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Representative O'NEIL of Saco moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on his motion to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative O'Neil.

Representative **O'NEIL**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. This one is a little more simple. In 1975, the Legislature defined what is called basic health care services. We still use them today. In the 119th Legislature we amended that somewhat by allowing or authorizing the Superintendent of Insurance to make rules defining basic health care services. We did so and made the rules routine technical. Given the gravity of the health care situation in Maine these days, 12 of the people on the committee saw fit that those rules should be major substantive as opposed to routine technical. Hence, the Ought to Pass as Amended report. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Glynn.

Representative **GLYNN**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to apologize, first of all to the good men and women of the House, that we have so many divided reports together from the Banking and Insurance Committee. I appreciate all of your attention to these important issues. This bill presented to the Banking and Insurance Committee was opposed by the Superintendent of Insurance. I think that it bears your consideration before we put into place some of the reasons why. The purpose of having these rules in 750 is that the HMOs need flexibility to design products in response to what the policyholders want. If you pass this bill, you affect that and when you affect that, you affect the ability of insurance carriers to be able to respond to changing market conditions. It means that with less flexibility, they are not going to be able to be as creative with their products. It is going to cost more money to do and it is going to prohibit them or slow them down, in most cases, from being able to pass cost savings measures onto consumers.

Last year the Legislature directed the Bureau of Insurance to adopt a rule amending 750 to include more flexibility and guidelines for health care services provided by HMOs. Let's continue with where we are. Let's support the Superintendent of Insurance and his efforts to help keep health insurance costs low in Maine and oppose this measure. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is acceptance of Report "A" Ought to Pass as Amended. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 67

YEA - Annis, Ash, Baker, Belanger, Berry RL, Bliss, Bowles, Brannigan, Brooks, Bruno, Bryant, Bull, Bumps, Bunker, Canavan, Chase, Chick, Chizmar, Clark, Clough, Colwell, Cote, Cowger, Cummings, Daigle, Desmond, Dorr, Dudley, Dugay, Duncan, Dunlap, Duplessie, Estes, Etnier, Fisher, Fuller, Gagne, Gerzofsky, Gooley, Green, Hall, Haskell, Hatch, Hawes, Hutton, Jacobs, Jodrey, Jones, Kane, Labrecque, Landry, LaVerdiere, Laverriere-Boucher, Ledwin, Lemoine, Lessard, Lundeen, Mailhot, Marley, Marrache, Matthews, Mayo, McDonough, McGlocklin, McGowan, McKee, McLaughlin, McNeil, Mendros, Michael, Michaud, Mitchell, Morrison, Murphy E, Muse C, Muse K, Nass, Norbert, Norton, O'Brien JA, O'Brien LL, O'Neil, Paradis, Patrick, Perry, Pineau, Povich, Richard, Richardson, Rines, Rosen, Savage, Schneider, Sherman, Shields, Simpson, Skoglund, Smith, Stanley, Sullivan, Tarazewich, Tessier,

Tobin D, Tracy, Trahan, Tuttle, Twomey, Usher, Volenik, Watson, Wheeler EM, Wheeler GJ, Young, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Berry DP, Bouffard, Buck, Carr, Collins, Crabtree, Cressey, Duprey, Foster, Glynn, Heidrich, Honey, Kasprzak, Lovett, MacDougall, McKenney, Murphy T, Nutting, Perkins, Pinkham, Snowe-Mello, Tobin J, Treadwell, Waterhouse, Weston, Winsor.

ABSENT - Bagley, Blanchette, Davis, Goodwin, Koffman, Madore, Peavey, Quint, Stedman, Thomas.

Yes, 114; No, 27; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

114 having voted in the affirmative and 27 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-200)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**. The Bill was assigned for **SECOND READING** later in today's session.

Representative BERRY of Livermore assumed the Chair. The House was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tem.

Majority Report of the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Establish Returnable Tobacco Products and to Create the Returnable Tobacco Products Fund"

(H.P. 223) (L.D. 258)

Signed:

Senators:

SHOREY of Washington
BROMLEY of Cumberland
YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot

Representatives:

RICHARDSON of Brunswick
MORRISON of Baileyville
HATCH of Skowhegan
DUPREY of Hampden
BRYANT of Dixfield
CLOUGH of Scarborough
MURPHY of Kennebunk

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-205)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

THOMAS of Orono
MICHAUD of Fort Kent
DORR of Camden

READ.

Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winterport, Representative Brooks.

Representative **BROOKS**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Nee-how Mr. Speaker. For those of you who aren't absolutely certain, the Speaker Pro Tem and myself and many others in the House, about 20 of us ending up visiting China. That is a greeting in Chinese, Nee how.

I have got to say right off the bat that this has been quite a ride. When I introduced originally the returnable cigarette tobacco bill and it was greeted by a lot of joking and name calling, it was an interesting beginning. I think it was one of the longest rides that I have taken as a member of this body. It is the longest ride that I think I have heard about that a lot of people have had. It has traveled and it has covered a great

distance. Let me say that I am really sorry that we are starting this thing at 11:15 today because I think that there will be a fair amount of discussion or debate on the floor. Perhaps some of us might even be prevented from having a cigarette.

Last night, I spent a fair amount of time with a gentleman or trying to catch up with a gentleman from the State of Hawaii. It appears that the Legislature there or at least the government is thinking about banning cigarettes on Waikiki Beach. Instead of doing that and damaging or threatening their tourist dollars, they called and wanted to know if we could send them some material on returnable cigarette butts. This morning, I have faxed to the State of Alabama a 16-page fax, which included our bill and also an awful lot of information about what the bill would do and the potential revenue that the state's fiscal office has projected. They also are looking at this bill. I have talked to legislators in California, Florida and a number of other states in between. This is a unique approach. There is no question about that. I have spent a considerable amount of time with the media and that is why I call this quite a ride. Twice on the BBC in London staying up late at night until the talk show was on. I can't tell you the number of time in this country and in Canada, there is a significant amount of interest in Maine's proposal for returnable cigarette butts.

Last week I had one of the people who works in this building, not as a legislator, but works in this building, suggest to me that we go down and take a picture of the north entrance. I think it is north, if I got my directions correctly. The one that is down here opposite the Blaine Mansion. As the snow and ice began to recede, it uncovered the winter's deposit of cigarette butts. I went down to take a look. We didn't take a picture. We have other pictures around this complex and other complexes that made that particular view pale by comparison. I had a conversation yesterday with a gentleman who was standing down by the south entrance guarding, if you will, a yellow container that has a very long neck that apparently is suggested that you put your cigarette butts in there. If you take that some point in time when this bill passes, not if, but when, it may not be this year, but it will be sometime. You might be able to put your kid through college if we have a 5-cent return on cigarette butts.

Why all this interest? Why are people in the State of Maine sending me tons of e-mails and giving me tons of phone calls and messages and letters? Most, by the way, support it, most, not all. Perhaps it is because in the State of Maine alone the cigarette manufacturers sell 2.3 billion cigarettes. We estimate that more than 10 percent of those end up on the streets, at the doorway, walkways or sidewalks. This is a little bill. Let's not make any mistakes about that. There are some people who think that perhaps this is a health bill. We have talked about health care with regard to cigarettes and we feel very strongly about that. There may be, I am sure, some side affects of returnable cigarettes that will discourage the sale of cigarettes in Maine. This is a litter control bill.

For those of you who have immediately reacted in the past as saying, yuck, who would want to pick up these things? Let me just point out to you that it is already happening. I have heard from people who work at state and national parks who spend the first half hour of their day in the summertime going around picking up cigarette butts. That is true. That is what is happening currently.

I have heard from the Maine Hotel, Motel and Innkeepers Association and other businesses of the like, including restaurants that employees are required to be outside picking up cigarette butts and cleaning up the environment. It is true. It is already happening. The people are required to go out and pick these things up. How do we stop that? Where do we begin? Several times before I put this legislation in with representatives

of the Maine Innkeepers Association, the prime driving force behind this, we talked about it. The first natural reaction to that is let's jack up the litter fines. Let's make them \$200, \$300, \$400 or \$500. How are you going to get anybody to enforce that? Who is going to follow a vehicle around and stop them when they flick a butt out the window? By the way, when you do that, how dangerous is it. There are 60 forest fires in Maine every year and 10 percent caused by illegally disposed of cigarette butts. You can't enforce that law. It is almost impossible. What municipality would turn to its police force and say you have got to do this instead of investigating that major crime that is taking place and go follow somebody around and when they drop their butt on the ground, nail them. You can't do that. We all but discarded the idea that enforcing the litter laws was something that would work.

The only other way that I can think of is to turn the clock back and take a look at what happened with the trash that used to cover our highways, the returnable containers. Was that effective? Take a look. Look at all the redemption centers that are out there. They are people who deserve a phenomenal amount of credit for the work they do in redeeming these containers. It is very true that they are back again saying that they do not have enough money and I don't think that much has changed in that regard over the years. We probably do need to take a look at that. Some have said that they thought it would be somewhat disgusting to handle cigarette butts. I don't agree. I don't think that handling a plastic bag filled with 20 used cigarette butts is any more disgusting than picking up a beer can that has been laying in a gutter crawling with ants and bugs and all that for a long time. Many of the redemption centers when we tell them the kind of revenue base that we are talking about here for them and for us, instantly change their minds.

It has been estimated that if this bill were to go into effect, it has the potential to raise as much as \$20 million. Some of that, of course, would be returned. We would hope that the goal of this would be to have people who smoke come back in and return their cigarette butts so that we can redeem them and give them their nickel back. If they put them in a plastic bag with 20 of them, we will give them a buck back. It sounds pretty easy for me to be able to handle that. What do the redemptions centers get out of it, it is estimated that a medium sized redemption center, I don't know how you determine a medium size, but we can figure that out, might pick up an additional \$50,000 a year. The larger ones could pick up as much as \$100,000, enough to hire a couple of people to deal with returnable cigarettes.

It has been estimated by our own Fiscal and Program Review office that as much as \$45 million in one year will be generated by this bill. The cost is somewhat minimal. Even if 70 percent of the people conform to this and return their cigarette butts and even with all the administrative costs that would be necessary to find the people or to hire the people to dispose of the cigarettes properly, we still get well over \$35 million in two years for the General Fund or specifically through this bill to help with those kinds of programs that we are already trying to help with from cessation to prevention. It is there, ladies and gentlemen. It is an opportunity for us to comply with the wishes of the general public that have said, at least to me, through all the phone calls and through all the interest nationwide that this is a bill whose time has come. I recognize that there are still some concerns about how you manage such a program, even though modeled after the successful returnable container program, I understand that there are some concerns. There may be following this another piece of legislation, which will set up a study commission. I am totally supportive of that. Absolutely. If this doesn't pass today or doesn't pass in this body and in the other body in this session, then let's not let go of it. Let's continue to

pursue it. The State Planning Office organizes with volunteers, Coastal Clean Up Week. The number one culprit in littering is what? The plastic rings that hold the six-pack together, the damaged lobster traps that float ashore, the parts of boats, the bottles, the cans, the paper trash, no, none of those by a margin of 3 to 4 to 5 to 1. It is the cigarette butt again. It is that little one inch piece of plastic that protects the smoker from the carcinogens that are in the cigarette, the tar, the nicotine.

As an aside to all of that, I think I would be remiss if I didn't point out that 10 percent of the smokers seem to be willing to flick those things anywhere. Nobody really seems, other than those of us who go around and pick them up and try to clean up our yards and our businesses, to be concerned about that little one inch piece of plastic. Now we are looking at it and realizing that there 2.3 billion of them sold in Maine and many of the millions of them landing on the streets and thinking of picking them up and disposing of them properly, the aggregate pounds of these things now are becoming a concern. During the campaign for this, some people said that when you bring that many together and you try to burn them, you generate dioxin. Who wants that in the air? How are you going to dispose of them? Bury them, what will happen to the groundwater. Now we are beginning to get a little concerned about cigarettes and cigarette butts in the aggregate. The one butt doesn't seem to bother anybody, but when you bring them together and there are a million of them, it bothers a lot of people. Why don't we think about that?

Kathleen Register, Executive Director of the Clean Virginia Waterways, has done extensive research confirming that chemicals leached from discarded cigarette butts holds a threat to aquatic life. Fish, birds and other animals routinely eat the cigarette butts and may die as a result. State Fire Marshall's Office and Maine Fire Chiefs tell us the cigarettes are the leading cause of fatal fires in the United States and in the State of Maine. I have received letters from Fire Chiefs who say, what a great idea. They are the culprit and they do cause fires. The support is somewhat endless. Millions and millions of dollars are spent by private industry and by the State of Maine cleaning up the cigarettes. What are we going to do about it?

I think it is time for us to take a look at this and pass this bill, which will set in motion a mechanism for collecting these cigarette butts. If you want, I could go into this in great detail. I won't this morning except to tell you that it is a very simple process and it isn't any more in cumbering, time consuming or difficult than taking your bottles and cans back to the redemption center. I know we all do that. I do it. Maybe once every two or three weeks, I take the garbage bag filled with these bottles and cans back to the redemption center and at the same time all the cigarette butts that I find on the land around my house, not from me because I don't smoke, but from others who are going by and recklessly just flip them out onto my lawn or my driveway, I am going to put 20 in a plastic bag and I am going to take them to the same redemption center. When I get them there, I am going to collect them and they are ultimately going to send them on and we can weigh them and they will get reimbursed one or two cents for each one that they handle and pick up \$50,000 to \$100,000 in additional revenue. They will then be sent onto the state where we will dispose of them properly. We will pick up somewhere between \$11 and \$16 million a year. That doesn't have to be the case if people are willing to buy their cigarettes and pay their \$1 deposit per pack and then bring them back and they get redeemed. That is the goal of his legislation.

I think that we don't need to wait another year. We don't need to study this. What kind of conclusion are we going to get? It is true that two of the major cigarette manufacturers came to the public hearing and talked about their willingness to

participate. They may even join the study committee. I hope that they do if the study committee becomes a reality. Their contention is they are working with states all over the country under the Teach America or Clean Up America or some kind of program. I don't believe they started that in the State of Maine until this bill came forward and I hope that they will. That 3,000 miles of coastline right now in the State of Maine is littered with cigarette butts that haven't been cleaned up yet. If you don't believe it, go to the State Planning Office and talk to them and they will tell you that it is. There are thousands of them.

It is a bill whose time has come. Let's take a look at this very seriously. Let's move this bill and not accept the motion that is currently on the floor of Ought Not to Pass. Let's reject that motion so that we can go to the other proposal, which is Ought to Pass as Amended. There are three members of the committee who saw fit to do that. I hope that you will join with them in saying that Maine can lead the nation again, one more time. Maine, for that matter, can lead the world. What started out as a joke and what started out as being funny, never from us the sponsors, never from the Maine Innkeepers Association, never from a man named Danny Lafayette who has been featured in a number of the newspapers from the *Boston Globe* to the Bangor news, because he has been looking at this for years and trying to figure out a way to resolve this issue. We never thought it was funny, but we went along with the joke until it got some credibility of its own. Now it is time for it to happen. I hope that you will join with me in voting against the Ought Not to Pass so that we can get to the other report.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Topsham, Representative Lessard.

Representative LESSARD: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I think it is appropriate that I read this e-mail that I received at my home. It is in tune with the debate today, I believe. The constituent writes, "Recently I chaperoned a fourth grade class trip from the Williams Cohen School to the State House and was appalled at the site of hundreds upon hundreds of cigarette butts on the grass. I am not sure that this site impressed any of these fourth graders, but I can tell you that it didn't leave a good first impression on me. I am not an anti-smoking nazi, but come on, these steps lead to the House of the people of Maine. It is not a pretty sight. May I suggest with all the educated minds running around that place that someone would put out a butt can and keep the grass a greener place for all, students, residents and legislators alike." Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Baker.

Representative BAKER: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. When Representative Brooks asked if I would like to sign onto his bill weeks ago, I looked at it quickly and laughed and handed it back to him. The following weekend I was down on Mt. Desert Island at a gathering where people began coming up to me and talking about this amazing, wonderful bill. It turned out to be the bill that I had refused to sign on. Ever since that, I have regretted my shortsightedness and my failure to immediately understand the brilliance of this bill.

This is a smart bill. This is the kind of bill we need. It was driven home to me forcefully one day as I was leaving the State House. I believe it was the south entrance. One of our custodians was down on the ground, the snow had just begun to recede, laboriously picking up cigarette butts. He said to me, "I sure hope you pass that bill." I asked him why he was doing that. He said, "Because it looks so awful." He does not get paid anymore to do this dirty work. When you hear people say, yuck, people would have to dig them up, folks, people are picking them up. People are picking them up who are not paid any more to do

this work. A few days later, I encountered the same sight with a custodian coming out of my college entrance in Bangor. He said, "I sure hope you pass that bill." I said, "What bill?" He went on to explain that if we would pass the butt bill, he would not only get his minimum wage pay, but he would get 5 cents for every butt he picked up. This guy had figured out that there was something in this, finally, for him. I think it is important to understand, Representative Brooks says this is an anti-litter bill. I would say this is an environmental bill. Those butts affect our groundwater. If they are burned, they affect our air. The chemicals leach into our aquatic life.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hallowell, Representative Cowger. For what reason does the Representative rise.

Representative **COWGER**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

Representative **COWGER** of Hallowell inquired if a quorum was present.

The Chair declared a Quorum present.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Baker.

Representative **BAKER**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. As I was saying, this is an environmental bill. This is going to help us clean up our state. I would like to think of Maine as a clean state. I would like to think of Maine as an environmental leader. I can think of no better way to enhance our reputation than getting rid, safely, of that inch of plastic that is non-biodegradable. We shouldn't burn it. We shouldn't bury it. It shouldn't be rained on so the chemicals leach into our drinking water and our streams. It is a wonderful environmental bill, but this is a tourism bill. How much more pleasant will our fabulous beaches be if we don't have to pick our way through cigarette butts with our bare feet on the sand? How much more beautiful with the paths of our glorious mountains be if we don't have to have the view marred when we look down and find cigarette butts. This will definitely enhance our reputation as a state that doesn't allow unsightly billboards in the air and doesn't allow this mess at our feet.

I love this bill because I think it will build character. It is a responsibility building bill. It will help people understand that, yes, we actually do have to be responsible for our own trash. We cannot expect someone else to pick it up. From the early ages, this will help us establish character. The best thing about it is it is really easy. Colleagues, besides the bottle bill, this bill is a snap. Every week or two weeks as I lug out that big blue container with all those bottles and cans, that is hard work, but when I pick up those cigarette butts in my front yard now that the snow has melted, I will actually be rewarded for my efforts. I can get 5 cents a piece for each one. At the same time, I can be contributing to our redemption centers. I can be contributing to the General Fund, if I choose. I just see this bill as a win win. I have to apologize to Representative Brooks for not understanding immediately the wisdom of this act. I think that we will be in Maine a leader for the rest of the state. Our motto, Dirigo, means I lead. I hope that we can take the lead in this wonderful endeavor. Mr. Speaker, I would like to request a roll call.

Representative **BAKER** of Bangor **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is acceptance of the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 68

YEA - Andrews, Annis, Belanger, Berry DP, Berry RL, Blanchette, Bouffard, Bowles, Brannigan, Bruno, Bryant, Buck, Bumps, Bunker, Carr, Chase, Chick, Clark, Clough, Colwell, Cote, Crabtree, Cressey, Cummings, Daigle, Dudley, Dunlap, Duprey, Etnier, Fisher, Foster, Fuller, Glynn, Gooley, Green, Haskell, Hatch, Hawes, Heidrich, Honey, Jacobs, Jodrey, Kane, Kasprzak, Labrecque, Landry, LaVerdiere, Laverriere-Boucher, Ledwin, Lemoine, Lundeen, MacDougall, Madore, Mailhot, Matthews, Mayo, McDonough, McGlocklin, McGowan, McKee, McKenney, McLaughlin, McNeil, Mendros, Michael, Morrison, Murphy E, Murphy T, Muse C, Muse K, Nass, Norbert, Norton, Nutting, O'Brien JA, O'Neil, Patrick, Perry, Pineau, Povich, Quint, Richardson, Rosen, Savage, Schneider, Sherman, Shields, Simpson, Skoglund, Snowe-Mello, Stanley, Sullivan, Tarazewich, Tessier, Tobin D, Tobin J, Tracy, Trahan, Treadwell, Tuttle, Waterhouse, Watson, Weston, Wheeler EM, Wheeler GJ, Winsor, Young.

NAY - Ash, Baker, Bliss, Brooks, Bull, Canavan, Chizmar, Collins, Cowger, Desmond, Dorr, Dugay, Duplessie, Estes, Gagne, Hall, Hutton, Jones, Lessard, Marley, Marrache, Michaud, O'Brien LL, Paradis, Richard, Rines, Smith, Twomey, Volenik.

ABSENT - Bagley, Davis, Duncan, Gerzofsky, Goodwin, Koffman, Lovett, Mitchell, Peavey, Perkins, Pinkham, Stedman, Thomas, Usher, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, 107; No, 29; Absent, 15; Excused, 0.

107 having voted in the affirmative and 29 voted in the negative, with 15 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-211)** on Bill "An Act to Change the Truancy Laws"

(H.P. 560) (L.D. 715)

Signed:

Senators:

MITCHELL of Penobscot
NUTTING of Androscoggin

Representatives:

RICHARD of Madison
DESMOND of Mapleton
CUMMINGS of Portland
STEDMAN of Hartland
ANDREWS of York
WESTON of Montville
LEDWIN of Holden

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

ROTUNDO of Androscoggin

Representatives:

SKOGLUND of St. George
WATSON of Farmingdale

READ.

Representative **RICHARD** of Madison moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending her motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Protect Occupants from Diesel Exhaust Emitted by School Buses"

(H.P. 744) (L.D. 963)

Signed:

Senators:

- MITCHELL of Penobscot
- NUTTING of Androscoggin
- ROTUNDO of Androscoggin

Representatives:

- RICHARD of Madison
- DESMOND of Mapleton
- SKOGLUND of St. George
- WATSON of Farmingdale
- ESTES of Kittery
- CUMMINGS of Portland
- STEDMAN of Hartland
- WESTON of Montville
- LEDWIN of Holden

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-189)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

- ANDREWS of York

READ.

On motion of Representative RICHARD of Madison, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Reduce Tuition at Postsecondary Education Institutions of the State for Students Who Maintain a 3.0 Grade Point Average in High School"

(H.P. 758) (L.D. 977)

Signed:

Senators:

- MITCHELL of Penobscot
- NUTTING of Androscoggin
- ROTUNDO of Androscoggin

Representatives:

- RICHARD of Madison
- DESMOND of Mapleton
- WATSON of Farmingdale
- ESTES of Kittery
- CUMMINGS of Portland
- STEDMAN of Hartland
- WESTON of Montville
- LEDWIN of Holden

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-210)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

- ANDREWS of York

READ.

On motion of Representative RICHARD of Madison, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Promote Abstinence in Sex Education and through Public Education"

(H.P. 947) (L.D. 1261)

Signed:

Senators:

- MITCHELL of Penobscot
- NUTTING of Androscoggin
- ROTUNDO of Androscoggin

Representatives:

- RICHARD of Madison
- DESMOND of Mapleton
- SKOGLUND of St. George
- WATSON of Farmingdale
- ESTES of Kittery
- CUMMINGS of Portland
- ANDREWS of York
- LEDWIN of Holden

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-208)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

- STEDMAN of Hartland
- WESTON of Montville

READ.

Representative RICHARD of Madison moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending her motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Permit the Ten Commandments to be Posted in Public Schools"

(H.P. 1112) (L.D. 1481)

Signed:

Senators:

- MITCHELL of Penobscot
- NUTTING of Androscoggin
- ROTUNDO of Androscoggin

Representatives:

- RICHARD of Madison
- DESMOND of Mapleton
- SKOGLUND of St. George
- WATSON of Farmingdale
- ESTES of Kittery
- CUMMINGS of Portland
- ANDREWS of York
- LEDWIN of Holden

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-209)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

- STEDMAN of Hartland
- WESTON of Montville

READ.

Representative RICHARD of Madison moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.