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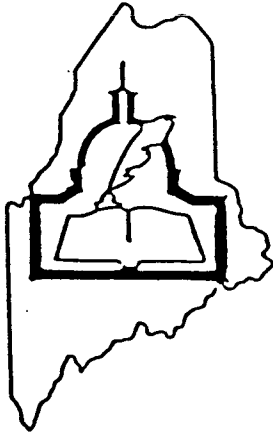
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD
1730

AN ACT TO REVISE THE MAINE APIARY LAWS

PL 1985
c. 572

Sponsor: DAGGETT, Erwin, E., Michael, Lord
Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-492 CA H S

SUMMARY: This law repeals and replaces the current Maine apiary laws and reorganizes them. It clarifies the health requirements for bees entering the State to pollinate blueberry and apple crops. It defines stricter notification requirements for importing bees into the State. Stricter penalties for violations are also imposed.

LD AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF LVWD
1754 THE PROVISIONS OF THE PESTICIDE CONTROL LAWS

Sponsor: MICHAEL, McCollister, Erwin, E., Black
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have increased the maximum penalty for violation of state pesticide laws from \$500 to \$10,000.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE AGRICULTURAL PL 1985
1790 MARKETING AND BARGAINING ACT OF 1973 c. 578

Sponsor: MAYO, Carpenter, Shute, Whitcomb
Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-551 CA H S
S-390 ERWIN H S

SUMMARY: This law establishes conditions which stipulate that a qualified association, an organized seller of agricultural products, can maintain its standing until it has negotiated a contract with a handler, a buyer, even if the process of negotiation should continue beyond a point in time when an annual review of the association status would be normally conducted to determine requalification.

A bargaining deadline of March 15 is also established for final negotiation of contracts involving all agricultural products, not just potatoes.