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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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PERKINS
TAMMARO
HUSSEYCOMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-220

SUMMARY

The bill made it a crime for any person to harvest, possess or remove blueberries from the land of another without written permission of the land owner. It also made it a crime to transport blueberries without a permit. Finally, the bill made it a crime to receive blueberries without inspecting the transportation permit and recording the source of the blueberries and the identity of the driver.

The amendment made a number of substantive changes in the bill. An exemption in Section 4314 for persons harvesting or removing less than 5 pounds of blueberries from the land of another without permission was removed.

Section 4315 was amended to increase from 5 to 25 pounds the amount of blueberries requiring a transportation permit. Provisions exempting the transport of non-native blueberries and blueberries purchased at a retail outlet were rewritten for clarity and included as sub-section 4. The penalty for transporting without a permit is reduced from a Class D to a Class E crime. Forging a permit was reduced from a Class D crime to a civil violation with a fine of not more than \$500.

The penalty in section 4316 for failure by anyone receiving more than 5 pounds of blueberries to inspect, record and retain a record of the transportation permit number is reduced from a Class D crime to a civil violation with a fine of not more than \$1,000.

The amendment adds language to repeal the bill's provisions on July 1, 1991.

LD 662 An Act to Allow the Refund of the Potato Grower Tax

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

The bill would have entitled growers who do not participate in programs sanctioned by the Maine Potato Board to a refund of any tax levied under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 710.

LD 709 An Act Regarding Oxen, Ponies and Draft Horses in Competitions

ONTP

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EMERSONCOMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

The major provision of this bill would have prohibited persons convicted of violating animal cruelty laws from participating in pulling events. This provision was included in LD 324.