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808 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE USE OF SEAT BELTS IN ALL MOTOR VEHICLES Brown, L. ONTP

828 AN ACT RELATING TO THE MANDATORY INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES Melendy ONTP

SUMMARY: Proposed an annual inspection of motor vehicles 5 years or less and would have required semi-annual inspections for vehicles 5 years and older.

871 AN ACT TO MAKE THE SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE FEE A ONE-TIME FEE Curtis ONTP

SUMMARY: LD 872 proposed to authorize a one-time fee for special registration or vanity plates. The proposed fee of \$50 payable in 2 installments of \$25 each over a 2 year period would be applicable to future owners of vanity plates. Presently vanity plate owners, which number 22,600, pay a \$15 charge per year in addition to the standard registration fees. Although, the bill would general additional revenues to the highway fund in the first year there would be net losses following first year of registration. In addition the bill created an equal protection problem that discriminates against present owners of vanity plates.

910 AN ACT REQUIRING MOTORISTS TO PROTECT CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES BY USE OF APPROVED CHILD SAFETY SEATS Reeves, P. OTP

SUMMARY: LD 910 proposed to require any child 4 years of age or less to be strapped into a child safety seat of the vehicle of the child's parent or guardian and strapped in with safety seat belts in vehicles of other persons. Violation of the law would incur a \$25 fine for the first violation which could be waived if the defendant showed proof of having secured a child safety seat. Subsequent violations would incur a \$50 fine. No more than 1 violation could be incurred in any 24 hour period.

928 AN ACT CONCERNING BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS Dutremble LV/WD

SUMMARY: The committee redrafted the bill. Please refer to LD 1514.

962 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS AND APPROVE DESCRIPTIVE AND DIRECTIONAL SIGNS ON THE MAINE TURNPIKE Macomber ENACT. PL 332

SUMMARY: Specifies that approval authority for directional signs on the Maine Turnpike rests with the Maine Turnpike Authority rather than the Legislature.