Reference Committee I recommends that the following Consent Calendar be adopted. The item number listed below corresponds with the item number in the attached report.

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

(12) Resolution 19-310, FMA Support of Bleeding Control Kits in Schools and Public Spaces

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED OR SUBSTITUTED

(7) Resolution 19-304, Assure Physician Due-Process in Potential Loss of Privileges
(8) Resolution 19-306, Tobacco 21 Legislation
(10) Resolution 19-308, Youth Sports Safety Initiative
(11) Resolution 19-309, CPR Training for Florida High School Students
(13) Resolution 19-311, Clarification of the Duties of Physicians and Pharmacists in Prescribing and Filling Medication
(14) Resolution 19-312, “For Accuracy and Accountability in Clinical Titles” FACT
(15) Resolution 19-313, Authorization Denial Letter
(17) Resolution 19-315, Limit Expansion of Cosmetic, Dermatologic Surgery, and/or Facial Aesthetics
(18) Resolution 19-316, Oppose Elimination of Patient Choice and Physician Prescription Mandates

RECOMMENDED FOR NOT ADOPTION

(1) Report C of the Board of Governors – Recommendation C-1, Resolution 301
(2) Report C of the Board of Governors – Recommendation C-2, Resolution 309
(6) Resolution 19-303, Natural Gas Fracking in Florida to Protect Human Health
(16) Resolution 19-314, Drug Prevention

RECOMMENDED FOR REFERRAL TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR STUDY AND REPORT BACK

(5) Resolution 19-302, Gun Violence Control and Public Health
(9) Resolution 19-307, Medicare Reimbursement Standard for Out-of-Network Medicaid Treatment

RECOMMENDED FOR REFERRAL TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR DECISION

(4) Resolution 19-301, Emergency Medical Transport Service Cost Transparency and Equity
(19) Resolution 19-202, Physician Non-Compete
(20) Resolution 19-317, Restrictive Covenants

RECOMMENDED FOR FILING OR REAFFIRMATION

(3) Report C of the Board of Governors-Recommendation C-3
Mr. Speaker, Reference Committee III - Legislation has considered each of the items referred to it and presents the following report. The Committee’s recommendation on each item will be submitted separately and I respectfully suggest that each item be acted upon before going to the next.

**REPORT C OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The report, as presented in the Delegate Handbook, contained one recommendation from the Board for the House to consider. The report also contained an informative summary of major actions taken by the board on issues related to the Council on Legislation, the Florida Medical Association Political Action Committee (FMA PAC) and informational items reported to the Board on the same topics.

(1) **Board Recommendation C-1: Resolution 18-301 FMA Campaign Initiative to Protect Public Safety**

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 18-301 from the 2018 FMA House of Delegates be not adopted:

**RESOLVED, That the Florida Delegation to the American Medical Association submit a resolution that accomplish the following:**

- Initiate a campaign and work with organizations to strengthen laws to protect citizens from misuse of firearms; and

- That assault rifles such as A.R. 15’s and AK 47 and automatic weapons, would be declared illegal except when the owner has a federally issued certificate of competence; and

- Firearms could not be purchased by an individual under the age of 21; minors under the age of 21 could use a firearm when accompanied by a gun licensed adult; and

- Individuals currently in possession of firearms would have to register them and submit to the same prerequisites as individuals purchasing firearms. There would be an amnesty period of one year before fines and punishment would be determined by the courts; and

- Firearms to no longer be purchased at gun shows – except from licensed dealers; individual transfer of firearms would require registration with local and federal authorities and be sold only to a person licensed to possess a firearm; and

- The sale of “partially prepared” weapons, those parts that are currently unregistered, would be prohibited; and be it further
RESOLVED, The Florida Medical Association would instruct its Delegation to the American Medical Association to seek adoption of these resolves at the Interim -2018 AMA meeting, to become policy of the American Medical Association.

There was Limited testimony in opposition to the Board’s recommendation, but in light of resolution 19-302 the reference committee agreed with the Board’s recommendation of be not adopted.

(2) Board Recommendation C-2: Resolution 18-309 Creation of Maintenance of a Database Between Mental Health Professionals and FDLE

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 18-301 from the 2018 FMA House of Delegates be not adopted:

RESOLVED, That the FMA seek legislation for the creation of a funded and staffed phone or online entity, to the Department within the FDLE that provides the background DATA for new gun purchases, allowing information from qualified healthcare providers to flow into the Registry and to be able to place certain patients who are deemed high risk for self-harm or harm to others on a “No Sell/No possession List” for firearm purchases or ownership; be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA also mandate the legislation includes a funded connectivity between the schools’ mental health system and the outside mental healthcare programs so to assure a better follow up on any suggested or mandated outside mental health assessments for students, even if recently graduated, if they have demonstrated concerning thoughts, behavior, or public display, by any method that suggests homicidal or suicidal ideation.

There was no testimony in opposition to the board’s recommendation of adopting as amended resolution 18-309, therefore the reference committee recommends adoption as amended.

(3) Board Recommendation C-3

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that the remainder of Report C of the Board of Governors be filed for information.

(4) RESOLUTION 19-301 Emergency Medical Transport Service Cost Transparency and Equity, Collier County Medical Society

Recommendation:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Resolution 19-301 be referred to the Board of Governors for decision.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, The FMA seek to participate in any further workings of the EMT Working Group of the Insurance Consumer Advocate Office of Florida; and be it further

RESOLVED, The FMA request the AMA support federal legislation that
exempts air ambulance services from the 1978 Airline Deregulation Act that precludes states from regulating prices, routes, or services of air carriers; and be it further

RESOLVED, The FMA develop information for consumers including patients and their families of the potential for costly balance billing when choosing EMT services, particularly air ambulance services; and be it further

RESOLVED, The FMA communicate to the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration which has oversight of HMO and EPO network adequacy-the urgency to compel health plans to disclose to consumers the adequacy of their provider networks, specifically, coverage for air-ambulance and ground based EMT; and be it further

RESOLVED, The FMA seek legislation that requires full disclosure by licensed EMT providers of their charges and costs; and be it further

RESOLVED, The FMA seek legislation that expands the legislation of HB 221 (2016) that prohibits balance billing for emergency services by out-of-network providers to include EMT.

The Committee heard testimony in support for patient safety and billing transparency. The testimony in opposition centered on emergency medical transportation balanced billing not being in the purview of the FMA. Additional testimony suggested that opening up the balanced billing statute could have a negative effect on physicians. The committee felt that this conflicting testimony, along with the complex federal regulation of aviation, made referral to the board for study and decision the best option.

(5) RESOLUTION 19-302 Gun Violence Control and Public Health, Florida Chapter American College of Physicians, Dade County Medical Association

Recommendation:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Resolution 19-302 be referred to the Board of Governors for study and report back.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association support state legislation and future AMA initiatives to ban assault weapons and high capacity ammunition devices, including utilizing currently enacted AMA policy and language in future FMA policies and initiatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association support the passage of legislation to ban the sale, transfer, manufacture, and importation of assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition devices (as defined by the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act) within the state.

The Committee heard divided testimony on this issue. Supporters of the resolution felt it was time for the Florida Medical Association to act on the issue of gun violence in America. Their testimony stated that the Florida Medical Association’s gun policy should be in line with the
American Medical Association. Opposition to the resolution felt it was outside the mission of the Florida Medical Association and divisive for the membership. The committee felt strongly that the issue merited broader reflection, study, and report.

(6) RESOLUTION 19-303 Natural Gas Fracking in Florida to Protect Human Health, Florida Chapter American College of Physicians, Duval County Medical Society, Nassau County Medical Society

Recommendation:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Resolution 19-303 be not adopted.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association support legislation prohibiting all types of well stimulation drilling (fracking), including high pressure fracking well stimulation, matrix acidization, acid fracturing, and acid maintenance.

The Committee heard limited testimony in favor of the resolution. The committee felt the resolution was outside the sphere of influence of the Florida Medical Association.

(7) RESOLUTION 19-304 Assure Physicians Due-Process in Potential Loss of Privileges, Hillsborough County Medical Society

Recommendation:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Resolution 19-304 be adopted as amended by substitution:

RESOLVED, The FMA seek legislation that requires all contracts between hospitals and entities providing physician services to contain a provision affording due process rights for all medical staff members when privileges or employment by the entity are at risk.

The original resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, The FMA seek legislation which would entitle all physicians who are medical staff members to due process prior to being involuntarily removed from the schedule at a given facility or losing privileges at a given hospital.

The Committee heard testimony overwhelmingly in support of the resolution. Most of the testimony centered on doctors in entities providing physician services having their rights taken away without due process. Patient safety concerns were also expressed when the doctors in entities providing physician services speak out against hospital practices and are subsequently disciplined by the entity.

(8) RESOLUTION 19-306 Tobacco 21 Legislation, Orange County Medical Association

Recommendation:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Resolution 19-306 be adopted as amended by insertion as follows:
RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association (FMA) support legislation that would raise the legal age to purchase tobacco products and other nicotine delivery devices to 21 years of age.

The original resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association (FMA) support legislation that would raise the legal age to purchase tobacco products to 21 years of age.

The Committee heard testimony overwhelmingly in support of the resolution to raise the tobacco age to 21. Testimony stated that raising the age would cut the number of people who become addicted to tobacco. The committee wanted to make clear that this resolution included electronic nicotine delivery systems.

**RESOLUTION 19-307 Medicare Reimbursement Standard for Out-of-Network Medicaid Treatment, Dade County Medical Association**

**Recommendation:**

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends [Resolution 19-307 be referred to the Board of Governors for study and report back.]

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association send a letter to the Governor’s Office and the Agency for Health Care Administration with a request to reconsider their position on not mandating out-of-network physicians receive the same Medicare Level reimbursement rates when treating Pediatric Medicaid Beneficiaries as in-network physicians; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association pursues legislation that will mandate that all physicians treating Pediatric Medicaid Beneficiaries shall receive Medicare level reimbursement for their services if the Governor’s Office and Agency for Health Care Administration do not reverse their policy.

The Committee heard mixed testimony in regard to this resolution. The author admitted that the resolution may need referral to the board. Significant concerns were raised about the negative impact on federal unanticipated medical billing legislation by setting Medicare as a benchmark for out-of-network physicians in Florida Medicaid. The committee felt the first resolved needed further study and noted that the second resolved was existing FMA policy, 300.009.

**RESOLUTION 19-308 Youth Sports Safety Initiative, Florida Orthopedic Society**

**Recommendation:**

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends [Resolution 19-308 be adopted as amended by insertion and deletion as follows:]
RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association support legislation that encourages athletic personnel, including organizers and coaches, to participate in free educational programming focused on traumatic injury, heat illness, concussion, and proper training to prevent or decrease the chance of serious injury prior to being involved in high risk youth athletic activities. (“High-risk youth athletic activity” means any organized sport for children 14 years of age or younger where there is a significant possibility for the child to sustain a serious physical injury. The term includes, but is not limited to, the sports of football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, soccer, ice or field hockey, cheerleading, and lacrosse.)

The original resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association support legislation that will require athletic personnel, including organizers and coaches, to participate in free educational programming focused on traumatic injury, heat illness, concussion, and proper training to prevent or decrease the chance of serious injury prior to being involved in high risk youth athletic activities. (“High-risk youth athletic activity” means any organized sport for children 14 years of age or younger where there is a significant possibility for the child to sustain a serious physical injury. The term includes, but is not limited to, the sports of football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, soccer, ice or field hockey, cheerleading, and lacrosse.)

The Committee heard mixed testimony on this resolutions. Opposition to the resolution noted that the requirement for volunteers to take a mandatory program might create exposure to liability. The Committee felt that encouragement to participate in education was more appropriate than requirement to do so.

(11) RESOLUTION 19-309 CPR Training for Florida High School Students, Florida Chapter ACP

Recommendation:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Resolution 19-309 be adopted as amended by insertion and deletion as follows:

RESOLVED, That FMA support legislation policies that requires encourage all students to receive hands-on, guidelines-based CPR training in order to graduate before graduating high school.

The original resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, That FMA support legislation that requires all students to receive hands-on, guidelines-based CPR training in order to graduate high school

The Committee heard mixed testimony in regarding a requirement for high school students to take CPR training in order to graduate. The supporters of the resolution felt it was a necessary requirement to save lives in Florida. Opposition saw this as an unfunded mandate in the setting of tight school district budgets. Further, results would be difficult to track for all high school graduates. The committee thought the best approach would be for the Florida Medical Association to support all policies that encourage students to take CPR training.

(12) RESOLUTION 19-310 FMA Support of Bleeding Control Kits in Schools and Public Spaces,

**Recommendation:**

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends **Resolution 19-310 be adopted.**

The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLVED,** That the Florida Medical Association support state legislation to fund the purchase, placement, and maintenance of bleeding control kits in schools and high-trafficked public spaces in Florida.

The Committee heard testimony overwhelmingly in support of this resolution. The supporters of this resolution spoke about the nationwide “Stop the Bleed” initiative to train laypeople in life-saving hemorrhage control. Availability of kits in at-risk places allows application of the training. The Committee strongly felt that the “Stop the Bleed” initiative could save lives throughout the state and the Florida Medical Association’s support of legislation would be key to funding through the legislature.

**(13)** **RESOLUTION 19-311 Clarification of The Duties of Physicians and Pharmacists in Prescribing And Filling Medications,** Ellen W. McKnight, M.D., Escambia County Medical Society

**Recommendation:**

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends **Resolution 19-311 be adopted as amended by insertion and deletion with a title change as follows:**

**Title: Point of Care Medication Dispensing**

**RESOLVED,** That the FMA affirms that it is the physician who has the education and skills necessary to put forth a treatment plan which often consists of prescribing medication including opioids; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the FMA affirms the vital role of the pharmacist to fill medically indicated and legally written prescriptions; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the FMA affirms that it is not the role of the pharmacist to determine whether a medically indicated and legally written prescription will be filled; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the FMA will support legislation which clarifies the recent opioid legislation to enable physicians to prescribe medications appropriately as we attempt to humanely treat pain; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the FMA will survey their members as to the burdens upon physicians as a result of the opioid dispensing law and to the penalties that may been brought against physicians practicing under this law; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the FMA will continue to educate their members on point of care dispensing of medications consistent with F.S. 465.0276, Dispensing Practitioner.

The original resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, That the FMA affirms that it is the physician who has the education and skills necessary to put forth a treatment plan which often consists of prescribing medication including opioids; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA affirms the vital role of the pharmacist to fill medically indicated and legally written prescriptions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA affirms that it is not the role of the pharmacist to determine whether a medically indicated and legally written prescription will be filled; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA will support legislation which clarifies the recent opioid legislation to enable physicians to prescribe medications appropriately as we attempt to humanely treat pain; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA will survey their members as to the burdens upon physicians as a result of the opioid dispensing law and to the penalties that may been brought against physicians practicing under this law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA will educate their members on point of care dispensing of medications consistent with F.S. 465.0276, Dispensing Practitioner.

The Committee heard testimony from the author of the resolution stating that the first three resolves were not necessary. The committee agreed with the author and also thought the fourth and fifth resolves were already Florida Medical Association policy. The committee wanted to make certain that the FMA continue to educate members on point of care dispensing of medication.

(14) RESOLUTION 19-312 The “For Accuracy and Accountability in Clinical Titles” (FACT) Resolution, Florida Society of Anesthesiologists

Recommendation:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Resolution 19-312 be adopted as amended by insertion and deletion as follows:

RESOLVED, That FMA policy oppose any misappropriation of medical specialties’ titles; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA seek legislation that would accomplish the following:

1. Prevents non-physician mid-level providers Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Physician Assistants from using titles and descriptors that are not in line with their state licensure;
2. Prevents non-physician mid-level providers Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Physician Assistants from using descriptors reserved for physicians, either in whole or in part (e.g. “nurse anesthesiologist”, “nurse cardiologist”, or “nurse dermatologist”); and

3. Establish criminal and civil penalties for such acts.

4. Define who may present themselves to a patient, or within a clinical or public setting as a “doctor” and limit to Doctor of Medicine, Osteopathy, Dentist, Chiropractor, Optometrist, or Podiatrist.

RESOLVED, That the FMA refer any violation of this legislation, when passed, to the Attorney General of the State of Florida for appropriate legal action.

The original resolution reads as follows:

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RESOLVED, That the FMA seek legislation that would accomplish the following:

1. Prevents non-physician mid-level providers from using titles and descriptors that are not in line with their state licensure

2. Prevents non-physician mid-level providers from using descriptors reserved for physicians, either in whole or in part (e.g. “nurse anesthesiologist”, “nurse cardiologist”, or “nurse dermatologist”)

3. Establish criminal penalties for such acts

4. Define who may present themselves to a patient, or within a clinical or public setting as a “doctor” and limit to Doctor of Medicine, Osteopathy, Dentist, Chiropractor, Optometrist, or Podiatrist.

RESOLVED, That the FMA refer any violation of this legislation, when passed, to the Attorney General of the State of Florida for appropriate legal action.

The Committee heard testimony mainly in support of the resolution. Some of the testimony brought up issues around the wording in the resolution, so the Committee suggested the amendment to the resolution to make it more concise. The Committee felt that this amended resolution brought Florida Medical Association policies more in line with the American Medical Association. The Committee also wanted to ensure the legislature would set the policy instead of the Board of Nursing.

(15) RESOLUTION 19-313 Authorization Denial Letter, Hillsborough County Medical Association

Recommendation:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Resolution 19-313 be adopted as amended by insertion and deletion as follows:

RESOLVED, The Florida Medical Association seek legislation mandating the direct
involvement of medical directors of third parties/insurance companies with physicians who order a test/procedure/treatment for their patients prior to denying the test/procedure/treatment; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Florida Medical Association seek legislation mandating that denial letters cannot
1. **Must include a specific reason for** denial; and the medical director’s
2. **Must be hand signed by the medical director.**

The original resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, The Florida Medical Association seek legislation mandating the direct involvement of medical directors of third parties/insurance companies with physicians who order a test/procedure/treatment for their patients prior to denying the test/procedure/treatment; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Florida Medical Association seek legislation mandating denial letters cannot include the medical director’s signature stamp when he/she did not review the denied case.

The Committee heard testimony overwhelmingly in support of this resolution. The testimony raised concerns about the medical director’s direct involvement in the process. The Committee wanted to make sure that denial letters included a specific reason and personal hand-written signature.

(16) **RESOLUTION 19-314 Drug Prevention**, South Florida Caucus

**Recommendation:**

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends **Resolution 19-314 be not adopted**.

The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLVED, That the FMA encourage the State of Florida to allocate funding in their budget for an effective Ad campaign through television and social media, addressing the “Prevention of Drug Abuse.”**

The Committee heard testimony from the author stating that an ad campaign would help drug prevention statewide. The opposition stated that an ad campaign would be costly and that studies show marginal effectiveness of these campaigns. The committee noted that there are more cost effective measures for primary prevention.

(17) **RESOLUTION 19-315 Limit Expansion of Cosmetic, Dermatologic Surgery and/or Facial Aesthetics**, Broward County Medical Association

**Recommendation:**
Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends **Resolution 19-315 be adopted as amended by substitution:**

RESOLVED, The FMA seek legislation to prohibit the independent practice of dermatology, cosmetic and/or dermatologic surgery by dentists, Advanced Practitioner Registered Nurses, or Physician Assistants (i.e. Doctor of Medical Science), and reinforce that these services can only be provided under the supervision of a Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy.

The original resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, The Florida Medical Association shall support legislation to restrict the practice of cosmetic and/or dermatologic surgery and/or facial aesthetics to MDs or Dos unless done by dentists or APRNs under the direct supervision of an MD or DO.

The Committee heard testimony that was mixed, though supportive of the intent. Testimony stated the resolution was too vague regarding who would be allowed to do these procedures. The Committee felt that amending this resolution to make it more specific would be better policy and in line with the testimony.

(18) **RESOLUTION 19-316 Oppose Elimination of Patient Choice and Physician Prescription Mandates**, Capital Medical Society

**Recommendation:**

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends **Resolution 19-316 be adopted as amended by insertion and deletion as follows:**

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association will monitor and oppose legislation which would eliminate patients’ ability to choose among pharmacies for purchase of medications; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association will engage in early proactive and vigorous opposition to future legislation that would restrict physician-issued forms of prescription by hand-writing, telephonic, or electronic means.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association will monitor and oppose legislation which would eliminate patients’ ability to choose among pharmacies for purchase of medications; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association will engage in early and vigorous opposition to future-legislation that would restrict physician-issued forms of prescription by hand-writing, telephonic, or electronic means.

The Committee heard testimony overwhelmingly in support of the resolution. The Committee agreed that there is still a role for paper prescriptions to allow for contingencies and patient flexibility.

(19) **RESOLUTION 19-202 PHYSICIAN NON-COMPETE**, Polk County Medical Association
Recommendation:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Resolution 19-202 be referred to the Board of Governors for decision.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association oppose restrictive covenants and non-compete clauses as it applies to physicians.

The Committee heard testimony on both resolutions, 19-202 and 19-317 in opposition to restrictive covenants. There was some testimony that spoke to the complicated and divisive nature of this policy, particularly for private practice physicians. The Committee felt it would be best to refer this resolution, as well as 19-317, to the Board for study and decision.

(20) RESOLUTION 19-317 RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, South Florida Caucus

Recommendation:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Resolution 19-317 be referred to the Board of Governors for decision.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, That the FMA seek legislation that assures restrictive covenants in the state of Florida

a. Do not unreasonably restrict the right of a physician to practice medicine for a specified period of time or in a specified geographic area on termination of a contractual relationship
b. Do allow for reasonable accommodation for patient’s choice of physician.

The Committee heard testimony on both resolutions, 19-202 and 19-317 in opposition to restrictive covenants. There was some testimony that spoke to the complicated and divisive nature of this policy, particularly for private practice physicians. The Committee felt it would be best to refer this resolution, as well as 19-202, to the Board for study and decision.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I wish to publicly thank each member of the Reference Committee:

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**Recommendation:**

Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of Reference Committee III be adopted.
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