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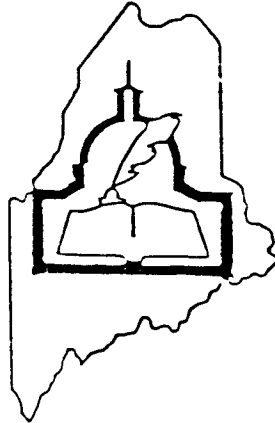
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE  
BILL SUMMARY



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the scheduling of overlapping race meets at the State's major tracks.

Concurrent racing at Scarborough and Lewiston Raceways was a major source of contention and the issue was resolved in committee amendment "A", the majority report (H-162), by restricting new concurrent racing to a trial (8 Day) period following an evaluation of its impact on the economic health of the industry.

LD: 1222 AN ACT TO COMPENSATE ASSOCIATIONS CONDUCTING WINTER HARNESS RACING MEETS MCGOWAN  
JACQUES  
MICHAUD

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

SUMMARY:

A bill, which was withdrawn by the sponsors, to provide a financial incentive for winter harness racing.

LD: 1316 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE A VIABLE AGRICULTURE FOR MAINE ERWIN E  
MICHAEL  
CROUSE  
TARDY

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted CH #482  
GOV

S-105 CA H S  
S-114 CA DANTON H S  
S-303 CA PEARSON H S

SUMMARY:

This law establishes a process whereby the agricultural development programs of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will be redirected to better address the differing agricultural needs and opportunities in various regions of the State and thereby to assist the agricultural community in responding appropriately to changing opportunities. It recognizes that agriculture is an important component of the State's rural economy and that the production and marketing opportunities for agriculture vary by region in accordance with differences in climate, soil, availability and cost of productive land and other production inputs, access to service, supply and marketing infrastructures and proximity to markets.

It provides for the redirection of state agricultural programs to reflect regional differences in agricultural needs and opportunities, guided by input from the local communities to be affected by the redirection. It provides for the identification of local lead agencies, giving preference to the 16 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, to collect local data, hold hearings and conduct meetings to