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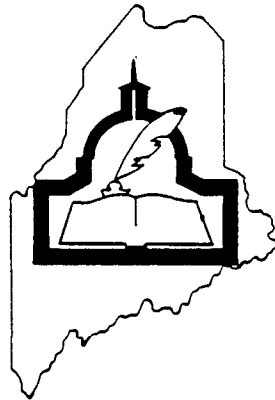
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

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

associated with wildlife damage to agricultural interests. Funds in the amount of \$4,500. are appropriated for this purpose in (S-265).

LD 1544 AN ACT TO CREATE AN AGRICULTURAL MARKET RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND PROGRAM. LVWD

Sponsor: SHERBURNE, Bragg, Black, Andrews
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill intended to establish an Agricultural Market Research and Development Fund from which grants are made to fund market research and market development projects for the purpose of expanding existing markets and developing new markets. The bill was withdrawn in favor of other proposals calling for the resources which were needed to support the program.

LD 1552 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SALE OF FOODS PROCESSED WITH RADIATION. PL 1987 c. 174

Sponsor: CARROLL, Perkins, Andrews, Mitchell
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1088

SUMMARY: The original bill would have required labeling of foods processed with radiation or foods whose ingredients have been processed with radiation to be labelled with the words "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation". The FDA requires a logo and these words, but the requirement for the words expires in 1988 and may or may not be renewed.

The FDA approved a rule April 18, 1986 allowing increased use of radiation to preserve foods. This process kills bacteria and can delay ripening. It does not make the food radioactive but radiation treatment can produce some chemical changes in the foods.

The new draft carries out the intent of the original bill to protect Maine customers from any potential hazards of food which has been irradiated with gamma radiation or other ionizing radiation. The new draft prohibits the knowing sale of irradiated food, with the exception of irradiated spices when those spices are only an ingredient in the food. Irradiated spices are irradiated food and their knowing sale is prohibited.