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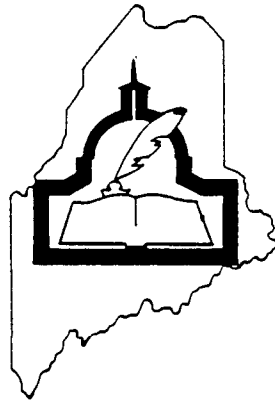
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

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

LD AN ACT TO CHANGE THE LIME LAWS.
1237

PL 1987
c. 425

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
1267 PROGRAM.

PL 1987
c. 424

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

SUMMARY: 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
1368 FUND.

CARRY-OVER

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
1381 SAFETY.

PL 1987
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

restaurants) to obtain an operating license from the Commissioner of Human Services, but does not contain an explicit penalty. The bill adds a civil penalty for operating without a license and cross-references the authority to suspend the license under the Administrative Procedure Act.

The Committee Amendment (H-262) reduced the civil penalty from \$1000 to \$500 and deleted another section of the bill which would have prohibited sales to unlicensed food establishments.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY LICENSING DEFINITIONS UNDER PL 1987
1469 THE LAWS RELATED TO THE BOARD OF PESTICIDES c. 243
 CONTROL.

Sponsor: BLACK, Tuttle, Nutting, Bragg
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This Departmental bill allows for exemption or reduction in licensing requirements for commercial pesticide application who apply general use pesticides without use of powered equipment.

The bill also extends the definition of custom application to include any application of pesticides on a property open to the public.

Finally, the bill requires that application of pesticides by a commercial applicator be supervised by a certified applicator on-site. Under present law the supervision need not be on-site. The change does not apply to private applicators.

LD AN ACT TO REMOVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE P&SL 1987
1513 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL c. 62
 RESOURCES TO PAY FOR WILDLIFE DAMAGE.

Sponsor: BLACK, Tardy, Pines
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
S-176 COMMITTEE
S-265 PEARSON -

SUMMARY: In its original form this bill was drafted to remove the responsibility from the Department of Agriculture to pay for wildlife damage since no funds had been appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose. Committee Amendment "A" (S-176) however, changes the title of the bill to reflect a significant shift in extending rather than removing the authority of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to reimburse the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for costs