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H.P. 542

House of Representatives, February 13, 2001

Resolve, Decreasing the Gasoline Tax by 10 Cents Per Gallon.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DUPREY of Hampden, KASPRZAK of Newport,
MENDROS of Lewiston, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TREADWELL of Carmel.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

4 **Whereas,** the State's economy is slowing down; and

6 **Whereas,** gasoline prices are rising; and

8 **Whereas,** to provide immediate assistance to all the State's
10 citizens, this legislation needs to be an emergency; and

12 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
14 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
16 safety; now, therefore, be it

18 **Sec. 1. Decrease in gasoline tax. Resolved:** That, beginning on
the first day of the month after the effective date of this
20 resolve and ending on May 25, 2001, the Department of
Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services
22 shall decrease the excise tax on all grades of gasoline and
diesel fuel by 10¢.

24 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
26 preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

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This resolve directs the Department of Administrative and
32 Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to decrease the
excise tax on all grades of gasoline and diesel fuel by 10¢
34 beginning on the first day of the month after the effective date
of this resolve and ending on May 25, 2001.