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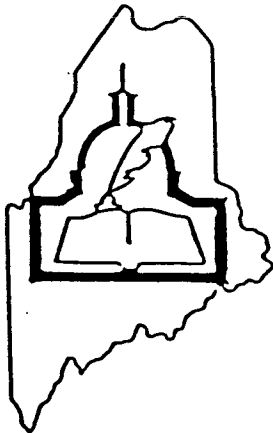
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged 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 AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE MAINE POTATO
2205 INDUSTRY

PL 1985
c. 753

Sponsor: CARPENTER, Lisnik, McBreairty, Ayer
Committee Report: OTP

H-685 AYER
S-45- MCBREAIRTY H S

SUMMARY: The Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature enacted a law increasing the Maine Potato Tax and mandating that Maine potato industry organizations submit to the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature a bill proposing the reorganization of the Maine potato industry. This law creates a new organizational structure which is intended to allow new leadership to emerge from all portions of the Maine potato industry.

This law creates the Maine Potato Board, a unified potato industry organization that will provide direction for the industry in policy development, promotion, research and other related activities. The new board, which replaces the current Maine Potato Commission and a number of other industry groups, will be closely aligned with State Government, will function under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, and will use Maine potato tax revenues to shape the future of the industry.

The Maine Potato Board will be comprised of representatives of all potato producer groups, dealers and processors, each elected by representative assemblies, creating a unified, industry-wide body directly elected and supported by the potato industry community.

LD AN ACT TO INCREASE THE REGISTRATION FEE
2208 CHARGED TO PESTICIDE MANUFACTURERS AND OTHER
REGISTRANTS

PL 1985
c. 627

Sponsor: MICHAEL, McCollister, Erwin, E., Parent
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1715

SUMMARY: Maine law requires that manufacturers and other registrants of pesticides must register each individual product with the State prior to its use within the State. Each registrant must provide a current label that provides instruction for use and fulfill any requirements requested by the Board of Pesticides Control and provide a registration fee. This legislation amends the annual registration fee from \$60 to \$75 per product for the calendar year 1987.

The annual registration fee in calendar year 1987 was also changed from \$50 to \$65 for pesticides sold in low volume in Maine. These fee increases were established with the expectation that the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture will again review the fee system in the 1st Session of the 113th Legislature.

LD AN ACT LIMITING THE AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE P&SL 1985
2215 PRODUCER-DEALER EXEMPTION FROM THE MAINE MILK c. 101
 POOL

Sponsor: EMERSON, Brannigan, Masterman
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This legislative proposal would have limited exemptions from the Maine Milk Pool by agricultural cooperatives, but LD 1832 clarified the role of cooperatives, thereby eliminating the need for this submission.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR PL 1985
2232 VIOLATIONS OF MILK COMMISSION STATUTES AND TO C. 717
 PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT

Sponsor: MCCOLLISTER
Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-648 CA H S
H-693 MCCOLLISTER H S

SUMMARY: For violations of the Maine Milk Commission laws, only injunctive relief and criminal penalties were previously available. This bill continues the commission's authorization to seek injunctive relief, repeals the criminal penalties and provides for civil monetary penalties.