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Dr. Jorgensen: There was a public buildings committee of the post-war planning commission. Everything in this was a part of the \$60,000,000 included in that. I don't take that too seriously. I did not have a chance to sit with the committee members. I think they took everything prepared by all the boards and put it into one.

Dr. Grace: Any post-war planning committee getting into this business ought to evaluate things very carefully. Your infirmary is desperately needed. I would like to suggest when it comes to a law school there ought to be a study made. There are already too many lawyers in the state. I don't think there should be more trained.

Chm. Hurley: Is there anyone else to speak for this bill or against it? Are there more questions? The hearing is closed.

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(Mrs. Edgerton) DEFINING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Dr. Jorgensen: This is also a trustee bill. It is designed to bring up to date the statutory definition of duties of the Board of Trustees. I have only one copy of this publication for the Committee. There is not anything in this bill that does not appear as a bill or by-law of the Board of Trustees. Now there is one real reason for these two bills, this and the other left to be heard. There is a weakness in our board setup and it has been recognized by the board for a number of years and they are now getting around to have changes made. The bills as drawn are not ideal by any means. It is a compromise between the ideal and some things the Board felt they had to do as facing realities. That is particularly true of H.B. 933. In the mimeographed material I have reproduced Section 2144 covering powers and duties of trustees. Everything has been incorporated in the proposed bill. It also reflects good administrative organization and defines relationships between a policy making board and the administrative agent of the policy making board. I suspect we could forget about some of those things but you never can tell when a board changes in its makeup and the institution suffers. Certain agents may assume authorities and be in conflict with the policy making functions of such a board. While everything is running smooth is the time to plug the holes. I present it to you at the request of the Board and they sincerely hope it will be favorably acted upon.

Senator Leipner: You are defining the authorities of the Board?

Dr. Jorgensen: That is right and done right here. It is incomplete in the present statute.

Chm. Hurley: Is there anyone else to appear for this bill? Anyone against it? Questions? The hearing is closed.

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H.B. 933

(Mrs. Edgerton) AMENDING SECTION 2143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES *changing no. & tenure of trustees of Univ. of Conn.*

Dr. Jorgensen: This changes the composition of the Board. Dr. Grace will make a comment on this. Ideally a Board should be made up of about nine members, seven to nine. They should all be appointed and have long and overlapping terms. The tenure of the appointed members ought to be long enough so the majority of the Board could turn over in a short period of time within any four-year period. A university should belong to all of the people. No special interest group should be represented through definite appointments. Ideally that is right. There should be no ex-officio members. Ideally, no group, even the alumni association, should have its own representatives that they elect and appoint. Now we recognize there are certain realities to be faced in all of this so this bill does not do anything at all with respect to the ex-officio board members--three of them. All that it does is to change the number of appointed members from eight to ten and length of service from four to five years. Under normal conditions the membership could not turn over in a brief period. It is not the ideal as yet but the Board felt they would have to compromise on somethings they would like to have. There have been times when institutions have been almost wrecked because of a too rapid turnover of a board membership. The board has become a creature of some agency not concerned with the best interests of the institution or of the state. It has only been in recent years there has been any clamoring for appointment to the Board of Trustees. We would have to beg people to consider an appointment. We would find maybe fifty or more who were seeking appointment to the Board of Trustees the last time appointments were to be made. Some of these attempts are both fearful and wonderful. I think it is best to plug this thing before something goes wrong.

Dr. Grace: I would like to support what Dr. Jorgensen has said. The trustees ought to sit down and find out what they want. This ex-officio business is all wrong. It puts the Governor on that board, it puts the Commissioner of Agriculture on it, it puts the Commissioner of Education on it and by agreement I have never attended a meeting. It puts me in judgment on another man's budget. Some things I would not subscribe to, yet my name goes on the board. It does not add anything to the Board of Trustees. I would like to get off.

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Upon motion of Mr. Wanderer of Bethel,
the House recessed at 1:15 p.m.

The House was called to order at 2:15 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

House Resolution No. 61 - On motion of Mrs. Wakelee of Wolcott, this resolution granting the use of the Hall of the House to the committee on Public Health and Safety was adopted, for the purpose of a hearing on April 3, 1945 at 1:45 p. m.

The following bills were read the second time, favorable reports from the committees having been received, which bills were tabled for the Calendar and printing, viz:

<u>Cities and Boroughs</u> -	<u>House Bills Nos. 658 and 889.</u>
<u>Education</u> -	<u>House Bills Nos. 264; 925 and 933.</u>
<u>Insurance</u> -	<u>House Bill No. 543.</u>
<u>Judiciary</u> -	<u>House Bills Nos. 1130 (substitute) and No. 1151</u> <u>(Committee Bill)</u>

Favorable reports were received from the committee on Finance on Senate Bill No. 448 - "An Act Rescinding the Authority Granted to the City of Waterbury To Issue Water Supply Bonds." The bill was explained by Mr. Holbrook, House Chairman of the committee. The rules were suspended, the bill read the third time by the Clerk, the report of the committee accepted and the bill passed in concurrence with the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 638 (Substitute) - "An Act Authorizing the City of Waterbury to Issue Sewerage Bonds" The bill was explained by Mr. Holbrook, House Chairman of the Committee on Finance. The rules were suspended, the bill read the third time by the Clerk, the report of the committee accepted and the bill passed in concurrence with the Senate.

A report of the committee on Military Affairs and Civilian Defense was received from the Senate on Senate Bill No. 74, the bill was read by the Clerk the second time and tabled for the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 99:

A report of the committee on Engrossed Bills was received from the Senate, the Senate having passed the bill. The bill was read the second time and tabled for the Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 307 - Constitutional Amendments - This resolution was taken from the table, read by the Clerk the ~~third~~ second time, the report of the committee named rejected and the resolution was rejected by a Yea and Nay vote. The title of the bill - "Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Constitution providing for Election of State Officers for a Four Year Term" explained by:

Mr. Conway of Guilford, House Chairman of the committee: Mr. Speaker, a

favorable report has been received by the committee on

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Senate Bill No. 287 - "An Act Extending the Time for Accepting an Act Amending the Charter of the Travelers Insurance Company."
This bill was explained by Mr. Pruyn of Colebrook, a member of the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Wanderer of Bethel House Bill No. 307 - "An Act Concerning the Interest and Dividend Income Tax of Domestic Insurance Companies" and House Bill No. 375 - "An Act Concerning the Interest and Dividend Income Tax of Domestic Insurance Companies" were taken from the table, read by the Clerk the third time, the reports of the committee on Finance accepted and the bills rejected.

On motion of Mrs. Edgerton of Stamford, House Chairman of the committee on Education House Bill No. 925 was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on Education. (An Act Defining the Powers and Duties of the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut)

On motion of Mr. Wanderer of Bethel all bills which had received unfavorable reports were taken from the table, read the third time, the reports of the committees named (Finance and Agriculture) were accepted and the bills rejected, - as follows:

House Bill No. 526 - An Act Concerning the (Finance) Interest and Dividend Income Tax of Domestic Insurance Companies.
House Bill No. 633 - An Act Concerning an (Agriculture) Amendment Specifying the Grounds for Refusal, Suspension or Revocation of a License by the Milk Administrator.

The Speaker: The lady from Litchfield.

Mrs. Rylander: House Bills Nos. 307; 375 and 526 are reported unfavorably by the committee on Finance because they have a committee bill covering the subject contained in these three bills, and the committee bill will be on the Calendar very soon.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Woodstock, Senate Bill No. 325 which was received from the Senate and introduced was referred to the committee on Claims, under suspension of the rules. This bill is "An Act providing for payment to Clarence Richter, Howard Richter, Bertha Cisero and Edith Wardman on account of the death of their father."

A report was received from the committee on Incorporations and from the Senate; the bill was read the second time by the Clerk and tabled for the Calendar as follows: Senate Bill No. 288.

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House Resolution No. 86 - By Mr. Mitchell of Southbury, resolution granting the use of the Hall of the House to the committee on Agriculture. On motion of Mr. Mitchell of Southbury, the resolution was adopted. The resolution is printed in the Journal for the day.

House Joint Resolution No. 328. Mr. Parr of Chester. Resolution Commemorating V-E Day. The following is the resolution: (See Journal for the day.)

✓ House Bill No. 1188 - "An Act concerning a Food Emergency." Under suspension of the rules on motion of Mr. Shapiro of Farmington, this bill was introduced and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

✓ House Bill No. 1182 - Public Personnel - An Act Concerning the Granting of Retirement Privileges to State Employees not Included in the Retirement System.

✓ House Bill No. 1183 - Public Personnel - An act Concerning Study by Legislative Council of Problems Involved in Working Out adjustment for Retirement Allowances of Teachers Retired Under Former Pension Provisions. These two bills were raised in committee, read and recommitted to the said committee.

✓ House Bill No. 1189 - Licensed Occupations - "An Act Concerning License to Practice Chiropractic for Veterans" - This bill was raised in committee, read and recommitted to the said committee.

✓ House Joint Resolution No. 261 - Forfeited Rights. This resolution received the favorable report of the committee, read the second time by the Clerk and tabled for the Calendar.

✓ House Bill No. 1186 - Finance (Committee Bill) "An Act Concerning the City of Norwalk to Issue Bonds for an Addition to and the Equipment of the Broad River School." A favorable report was received from the committee on this bill which is a committee bill. On motion of Mr. Holbrook, House Chairman of the committee, the rules were suspended, the bill read the third time by the Clerk, explained by Mr. Holbrook, and passed without debate and then under suspension of the rules was transmitted to the Senate. (The bill is printed in the Journal for the day.)

Bills receiving favorable reports from the committees named, read the third time and tabled for the Calendar and printing were:

House Bills No. 880 (substitute) and 1149, Cities and Boroughs; House Bills No. 923 (substitute) and 925 (substitute), Education; House Bills Nos. 363 (substitute) and No. 1187 (Committee); Elections; House Bills Nos. 620, 685, 689, 692, 699 and 702 (substitute); Finance; House Bills Nos. 178, 228, 773, and 998 (all substitute bills) - Judiciary - also House Bills Nos. 1118 (substitute); 1121, 1126, 1143, 1184 and 1185. The last two named are committee bills: No. 1184 - An Act granting a Pension to Pierpont B. Foster and No. 1185 - An Act Concerning Power of Corporations to Lease, Sell or Exchange all of Their Property.

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Reports received from the various committees were accepted on the following bills which were passed without debate,--

House Bill No. 207 - BANKS --"An Act Concerning Receivership of State Banks, State Banks and Trust Companies, Building and Loan Associations and Private Bankers" - This bill was explained by Mr. Ahrens of Suffield, Chairman of the House committee, who stated that this bill would clarify the present laws relating to this subject.

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House Bill No. 60 - / An Act Concerning the Election of Town Officers and Members of Board of Education and Library Board in New Canaan. This bill was explained by Mr. Pratt of Willington, Chairman of the House committee, who stated that this bill would "provide that the terms of members of the New Canaan Education and Library boards and other town officers, except the town clerk and registrar of voters, would expire on the date of the 1945 biennial election in November."

House Bill No. 880 (Substitute) - An Act Amending an Act Concerning the Establishment of a Police Benefit Fund and the Retirement of members of the Police Force in the City of Norwalk - This bill was also explained by Mr. Stroffolino of Norwalk, who stated that this would provide that "any members of the Norwalk Police Department who joined the force after January 1, 1944 be required to pay 3 per cent of their salaries to the police pension fund."

House Bill No. 1149 - An Act Amending an Act Establishing a Firemen's Fund in the City of Norwalk - This bill, as explained by Mr. Stroffolino, a member of the committee, would make the same provisions for the Norwalk Fire Departments.

House Bill No. 1190 - CLAIMS - An Act Reimbursing Frank Pinto for sums of Money Expended for Medical Services Rendered His Son, John Pinto - This bill, as explained by Mr. Spencer, of New Hartford, a member of the committee, would pay Frank Pinto \$300 as reimbursement of medical expenses for his son, John Pinto."

House Bill No. 358 - Substitute - EDUCATION - An Act Concerning Liability of Town Boards of Education for Damage or Injury Resulting from Negligence of Their Members, Teachers or Other Employees. The bill was explained by Mr. Barnett of Salisbury, a member of the committee, who stated that this bill would provide for "exemption from liability boards of education for damage or injury resulting from negligence of their members, teachers or other employees."

House Bill No. 925 - Substitute - An Act Defining the Powers and Duties of the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut - This bill as explained by Mrs. Foote of Hebron would consolidate into one statute the definition of powers and duties of trustees of the University of Connecticut. (Education)