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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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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

TARDY

OTP-AM

H-330

SUMMARY

The bill amended Maine potato licensing laws to provide for disclosure to the potato growers of the potato dealers' final selling price.

The committee amendment replaced the original bill by adding disclosure of price per unit at final destination to the information that must be provided by a dealer in order to hold a producer to a contract guarantee when the producer has a shipment of potatoes inspected prior to shipment. The amendment also made it a civil violation for a dealer to attempt to hold a producer liable for an inspected shipment without providing certain information on the record of transaction. Finally, a dealer of potatoes who attempts to prevent a shipment of potatoes from being inspected commits a civil violation with a fine up to \$1,000 for the first offense and up to \$2,000 for subsequent offenses.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

NUTTING

OTP-AM

H-440

PARENT

TARDY

BURKE

SUMMARY

The bill required that any amounts included in the Class I and Class II prices established by the Maine Milk Commission to reflect the higher costs of production in Maine be pooled, since those higher costs must be borne by producers on both the Maine and the Boston markets.

The committee amendment ensures that any cost of production change to the minimum price for milk will occur only after notice of rulemaking and a public hearing.