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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

TRANSPORTATION

BILL SUMMARY



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All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP ,	Indefinitely Postponed

Sponsor: ERWIN E, Warren, Callahan, Salsbury Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: The bill would have increased the penalties for operating a vehicle which has been placed out-of-service by a police officer. The violation would be increased from a misdemeanor to a Class E crime.

LD AN ACT ENABLING THE STATE TO JOIN THE REGIONAL PL 1987
873 TRUCK PERMIT AGREEMENT. c. 121

Sponsor: DOW, Moholland, Pouliot, Salsbury Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to enter into the Northeast Regional Truck Permit Agreement. The agreement would establish a method for obtaining a permit to carry a nondivisible overdimensional or overweight load through participating jurisdictions with the issuance of only one permit form the terminus jurisdiction. At present a separate permit must be obtained from each jurisdiction that the load passes through. The jurisdiction issuing the certificate will be responsible for allocating the respective shares to the jurisdictions through which the load passed.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE USE OF SEAT BELTS FOR PL 1987 877 CHILDREN 12 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER. C. 245

Sponsor: PINES, MacBride, Reeves, Gauvreau Committee Report: OTP - ONTP

SUMMARY: Presently children under age 4 must wear seatbelts. The bill enacts a similar requirement for children from age 4 and up to but not including 12 years of age. The bill includes a 6 month grace period. After the grace period, violation will be considered a civil violation for which the fine will be \$25 for the first violation and \$50 for each subsequent violation.