of-state;
3. That the board collect the deposits for these containers not sold by dealers in the State;