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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

land. If agricultural chemicals are applied on the registered farmland by any spray application, the registration would so state and would identify the chemicals.

Registration of farmland would give notice to future purchasers of land abutting the registered land that farming activities are carried out. Sellers of land abutting registered farmland and their agents would be required to disclose to purchasers the existence and nature of the adjacent farming operation, including the spraying of agricultural chemicals.

Where agricultural chemicals are applied to registered farmland by spray application, the bill would prohibit inconsistent development or use of abutting land within 150 feet of any common boundary. Municipalities would be prohibited from issuing a building or use permit for any inconsistent development. Present owners would be allowed to seek from the municipality a variance of the 150 foot prohibition.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF DUES TO PL 1987
1753 GROWER ORGANIZATIONS BY HANDLERS AND PROCESSORS c. 384
OF FARM PRODUCTS.

Sponsor: LISNIK, Mahany, Paradis J, Collins
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 213
Amendments Adopted:
H-279 TARDY

SUMMARY: This new draft accomplishes the purpose of LD 213 while retaining more of the language of the existing law. That purpose is the extension of the dues check-off privilege to agricultural cooperatives that do not have a current contract with a processor or handler, but whose members, nonetheless, sell products or services to the processor or handler.

The original bill also inadvertently took away the dues check-off privilege from agricultural cooperatives composed of contract poultry growers, who perform services rather than sell products. The new draft corrects that error.

The new draft establishes a time deadline by which a dealer or processor must remit assigned dues to an association. Failure to timely pay over the assigned dues would be a civil violation or, alternatively, could result in a private action brought by the association.