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Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 920 An Act To Establish the Fund To Support Local Fruits and Vegetables Purchasing

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PLUECKER B JACKSON T	OTP-AM ONTP	H-192

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The bill establishes the Fund To Support Local Fruits and Vegetables Purchasing within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to provide incentives to federal food and nutrition assistance program participants for the purchase of locally grown fruits and vegetables and to support outreach for and administration of programs that offer nutrition incentives to participants of federal food and nutrition assistance programs. Fund recipients must be state-based organizations that support local food producers, local food production or low-income individuals in receiving food and nutrition assistance, with priority to organizations that have a demonstrated history of incentivizing the use of federal food and nutrition assistance programs to purchase locally grown fruits and vegetables or that demonstrate the ability to leverage the proceeds to match or receive additional funds from local, state, federal or private sources. The bill provides reporting and audit requirements for recipients to ensure proper use of the funds and appropriates funds to capitalize the fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-192)

This amendment, which is the majority report, incorporates a fiscal note.

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1016 Resolve, To Require the Construction of a New District Headquarters Building for the Bureau of Forestry in Fort Kent

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MARTIN J	OTP-AM ONTP	S-335 BREEN C S-94

This resolve was finally passed by the Legislature in the First Regular Session and then held by the Governor. During the Second Regular Session, this bill was recalled from the Governor's desk pursuant to joint order, S.P. 704.

This resolve requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to solicit bids for the construction of a new facility in Fort Kent to house the district headquarters for the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry. Construction must be started within 60 days following the award of the contract.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-94)

This amendment, which is the majority report, strikes the requirement in the resolve that bids must be solicited no later than 90 days following the effective date of this resolve and that construction must be started within 60 days following award of the contract. The amendment provides one-time funds to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry for the construction of a new facility in the Town of Fort Kent to