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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture

LD 20

**An Act Concerning Membership on the Maine Blueberry
Commission (Reported Pursuant to a Study by the Committee on
Agriculture)**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

LV/WD

SUMMARY

The Maine Blueberry Commission is responsible for determining how the Maine Blueberry Tax is allocated between research and development and promotion. The commission consists of 5 processors and 3 growers, all of whom are appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources for a term of 4 years.

The bill would have required that the 3 grower members of the Maine Blueberry Commission be elected rather than appointed. For the purposes of the election, the State would have been divided into 3 districts and growers in each district would elect a grower from that district to membership on the commission. The term for commission membership would have been 3 years.

LD 179 An Act Concerning the Regulation of General Use Pesticides

**PUBLIC 93
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

TARDY
ERWIN E
HUSSEY

OTP-AM

H-77

SUMMARY

The bill amended provisions of existing law governing general use pesticide dealers to require licensed dealers to submit annual reports to the Board of Pesticides Control on sales of general use pesticides. Reports would include the total volume sold of Sevin (Carbaryl), 2,4D, Diazinone, Malathion or any combination of these pesticides, including their active ingredients.

The bill also resolved a conflict created by 2 public laws enacted in 1988 that used the same section number for different purposes.

The committee amendment changed the reporting requirement to limit reports to sales in excess of one quart or 5 pounds. It also added aerosol products and general use paints, stains, wood preservatives and sealants to the list of items exempt from the reporting requirements.