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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
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**Joint Standing Committee  
Bill Summaries**

**June 1990**

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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP  
OTP-ND  
OTP-ND-NT  
OTP-A  
ONTP  
LVWD  
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass  
Ought to Pass in New Draft  
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title  
Ought to Pass as Amended  
Ought Not to Pass  
Leave to Withdraw  
Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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**LD 2000** An Act to Transfer Responsibility for the Agriculture in the Classroom Program from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the University of Maine System LV/WD

**SPONSOR(S)** LISNIK  
**COMMITTEE REPORT** LV/WD  
**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have transferred responsibility for the "Agriculture in the Classroom" program from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the University of Maine System.

**LD 2022** Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Harness Racing Industry INDEF PP

**SPONSOR(S)** TITCOMB  
GREENLAW  
SIMPSON  
**COMMITTEE REPORT** OTP-AM  
**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED** S-556

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have established the Commission to Study the Harness Racing Industry. The amendment made several changes to the study, expanding its scope and membership. The bill was indefinitely postponed in favor of LD 2412.

**LD 2037** An Act to Promote the Marketing of Fresh Produce Grown within the State INDEF PP

**SPONSOR(S)** TARDY  
**COMMITTEE REPORT** OTP-AM  
**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have required food marketed in this State as "natural" or "organic" to be certified by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. The committee amendment replaced the bill with provisions that would have allowed seasonal businesses selling fresh agricultural products grown on-site to place road-side signs of 20 square feet or less.

**LD 2042** An Act to Allow Inclusion of Nonagricultural Products in the Quality Program PUBLIC 670

**SPONSOR(S)** PERKINS  
TWITCHELL  
NUTTING  
PARENT  
**COMMITTEE REPORT** OTP-AM  
**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED** S-502

**SUMMARY**

The bill, as amended by the committee amendment, allows standards for the use of the quality trademark by natural resource-based nonagricultural products to be adopted by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. The commissioner of an appropriate department, such as Conservation, Marine Resources, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or Economic and Community Development, can request that the trademark or design be made available to the packers and shippers of particular natural resource products and commodities. Grades and standards will be established jointly by the appropriate department and the