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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Burkett of Portland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-ONE

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### MEMORIAL

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled:

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the 95th Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

Whereas, the Congress of the United States is presently considering an increase in the federal gasoline tax from  $1\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$  to  $3\text{¢}$  per gallon and an increase in the manufacturers excise tax on automobiles of from 7% to 20%; and

Whereas, these two tax sources alone are expected to produce \$1,265,000,000 or over forty per cent of the \$3,000,000,000 contemplated increase in federal excise taxes, thus imposing on the American motorists a disproportionate share of the general tax burden; and

Whereas, the Federal gasoline tax is an invasion of the State's rightful field of taxation and impairs and endangers the State's most important source of highway revenue; and

Whereas, highway transportation is not a luxury to be taxed as such, but necessary to commerce, industry and agriculture in support of our present

economy and absolutely essential to the emergency defense program ; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, your Memorialists, do hereby respectfully petition and request the Congress to withhold its approval of any proposed legislation which would further increase either the Federal tax on gasoline or other automotive excise taxes ; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the United States House of Representatives, to the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the United States Senate and to each Senator and Representative in Congress from the State of Maine.