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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>
ALIBERTI	OTP-AM	H-221
COLLINS		
CHONKO		
TARDY		

SUMMARY

The original bill allowed racing dates to be set for a 3-year period.

The committee amendment deleted the original bill, but retained the intention found in section 3 of the bill to provide the Harness Racing Commission with the authority to suspend licenses. The amendment also reduced from 4 to 3 the number of votes required for the 5 member commission to approve concurrent racing dates for licensees, deleted language which applied to actions permitted only during 1986, and added an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

LD 301 An Act to Change the Penalty Structure of the Potato Branding Law **ONTP**

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

SUMMARY

The bill proposed that the violations of the branding law by a dealer be counted separately for each shipper. At present, all violations are counted together.

LD 324 An Act to Prohibit Persons Who have Violated the Animal Cruelty Laws from Participating in Pulling Events **PUBLIC 153
EMERGENCY**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
TWITCHELL	OTP-AM	H-136 WHITCOMB
SHERBURNE		S-35
HUSSEY		
PARENT		

SUMMARY

The bill prohibited participation in competition, exhibitions and events for a 5-year period by those convicted of the crime of cruelty to animals and by those guilty of the civil violation of cruelty to animals.

The committee amendment, S-35, added an emergency preamble and clause.

The House amendment made it clear that "firms, corporations or unincorporated associations and societies" were included under the bill.