

Adopted Rejected

COMMITTEE REPORT

YES: 10
NO: 2

MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1085, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1 Delete the title and insert the following:
- 2 A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning health.
- 3 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the
- 4 following:
- 5 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998] (a) **The general**
- 6 **assembly finds the following:**
- 7 (1) **The health of the citizens of Indiana is one of Indiana's**
- 8 **most important public concerns.**
- 9 (2) **Individuals can develop allergic reactions from repeated**
- 10 **exposure to latex, including severe reactions that can cause**
- 11 **death.**
- 12 (3) **Medical research indicates that many latex gloves that**
- 13 **contain powder can release airborne protein particles that**
- 14 **can be inhaled by others thus causing a sensitivity to latex.**
- 15 (4) **Health care workers may be at an increased risk of**
- 16 **developing allergic reactions to latex because of their**

- 1 continued exposure to latex in the health care setting.
- 2 (5) The general assembly believes that it is the public interest
- 3 to examine ways to prevent latex allergies from developing
- 4 and to protect health care workers who have already
- 5 developed allergic reactions to latex.
- 6 (b) The legislative council is urged to establish an interim
- 7 study committee to study the following:
- 8 (1) The use and effects of powdered latex gloves in health
- 9 care facilities on individuals with latex allergic reactions.
- 10 (2) The feasibility and benefits of banning powdered latex
- 11 gloves or restricting the maximum allowable level of protein
- 12 particles that may be on latex gloves that are used in a health
- 13 care facility.
- 14 (3) Any other topic assigned to the committee by the
- 15 legislative council.
- 16 (c) If established, the committee shall operate under the
- 17 direction and rules of the legislative council and the committee
- 18 shall issue a final report when directed to do so by the legislative
- 19 council.
- 20 (d) This SECTION expires November 1, 1998.
(Reference is to HB 1085 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative C. Brown