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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 1208 An Act to Create a New Crop and Livestock Research and Development Program**

INDEF PP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
WHITCOMB	OTP-AM	H-442
NUTTING		
EMERSON		
TWITCHELL		

SUMMARY

The bill established the New Crop and Livestock Research and Development Program in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. The bill also provided funds to implement information gathering, coordination of various state and federal agencies and to support feasibility, research and demonstration projects to evaluate and encourage new crop and livestock enterprises as well as new varieties of existing crops.

The bill was amended to include an appropriation of of \$22,000. Funding was not provided and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

**LD 1221 Resolve, to Assess the Needs of the Equine Industry and to Establish a Commission to Study the Creation of a Statewide Horse Council** INDEF PP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
TARDY	OTP-AM	H-506
NUTTING		
HUSSEY		
TWITCHELL		

SUMMARY

The resolve directed the University of Maine to assess the needs of horse-related industries in the state, but did not provide funding for the task. The resolve also established and provided expenses for the Commission to Study the Creation of a State Horse Council.

The amendment included the intent of the original resolve to establish the Commission to Study the Creation of a State Horse Council and made changes in commission appointments. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources replaced the the University of Maine System as lead agency in conducting a needs assessment.

Funding was not provided and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

**LD 1477 Resolve, Concerning Africanized Bees** RESOLVE 41

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DEXTER	OTP-AM	H-405
BAILEY		
SMITH		
SWAZEY		

SUMMARY

The amendment replaced the original resolve and allowed the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to determine the scope of study needed to develop a report on Africanized bees for submission to the Legislature. The report date was changed from December 1, 1989 to February 15, 1990.