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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE - Thursday, April 7, 1955.

S. B. 257 (Laing) AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE EDITOR. To reestablish the Office of State Editor as a budgeted agency. A few years ago we made a change in our statutes whereby the State Editor did all of the printing for the State of Connecticut.

Favorable report on this bill.

S. B. 371 (Laing and Amenta) AN ACT ABOLISHING COUNTY GOVERNMENT. This bill is 12 words long "Chapter 18 of the general statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is repealed, to abolish county government.

Hope you give this a favorable report.

H. B. 1040 (Knox) AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

Rep. W. Sheffield Cowles, Farmington.

I want to speak very briefly on H. B. 1040. If this Historical Commission is established, I believe people will become interested in historical activities - it is a good bill. I hope you will give favorable consideration.

H. B. 150 (Koskoff) AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT PROBATION SERVICE. This bill is introduced by Mrs. Koskoff. It is backed by the Connecticut Prison Association. Justice Maltbie was instrumental in working with Mrs. Koskoff and drawing up this bill. The effort here is to take adult probation out of politics, establish adult probation and also to improve the personnel of our probation - what it wants is to actually prevent the people from getting into Jails in the first instance. This bill has had a long history. In one session a similar bill, H. B. 209, was passed and killed when it went into Appropriations. H. B. 150 puts the entire cost on the State. The bill introduced two years ago put the cost of adult probation in the Town where it is now. A sub-committee on this should consider the merits of both bills. I submit two copies of the old bill - H. B. 209.

S. B. 155 (Longo) AN ACT CONCERNING ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

It seems that this bill breaks into three logical sections - Change of Name; Change in Make-Up; Possibly - Change in Money. A change of name from the Development Commission

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to the Department of Commerce. I don't believe that change of name is desirable. In my own mind the Department of Commerce gets confused with the Chamber of Commerce - I wind up saying Chamber of Commerce. Development Commission is significant and less confusing.

I see nothing that the Development Commission can do that the Chamber of Commerce can't do if they were given the same amount of money.

Question of make up - Appoint a Commission who will carry out the Governor's policies - Present development commission is composed of 11 members, a chairman, appointed by the Governor.

For these reasons, I am against the change advocated in S. B. 155.

Sen. Marsillius, Jr. - 25th District.

Unfortunately, I have several bills to speak on.

H. B. 1040 (Knox) AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

This, I think, will have the advantage of a centralized group.

H. B. 150 (Koskoff) AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT PROBATION SERVICE.

Would like a favorable on this. Some change has long been required. I do think the State must concern itself with it for a number of reasons. I introduced a bill similar to this type and for that reason I wasn't quite sure how to approach the problem.

I speak very briefly on S. B. 155 which I will oppose here today. This is a bill against our Development Commission changing it to a Department of Commerce. Name is not important. I don't think anyone can prove that the present development commission hasn't already done what the department of commerce proposes to do. Development commission can use more money. The staff is underpaid - we are paying people selling bread, milk, etc. more than the staff of the development commission. Department of Commerce is something that came along during the Governor's campaign - Let's leave well enough alone. We have already done an outstanding job.

Rep. Holt, Newington. Wish to register in favor of H. B. 1022 which I introduced. AN ACT CONCERNING AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Fully covered by Sen. Laing who gave an account on this particular bill

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Sen. Stock, Bridgeport

In favor of H. B. 1040 ✓

Good idea - I think we should pay more attention to something to preserve our rich historical heritage.

Support of H. B. 150. ✓

S. B. 155 ✓ Department of Commerce. I do, of course, endorse that. We do need a more progressive approach in Connecticut to attract new industry and keep the ones we have.

Rep. Knox, Deep River.

In favor of H. B. 1040. ✓

Historical commissions working independently - Endeavor to have a central body. Connecticut is rich in its historical heritage. Connecticut should develop some of their historical points of interest. It would bring a flood of tourists to our State if these were developed. Not asking for an appropriation. This commission could catalogue various historical landmarks and advertise the same. Landmarks could be developed and restored to their original condition.

I urge you to bring out a favorable report.

I will leave various letters and telegrams from historians here.

Rep. Jack Banner, East Haddam and Moodus.

Have been in the recreation business in the State for thirty-two years. Second largest industry in State today. Department of Commerce would attract and encourage recreation industry in the State - The Development Commission has made no attempt.

Rep. Parsells, Fairfield. ✓

In opposition to S. B. 155 - Department of Commerce. I think we ought to recognize this bill for exactly what it is - a political bill.

I read to you a statement from Governor Ribicoff from a newspaper clipping supporting the State Development Commission. Latter was instrumental in holding the Sikorsky plant in the Town of Stratford. Mortensen came down and worked day and night to keep that industry in Connecticut.

S. B. 242 (Marsillius) AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY STUDY COMMISSION.

Rep. Parsells - In favor of this bill.

In favor of H. B. 150 ✓ introduced by Mrs. Koskoff.

In favor of H. B. 1040 ✓ relative to Historical Commission.

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Margaret Streckus, Somers

In favor of H. B. 150 ✓

Also register in favor of H. B. 621 and H. B. 1040 ✓

Opposed to S.B. ^{S.B. 371} ~~351~~ - Abolishment of County Government.

Rep. Raymond T. McMullen, East Haddam

In favor of S. B. 155 ✓ Department of Commerce. I am for any commission who can bring in people into the State of Connecticut for recreational purposes. Would like to see a member on that commission from the Recreational Association. I think that could be helpful.

Sen. Bauer - 25th District.

In favor of H. B. 150 ✓.

I believe that this proposal is an important step in the right direction. Urge favorable consideration.

Rep. Joseph W. Reath, Durham.

H. B. 1541 ✓ (Reath) ^{Gay} PSYCHIATRIC AND SENILE TRAINING FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES.

Introduced this bill to include psychiatric and senile training for licensed practical nurses, who start training upon passage of this bill. This bill shall include three months training out of the twelve months required. Great need for such training to practical nurses.

S. B. 133 (Fischman) AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIFIC POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Frank M. Greene, Chief, Weights and Measures Div. Food and Drug Commission, State of Connecticut

In support of S. B. 133 ✓ and H. B. 269 ✓

The broad objectives of weights and measures regulations are to ensure the accuracy in commercial weighing and measuring and to enforce fairness with respect to quantity determinations in all commercial buying and selling transactions.

Weights and measures supervision has always been a function of government. It has been provided under what is known legally as the general power of the State or community. It is under this general police power that weights and measures statutes and regulations are enacted and promulgated. Weights and measures is confined in its present modern day concept to quantity determination and is covered by weights and measures regulations which include supervision of commercial equipment and transactions involving buying and selling of tangible commodities and/or services.

Equipped with the proper laws and regulations the State Division of Weights and Measures is able to protect not only the purchasing public but also the dealer, producer, processor and manufacturer and in so doing it creates a wholesome atmosphere of honesty, fairness and accuracy with respect to quantity determination throughout our whole business structure.

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Carlos Ellis, Esq. (cont'd.)

H.B. 1040 - Middletown Historical Societies in favor of this bill.

H. B. 150 - Adult Probation
Speaking individually and as President of Middlesex Bar
In favor of H. B. 150

Rep. Ella T. Grasso, Windsor Locks.

Wish to register in favor of S. B. 155. Department of Commerce. The economic growth of Connecticut is a matter of vital concern to all of us. In the final analysis it means more jobs, for our people, more prosperity for our factories, more business for our shopkeepers, more commerce - a vitalized recreation industry. Everyone prospers in a vigorous and expanding economy.

A recent report of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce points out that for every 100 new factory jobs, another 74 jobs are created in retail, construction, professional and other enterprises. Each 100 jobs, according to the report, means 296 more people in the community, 112 more households, 51 more school children, nearly \$600,000. of additional income and \$360,000 in retail sales.

From such figures it is easy to compute the gain or loss to a community through the acquisition or the removal of an industry.

It is generally agreed that our Connecticut economy although one of the most productive in the U. S. is dangerously dependent on defense expenditures to maintain a high level of employment and prosperity. It badly needs diversification. I am sure we are all agreed that the present unhappy situation of eastern Connecticut must not be a continuing one and certainly must not be extended to other areas.

In spite of much talk about our prosperous condition let us note that there are 26,000 fewer workers employed in Connecticut factories than there were one year ago. We have according to recent statistics 35,000 persons looking for work, and the number of exhausted compensation benefits has reached the 7,000 mark. Unemployment and depressed wages do not stimulate the economic life of any community.

State government everywhere is becoming more and more cognizant of its obligations to create job opportunities and extend its industrial and commercial development.

We in Connecticut must gear ourselves in the competition to assure a vigorous and diversified economy in our State. It is ironical that in a state where industry and commerce are the cornerstones of economic life that there is no department of commerce. We have a commissioner - even an athletic commissioner, but we have relegated the #1 job to second class

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Charles McGrath, Prison Association.

In this field of work since 1923 - former probation officer in City of Hartford.
Register in favor of H. B. 150.

H. B. 139 (Koskoff) AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCORPORATION OF REFERENCES IN STATE REGULATIONS.

Ella T. Grasse wishes to register in favor of this bill.

Charles Rufus Hart, Vice-President, The Connecticut League of Historical Societies.

Register in favor of H. B. 1040 ✓
Because of the large membership of the league, between 50 and 60 of the historical societies of the state, it has not been possible to have official action on Bill 1040 by all members, but at a meeting of the Board on March 9th it was the unanimous opinion of those present that the creation of the commission which would result from the passage of this bill would be of the greatest help in carrying out the making of history of Connecticut a living thing, bringing to our people, particularly our children and the foreign home, a realization of what has made our State the great member of the Union that it is.

H. B. 1541 (Reath) AN ACT CONCERNING PSYCHIATRIC AND SENILE TRAINING FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES.

John Q. Tilson, Counsel for the State Nursing Association and Connecticut Hospital Association.

Register in opposition to this bill
Unfavorable should be given.

Agnes Olson - Nurses Association
In opposition.

Helen Marchant - in opposition.

S. B. 4 (Ward) AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON THE BUSINESS METHODS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

Anyone in favor?
Anyone opposed?

S. B. 239 (Borden) AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 3019 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF PARDONS.

Anyone in favor?
Anyone opposed?

S. B. 240 (Borden) AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 3020 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF PARDONS.

Anyone in favor?
Anyone opposed?

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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 977 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.

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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THE CHAIR: Tabled for the Calendar.

THE CLERK: House Joint Resolution No. 99, An Act concerning disapproving Regulations made by the Putnam Camp Commission.

THE CHAIR: Tabled for the Calendar.

FAVORABLE REPORTS: HB 779, 829 referred to the Committee on Cities and Boroughs; HB 1857, 1071, 675, 1040, 381, 1402, 1181, 1198, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1817 tabled for the Calendar.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE: SB 24 referred to the Committee on Appropriations;

FAVORABLE REPORTS: HB 1616, 1515, 974, 1517 tabled for the Calendar; SB 286, 1265, 1174 tabled for the Calendar; SB 346 tabled for the Calendar and printing; SB 249 and 1222, 436, and 434 tabled for the Calendar.

THE CLERK: Cal. 322.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: May Cal. Nos. 322, 553, 620, 708 and 709 be passed, retaining their places?

THE CHAIR: If there is no objection, Cals. 322, 553, 620, 708 and 709 will be passed, retaining their places.

THE CLERK: Cal. 710.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: May Cal. Nos. 710, 711 and 764 through 896 be passed, retaining their places on the Calendar?

THE CHAIR: Without objection, Cal. Nos. 710, 711 and 764 through 896 will be passed, retaining their places on the Calendar.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: May Cal. No. 897 be passed, retaining its place on the Calendar?

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where gas is stored with certain exceptions and report any unusual situations to the Commissioner of the State Pplice. It has a eriminal provision for any one violating it. It is good legislation and in the interest of the state maintaining the supervision of their products.

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

SENATOR BAUER OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT
PRESIDING

THE CLERK: Cal. 1064. House Bill No. 1040. An Act establishing the Connecticut Hisotrical Commission. File 822.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: May Cal. 1064 be passed retaining its place.

THE CHAIR: Without objection, Cal. 1064 will be passed retaining its place.

SENATOR LONGO: I move that Cal. 1065 (Sub. for House Bill 1071. An Act concerning marriage.) be recommitted to committee.

THE CHAIR: Motion is that Cal. 1065 be recommitted to committee. Any objection? If not, Cal. 1065 will be recommitted to committee.

SENATOR LONGO: May Cal. 1066 (Sub. for House Bill 1857. An Act permitting the Ridgewood Country Club, Inc. to appeal from a sewer assessment in the city of Danbury. File 552)

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this highway in the trunk line system.

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 say AYE, opposed NO. The "aye's" have it and the report is accepted and the bill passed.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: May Cal. 1064 (House Bill No. 1040. An Act establishing the Connecticut Historical Commission) which was passed retaining its place be recommitted. I move that it be recommitted to committee.

THE CHAIR. Without objection, it will be recommitted to committee.

THE CLERK: Senate Joint Resolution.^{S.J. Res. 174} Resolution raising a committee of Recall on Senate Bill 319.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: I move, Mr. President, that a committee of two be appointed.

THE CHAIR: Question is on suspension of rules for appointment of a Committee of Recall on Senate Bill 319.

SENATOR LONGO: May I explain that the bill is being recalled in order to make a correction in the bill. It will be brought back corrected and taken up in the usual course.

THE CLERK: Senate/R Joint solution No. 174. Resolution raising a committee of Recall on Senate Bill No. 319. Resolved by this Assembly: That a committee of two Senators and two Representatives be appointed for the purpose of recalling Senate Bill No. 319 from the Engrossing Clerk's office.

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referred to committee on Cities and Boroughs;
 200, 1265, 97, ~~1443~~ 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 ~~xxxxxx~~ 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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to pass.

THE CHAIR: Will you remark further? If not, those in favor of acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill say aye. Those opposed, no. The report is accepted, the bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Calendar No. 1328, House Bill No. 732, An Act concerning the Duties of the State Welfare Commissioner and the Delegation of His Authority to Municipal Welfare Departments. File No. 1029.

SENATOR FINNEY OF THE THIRTY SIXTH DISTRICT: Mr. President, I move suspension of the rules for the immediate consideration of this bill.

SENATOR AMENTA OF THE SIXTH DISTRICT: Mr. President, I object to the suspension of the rules on this bill.

THE CHAIR: There is objection, the rules cannot be suspended.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: Mr. President, I believe the Clerk has a bill on the Historical Society.

THE CHAIR: Does the Clerk have the bill?

THE CLERK: House Bill No. 1040, An Act Establishing a Connecticut Historical Commission.

SENATOR LONGO: Mr. President, I move unanimous consent for the suspension of the rules for the immediate consideration of the bill.

THE CHAIR: Question is on unanimous consent for the suspension of the rules for immediate consideration. If there is no objection the rules are suspended. Will the Clerk read the bill? Do you care to waive the reading of the bill, Sena-

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tor? It is file No. 822.

SENATOR LONGO: Yes.

THE CHAIR: Will you remark?

SENATOR LONGO: Mr. President, this bill will provide for the appointment of twelve men to the commission, appointed by the Governor. There are a group of civic minded individuals in the State who desire the passage of this bill, and I think an examination of Part B which reads the commission shall. (1) study and investigate historical sites and places in this state which are undeveloped and so forth - we think it is a good bill which the committee has examined very thoroughly, it has had a full hearing and we recommend the passage of the bill.

SENATOR WATSON OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT: I would like to inquire of the Senator from the Nineteenth if there has been any addition to the bill since it was in the file. Is there any appropriation on the bill?

SENATOR LONGO: There is no appropriation to the bill, Senator Watson.

THE CHAIR: Will you remark further? If not, question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. All those in favor say aye. Opposed, no. The report is accepted, the bill is passed.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: Now, Mr. President, is there further business on the Clerk's desk?

SENATOR RYAN OF THE THIRTY FIRST DISTRICT: Mr. President, I would like to move that Calendar No. 1124 which is at the

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