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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

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

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**LD 664**

**An Act to Amend the Authority of the State Harness Racing Commission to Contract for Certain Services**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TARDY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would repeal the authority of the State Harness Racing Commission to retain the services of presiding and associate track judges and would allow racetracks and fairs to hire their own judges. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 806**

**An Act Relating to the Maine Dairy Industry**

PUBLIC 274  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TARDY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-303  
H-458 TARDY

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have repealed the sunset provision in the Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Act. The bill was a duplicate of LD 494, which was enacted. See the summary for LD 494.

The committee amendment (H-303) replaces the bill. It raises from 400,000 to 800,000 the limit on pounds of milk used to calculate a dairy farmer's proportional entitlement to distributions from the Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Fund. The amendment also changes the composition of Maine's representation to the Interstate Dairy Compact. The amendment replaces an agricultural economist with a dairy farmer, to be appointed by the Governor and approved by the Legislature.

House Amendment "A" (H-458) changes the date on which the Maine Dairy Stabilization Tax is imposed to coincide with minimum milk pricing laws and makes the bill an emergency measure.

**LD 932**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Harness Racing**

PUBLIC 388  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TARDY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-556  
S-299 PARADIS J

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed commercial tracks to simulcast to off-track betting sites without races being conducted at the race track at the same time.

The committee amendment (H-556) replaces the bill. It creates the Harness Racing Promotional Board; expands the opportunities for off-track betting by permitting any person to apply for a license to operate an off-track betting facility at a Class A restaurant (current law permits only persons who have live racing licenses to apply); strikes the 1995 repeal of the law authorizing off-track betting; and provides for the distribution of commission on wagers made to interstate commingled pools.