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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**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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Industry and provides funding for the study from industry contributions to various dedicated funds. This bill replaces LD 2022, a resolve creating a harness racing study that would have required General Fund revenues.

LD 2424 **An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering** **PUBLIC 798**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TARDY WHITCOMB	OTP	

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that the Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering has authority over both the products and the waste products of biotechnology and genetic engineering research, development and production.

LD 2434 **An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning the Theft of Blueberries** **PUBLIC 859**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TARDY	OTP-AM	H-1038 TARDY H-967

SUMMARY

The bill permits the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources greater access to the records of persons receiving blueberry shipments for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with blueberry theft laws. The bill ensures that potentially sensitive business information available to the department or the Maine Blueberry Commission is kept confidential and is protected from the freedom of access laws.

LD 2450 **An Act Concerning the Use of Live Animals in Games** **INDEF PP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HEPBURN MATTHEWS		

SUMMARY

This bill, which was not referred to a committee, would have extended permission for any group or individual to use live animals in games if the animal's actions did not deviate from their natural behavior. Under current law only educational and cultural institutions or nonprofit service organizations may use live animals in games.