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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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.

SPONSOR(S)
TARDY

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have made the potato packer responsible for violation of the potato branding laws.

LD 367 **An Act to Amend the Maine Potato Bag Law**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
TARDY
HUSSEY
PARENT
PEARSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have prohibited the packing of potatoes in a Maine bag unless those potatoes were a variety approved by the commissioner. If it was suspected that a shipment of potatoes did not conform to the approved variety, the suspected violation would not have been grounds for refusing to ship those potatoes. The bill was based on recommendations by the Maine Potato Board.

LD 439 **An Act to Eliminate the Barrel as the Unit Measure of Buyers and Sellers of Potatoes**

PUBLIC 181

SPONSOR(S)
TARDY
TWITCHELL
MAHANY
BELL

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill replaced the barrel as a measure for potatoes. Buyers and sellers can use pounds or hundredweight as a unit of measure in their transactions and reports. This action eliminated confusion caused by the use of barrels with differing volume and weight of contents.

LD 457 **An Act to Authorize Assistance to Nurseries to Prevent Deer Damage**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MURPHY
FARNUM
SHELTRA

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Currently, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is required to furnish deer repellent to orchards and farms when deer are doing damage and to pay 1/2 the cost of fencing young orchards in such situations.

The bill would have added nurseries and nursery crops to the list of agricultural businesses qualifying for this departmental assistance.