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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 1557 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE ABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES TO RESPOND CONSTRUCTIVELY TO COMPLAINTS OF INSECT INFESTATION. PL 1987 c. 479

Sponsor: BLACK, Whitcomb, Parent
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
S-207 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: Present law requires entomologists employed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources refer cases of insect infestation which are a public nuisance arising from other than normal agricultural or fishing activities to the Attorney General for action.

The bill shifts the requirement to the Commissioner and provides for Departmental efforts to resolve the problem prior to referral to the Attorney General. The statement of fact states that intent of removing the department's responsibility in cases not involving agricultural activities, but the bill is not entirely clear on that point.

LD 1588 AN ACT TO CONTINUE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS THE REGISTRATION FEE CHARGED TO PESTICIDE MANUFACTURERS AND OTHER REGISTRANTS IN 1987. PL 1987 c. 310

Sponsor: TARDY, Whitcomb, Parent, Bragg
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-213 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: Present law requires pesticide manufacturers and distributors to pay an annual registration fee for each pesticide product they intend to market in the State. In 1986, that fee was increased from \$60 to \$75 for the 1987 calendar year. This bill makes the increase permanent.

These fees constitute the majority of the revenues available to fund the Board of Pesticides Control. With the increase, in FY 1988 projected revenues are: General Fund \$99,000; Federal Grants \$105,000; and Fees \$320,000, and there are some carryover funds. Projected expenditures are \$544,000.

The Committee Amendment (H-213) added a fiscal note indicating increased revenues of \$64,000 in FY 88 and \$78,000 in FY 89.