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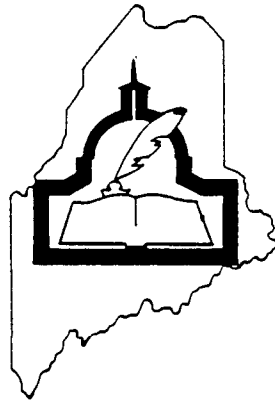
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

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

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 PL 1987
912 MARKETING AND BARGAINING ACT OF 1973. 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 LVWD
1037 MILK COMMISSION.

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.