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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 Encourage and Monitor the Use of New Potato
2586 Varieties

PUBLIC
813

SPONSOR(S)
MAHANY
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PINES

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-521 PEARSON

SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2181

This bill directs the Seed Potato Board to promote new potato varieties by funding an agronomist's position at the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station. The agronomist will develop recommendations for the best cultural practices, organize field trials in Maine and in other market areas for Maine seed potatoes, assist in a challenge grant program and monitor the sales and performance of new varieties. To encourage growers to participate in field trials, the commissioner is to develop a challenge grant program, under which seed, information on cultural practices and a percentage of production costs may be provided to farmers. Funding for the challenge grant program as well as partial funding for the Porter Farm is provided.

LD An Act to Allow the Propagation and Sale of Certain Deer for **PUBLIC**
2592 Food **685**

SPONSOR(S)
KILKELLY
BEGLEY
THISTLE
MAYO

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2049

The original bill permits the sale of meat from farm-raised deer. Currently, it is illegal to buy or sell any deer or deer meat or breed or keep wild animals except if licensed to do so by Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Such licenses may not be issued for white tailed deer. A wild animal means a species that is wild by nature.

This new draft clarifies the type of deer that may be raised under the provisions of this act and clarifies the relationship between the departments of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The amendment allows the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to issue licenses which allow the propagation, possession and sale of fallow deer and the meat of fallow deer. (Fallow deer is defined in the dictionary as a small European deer having a yellowish coat.) The Commissioner is to promulgate necessary rules in conjunction with the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The sale of the meat of deer raised under the provisions of this article is not authorized until January 1, 1990.