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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

LD 1237

Sponsor: CALLAHAN, Tardy Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This bill is designed to regulate the sale and distribution of agricultural liming materials. It establishes within Maine law a new subchapter for liming materials, separating lime from other fertilizers.

LD AN ACT TO CONTINUE THE AGRICULTURAL VIABILITY PL 1987 1267 PROGRAM. C. 424

Sponsor: WHITCOMB, Emerson, Tardy, Aliberti Committee Report: OTP

<u>SUMMARY:</u> This bill continues the life of agricultural viability program for 4 more years, and it provides funds to support the program.

LD AN ACT TO CREATE A MAINE DAIRY STABILIZATION CARRY-OVER 1368 FUND.

Sponsor: MCGOWAN, Tardy, Parent, Matthews Z Committee Report: CARRY-OVER

SUMMARY: The intention of this bill is to establish the Maine Dairy Stabilization Fund to be administered by the Maine Milk Commission. The fund could consist of appropriations made annually by the Legislature and surcharges imposed on the sale of milk. Disbursements are intended to be made from the fund to Maine milk producers to equal the difference between the Average Federal Order No. 1, Zone 21 blend price from the years 1980 to 1984 and the average net reblend price actually received by the producers.

LD AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE LAWS RELATING TO FOOD PL 1987 1381 SAFETY. c. 374

Sponsor: BRAGG, Gill, Brannigan, Richard Committee Report: OTP-A Amendments Adopted: H-262 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: Present law requires food establishments (food factories, plants, warehouses and stores, but distinct from

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