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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.

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Committee Amendment A (H-569) changes the use of grant money to deal with potato culls from a grant related to a specific use to funding a program for determining a use. It also adds a 1991 sunset provision to the bill and an allocation section to allocate the grant funds from the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund.

Committee Amendment A (S-419) reformats the allocation section to make it conform with standard practice. It also changes the sunset date of the bill from 1991 to 1990.

LD An Act to Regulate Marketing and Bargaining in the Maine Blueberry Industry **LV/WD**
2394

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
RANDALL	LV/WD	
TAMMARO		
MOHOLLAND		
FARREN		

SUMMARY
This bill includes the blueberry industry in the Maine Agricultural Marketing Bargaining Act of 1973.

LD An Act to Require a Study of the Maine Blueberry Commission **P & S**
2412 **130**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
RANDALL	OTP-AM MAJ	S-405 MAJ REP
TAMMARO	OTP-AM MIN	S-530 PEARSON
FARREN		
MOHOLLAND		

SUMMARY
The purpose of this bill is to provide equal representation for growers and processors on the Maine Blueberry Commission.

Committee Amendment A (S-405), the majority report, which was adopted sets up a subcommittee of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture to study the organization of the Commission.

Committee Amendment B (S-406), the minority report, which was not adopted, would have added a representative from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to provide an uneven number of board members. It keeps the requirement of the original bill that the commission membership be split equally between processors and nonprocessors. Membership currently is weighted in favor of processors. This amendment also requires replacement of a member who no longer works in the section of the industry that he was appointed to represent.

The Senate Amendment (S-530) changes the status of the study from one authorized by law to one authorized by the Legislative Council.