1   H.457

2   SHORT FORM

3   Introduced by Representative O'Brien of Tunbridge

4   Referred to Committee on

5   Date:

6   Subject: Climate change; agriculture; taxation; tax on transit of agricultural

7   commodities

8   Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to inform

9   customers purchasing food of the carbon and climate change effects of the

10   transit of agricultural commodities by establishing a tax on the mileage an

11   agricultural commodity travels before retail sale in Vermont. "Agricultural

12   commodity" would be defined to include horticultural crops, fruits, vegetables,

13   poultry and meat processed for consumption, maple syrup, honey, milk,

14   cheese, yogurt, and other dairy products. The tax would be assessed at $0.001

15   per mile that an agricultural commodity travels from the location of original

16   packing for shipment to the point where the commodity will be sold at retail.

17   The bill would require the transporters of agricultural commodities to provide

18   an invoice at delivery that includes the point of origin of shipment of each

19   agricultural commodity delivered and the mileage travelled. The bill would

20   deposit a third of the revenue from the tax in the General Fund, a third of the

21   revenue in a special fund to raise awareness of carbon and climate change

1   effects of the transport of agricultural commodities, and a third of the revenue

2   in a special fund to promote food resiliency, included funding of Universal

3   School Meals.

4   An act relating to establishing a tax on the transit of agricultural
5   commodities

6   It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

7   (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)