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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>
MITCHELL	LV/WD	
NUTTING		
TARDY		
LORD		

SUMMARY

The bill proposed that changes to the zoning of working farms by municipalities be approved by the landowner. It would have required the municipal officers to notify the landowner in writing of any proposed changes to the zoning classification of their land. The landowner then would have had 90 days to approve the change.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
WHITCOMB	OTP-AM	H-416
STEVENSON		H-435    NUTTING
NUTTING		
GOULD R R		

SUMMARY

The bill prevented the Maine Milk Commission from allowing a dealer to deduct a transportation allowance for different categories of Class II milk. The committee amendment replaced the bill and directs the Maine Milk Commission to study the original intent and the current use of the transportation allowance charged to producers when excess milk is sold by Maine dealers to federally regulated plants. The House amendment replaced a directive to change the rules if the original intent of the transportation allowance is not being applied with a provision that allows promulgation of rules at the Commission's discretion.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HEPBURN	ONTP	
WHITCOMB		
CARPENTER		
ALIBERTI		

SUMMARY

The bill would have eliminated the 8-day waiting period that an animal shelter must wait before a dog which has been obviously abandoned can be sold or given away.