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Communication from Secretary of State, Certifying Citizen Initiative, An Act To Decrease the Automobile Excise Tax and Promote Energy Efficiency (I.B. 1, LD 974). Final Disposition: Ordered Placed on File, in Concurrence 03/10/09.

LD 974 / IB0001

An Act To Decrease the Automobile Excise Tax and Promote Energy Efficiency. Referred to Jt. Standing Comm. on Taxation. Public Hearing 03/26/09. Final Disposition: Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 04/09/09. Referred to voters. Rejected in referendum 11/03/09 (In favor: 145,610; Opposed: 416,714)

Original Bill

[LD 974 \(124th Legis. 2009\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Bill

[LD 974](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

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Floor Proceedings and Debate

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News Articles

Battle simmers over auto tax (Mistler, Steve) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 1/24/2009) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 124/LD09xx/nc124-ld-0974/SB124121.pdf)

Taxing dilemma (Hickey, Colin) (Morning Sentinel, 2/16/2009, p. A1, A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 124/LD09xx/nc124-ld-0974/SB124150.pdf)

- Excise taxes bad; not having them would be worse (Kennebec Journal, 2/18/2009) ●
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- Car tax break (Bangor Daily News, 3/26/2009, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 124/LD09xx/nc124-lid-0974/B0903020.pdf)
- Vehicle excise tax debate gets early start (Miller, Kevin) (Bangor Daily News, 3/27/2009, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 124/LD09xx/nc124-lid-0974/B0903067.pdf)
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- Panel rejects car tax cut; November ballot likely (Cover, Susan M.) (Kennebec Journal, 4/8/2009, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 124/LD09xx/nc124-lid-0974/K0904039.pdf)
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- Cutting auto excise tax would cripple road repairs (Belanger, Irene L.) (Bangor Daily News, 5/13/2009, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 124/LD09xx/nc124-lid-0974/B0905078.pdf)
- Battle brewing over bill to reform Maine's excise tax (Bowley, Diana) (Bangor Daily News, 6/12/2009, p. B1, B6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 124/LD09xx/nc124-lid-0974/B0906057.pdf)

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