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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1177, L.D. 1654, Bill, "An Act to Allow Agricultural Workers to Bargain Collectively"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Extend Collective Bargaining Rights to Employees of Large Industrial Agricultural Operations'**

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the 2nd indented paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 28 to 31 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§1322." in subsection 3 by striking out all of the last sentence (page 2, lines 10 to 13 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: "Agricultural employer" is limited to a person or entity operating an egg processing facility that has over 500,000 laying birds and that employs more than 100 agricultural employees as defined in subsection 2.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§1324." in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph F (page 3, lines 30 to 34 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

**HOUSE AMENDMENT**

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L.D. 1654

'F. Locking out their employees; and'

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Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
"~~§1324.~~" in subsection 2 in paragraph D in the last line (page 4,  
line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

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Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
"~~§1324.~~" in subsection 2 in paragraph E in the last line (page 4,  
line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "." and  
inserting in its place the following: '; and'

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Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
"~~§1324.~~" in subsection 2 by inserting at the end the following:

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'F. Causing or attempting to cause or participating in a  
strike against their employer.'

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### SUMMARY

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This amendment changes the bill title and limits the  
application of the bill to egg processing facilities that have  
over 500,000 laying birds and that employ more than 100  
agricultural employees. This amendment prohibits agricultural  
employers governed by the bill from locking out their employees  
and prohibits their employees from striking.

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