

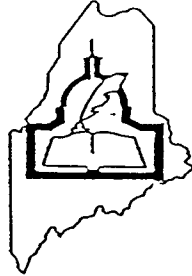
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

**LD 809      An Act to Require Country of Origin Labeling on Fresh  
Produce**

**PUBLIC 527**

SPONSOR(S)

TARDY  
PINES  
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TWITCHELL

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-329  
S-418    PEARSON

SUMMARY

The bill required that fresh produce imported from a foreign country bear a country-of-origin label if that country allows the application of pesticides to produce that are banned in the United States or the rate or manner of application of which is not allowed under federal law.

The committee amendment reduced the penalty for not labeling produce originating in certain countries from a Class E crime to a civil penalty with a fine of not more than \$100 and added language repealing the law on July 1, 1991.

The Senate Amendment removed a food inspector position and reduced funding for an educational program to \$5,000.

**LD 811      An Act to Simplify Pesticide Inventory Requirements**

**LV/WD**

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KILKELLY  
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COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have simplified the pesticide inventory requirements by defining terms and imposing and clarifying the licensing and record keeping requirements on pesticide dealers. See LD 179 for committee action on this issue.

**LD 837      An Act to Create a Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact**

**PUBLIC 437**

SPONSOR(S)

TARDY  
WHITCOMB  
EMERSON

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-374  
H-450    TARDY

SUMMARY

The bill clarified the power of the Maine Milk Commission to enter into multistate compacts for the purpose of setting minimum milk prices. It specifically gave the commission authority to enter the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact.

The committee amendment retains the purpose of the original bill and directs the Maine Milk Commission to enter into the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact when the compact is ratified by 3 other states and approved by Congress.

H-450 clarifies that the Milk Commission's price-setting will not be delegated to the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact.