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evolution will show increased benefits. It has worked well and I think we can all be very proud of the manner in which the Savings Bank Life Insurance have operated in the State of Connecticut.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? If not all those in favor signify by saying "aye"; those opposed "no". Report of the Committee is accepted and the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Favorable report of the Committee on Public Utilities on House Bill 46 "An Act authorizing the Bozrah Light & Power Company to Sell gas." Calendar No. 176 File No. 105.

MR. RAYMOND (NORWALK):

I move the acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on the acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Will you remark?

MR. RAYMOND (NORWALK):

The title of this bill is self-explanatory. It empowers the Bozrah Light & Power Company to sell gas. I hope it passes.

THE SPEAKER: Will you remark further?

MR. KIRKER (NORWICH):

I would like to ask what type of gas they intend to sell in Bozrah?

THE SPEAKER:

Would the gentleman from Norwalk care to answer?

MR. RAYMOND (NORWALK):

I am not on the committee on Public Utilities but it's my information it would be natural gas which some people perhaps could take.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further?

MR. KIRKER (NORWICH):

I would like to say do we have to get the natural gas before we do start putting it in? It is already piped in for the rights to natural gas but that side of the House should not give us the natural gas before it is piped in.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor of the passage of the bill say "aye"; those opposed "no". The bill is passed and the report of the committee accepted.

THE CLERK:

Favorable report of the Committee on Education Senate Bill No. 64 "An Act defining Teacher for the Purposes of the Bridgeport Civil Service Act. Calendar No. 202 File No. 30.

MR. SMITH (MANSFIELD):

I move acceptance of the report of the Committee and passage of the bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance of the Committee's report and passage of the bill. Will you remark?

MR. SMITH (MANSFIELD):

Mr. Speaker, some of you may have noticed that this is a

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first been made about 15 years ago. There are 24 installed on the New Haven Railroad. First to have been installed in 1946. The New Haven Railroad would not think of installing these gates if it would injure the people. I can think of only one accident. We have approximately 426 automatic crossings. We propose that as soon as possible we will put automatic gates on all the crossings. School children pay attention to these automatic crossings. In the last 10 years no one has ever been killed on the automatic crossings on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. I have personally watched say these operations. I have never yet seen children crossing on the signal. We have crossings in major cities. In the city of Taunton, Mass. on route 44. We had the most violent opposition. It took several months to convince the people of that city. In the town of Mansfield, we have four crossings and there again we had violent opposition. Today I can tell you that some of the police will say that that is one of the best things they ever had. Now to tell you a little about the operation of the crossings. It goes by the maximum speed of the train. It starts working 30 seconds before the train reaches the crossings. The lights operate about 5 seconds before. On each crossing we have a pedestrian bell. This is put on as an added precaution. I think that that is all the information that I can give.

Senator Remy.

Have you ever been in Meriden in the center of town.

Mr. Obera

Yes, I have.

Senator Remy.

Our there any questions? Authorizing The Noroton Water Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on this bill?

Rep. (no response)

House Bill - 46 - An Act Authorizing The Bozrah Light And Power Company To Sell Gas. (Gilman)

Mr. Gilman - Bozrah

I presented this bill. The Bozrah Light and Power Company serves an area west of the town and city of Norwich. We are one of the smallest utilities in the state. We got our charter in 1921 and started business

Senator Remy:

Does anyone else wish to speak on this bill?

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in 1926. In the towns of Bozrah and Lebanon. The reason for us presenting this to the legislature is to serve the people with gas. As a member of the legislature I am happy to say that I voted for the natural gas bill. There are two industries who could nicely use gas. Since presenting this bill we find that there is a right of way given to the Connecticut Power Company to sell gas in the town of Lebanon. There is no one who has the right to sell gas in the town of Bozrah. There is one change that should be made to the bill and that is (line from the intersection from the town of Bozrah and Franklin due west to the Lebanon-Colchester line) And I might say that the town of Bozrah should have the right over and above any other town in the County of New London.

Senator Remy.

Has the company the capital?

Mr. Gilman.

Well, when the time comes I imagine that we will sell stock like any other company. We feel that the people in the town have the right to buy gas. It doesn't make any difference whether or not we have natural gas or manufactured gas.

Mr. R. F. Probst - Ass't Sec'y - Connecticut Light and Power Company.

The Connecticut Light and Power Company has no objection at all. It is a fact that the Connecticut Light and Power Company has the right to sell gas in Lebanon. At the present time we have about 400 electric customers. Now in discussing this matter with Mr. Gilman we would like you to prepare a substitute bill.

Senator Remy.

Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on this bill?  
(no response)

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House Bill - 64 - An Act Authorizing The Noroton Water Company To Increase Its Capital Stock. (Frate)

Rep. Frate - Darien

The town of Darien is located about 35 miles from New York City. The population jumped from 9,000 to 12,500. 200 houses were built in a year. This bill is very important to the town of Darien.

Judge Kelly - Darien

It's present capital is limited to \$ 200,000. There is no limitation on bonds. \$ 450,000 on the first bond. Promissory note of \$ 200,000. I have several officers of the company here if there are any questions?

Senator Remy:

How long would this hold?

(Answer - I should hope that 5 years would be a fair guess.)

Senator Remy:

Does anyone else wish to speak on this bill? (no response)

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