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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE - Thursday, April 14, 1955.

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Mrs. John D. Briscoe (cont'd.)

The League is in complete agreement with Section 4 which prohibits the General Assembly from passing special legislation on any matter upon which a town, city or borough may act. Only by such a ban will the General Assembly be relieved of the large number of local bills which are now submitted to it; only by such a ban will the local municipalities assume the responsibility, which is rightfully theirs, of settling local governmental problems locally.

Although we are convinced that the best way to assure home rule is through a constitutional guarantee, supplemented by statute, the changes proposed in this bill, will, in the meanwhile, make it possible for the towns to affect local changes.

We urge your favorable consideration of S. B. 74. ✓

Herbert MacDonald, Esq.

In favor of H. B. 1045 (Cady) ✓ AN ACT CONCERNING HOME RULE.

I believe this has already been explained to you by Mr. Cady who introduced this bill and is thoroughly familiar with it and the its purposes. Provides for a simple majority of those present when a referendum vote is taken in connection with any general election, to implement the purposes of the report of the so-called MacDonald Commission.

Similar bill to H. B. 985 (Cady) ✓ AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.

H. B. 1014 (Cady) ✓ AN ACT ENABLING TOWNS, CITIES AND BOROUGHES TO ESTABLISH METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS.

Our Commission made a careful and thorough study - We found a great deal that can be said - nothing mandatory. If this legislation were passed metropolitan districts could be established in any city having over 50,000 population. We are coming to it sooner or later.

S. B. 966 (Laing and Lockard) AN ACT CONCERNING HOME RULE.  
Clarence Cestillas - Identical bill with H. B. 1048 (Benson) AN ACT CONCERNING HOME RULE.

Register in favor of this bill. Very anxious to present to the legislation a bill which we felt would be workable. Follows Mr. MacDonald report as to general elections. Considerable advantage to the towns and cities and to your committee as well

Henry Blakewell

Concur with remarks of Mr. MacDonald.

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President - see pages 255-257 of the Journal attached hereto.

THE PRESIDENT: Will the Senator from the Thirty Fourth take the Chair.

Senator William Ward of the 34th District presiding.

Senate Bills 877 through 1161 were read into the record and referred to their proper committees by the President - see pages 257 through 294 of the Journal attached hereto.

Assistant Clerk: Business from the House. - House Joint

Resolutions 22 through 28 were read into the record by the Assistant Clerk and referred to the Judiciary Committee by the Chair.

*(Delete)* House Joint Resolutions 41 through 46 were read into the record by the Assistant Clerk and referred to their proper committees by the President (see pages 294-5 of the Journal) *(Delete)*

House Bills Nos. 755 through 829 were read into the record by the Assistant Clerk and referred to their proper committees by the Chair. (see pages 295-300 of the Journal)

Senator Ablondi of the 17th District presiding

House Bills Nos. 830 through 1084 were read into the record by the Assistant Clerk and referred to their proper committees by the Chair (see pages 300 - 319 of the Journal)

Senator Bonaquisto of the 3rd District presiding

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MAY 23, 1955

The Senate was called to order at 11:20 a.m. on Monday, May 23, 1955, Senator Healey of the Tenth District presiding.

The following prayer was offered by the Chaplain:

O patient, loving and merciful Lord, share with us Thy divine spirit. Help us to recognize our own limitations that, as honesty removes the scales of pride from our eyes, we may see the good in those about us and be willing to cooperate in working out our common duty. Amen.

SENATOR BILL NO. 1309 referred to Committee on Finance.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE. House Bill No. 2056 and 176 referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE COMMITTEE BILL. An Act amending the charter of West Hartford referred to Committee on Cities and Boroughs; Nos. 2045 and 2046 referred to the committee on Cities and Boroughs. Nos. 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052 and 2053 referred to committee on Cities and Boroughs; No. 2054 referred to committee on Judiciary; No. 2055 referred to committee on Finance.

FAVORABLE REPORTS: House Bills Nos. 931, 1948, 30, 1226 tabled for the calendar and printing; House Joint Resolution 100 tabled for the Calendar and printing; House Joint Resolution <sup>No. 101</sup> tabled for the calendar and printing; House Bills Nos. 264, 639, 985, 720, 1047, 1806, 1572, 1951, 1409, 1961, 1222, 1803, 1968, 1014, 1797, 1800, 739, 1213, 197 tabled for the Calendar and printing; House Bills 1295, 1267, 1290, 1263, 856, 818, 844.

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3 referred to committee on Cities and Boroughs;  
200, 1265, 97, /443 referred to committee on Insurance;

Nos. 774, 293, 103, 1850, 817, 819, 1316, 846 and

842 referred to committee on Cities and Boroughs.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: I move that we stand  
in recess until 12:30

(there being no objection, the Senate recessed until 12:30)

The Senate reconvened at 1:15 p.m. the President in  
the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT: Will the Senator from the 34th take the Chair.

Senator Parodi presiding

SENATE COMMITTEE BILLS ~~1310~~ An Act concerning a change in voting

machine procedure in the City of Hartford referred to  
Committee on Elections.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE: Senate Bills Nos. 1241 and 941 referred  
to committee on Appropriations; House Bill 1040 re-  
ferred to Committee on Appropriations.

FAVORABLE REPORTS: Senate Bills Nos. 1166 and 156 tabled for  
the Calendar and printing; House Bill 613 tabled for  
the Calendar and printing; Senate Bill 1108, 268 and  
221 ~~and 366~~ tabled for the Calendar and printing.

UNFAVORABLE REPORTS: Senate Bills Nos. 355, 1004, 591, 618,  
626, 627, 1071, 1268, 1269 and Senate Bill 224 tabled  
for the Calendar.

THE CLERK: Senate Joint Resolution No. 176. Resolution re-  
garding U. S. Senate Bill No. 1

SENATOR WHALEN OF THE TWENTY SECOND DISTRICT: Hold that tem-  
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Agricultural Society, incorporated in 1861, to change their property holdings from twenty five thousand and not to exceed seventy five thousand dollars. It is a good bill, in line with what has been happening in this Legislative Session and I hope the bill passes.

the chair; Motion is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Will you remark further? If not, those in favor say AYE, opposed NO. The "aye's" have it and the report is accepted and the bill passed.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: I move that Cal. 1209 (Substitute for House Bill No. 264, An Act concerning administrative procedure. File 973) be recommitted to Committee.

THE CHAIR: Unless there is objection, Cal. 1209 will be re-committed to the Committee on Judiciary.

SENATOR LONGO: I move that Cal. 1210, Substitute for House Bill No. 639 (An Act providing for salaries for Chief Deputy Sheriffs. File 972) be passed, retaining its place on the Calendar.

THE CHAIR: If there is no objection, Cal. 1210 will be passed, retaining its place on the Calendar.

THE CLERK: Cal. 1211 House Bill No. 985. An Act concerning municipal districts. File 997.

SENATOR HEALEY OF THE TENTH DISTRICT: I move acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR: Question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable

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report and passage of the bill. Will you remark?

SENATOR HEALEY: Mr. President, this bill is an enabling act and it concerns itself with the set up of municipal districts. Under the bill any two or more towns and boroughs by vote of their legislative body as defined in Sec. 792 can vote before a municipal district to perform more or one of the functions they could perform separately. It generally provides for members and the operation of the municipal district. It is an enabling act and good legislation. I urge its passage.

THE CHAIR: Will you remark further? If not, question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Those in favor signify by saying AYE, opposed NO. The "aye's" have it and the report is accepted and the bill passed.

THE CLERK: Cal. 1212/ House Bill No. 1014. An Act enabling towns, cities and boroughs to establish metropolitan districts. File 996.

SENATOR HEALEY OF THE TENTH DISTRICT: I move acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR: Question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Will you remark?

SENATOR HEALEY: Mr. President, this bill is similar to the bill which we have just passed. However, it applies to the larger cities. This bill which is more comprehensive concerns itself with the definition of the various legal terms involved. It provides for the setting up

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length across Palmer's Cove in the town of Groton. It is a good bill. I hope it passes.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? If not, question is on acceptance and passage. Those in favor say "aye"; opposed? The "ayes" have it. The bill is passed.

MR. CONARD (WEST HARTFORD):

House Bill No. 985 Page 10 of the Calendar. Calendar 1096 file No. 997. Favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary. "An Act concerning Municipal Districts." I move acceptance and passage

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage.

MR. CONARD (WEST HARTFORD):

Mr. Speaker, this bill is one of several bills emanating from the report of the MacDonald Commission. It is completely permissive legislation. The purpose of this act is to enable the towns in this State to set up by vote of their legislative bodies districts among themselves for the performance of any particular municipal function. No town is required to do this, but it does enable the town for instance to set up a joint district for the purpose of tax assessment. This is a very good bill and I hope it passes.

THE SPEAKER:

Any further remarks? If not, question is on acceptance and passage in concurrence. Beg pardon, acceptance and passage. Those in favor say "aye"; opposed? The "ayes" have it. The bill is passed.