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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1203, L.D.  
1710, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify the Authority of Municipal Officers to Temporarily Restrict Vehicle Passage over Certain Highways."

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Amend the bill in the first line after the enacting clause (page 1, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Sec. 1."

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Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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Section 1 of the bill is sufficient to clarify the authority of municipal officers to temporarily restrict the passage of motor vehicles on ways and bridges within their jurisdiction. Section 2 is not necessary to clarify that authority. The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 903, which is amended in section 2 of the bill, sets forth the authority of the Department of Transportation to establish long-term exclusions and restrictions regarding weight and equipment of vehicles passing over ways and bridges.

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Municipalities already share in this authority. Under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 1753, municipal officials may restrict the weight of vehicles permitted on bridges within a municipality's jurisdiction, either on an emergency or on a long-term basis. Also, municipalities may enact ordinances under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 2151, to restrict the passage of certain ve-

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1 hicles over town ways and bridges. The changes  
2 sought in section 2 are unnecessary, and section 2 of  
3 the original bill should be deleted.

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