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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.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HUSSEY	OTP-AM	H-79
TARDY		H-92
EMERSON		
TUPPER		

SUMMARY

The bill reestablished a penalty for trespass by animals.

The committee amendment rewrote the original bill to clarify the intent and implementation of the penalty, and required law enforcement agencies to inform the owner of a trespassing animal. In cases where the owner cannot be found or does not remove the animal when told, the law enforcement agency can remove the trespassing animal at the owners expense. H-92 added an emergency preamble and clause.

**LD 215      An Act to Exempt from the Laws Pertaining to Agricultural Land and Adjacent Development Residential Buildings which Were Planned at the Time of the Passage of the Legislation      LV/WD**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BRAWN	LV/WD	
BEGLEY		
MARSANO		
MATTHEWS		

SUMMARY

The bill would have exempted construction of one single-family residence per tract of land from the provisions of the farmland adjacency law if there was intent to build prior to the effective date of that public law.

See LD 949 for committee action on this issue.

**LD 228      An Act to Alter Certain Provisions of the Weights and Measures Laws to Recognize the Recently Created National Institute of Standards and Technology      PUBLIC 24**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
TARDY	OTP	
PARENT		

SUMMARY

In August 1988, federal legislation created the National Institute of Standards and Technology as the successor organization to the National Bureau of Standards. The National Institute of Standards and Technology will retain all of the traditional functions of the National Bureau of Standards and will assume several new roles as well.

The bill corrects references in existing Maine law.