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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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.

An Act to Further Define the Responsibilities of the Maine Milk Commission to Ensure a Supply of Milk to the Consumers of Maine

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ROTONDI	OTP-AM MAJ	H-59 MAJ REP
TARDY	ONTP MIN	
HOGLUND		
EMERSON		

SUMMARY

The original bill would have required the Maine Milk Commission to ensure that distributors deliver milk to convenience stores and other small outlets requesting deliveries.

The committee amendment replaced the requirement in the original bill with a more modest requirement that a distributor give 30 days notice of cancellation of deliveries to any customer in their delivery area or the traditional delivery area of a distributor they have purchased. The 30 day notice does not apply to cancellations based on a failure to pay bills.

LD 632 An Act to Amend the Issuance of Harness Racing Licenses and Assignment of Racing Weeks

ONTP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
TARDY	ONTP	
KETOVER		
ANDREWS		
PARADIS P		

SUMMARY

This bill would have revised licensing procedures and restrictions for harness racing. Amendments in granting of licenses, license fees and license revenues were proposed. An amendment to allow concurrent racing at tracks within 50 miles of each other was also proposed. See LD 292 for related action.

LD 633 An Act to Assist Agricultural Producers to Locate and Train Workers

INDEF PP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
WHITCOMB	OTP	
COLLINS		
PINES		
TARDY		

SUMMARY

The bill established the position of Agricultural Training and Education Specialist in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to assist producers and other employers of farm workers to recruit and retain workers. In addition, it set up a 7 member Advisory Committee on Agricultural Labor Recruitment.

An appropriation of \$36,693 for FY 90 and \$44,854 for FY 91, would have provided funds for a Training and Education Specialist, a part-time Clerk Typist and anticipated expenses of the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Labor Recruitment.

The bill did not receive funding and was indefinitely postponed.