

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2269

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 1996

The Assembly Agriculture and Waste Management Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2269.

This bill would designate the ostrich, emu, and rhea as agricultural livestock, subject to regulations by the Departments of Agriculture and Health. Currently, these birds are considered an "exotic species," and their possession is regulated by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection. The bill also would permit the Secretary of Agriculture to adopt rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.