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BILL SUMMARY



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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
1635

AN ACT TO CORRECT AN INCORRECT PERSONNEL
DESCRIPTION IN THE LAW RELATING TO THE BOARD OF
PESTICIDES CONTROL.

PL 1987
c. 311
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: WHITCOMB, Parent, Bragg, Nutting
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill corrects the description of a position created by PL 1985, c. 627. That was intended to be a summer seasonal pesticide inspector in Aroostook County. This bill takes the same \$60,000 allocated in the original legislation and spreads the allocation between FY 87 and FY 88. It also specifies that the position funded will be full time from April to October, and makes use of the newly created job classification: Pesticide Control Technician.

LD
1741

AN ACT TO BETTER ACCOMMODATE OVER-ORDER MILK
PRICING.

PL 1987
c. 447

Sponsor: WHITCOMB, Sherburne, Parent, Nutting
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-342 COMMITTEE
S-217 DOW

SUMMARY: Prior to the passage of this bill, the Maine Milk Commission did not have the statutory authority to react quickly to the appearance of a 25¢ producer price premium in southern New England during the fall of 1986. This bill allows the commission to establish minimum producer prices under the emergency rule-making provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375.

This bill also expressly provides for the pooling of an over-order premium, recognizes the role of eligible marketing cooperatives in bringing about the existence of an over-order premium and maintains the equality of producer prices that is currently achieved by the Maine Milk Pool.

LD
1746

AN ACT TO CONSERVE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
CAPABILITY AND TO PROMOTE HARMONY BETWEEN
AGRICULTURE AND ADJACENT DEVELOPMENT.

CARRY-OVER

Sponsor: LISNIK, Nutting, Ridley, Perkins
Committee Report: CARRY-OVER

SUMMARY: This bill allows owners of farmland to voluntarily register their land or any portion of it in a registry set up by the municipality. The registration would describe the farming activities on the registered