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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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LD 751

An Act Regarding Landowner Declaration of Farmland

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
FARREN
TARDY
RICHARDS

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have lengthened from 15 to 90 days the period before which registration of land as farmland becomes effective under the farmland adjacency statute. See LD 949 for committee action on this issue.

LD 790

An Act Concerning Potato Varieties

PUBLIC 459

SPONSOR(S)
SMITH
CLARK N
TARDY
ANDERSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-449

SUMMARY

The bill required labeling of retail potatoes by variety and established stronger penalties for misbranding varieties than for other labeling violations.

The committee amendment replaced the original bill with provisions creating a voluntary program of potato variety labeling. Inspection of potatoes is required for inclusion in the program, but a 3-cent reduction in the inspection fee is provided as an incentive to label by variety. The packing of potatoes labeled by variety without inspection is allowed when the packer is not a program participant. The commissioner will adopt rules for program participation including eligible potato varieties and methods of labeling. Mislabeling of potato varieties by program participants is a civil violation with a fine of not more than \$1,000 for the first violation and not more than \$2,000 for each subsequent violation.