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("Pollution Control Financing Law-permit creation

of financing authorities")

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1161

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 15, 1982

By Assemblyman McENROE

Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

An Act to amend the title of "An act concerning the authorization, acquisition, financing, selling, and leasing of industrial pollution control facilities; authorizing the creating of industrial pollution control financing authorities; defining the powers thereof; authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes by such authorities for financing industrial pollution control facilities; and providing for the terms and security thereof," approved January 9, 1974 (P. L. 1973, c. 376), so that the same shall read "An act concerning the authorization, acquisition, financing, selling, and leasing of pollution control facilities; authorizing the creating of pollution control financing authorities; defining the powers thereof; authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes by such authorities for financing pollution control facilities; and providing for the terms and security thereof," and to amend the body of said act.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
- 2 of New Jersey:
- 1. The title of P. L. 1973, c. 376 is amended to read as follows:
- 2 An act concerning the authorization, acquisition, financing, sell-
- 3 ing, and leasing of [industrial] pollution control facilities; autho-
- 4 rizing the creating of [industrial] pollution control financing
- 5 authorities; defining the powers thereof; authorizing the issuance
- 6 of bonds and notes by such authorities for financing [industrial]
- 7 pollution control facilities; and providing for the terms and
- 8 security thereof.
- 2. Section 1 of P. L. 1973, c. 376 (C. 40:37C-1) is amended to
- 2 read as follows:

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in **bold-faced** brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter printed in italies thus is new matter.

- 3 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New Jersey
- 4 [Industrial] Pollution Control Financing Law."
- 3. Section 2 of P. L. 1973, c. 376 (C. 40:37C-2) is amended to read
- 2 as follows:
- 3 2. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that there is an
- 4 urgent need to protect and enhance the quality of the natural en-
- 5 vironment; that to reduce, abate and prevent environmental
- 6 pollution, quality standards have been and will be established
- 7 necessitating the employment of devices, equipment and facilities
- 8 for the collection, reduction, treatment and disposal of gaseous,
- 9 liquid and solid wastes or other contaminants deriving from the
- 10 operation of public utility, industrial, manufacturing, warehousing,
- 11 commercial, office and research facilities, and residential units; that
- 12 the prompt construction of pollution control facilities, including
- 13 resource recovery facilities, is in the public interest; that it is
- 14 desirable to provide additional and alternative methods of financing
- 15 the costs of the acquisition and installation of the devices, equip-
- 16 ment and facilities required to comply with the quality standards
- 17 which will accelerate the abatement process; and that the alterna-
- 18 tive method of financing provided in this act is in the public interest
- 19 and serves a public purpose in encouraging the protection of the
- 20 health, welfare and safety of the citizens of this State.
- 4. Section 3 of P. L. 1973, c. 376 (C. 40:37C-3) is amended to
- 2 read as follows:
- 3. In this act, unless the context otherwise clearly requires, the
- 4 terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them as
- 5 follows:
- 6 "Act" means this New Jersey [Industrial] Pollution Control
- 7 Financing Law.
- 8 "Authority" means [an industrial] a pollution control financing
- 9 authority created pursuant to this act [:].
- 10 "Bonds" means any notes, bonds and other evidences of indebt-
- 11 edness or obligations of any agency.
- "County" means any county of any class.
- "Governing body" means the board of chosen freeholders.
- 14 "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, company,
- 15 corporation, public utility, association, trust, estate, or any other
- 16 legal entity, or their legal representative, agent or assigns.
- 17 "Pollution" means any form of environmental pollution deriving
- 18 from the operation of public utility, industrial, manufacturing,
- 19 warehousing, commercial, office or research facilities, or deriving
- 20 from the disposal of solid waste generated at residences, hotels,
- 21 apartments or any other public or private buildings, including, but

not limited to, water pollution, air pollution, pollution caused by 2223solid waste disposal, thermal pollution, radiation contamination, or noise pollution as determined by the various standards pre-2425 scribed by this State or the Federal Government and including, but not limited to, anything which is considered as pollution or 2627environmental damage pursuant to the laws, rules and regulations 28administered by the Department of Environmental Protection as 29 established by P. L. 1970, c. 33 (C. 13:1D-1 et seq.), and any amendments and supplements thereto. 30

"Pollution control facilities" means any structures, facilities, 31 32 systems, fixtures, lands and rights in lands, improvements, appurtenances, machinery, equipment or any combination thereof de-33 signed and utilized for the purpose of resource recovery or for the 34 purpose of reducing, abating or preventing pollution, deriving from 35 the operation of public utility, industrial, manufacturing, ware-36 housing, commercial, office or research facilities and provided that 37 the State Department of Environmental Protection and the [board 38 of freeholders governing body of the county certify that any such 39 facility does not conflict with, overlap or duplicate any other 40 planned or existing pollution control facilities undertaken or 41 planued by another public agency or authority. 42

"Project costs" as applied to pollution control facilities financed 43 44 under the provisions of this act means the sum total of all reasonable or necessary costs incident to the acquisition, construction, 45 reconstruction, repair, alteration, improvement and extension of 46 such pollution control facilities including, but not limited to, the cost 47of studies and surveys; plans, specifications, architectural and 48 engineering services; organization, marketing or other special 49services; legal financing, acquisition, demolition, construction, 50 equipment and site development of new and rehabilitated buildings; 51rehabilitation, reconstruction, repair or remodeling of existing 52buildings, fixtures, machinery and equipment; insurance premiums; 53 and all other necessary and incidental expenses including an initial 54bond and interest reserve together with interest on bonds issued 55 to finance such pollution control facilities to a date 6 months subse-56 quent to the estimated date of completion and such other reserves 57 as may be required by resolution of an agency. 58

''Resource recovery' means the collection, separation, recycling and recovery of metals, glass, paper and other materials for reuse or for energy production.

- 5. Section 4 of P. L. 1973, c. 376 (C. 40:37C-4) is amended to 2 read as follows:
- 4. a. Any county may create an authority under the provisions of this act which shall be a public body corporate and politic and a

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5 political subdivision of the State for the purpose of acquiring,
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- 6 constructing, reconstructing, repairing, altering, improving, extend-
- 7 ing, owning, leasing, financing, selling, maintaining, operating and
- 8 disposing of pollution control facilities within such county provided
- 9 that, with respect to any pollution control facility which is not en-
- 10 gaged in resource recovery, the Department of Environmental Pro-
- 11 tection certifies that the proposed undertaking of the authority is
- 12 the proper method of solving the problem under consideration and
- 13 provided further that, with respect to any pollution control facility
- 14 which is engaged in resource recovery, the facility conforms to the
- 15 Statewide solid waste management plan and the applicable district
- 16 solid waste management plan and has an approved registration
- 17 statement and engineering design pursuant to section 5 of P. L.
- 17A 1970, c. 39 (C. 13:1E-5).
- 18 b. The authority shall be created by resolution and shall be
- 19 known as the "Industrial Pollution Control Financing Authority
- 20 of," inserting all or any significant part of
- 21 the name of the county creating the authority. The authority shall
- 22 constitute an agency and instrumentality of the county creating it.
- 23 c. An authority shall consist of five members appointed by reso-
- 24 lution of the governing body of the county which created such
- 25 authority.
- 26 Members shall serve for terms of 5 years, provided that the
- 27 members first appointed shall be designated by the resolution of
- 28 appointment to serve for terms expiring on the first days of the
- 29 first, second, third, fourth and fifth Februarys next ensuing after
- 30 such appointment. Each member shall hold office for the term
- 31 of his appointment and until his successor shall have been ap-
- 32 pointed and qualified. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same man-
- 33 ner as the original appointment but for the unexpired term only.
- d. The governing body of any county which has created an au-
- 35 thority may dissolve the authority by resolution on condition that
- 36 the authority has no debts or obligations outstanding or that provi-
- 37 sion has been made for the retirement of such debts or obligations.
- 38 Upon any such dissolution, all property, funds and assets of the
- 39 authority shall be vested in the county which created the authority.
- 40 e. A certified copy of each resolution creating or dissolving an
- 41 authority and each resolution appointing members thereto shall.
- 42 be filed in the office of the Secretary of State. A copy of any such
- 43 certified resolution, certified by or on behalf of the Secretary of
- 44 State, shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper creation or
- 45 dissolution of the authority or the due and proper appointment of
- 46 the member or members named therein.

f. The powers of an authority shall be vested in the members 47

thereof from time to time and three members shall constitute a 48

quorum. Action may be taken and motions and resolutions adopted **4**9

50 by an agency at any meeting thereof by the affirmative vote of at

least three members of the authority. 51

No vacancy in the membership of an authority shall impair the 52

right of a quorum of the members thereof to exercise all the powers 53

54and perform all the duties of the authority.

g. At the first meeting of any authority and thereafter on or 55

after February 1 in each year, the members shall elect from among 56

their number a chairman and vice chairman who shall hold office 57

until February 1 next ensuing and until their respective successors 58

have been appointed and qualified. Every authority also may 59

appoint, without regard to the provisions of Title 11 of the Revised 60

Statutes, a secretary, treasurer and such other officers, agents and 61

employees as it may require. 62

h. The members of an authority shall serve without compen-

sation, but the authority shall reimburse its members for actual

expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their official 65

duties. 66

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i. No member, officer or employee of an authority, nor member 67

of their family, shall have or acquire any interest, direct or indirect 68

69 in any pollution control facilities undertaken or planned by the

authority or in any contract or proposed contract for materials 70

or services to be furnished to or used by the authority, but neither 71

the holding of any office or employment in the government of any

county or municipality or under any law of the State shall be 73

deemed a disqualification for membership in or employment by an 74

authority, except as may be specifically provided by law, and mem-75

bers of the governing body of a county may be appointed by such 76

governing body and may serve as members of the authority. A 77

member may be removed only by the governing body by which he 78

was appointed for inefficiency or neglect of duty or misconduct in 79 office or conviction of a crime, and after he shall have been given

80 a copy of the charges against him and, not sooner than 10 days

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thereafter, had the opportunity in person or by counsel to be heard 82

thereon by such governing body. 83

6. Section 5 of P. L. 1973, c. 376 (C. 40:37C-5) is amended to 1

read as follows: 2

5. The authority shall have the following powers together with 3

all powers incidental thereto or necessary for the performance 4

thereof: 5

a. To have perpetual succession as a public body corporate and 6

politic;

- 8 b. To adopt [by laws] bylaws for the regulation of its affairs
- 9 and the conduct of its business;
- 10 c. To sue and to be sued;
- d. To have and to use a corporate seal and to alter the same at
- 12 pleasure;
- 13 e. To maintain an office at such place or places within the
- 14 county as it may designate;
- 15 f. To acquire after a public notice has been given at least 20 days
- 16 prior thereto in a newspaper of general circulation in the area
- 17 served by the authority, in the name of the authority by purchase
- 18 or otherwise, on such terms and conditions and in such manner as
- 19 it may deeem proper any land and other property which it may
- 20 determine is reasonably necessary for any of its pollution control
- 21 facilities[.];
- 22 g. To determine, with the approval of the State Department of
- 23 Environmental Protection, the location and manner of construction
- 24 of pollution control facilities to be financed under the provisions
- 25 of this act, and to acquire, construct, reconstruct, repair, alter,
- 26 improve, extend, own, lease, finance, sell, maintain and dispose of
- 27 the same and to enter into contracts for any and all of such pur-
- 28 poses, and to designate persons as its employees and agents to
- 29 accomplish the same;
- 30 h. To lease to a person or persons any or all of the pollution
- 31 control facilities upon such terms, conditions and guarantees as the
- 32 authority shall deem proper, and to charge and collect rent and
- 33 fees therefor and to terminate any such lease upon the failure of
- 34 the lessee to comply with any of the obligations thereof; and to
- 35 include in any such lease, if desired, provisions that the lessee or
- 36 lessees thereof, and any guarantor of such lease, shall have upon
- 37 the termination of the lease term options to renew the term of the
- 38 lease for such period or periods and at such rent as shall be de-
- 39 termined by the authority or to purchase any or all of the pollution
- 40 control facilities for a nominal amount or otherwise or that upon
- 41 payment of all of the indebtedness incurred by the authority for the
- 42 financing of such pollution control facilities of the authority may
- 43 convey any or all of the pollution control facilities to the lessee
- 44 or lessees thereof;
- i. To sell to a person or persons any or all of the pollution con-
- 46 trol facilities upon such terms and conditions as the authority shall
- 47 deem proper including the right to receive for such sale the note
- 48 or notes of the person or persons purchasing the facility;
- 49 j. To acquire, hold, pledge, mortgage and dispose of real and
- 50 personal property in the exercise of its powers and performance
- 51 of its duties under this act;

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k. To invest and reinvest bond proceeds pending application to the purposes for which such bonds were issued and other funds under its control, subject only to the provisions of any bond resolution, lease or other agreement entered into by such authority;

l. To issue bonds in such principal amounts as, in the opinion 56 57 of such authority, shall be necessary to provide sufficient funds to 58 carry out the purpose of this act, including the planning, financing, 59 acquisition, construction and other project costs of pollution control facilities, the payment of interest on the bonds of the authority, 60 61 the provision for working capital and all other expenditures of the 62 agency incident to and necessary or convenient for carrying out its 63 purposes and powers and to refund the same, all as provided for 64 in this act;

m. To employ engineers, architects, attorneys, accountants, construction and financial experts, superintendents, managers and such other employees and agents, without regard to the provisions of Title 11[, Civil Service] of the Revised Statutes, as may be necessary in its judgment and to fix their compensation;

70 n. To receive and accept from any public agency loans or grants 71 for or in aid of the construction of pollution control facilities and 72 any portion thereof, or for equipping the same, and to receive and 73 accept grants, gifts or other contributions from any source;

o. To refund, after public notice has been given, outstanding obligations incurred by any agency or any person to finance the cost of pollution control facilities, including obligations incurred for pollution control facilities undertaken and completed after the enactment of this act when the authority finds that such financing is in the public interest; [and]

80 p. To extend credit or make loans to any person in order to pay 81 or provide for the payment of any project costs of a pollution con-82 trol facility; and

83 **[p.]** q. To do all things necessary and convenient to carry out 84 the purposes of this act.

7. Section 8 of P. L. 1973, c. 376 (C. 40:37C-8) is amended to 2 read as follows:

8. All bonds issued by an authority may be issued as serial bonds or as term bonds or a combination of both types. Such bonds shall be payable solely out of the revenues and receipts derived from the leasing or sale by the authority of the pollution control facilities acquired with the proceeds thereof as may be designated in the proceedings under which the bonds shall be authorized to be issued or from the loan and security agreements or other instruments entered into between an authority and the person to whom the

proceeds of the bonds have been loaned for the purpose of paying any of the project costs of a pollution control facility. Such bonds 13 may be executed and delivered by the authority at any time and 14 from time to time, bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times, bear interest at such rate or rates, be in such denomina-15 tions, be in such form, either coupon or registered, carry such 16 17 registration privileges, be executed in such manner, be payable 18 in such medium of payment, at such place or places, be subject to 19 such terms of redemption, be executed by the manual or facsimile 20 signatures of such officers of the authority and contain such pro-21visions not inconsistent herewith, all as shall be provided in the 22proceedings of the authority. If deemed advisable by the authority, 23there may be retained in the proceedings under which any bonds are authorized to be issued a right or option to redeem all or any 24part thereof as may be specified in such proceedings, at such price 25or prices and after such notice or notices and on such terms and 26conditions as may be set forth in such proceedings, but nothing 27herein contained shall be construed to confer on any authority the 28right or option to redeem any bonds except as may be provided in 29 the proceedings under which they shall be issued. Any bonds may 30 be sold at public or pirvate sale for such price or prices and in such 31 manner and at such time or times as may be determined by the 3233 authority and the authority may pay all expenses, premiums and 34 commissions which it may deem necessary or advantageous in connection with the issuance thereof. Issuance by the authority of one 35 or more series of bonds for one or more purposes shall not pre-36clude it from issuing other bonds in connection with the same 37 38 pollution control facilities or any other pollution control facilities or for any other purpose hereunder, but the proceedings where-39 under any subsequent bonds may be issued shall recognize and 40 protect any prior pledge made for any prior issue of bonds. Any 41 42bonds at any time outstanding may at any time and from time to time be refuded by the issuance of refunding bonds in such amount 43 as the authority may deem necessary but not exceeding an amount 44 sufficient to refund the principal of the bonds so to be refunded, 45together with any unpaid interest thereon and any premiums, 46 commissions, service fees and other expenses necessary to be paid 47in connection therewith. Any such refunding may be effected 48 whether the bonds to be refunded shall have then matured or 49shall thereafter mature, either by sale of the refunding bonds and 50 the application of the proceeds thereof for the payment of the 5152bonds to be refunded thereby, or by the exchange of the refunding bonds for the bonds to be refunded thereby with the consent of all 53

or so many of the holders of the bonds so to be refunded as may be 54 determined and regardless of whether or not the bonds to be re-55 funded were issued in connection with the same pollution control 56 facilities or separate pollution control facilities or for any other 57 purpose hereunder, and regardless of whether or not the bonds 58 59 proposed to be refunded shall be payable on the same date or different dates or shall be due serially or otherwise. All such bonds 60 and the interest coupons applicable thereto, if any, are hereby 61 62made and shall be construed to be negotiable instruments within 63 the meaning, and for all purposes, of Title 12A, Commercial Transactions, of the New Jersey Statutes (N. J. S. 12A:1-101 64 et seq.) with the exception of any provisions thereof pertaining to 65 66 registration.

8. Section 9 of P. L. 1973, c. 376 (C. 40:37C-9) is amended to read as follows:

3 9. The principal of and interest and premiums, if any, on any bonds issued by an authority shall be secured by a mortgage or pledge of the revenues and receipts out of which the same shall be 5 6 made payable and may be secured by the pledge of all or any part of the assets of such authority, subject to such agreements with 7 bondholders as may then prevail, or such bonds of the authority may be secured by loan and security agreements or any other 9 instrument upon terms and conditions as the authority shall deem ---10 reasonable, including provision for the establishment and main-11 tenance of reserve and insurance funds; provided that any such 12agreement or instrument shall provide for payments at least ade-13quate to pay the principal of and interest and premiums, if any, on 14 bonds issued to finance pollution control facilities as they become 15 16 due and payable. The resolution under which the bonds are authorized to be issued may contain any agreements and provisions 17 respecting the maintenance of the properties covered thereby; 18 the fixing, collection and use of rents for any portions thereof 19 leased by the authority to others; the determination, collection 20and application of payments to be received for the sale of any 21properties covered thereby; the creation and maintenance of special 22funds from such revenues or receipts and the limitations on the 23purpose to which the proceeds from the sale of the bonds may be 24applied and pledging such proceeds to secure the payment of the 25 26 bonds; the limitations on the issuance of additional bonds and on the refunding of outstanding or other bonds; the procedure, if 27 any, by which the terms of any such agreement may be amended 28or abrogated; and the rights and remedies available in the event 29of default, including the designation of a trustee, all as the author-

31 ity shall deem advisable and not in conflict with the provisions hereof. Each pledge and agreement made for the benefit or security 33 of any of the bonds of the authority shall continue effective until the 34principal of and interest and premiums, if any, on the bonds for the benefit of which the same were made shall have been fully paid 35 or provision for such payment duly made. In the event of default 36 in such payment or in any agreement of the authority made as a 37 part of the contract under which the bonds were issued, whether 38 contained in the proceedings authorizing the bonds or in any in-39 denture executed as security therefor, said payment or agreement 40 may be enforced by suit, action in lieu of prerogative writ, or the 41 appointment of a receiver in equity, or any one or more of said 42remedies. 43 44-64 As further security for the bonds, an authority may enter into contracts of insurance assuring that the principal of and interest on 65 such bonds will be paid and that rental payments, installment 66 payments or other payments to be made by the user of the facilities 67 will be made; provided, however, that the authority shall not be 68 obligated under the terms of such policy to any greater extent than 69 70allowed by the provisions of this act. The cost of any such insurance contract may be paid out of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds so 7172insured.

9. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The purposes of this bill are to include resource recovery facilities as a new class of pollution control facilities for which authorities, acting under the "Industrial Pollution Control Financing Law," P. L. 1973, c. 376 (C. 40:37C-1 et seq.), may extend credit or make loans for any project costs and to provide more flexible financing arrangements for all pollution control facilities. The addition of resource recovery facilities to those facilities which may be financed fully under the auspices of the law is necessary and desirable as an added encouragement to their construction. Resource recovery facilities serve the useful purposes of separating recyclable goods from other wastes and of incinerating waste, for purposes of energy production, which would otherwise be placed in New Jersey's overburdened landfills. Thus, resource recovery facilities not only serve to protect the environment, but also provide a new and useful way to contribute to the State's energy needs.

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ASSEMBLY ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1161

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 21, 1982

This bill would include resource recovery facilities as a new class of pollution control facilities for which county authorities, acting under the provisions of the "Industrial Pollution Control Financing Law," P. L. 1973, c. 376 (C. 40:37C-1 et seq.), may extend credit or make loans for any project costs and to provide more flexible financing arrangements for all pollution control facilities. The addition of resource recovery facilities to those facilities which may be financed fully under the auspices of the would-be "New Jersey Pollution Control Financing Law" is subject to the conformance of such facilities to the Statewide and applicable district solid waste management plans and an approved registration statement and engineering design for each resource recovery facility.

SENATE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1161

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 23, 1982

This bill would include resource recovery facilities as a new class of pollution control facilities for which county authorities, acting under the provisions of the "Industrial Pollution Control Financing Law," P. L. 1973, c. 376 (C. 40:37C-1 et seq.), may extend credit or make loans for any project costs and to provide more flexible financing arrangements for all pollution control facilities. The addition of resource recovery facilities to those facilities which may be financed under the auspices of the would-be "New Jersey Pollution Control Financing Law" is subject to the conformance of such facilities to the Statewide and applicable district solid waste management plans and an approved registration statement and engineering design for each resource recovery facility.

FISCAL NOTE TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1161

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 29, 1982

Assembly Bill No. 1161, of 1982, would include resource recovery facilities as a new class of pollution control facilities for which authorities, acting under the "New Jersey Industrial Pollution Control Law" (P. L. 1973, c. 376) may extend credit or make loans for all project costs and to expand the more flexible financing arrangements to be permitted for resource recovery facilities to all pollution control facilities. The financing of resource recovery facilities would be done via revenue bonds issued by locally created authorities.

The Department of Environmental Protection, in light of the difficulty to judge the degree to which the arrangements in this bill may be used, has attempted to assess the impacts of the bill as follows:

State Budget Impacts—the direct impact appears to be minimal; no new resources would be utilized, and no new revenues are expected. There may be a reduction in requests for State financial assistance if the counties use all their options to their fullest.

Local Budget Impacts—likely to be small. The bonds to be issued under this law are to be revenue bonds issued by the local pollution control authority, which may reduce or slow the growth of the counties' overall indebtedness, which in turn may lower other borrowing costs.

Volume of Financing Expected—Presently, approved plans call for the construction of approximately 20 resource recovery facilities with total costs of \$1 billion to \$1½ billion. Presumably, only a portion of these 20 projects will involve bonding of the type considered by the bill, and it is likely that those which do involve such bonding will not utilize revenue bonds for the total cost. Therefore, it may be reasonable to estimate that less than \$500 million in new revenue bonds would result from these projects.

The Office of Legislative Services concurs.

In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1980, c. 67.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RELEASE: IMMEDIATE CONTACT: PAUL WOLCOTT

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 1983

Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed the following bills:

S-1618, sponsored by State Senator Wynona Lipman, D-Essex, which appropriates \$90,000 to the Department of Community Affairs for State aid grants for cultural development for ethnic groups. The three groups to receive grants under the appropriation are the Ironbound Education and Cultural Center, the Leaguers, Inc., and the North Ward Educational and Cultural Center.

A-1161, sponsored by Assemblyman Harry A. McEnroe, D-Essex, which would make resource recovery (recycling) facilities eligible for funding under the Industrial Pollution Control Financing Law. That law permits counties to create authorities to finance and build such facilities. Under this bill those authorities would be able to extend credit or make loans against project costs for resource recovery facilities, provided that they are approved as part of the Statewide solid waste management plan.

A-1812, sponsored by Assemblyman Walter M. D. Kern, R-Bergen, which clarifies the law addressing the docketing of judgments by the Clerk of the Superior Court to provide for the automatic docketing of judgments or orders to pay counsel fees or other costs and fees.

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