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TO: Senator Dawn Hill, Senate Chair
 Representative Margaret Rotundo, House Chair
 Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Troy D. Jackson, Senate Chair
 Representative James F. Dill, House Chair
 Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

DATE: June 19, 2013

RE: Appropriation Table priorities

The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry presents the following priorities for bills currently sitting on the Appropriations Table:

For bills with Other Special Revenue fund fiscal notes or minimal General Fund impact:

The Committee unanimously endorsed **LD 5**, An Act to Make Changes to the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund and supports its enactment; the Committee voted 12-1 in support of **LD 525**, An Act To Promote Industrial Hemp and a majority supports its enactment; the Committee voted 11-2 in support of **LD 837**, An Act To Clarify the Laws Establishing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and a majority supports its enactment; and 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of **LD 718**, An Act To Protect Maine Food Consumers' Right to Know About Genetically Engineered Food and a majority supports its enactment.

For bills with General Fund impact, the Committee presents the following priorities:

- 1.) LD 377, An Act To Provide Funding to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (\$200,000 GF Appropriation in each year of the biennium)
- 2.) LD 707, An Act To Refund the Sales Tax Paid on Fuel Used in Commercial Agricultural Production (\$250,800 loss of GF revenue in 2013-14 and \$315,067 loss of GF revenue in 2014-15)
- 3.) LD 59, An Act Relating to the Unlawful Cutting of Trees (\$3,700 in GF funds in 2013-14 for rulemaking)

- 4.) LD 1287, An Act to Deregulate Face-to-face Transactions between the People and Small Farms and Small Food Producers (\$22,800 loss of GF revenue in both years of the biennium)
- 5.) LD 1282, An Act To Help Small Farmers in Selling Raw Milk (\$3,700 in GF funds in 2013-14 for rulemaking)
- 6.) LD 368, An Act to Ensure the Continuation of Dairy Farming (\$1,251,422 loss of GF revenues in 2013-14 and \$2,453,222 loss of GF revenues in 2014-15)

Should you wish additional explanation or information on the matters addressed in this memorandum, please don't hesitate to contact us or the committee's analyst.

Cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
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