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*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::*

<b>OTP</b>	<b>Ought to Pass</b>
<b>OTP-ND</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>
<b>OTP-ND-NT</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b>
<b>OTP-A</b>	<b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>
<b>ONTP</b>	<b>Ought Not to Pass</b>
<b>LVWD</b>	<b>Leave to Withdraw</b>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Maine Milk Commission to adjust milk prices in a subsequent period to reflect changes in federal minimums affecting the preceding prices.

The federal government through the New England Milk Marketing order of the Regional Cooperative Marketing Agency is empowered to establish minimum milk prices for the New England area. The Maine Milk Commission is empowered to set minimum prices which exceed these federal minimums.

Fairly frequently the Regional Cooperative Marketing Agency will issue credits affecting a period for which the Milk Commission has already established prices. Currently, there is no way for these credits to be reflected in Maine prices. This bill will allow them to be reflected in the following period.