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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 Lorette 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 Define the Financial Relationship of the Maine LV/WD
2414 Potato Board and the Department of Agriculture, Food and
 Rural Resources

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u> <u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
TARDY	LV/WD	
PARENT		
MAHANY		

SUMMARY

This bill provides that the Executive Director of the Maine Potato Board shall report and be accountable directly to the board and may engage in lobbying activities on behalf of the board. The bill also authorizes the board to make expenditures up to the amount of \$2,000 annually, without the necessity of department approval, for meals, lodging, travel, entertainment for marketing and other incidental expenses that further the purposes of the board.

LD An Act Relating to Horse Racing and Racing Facilities PUBLIC
2434 759
EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u> <u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MARTIN J	OTP MAJ	S-381 MATTHEWS
MCGOWAN	ONTP MIN	
ALIBERTI		
COLLINS		

SUMMARY

This bill increases revenues to the industry by approximately \$800,000 to provide for increased purses for horsemen to provide track owners with necessary capital improvement funds, to increase the Sire Stakes Program and to provide funds for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources for certain programs.

The above funding will be accomplished by increasing the take on straight betting by 2% and by increasing the take on exotic betting by 1%. A cap will be imposed on the State's tax at the level of \$37,000,000.

Senate Amendment A (S-381) adds the allocation section required to allocate funds to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources from Other Special Revenue accounts to fund the establishment of an administrative coordinator position. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.