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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD An Act to Regulate the Use of Oxen, Pony and Draft Horse
2132 Competitions

PUBLIC
849
EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MITCHELL	OTP-AM	H-642
WEYMOUTH		
DAVIS		
CLARK N		

SUMMARY

The original bill requires the State to assume responsibility for regulation of agricultural pulling events to ensure humane treatment of draft animals, and the safety of the public.

Committee Amendment A (H-642) deletes specific provisions relating to temperatures and times of day when events could be conducted, the providing of unlimited water and the requirement that a veterinarian and a humane agent be present at all events. The amendment does require a \$10 a day fee for a pull permit; that fairs adopt the rules regarding pulls of the Maine Draft Horse and Ox Association; that pull events be conducted by a certified pull superintendent. It gives the responsibility for enforcing pull laws and rules to State Humane Agents but allows certain others to enforce them and sets up a pull events commission to determine the qualifications for certification as a pull superintendent, develop the penalties for violation of pull laws and rules and hold any required hearings. It appropriates \$8,900 for enforcement of the provisions of this Act by State Humane Agents and \$2,400 for meetings of the Pull Events Commission. Approximately, \$1,700 will be raised through the sale of permits to conduct pulling events.

LD An Act Concerning the Use of Lands Abutting Farmlands **LV/WD**
2151

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BEGLEY	LV/WD	
TWITCHELL		
PARENT		

SUMMARY

This bill provides that a farmer who is applying agricultural chemicals within the rules of the Board of Pesticides Control cannot be made to adhere to stricter rules because of a subsequent development or use of abutting lands which is inconsistent with that farmland.