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THE SPEAKER:

The question is upon the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Those standing are voting "yes". The votes have not been counted. Those people who are in favor of the passage of the bill will stand and remain standing until counted.

Those opposed to the acceptance of the committee's report will stand and remain standing until counted.

(Vote was taken by the tellers)

THE SPEAKER:

The Clerk will announce the result of the vote.

THE CLERK:

Total number voting 238; necessary for passage 120; those voting "yes" 138; those voting "nay" 100.

THE SPEAKER:

The report of the committee is accepted and the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Favorable report of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs on Substitute for House Bill No. 1242 "An Act Concerning the Filling of Vacancies on Town Boards and Commissions." File 367.

MRS. PETERSON (BRANFORD):

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.

MRS. PETERSON (BRANFORD):

This bill permits the Board of Selectmen of any town to appoint a qualified person to fill a vacancy of any board or commission until the next municipal election in the event such board or commission failed to do so within thirty days.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on the passage of the bill. Those in favor will signify by saying "aye"; opposed? The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Favorable report of the Committee on Finance on Substitute for House Bill No. 1338 "An Act Establishing a Forms and Procedure Control Unit in the Department of Finance and Control." Calendar 575 File 368.

MR. COWLES (FARMINGTON):

I move acceptance and passage.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is upon acceptance and passage.

MR. COWLES (FARMINGTON):

Mr. Speaker the purpose of this bill is to establish a uniform control system for all departments. The Gentleman from Bozrah put in this bill and the Department of Finance and Control offered a substitute bill. We went over it very carefully and got a strong assist from the Gentleman from Granby, Mr. E. E. Hamilton. This is a bill which fits in apparently with the Governor's message the other day asking for consolidation of printing for the State. This bill would, we believe, save the

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SENATOR MINETTO: This bill provides that the sewerage system of the City of Torrington is extended beyond a certain district and the people who benefit from same will be asked to pay the normal 3 mill tax. I urge its passage.

THE CLERK: Cal. No. 576. Substitute for House Bill No. 11. An Act concerning the sale and use of fireworks. Favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary. File No. 363.

SENATOR JEWETT OF THE TWENTIETH DISTRICT: Mr. President, I would ask you, sir, that this bill be passed today. As tomorrow is a non-controversial day, the matter will come up on Tuesday.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: If there are no objections, the matter will be passed, retaining its place on the Calendar.

THE CLERK: Cal. No. 577. Substitute for House Bill No. 1242. An Act concerning the filling of vacancies on Town Boards and Commissions. Favorable report of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs. File No. 367.

(Upon motion of Senator Savin of the 18th district for acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill, the bill was passed)

SENATOR SAVIN: This permits the Board of Selectman of any town to appoint a qualified person on any vacancies in the event such board of commission has the power and fails to do so within 30 days after the vacancy occurs. It is a very good bill for the towns.

THE CLERK: Cal. No. 578. Substitute for House Bill No. 1338. An Act establishing a forms and procedure control unit in the Department of Finance and Control. Favorable report of the

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(Comiskey)

HB 338 - AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MERIDEN CONCERNING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS ON STREETS OUTSIDE THE SECOND TAXATION DISTRICT. I would like to go on record as favoring that bill. In Meriden we have an unfortunate situation. The need for an addition to a school in the outer district. The present Charter prohibits this as it now reads. At a public hearing held the other evening on these bills, it was the opinion that a referendum should be provided so the people would have the opportunity to vote on this important Charter Revision. If your Committee sees fit to amend this and provide for a referendum I will favor it.

(Braman)

Rep. Braman: I wish to go on record as being in favor of HB 1244 - AN ACT CONCERNING GEORGE BARBER'S POND. On the edge of the town of Windsor going into the town of Bloomfield is an area called George Barber's Pond. At the present it is owned by the State Fish and Game Commission. It seems to me that in some future time it may be possible for either the Town of Bloomfield or the Town of Windsor to participate in recreational activities at this particular area should this pond become usable. Inasmuch as such participation might call for expense, it is well to find out whether the citizens of Bloomfield or Windsor want to use it for that purpose. This would give us an indication, and at the same time provide for the area belonging to the town that wanted it. If both wanted it, we could operate as a cooperative venture. It would be well if we could decide one way or another. Through this bill we can accomplish that purpose. I have here a map furnished by the State Fish and Game Commission outlining the area of property they own. I would like to leave this with you and I hope for a favorable report. The map is for the purpose of deliberation and determining the boundaries - they should follow the line owned by the Fish and Game Commission. I would like this map returned. I hope for a favorable report.

(Greene)

Rep. Green, Washington: I am in favor of HB 1242 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. This bill provides that on town boards and commissions, that they have the power to fill their own vacancies if they do so within 30 days, but if they fail to do so within 30 days, the board of selectmen may appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy until the next election. This bill intends to take care of the situation not provided for in section 517 of the General Statutes. If a board which has the power to fill all vacancies hasn't done so within a reasonable time, they either have neglected to do so - or can't. This is particularly likely to happen on boards where there is minority representation. The Board can split on party lines and can't decide on the person to fill a vacancy. This will break such a log-jam. I hope this bill receives favorable consideration.

(Comiskey)

Rep. Stone, Meriden: HB 338 - AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MERIDEN CONCERNING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN CERTAIN STREETS OUTSIDE THE CITY SECOND TAXATION DISTRICT - This change - with an amendment calling for a referendum at a later date - or as soon as possible, held in Meriden - I would like to be in favor of that.