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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:

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|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 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
798

AN ACT TO COMPENSATE NEWSPAPER DELIVERY PEOPLE
FOR ADVERTISING FLIERS

ONTP

Sponsor: RACINE, Bustin, Usher, Pouliot
Committee Report: ONTP (Majority)
OTP (Minority)

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to pay minors who deliver newspapers 1¢ for each advertising supplement that is included with the paper. Currently, carriers are paid about 40¢ per subscriber per week and 4 supplements per paper is not out of the ordinary.

LD
821

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BAKERY AND MILK PRODUCTS
CONTAINER LAW

LVWD

Sponsor: WHITCOMB, Cote, Aliberti, Whitmore
Committee Report: LVWD

PURPOSE: Because of a lack of space and the fact that they are inflammable, stores that are customers of bakeries and dairies often leave the empty containers that these products are delivered in outside in an unattended area while awaiting their pick up by the company. The result is that there is considerable loss of these containers to smaller companies and to private individuals, some of whom may feel that the containers are being thrown out.

Although the general state laws currently contain civil remedy and criminal provisions which would cover unauthorized removal of these containers, this bill deals specifically with the issue of the containers. The bill made it a crime for anyone to have them in their possession without the consent of the owner.

In order to be eligible for the protection under this bill the owner must register his name or mark with the Secretary of State's office. Although trademarks are currently registerable in the State, this bill adds a specific provision for registering marks used in conjunction with identifying the ownership of the containers.

The bill allows a civil action for monetary loss due to the violation.