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was a separate bill, but that does curtail the hours somewhat, and apparently House Bill 220 is being called back in this matter because it may be distasteful to the Governor, and the other matter of curtailing the package store hours may be a little more palatable, so the two are being combined with another pious hope no doubt that the Governor will overlook the poorer aspects of the bill and like the good aspects so much that he will sign it.

THE SPEAKER: *Mr. Peterson*

Question is on passage of the bill as amended by Schedules A and B. Those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? In the opinion of the Chair the ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: *Mr. Peterson*

Favorable report of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs on Substitute for House Bill No. 1951, "An Act concerning Municipal Employees of the Second Taxing District of Norwalk." Calendar No. 1905. File No. 1179.

MRS. PETERSON (Branford): *Mr. Speaker*

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE SPEAKER: *Mr. Peterson*

Question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

MRS. PETERSON (Branford): *Mr. Speaker*

Mr. Speaker, this is a general bill which permits municipalities to retain employees in its service until they have attained the age of 73 at the option of the employee and with the approval of the governing body.

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THE SPEAKER: (Farmington):

Are you sure that is the right bill?

MRS. BRANFORD (Branford):

Yes, Mr. Wall, that's the bill I spoke to you about this morning.

THE SPEAKER:

The Clerk suggests it be retained temporarily.

MRS. PETERSON (Branford):

Okay.

THE CLERK:

Favorable report of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs on Substitute for House Bill No. 1756, "An Act Creating a Fifty-six Hour Work Week for Members of the Bridgeport Fire Department", Calendar No. 1921, File No. 1175.

MR. VIBERT (Farmington):

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

MR. VIBERT (Farmington):

Mr. Speaker, this bill provides the charter of the City of Bridgeport to be amended to grant a fifty-six hour work week to the Bridgeport Fire Department. The committee trusts it passes.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on passage of the bill. Those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? The bill is passed.

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signify by saying "aye"; contrary "no". The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Favorable report of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs on House Bill No. 1039 "An Act amending the Charter of the City of Hartford Relating to the Retirement System for City Employees." Calendar 1960.

MRS. PETERSON (BRANFORD):

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

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

MRS. PETERSON (BRANFORD):

This bill would eliminate certain inequities regarding years of service in the retirement age of certain employees. I move passage of the bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance of the committee's report and passage of the bill. Those in faor say "aye"; contrary minded "no". The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Page 2 Substitute for House Bill 1251 "An Act concerning Municipal Employees of the Second Taxing District of Norwalk." Calendar 1905.

MRS. PETERSON (BRANFORD):

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

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THE SPEAKER: Question is on recommittal of the bill. Those in favor will

say "aye"; contrary minded "no". The bill is recommitted.

MRS. PETERSON (BRANFORD):

This is on the original bill.

THE SPEAKER: Question is on recommittal of the bill. Those in favor will

say "aye"; contrary minded "no". The bill is recommitted.

Question now is on suspension of the rules to consider the original House Bill 1251. Those in favor will indicate by saying "aye"; contrary minded "no". The rules are suspended.

MRS. PETERSON (BRANFORD):

This is to permit the municipal employees to remain in service until they have attained the age of 73 at the request of the employee or with the approval of the governing body. I might say this was a general bill and no one appeared for it or against it so it was rewritten to cover individual towns and then we found many towns wanted it and we went back to the original idea of giving it as a general bill.

THE SPEAKER: Question is on passage of the committee's report and passage

of the bill. Those in favor say "aye"; opposed? The bill is passed.

MR. FOORD (LITCHFIELD):

I move the House take up Calendar No. 1193 file No. 1137 on page 7.

THE SPEAKER: Question is on suspension of the rules, to take up the bill

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mentioned by the Gentleman from Litchfield. Those in favor will say "aye"; contrary minds? The rules are suspended.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 1993 file 1137 "An Act concerning Applications for Enrollment of Electors on Caucus Lists." SB 875.

MR. FOORD (LITCHFIELD):

Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the Committee's report and passage of the bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance of the Committee's report and passage of the bill.

MR. FOORD (LITCHFIELD):

This provides that applications for registration on caucus lists shall be made in duplicate, signed and initialed by the person receiving them and showing the date the application was received and the duplicate copy to the person making the application. Previous to this change ~~many times~~ when names were omitted from the caucus list there was no way of proving they ever asked to be put on the list. Those ~~an~~ rather this gives the voter a receipt for his demand to be put on the caucus list. I think the bill is a good one and I recommend it for your favorable consideration.

MR. TOSCANO (NEW HAVEN):

I agree with the Gentleman from Litchfield and agree the bill is a very good bill and it's about time we had this legislation on the books. It should pass.

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members of the Pension Fund.

Senator Tedesco in the Chair

THE CLERK: Favorable report of the JSC on Cities and Bproughs. Sub. for HB 1251. An Act concerning municipal employees of the second taxing district of Norwalk.

(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: Mr. President, we have in the Cities and Boroughs Committee quite a number of bills from various communities requesting that we extend the age of retirement of employees, where requested by the governing body of the city, to the age of 73 years. In view of that fact, we would make it a general statute throughout the state, if they wish to adopt it.

THE CLERK: Favorable report of the JSC on Finance. HB 1804. An Act repealing an act authorizing the City of Danbury to issue bonds for the erection of a garbage and rubbish incinerator.

(Upon motion of Senator Lemaire of the 26th district for acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill, the bill was passed.)

SENATOR LEMAIRE: Mr. President, this allows the City of Danbury to cancel an authorization of bonds.

THE CLERK: <sup>#110</sup> EJR HB 427. Resolution referring the subject matter of HB 427 to the Legislative Council.

(Upon motion of Senator Jewett of the 20th district for adoption of the Resolution, the Resolution was adopted)

Senator Saden in the Chair

THE CLERK: Favorable report of the JSC on Appropriations, HB 1464. An Act concerning merit awards to state employees.

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Chr. Savin: Is anyone else opposed to HB 767? If not, we will declare the hearing closed.

HB 1251 ✓ *(Raymond)* AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, "PROVING FOR RETENTION OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNTIL THE AGE OF SEVENTY-THREE".

Mr. Keeley, 2nd Taxing Dist., Norwalk: The purpose of this bill is to enable the second taxing district to continue to utilize the services of employees who must terminate employment at 65 or 70. These persons have worked on jobs for many years and have a great deal of training and experience in these jobs. Because of that they become valuable. This bill would make it possible to utilize their services for a three year period with the approval of the governing body of the municipality. I strongly urge passage of this bill. I would like to suggest an addition to the bill - "other than policeman or fireman".

Mayor Freese, Norwalk: I am in favor of this bill.

Mr. Styrin, Norwalk: I am in favor of this bill.

Chr. Savin: Is anyone else in favor of this bill? Is anyone opposed? If not, we will declare the hearing closed on HB 1251.

HB 40 - PROVIDING FOR A COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD *(Clark)*

Rep. Clark, Wethersfield: I introduced this bill. The town has a population of 15,000 people. Last fall 1350 electors met in town meeting to consider sending this bill to the Legislature. The vote at that meeting was 880 in favor, 470 against. There are two organizations in the town - one, The Citizens Charter Committee, is in favor of this form of government. The other is opposed to it. They are both represented here today and you will hear from both sides. I am here in favor of this bill. A resolution was passed at that town meeting stating that the two representatives were to use their best efforts to secure passage of this charter. I would like to ask that the Chairman of our School Board, who has to speak in New Haven today, be allowed to speak.

Chairman, School Board, Wethersfield: I am here authorized by a vote of the Board of Education at a meeting January 28 to state our position on this proposed charter. This does not represent the individual views, but the board itself. The Board of Education takes issue with the budgetary matters. In this connection action of the town council shall be final insofar as the budget is concerned. I am offering here a motion passed by the Board of Education requesting that this be part of Section 706: The action of the Town Council relative to the budget shall be final, except that, if the total amount requested by the Board of Education is reduced by five per cent or more, the Board of Education may request, and the Town Council must call, a special town meeting within thirty days for the separate consideration of the school budget. The voters present at this meeting shall have the authority to review the action of the Town Council and restore any or all amounts of money not granted by action of the Town Council. Such restoration shall be mandatory on the Town Council." The purpose of that is that we feel a situation might arise as in other towns where cuts are made in the budget. Speaking as an individual, for years I have been on the Board where relations with the Board of Finance were harmonious. We have always met with them and have had favorable hearings. Anything needed for the schools were granted. We would hate to lose that relationship.