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All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD   AN ACT TO PROVIDE A STANDARD FOR UNIFORMS FOR   LVWD
 939   ON-DUTY PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS

    Sponsor: RUHLIN, Brawn, Hale, Greenlaw
    Committee Report: LVWD

    SUMMARY: This bill would set up-dated safety standards for
    station uniforms worn by "on-duty" career firefighters.
    The standards are based on the National Fire Protection
    Association standards to provide further protection and not
    negate the protective qualities of the outer garments. See
    also LD 1686.

LD   AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING FREQUENCY OF   PL 1987
 946   LOCAL OPTION QUESTION ELECTIONS   c. 54
                                                               EMERGENCY

    Sponsor: VOSE, Randall
    Committee Report: New Draft of LD 408

    SUMMARY: The original bill would reduce the time between
    local option liquor questions from 2 years to 1 year for a
    vote subsequent to a "No" vote. The 2 year waiting period
    would be retained after a "Yes" vote.

    The New Draft reduces the time between all local option
    votes to no less than 1 year, plus makes the bill an
    emergency.

LD   AN ACT RELATING TO ABSENTEE BALLOTING BY   PL 1987
 947   RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES, BOARDING HOMES AND   c. 62
        CONGREGATE HOUSING UNITS

    Sponsor: MELENDY, Holloway, Priest, Kany
    Committee Report: New Draft of LD 53

    SUMMARY: The original bill would set up a procedure for
    absentee voting in certain housing facilities.

    The clerk would set a time of not less than 3 days, which
    are not more than 30 days before the election, during which
    time the clerk or deputy clerk would be present to
    administer the absentee balloting. Nobody in the specific
    facilities could otherwise vote absentee, unless the
    Secretary of State exempted the municipality on hardship
    grounds.

    This new draft prohibits the clerk from delivering absentee
    ballots for persons living in a licensed nursing home, a
    licensed boarding home or certified congregate housing unit
    to a 3rd person whose name is on the ballot. These
    residents can still vote absentee by using the mail or by
    having a 3rd person, other than a candidate, deliver the