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SENATE AMENDMENT " B " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"
8 to S.P. 914, L.D. 2282, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to
9 Commercial Vehicles."

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Amend the amendment by striking out all of the
11 first 4 paragraphs after the title (page 1, lines 9
12 to 23 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the fol-
13 lowing:

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'Amend the bill in Part A by striking out all of
15 section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §244, sub-§2, as amended by PL
17 1983, c. 94, Pt. B, §6, is repealed and the following
18 enacted in its place:

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2. Combination tractor-trailer; exceptions. A
combination of truck tractor and full trailer or
truck tractor and semitrailer shall not exceed 65
feet in length, including all structural parts there-
of, permanent or temporary. Trailers or semitrailers
shall not exceed 48 feet in length, including all
structural parts thereof, permanent or temporary, and
provided that for trailers or semitrailers in excess
of 45 feet the distance as measured between the cen-
ter of the rear most truck tractor axle and the cen-
ter of the rear most trailer axle shall not exceed 38
feet in length.

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A. The load on any vehicle combination utilized
exclusively for the transportation of tree length
logs may extend rearward beyond the body of the
vehicle by 8 1/2 feet, provided that not more
than 25% of the length of the logs may extend be-
yond the body of the vehicle combination.

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B. A combination of truck tractor and full

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1 trailer or truck tractor semitrailer may be operated
2 ated on the Interstate Highway System and those
3 qualifying federal aid primary system highways
4 designated pursuant to the United States Surface
5 Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, Public Law
6 97-424, Section 411, with an overall length in
7 excess of 65 feet, provided that the trailer or
8 semitrailer shall not exceed 48 feet in length.

9 C. A combination of truck tractor, semitrailer
10 and full trailer may be operated on the Inter-
11 state Highway System and those qualifying federal
12 aid primary system highways designated by the
13 Secretary of the United States Department of
14 Transportation, pursuant to the United States
15 Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982,
16 Public Law 97-424, Section 411, with an overall
17 length in excess of 65 feet, provided that no
18 semitrailer or trailer operating in such vehicle
19 combination may exceed 28.5 feet in length.

20 D. Notwithstanding any other provision of the
21 law, combination vehicles designed for the trans-
22 portation of automobiles shall be permitted a
23 front overhang of not more than 3 feet and a rear
24 overhang of not more than 4 feet. These
25 overhangs shall be in addition to the length lim-
26 its authorized in this section.

27 E. The overall length of trailers and semitrail-
28 ers shall not include the space occupied by re-
29 frigeration units or other nonload carrying ap-
30 purtenances which may be permitted by federal
31 regulation.'

32 Further amend the amendment by inserting after
33 the 5th paragraph after the title the following:

34 'Further amend the bill in Part A by striking out
35 all of section 7.'

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1 Further amend the amendment by inserting after
2 the 11th paragraph after the title the following:

3 'Further amend the bill in Part C, in section 4,
4 in that part designated "§998-B." in subsection 1, by
5 striking out all of the last 2 sentences."

6 Further amend the amendment by inserting before
7 the next to the last paragraph before the statement
8 of fact the following:

9 'Further amend the bill in Part C, in section 4,
10 in that part designated "§998-B." in subsection 4, in
11 the last line (page 17, line 28 in L.D.) by striking
12 out the following: "Class B" and inserting in its
13 place the following: 'Class D'

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

15 The purposes of this amendment are:

16 1. To make clear that all vehicle combinations
17 are permitted 48-foot semitrailers subject to axle
18 limitations;

19 2. To remove redundant language; and

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1 3. To change the penalty for failing to stop or
2 yield the right-of-way to any train, engine or con-
3 veyance, from a Class B to a Class D crime. This ap-
4 plies to buses carrying passengers and vehicles
5 transporting hazardous materials. It also removes
6 that language pertaining to shifting gears when
7 crossing railroad tracks.

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