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APMC Bill passed in Assembly

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THE Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) amendment Act was passed amid ruckus in the Assembly on Saturday. The Congress and the JDS members opposed the amendment and walked out of the House. With this, farmers can now choose to sell their produce in the APMC yards or to private firms directly.

Opposition Leader Siddaramiah said the State Government is not bringing the amendment on its own, but on the directive of the Union Government. Farmers might get good money for five years, but it will have an adverse impact on them later as all the APMCs will be

closed, he feared.

Janata Dal (Secular) members too walked out of the House along with the Congress. Cooperatives Minister ST Somashekar said farmers will not face any problems as they can either sell their produce in AMPC yards or directly to private parties.