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**BILL SUMMARIES
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BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were 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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 186

An Act to Continue Milk Pool Payments to Dairy Farmers Affected by the Newport Plant Closure

**PUBLIC 12
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
NUTTING TARDY PARENT BUSTIN	OTP	

SUMMARY

This bill modifies the method of calculating milk pool payments for Boston market producers whose milk is hauled directly to Boston. It ensures that Boston market producers who previously shipped their milk to the plant in Newport will continue to receive full milk pool payments whether or not their milk is collected at a federal reload station before being shipped to Boston. This bill was enacted in response to the closing of the Newport plant.

LD 197 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Superintendents of Pulling Events

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
KILKELLY HOLLOWAY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

Public Law 1989, c. 153 prohibits a person's participation in pulling events if that person has violated laws governing cruelty to animals within the previous 5 years. This bill would have amended that law to apply only to violations occurring after May 19, 1989.

LD 337 An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Horsemen's Purse Accounts and Racetrack Improvements

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TARDY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to lower the threshold at which excess revenue generated from regular and exotic wagers must be returned to commercial meet licensees by the Treasurer of State. The decreased threshold was proposed due to the closing of a racetrack in 1989, making the \$37,000,000 threshold unrealistic. One half of the returned funds was to be used to supplement horsemen's purse money and 1/2 was to be used for the improvement of racing facilities.

LD 944 as amended by House Amendment "D" (H-672) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-541) lowers the threshold to \$33,500,000 and specifies conditions that must be met for commercial licensees to receive reimbursement for improvements. Commercial licensees must have their plans for improvements approved by the commission prior to making the improvements. The commission must verify that the improvements have, in fact, been made and the improvements must have been made in the year during which the funds were generated.

See LD 944, "An Act to Permit Off-track Betting" under bill summaries for the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs.