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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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.

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SPONSOR(S)  
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COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Existing law prohibits the sale of diseased horses but does not prohibit the renting of diseased horses for riding and other uses at summer camps and other recreational uses. The bill prohibited the sale, rental or consignment of diseased horses.

SPONSOR(S)  
TARDY  
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COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-251  
H-368 TARDY

SUMMARY

The bill amended provisions of laws concerning ferrets, the use of live animals in raffles and would have reenacted penalties for trespass by animals.

The committee amendment deleted the original bill much of which duplicated existing statute. The amendment retains the intention of the original bill to permit walking of domesticated ferrets on a leash. Under current law, domesticated ferrets are only allowed off the owner's premises if they are caged. The amendment also states that animal welfare laws do not apply to lobsters or shellfish and allows the use of live animals in fund-raising events such as "cow chip casino" or frog races.

H-368 corrected a technical error.

SPONSOR(S)  
MATTHEWS  
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PARADIS J

COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have allowed dog owners to have their dog immunized against rabies by a veterinarian in another state for the purpose of meeting the requirements for obtaining a dog license in Maine.