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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 723, L.D. 900, Bill,
"AN ACT to Regulate Certain Oil Carrying Vessels in Maine
Waters."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'38 MRSA §546-A is enacted to read:

§546-A. Certain vessels regulated

No vessel, exceeding 115,000 dead weight tons, which has
as its cargo oil shall enter the jurisdiction of the State
of Maine unless such vessel is equipped with the following
safety features: Segregated ballast design incorporating a
double bottom throughout the cargo length; a properly
installed and maintained flue gas inerting system in
conformance with Intergovernmental Maritime Consultive
Organization regulations and one of the following: A
lateral control mechanism such as lateral thrusters, twin
screws or continuous and adequate tug assistance.

The Board of Environmental Protection shall adopt
suitable regulations to insure the implementation of this
section as provided in section 546.'

Statement of Fact

Current proposals for supertanker ports on the coast of
Maine have substantially increased the likelihood that oil
carrying vessels exceeding the size of those now supplying
the Portland Pipeline, including very large crude carriers
(V.L.C.C.'s) and ultra large crude carriers (U.L.C.C.'s) will
be transitting Maine waters. In order to protect the fragile

marine environment on the coast, it is believed essential that all such supertankers be equipped with current safety features. Although such devices increase somewhat the cost of operation and construction of supertankers, that cost, when measured against the projected reduction in oil pollution, is insignificant.

The Intergovernmental Maritime Consultive Organization is the only international authority to which vessels are accountable. It is an agency of the United Nations.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Marine Resources.

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