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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.

LD 894 An Act to Improve Enforcement of Animal Welfare Laws

**PUBLIC 195
EMERGENCY**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CLARK N TWITCHELL PINES PARENT	OTP-AM	S-110

SUMMARY

The bill extended the power of arrest to sheriffs or police officers witnessing cruelty to an animal or after a criminal complaint was issued. The committee amendment retained the intent of the original bill, but used language suggested by the Attorney General's Office to clarify that arrest powers may be exercised for criminal violations but not for civil violations.

The title was amended to avoid duplicating the title of LD 528 and an emergency preamble and clause were added.

LD 901 An Act to Require Labeling of Produce Treated with Post-harvest Treatments

PUBLIC 339

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CLARK N RANDALL PENDLETON HEESCHEN	OTP-AM	S-173

SUMMARY

The bill ensured that information is made available to allow consumers to choose between products that have or have not received post-harvest treatments. Current Federal law requires that information on post-harvest treatments must be available to stores.

The amendment clarified the intent of the bill by removing references to specific post-harvest treatments and by giving a retailer 48 hours to respond to a consumer request for information. The provisions of this act take effect January 1, 1990 and are repealed on July 1, 1991.