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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 and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

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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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

fencing approved by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and to prohibit the setting of traps in the near vicinity of beehives to kill bears.

LD 838 AN ACT TO REFORM THE ANIMAL WELFARE LAWS.

ND LD 1759

Sponsor: CLARK N, Black, Tardy, Bragg  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1759

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1759.

LD 839 AN ACT RELATING TO THE LABELING OF MILK.

LVWD

Sponsor: TARDY, Parent, Whitcomb, Nutting  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have required that labels on milk sold in Maine conspicuously name the state in which the milk was processed and packaged.

LD 900 AN ACT TO INSURE CLEAN-UP CAPABILITY BY PERSONS UNDERTAKING MOVEMENT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

ONTP

Sponsor: PARADIS E, Perkins  
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: The bill would have required any person using any pesticides, poisons or hazardous chemicals to have sufficient clean-up equipment on hand to clean up any spill. If there is a spill, the person would be required to report it to DEP and to clean it up.

LD 911 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POTATO VARIETIES.

PL 1987  
c. 336

Sponsor: MAHANY, Pines, Collins  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-183 COMMITTEE  
S-123 DUTREMBLE D

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to encourage the introduction of new potato varieties into Maine by protecting the right of the developer of a new seed variety

to maintain control over the distribution of that seed. Protection of that property right is augmented by the authority of the State of Maine to deny certification to seed of nonreleased varieties. Two important amendments to the bill were adopted: (H-183) gave the commissioner authority to extend the certification life of certain nonreleased varieties of potato seed for a maximum of 2 years, and (S-123) allows a potato grower to propagate his own seed without having to obtain certification, provided that the production from that seed is sold only as chip stock to be processed in Maine.

LD AN ACT REGARDING THE MAINE AGRICULTURAL  
912 MARKETING AND BARGAINING ACT OF 1973.

PL 1987  
c. 155

Sponsor: LISNIK, Martin J, Mahany, Pray  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-107 COMMITTEE  
S-62 MATTHEWS Z

SUMMARY: Prior to the passage of this law, Maine law only allowed for nonbinding arbitration in contract negotiations between agricultural producers and handlers. As a result of many experiences in the recent past where negotiations between the parties did not produce resolutions, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources formed a working group at the request of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture of the 112th Legislature. This body drafted this bill which replaces nonbinding arbitration with provisions for voluntary mediation, required mediation, and binding arbitration. An annual report is required to be issued by Maine Agricultural Bargaining Board to the Commissioner of Agriculture and to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE MAINE  
1037 MILK COMMISSION.

LVWD

Sponsor: DOW, Weymouth, Mahany  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have changed the representation of membership to the Maine Milk Commission allowing agricultural interests to play a decision-making role in dairy policy. In addition, modifications in statutory language were proposed to eliminate any question whatsoever about the authority of the Maine Milk Commission to set prices.