

Legislative History for Connecticut Act

HB 6	<PA 61>	1955
Cities + Boroughs	122	1p.
Senate	46, 664, 763-764, 772-773	6p.
House	575, 608-610	4p.
LAW/LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE		
DO NOT REMOVE FROM LIBRARY		11p.

Transcripts from the Joint Standing Committee Public Hearing(s) and/or Senate and House of Representatives Proceedings

Connecticut State Library

Compiled 2016

JOINT  
STANDING  
COMMITTEE  
HEARINGS

CITIES & BOROUGHES

PART 1

PAGES 1 - 390

CONN  
GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY  
1955

NOVEMBER  
SPECIAL  
SESSION

## CITIES AND BOROUGHS

TUESDAY

-4-

MARCH 15, 1955

Senator Platt Creed, 24th District: Mr. Chairman, I am heartily in favor of H.B. 570 (DePaul) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CITY AND TOWN OF DANBURY AUTHORIZING EACH OF THEM TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE DANBURY WAR MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION, INC. I believe Rep. DePaul from Danbury has given you the facts pertaining to this bill and I simply want to be registered in favor of it. I also want to register in favor for Rep. Arthur Bjorklund, New Fairfield who is absent today. Thank you.

Rep. Robert T. Cairns, Madison: With reference to H.B. 6 (Cairns) AN ACT CONCERNING TOWN BOARDS OF FINANCE which I introduced, for many years the Finance Board of each town operating under General Statutes has had the power to appropriate \$500.00 without a special town meeting such as in an emergency. If that was proper twenty-five years ago, I think the limit should now be increased to \$1,000.00.

Chr. Snyder: This is a bill changing the General Statutes?

Rep. Cairns: This would only affect the small towns that operate under General Statutes. If it were a sizeable town, it would operate under Special Charter.

Rep. Frederick U. Conard, West Hartford: I am speaking in favor of H.B. 786 (Vibert) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACTIVE HEAD OF ANY POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT OR LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL and H.B. 1363 (Vibert) AN ACT CONCERNING APPEAL UPON SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL OF THE HEAD OF A POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT. These bills have to do with the right of appeal from dismissal of police and fire chiefs and they are aimed at remedying a long court litigation.

While I feel that Police or Fire chiefs have the right to appeal a dismissal, I feel that the right should be similar to other city employees. I am speaking in favor of H.B. 786 (Vibert) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACTIVE HEAD OF ANY POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT OR LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL. However, if you don't feel like repealing the existing law entirely then, I feel, that H.B. 1363 (Vibert) AN ACT CONCERNING APPEAL UPON SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL OF THE HEAD OF A POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT would be an improvement.

Chr. Snyder: If you repeal the former bill entirely, what redress would the chief have?

Rep. Conard: I would think he would ordinarily come within the provisions of any municipal employee in that particular town.

S-10

CONNECTICUT  
GEN. ASSEMBLY  
SENATE

PROCEEDINGS  
1955

VOL. 6  
PART 1  
1-239  
S-10

THE CHAIR: Is there objection. If not unanimous consent is granted.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: I move adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR: Question is upon adoption of the Resolution. Will you remark. If not those in favor signify by saying Aye, opposed No. Resolution is adopted.

THE CHAIR: I believe it should be transmitted immediately to the House.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: Are you going to name the two Senators.

THE CHAIR: The Senator from the 2nd and the Senator from the 34th.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: I move for suspension of the rules for immediate transmission to the House.

THE CHAIR: If there is no objection, the rules will be suspended.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: I move for immediate transmittal to the House.

THE CHAIR: Question is upon immediate transmittal to the House. No remarks. All in favor signify by saying Aye, opposed No. The Resolution will be immediate transmitted.

THE CLERK: Business from the House. (House Bills Nos. 1 through 79 were read into the record by the Clerk - see Journal of the Senate, January 13, 1955)

SENATOR WARD OF THE THIRTY FOURTH DISTRICT: The Committee on

CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

PROCEEDINGS

1955

VOL. 6

PART 3

643-1029

April 7 593

HB 95, 96, 1330, 828, 826, 570, 1288, 761, 757, 759, 1011,

1008, and HB 6 tabled for the calendar and printing.

(Senator Ablondi of the 17th district introduced to the circle the two children of Senator Gilman of the 20th district)

Senator Gilman of the 20th presiding.

THE CLERK: <sup>No. 53</sup> SR granting use of the Senate Chamber to the Committee on Insurance.

(Upon motion of Senator Bonaquisto of the 3<sup>rd</sup> district for adoption of the resolution, the vote was taken and the resolution adopted)

THE CLERK: Business on the Calendar.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: May Cal. 99 and Cal. 197 be recommitted to the Committee on Education. There are some details the committee wishes to work up and improve the bill.

THE CHAIR: Without objection, it will be recommitted.

SENATOR LONGO: May Cal. 125, 136 and 156 be passed temporarily retaining their places on the Calendar.

(Senator Parodi of the 34th district introduced to the circle Mr. Royal Larson of Putnam)

THE CLERK: Cal. 193, file 63 HB 1494, an act exempting tree seedlings and transplants sold by the State Forester from the Education, Welfare and Public Health Tax.

SENATOR LAING OF THE SEVENTH DISTRICT: I move acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill as amended by Schedule A.

THE PRESIDENT: Motion is on acceptance of the committee's

April 13

692

SENATOR STOCK: Mr. President, this is one of several clarification bills which the committee has reported out favorably. This revises and modernizes the charter of the Manchester Savings Bank. It is a good bill.

THE CLERK: Cal. 279, File 155 Sub. for HB 386 an act concerning officers of the Litchfield Savings Society.

(Upon motion of Senator Stock of the 21st for acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill, a voice vote was taken and the president declared the report accepted and the bill passed)

SENATOR STOCK: This is another clarification bill which amends only one section of the charter of the Litchfield Savings Society. I hope the bill passes.

THE CLERK: Cal. 280, File 154, Sub. for HB 769 an act revising the charter of the Woodbury Savings Bank.

SENATOR STOCK OF THE TWENTY FIRST DISTRICT: I would ask that this bill be passed retaining its place.

THE CLERK: Cal. 281, File 139 HB 772 an act concerning the authority of savings banks to act as collecting agents on public utility bills.

SENATOR STOCK OF THE TWENTY FIRST DISTRICT: I move that this be recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

(there being no objection, the president so ordered)

THE CLERK: Cal. 282, File 170 HB 6 an act concerning town boards of Finance.

(Upon motion of Senator Reinhard of the 23rd for acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill, a voice

April 13

693

vote was taken and the president declared the report accepted and the bill passed)

SENATOR REINHARD: Mr. President, this bill changes the present law and permits local boards of finance to appropriate up to \$1,000 without calling a town meeting. The present statute calls for \$500. The only change is that the \$1,000 figure be substituted for the \$500 figure. It is a good bill and I hope it passes.

THE CLERK: Cal. 283, File 182 HB 570 An act authorizing the city and town of Danbury to appropriate funds for the Danbury War Memorial Association, Inc.

(Upon motion of Senator Reinhard of the 23rd for acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill, a voice vote was taken and the president declared the report accepted and the bill passed)

SENATOR REINHARD: Mr. President, this bill authorizes the city and town of Danbury to appropriate funds for the Danbury War Memorial Association Inc. which is a center in Danbury devoted to youth. There has been, throughout the past few years, monies appropriated by the town and city and the question has arisen whether or not it is proper. This bill would allow the town, in the future, to appropriate.

THE CLERK: Cal. 285, File 180, HB 826 an act concerning the election of burgesses in the borough of Stonington.

(Upon motion of Senator Reinhard of the 23rd for acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill, a voice vote was taken and the president declared the report accepted and the bill passed)

April 13

701

THE PRESIDENT: In this HB 6, Senator.

SENATOR REINHARD: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: Motion is that HB 6 be reconsidered. Are there objections. If not, HB 6 will be reconsidered.

SENATOR REINHARD: I move acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. I have an amendment. Will the Clerk read the amendment.

THE CLERK: Amendment Schedule A HB 6, File 170, in line 8 insert brackets around the words 'one hundred dollars' and insert thereafter in italics the words 'five hundred dollars'..

SENATOR REINHARD: I believe the amendment is self-explanatory. I would like to move for adoption of the amendment.

THE PRESIDENT: Question is on adoption of the amendment. All in favor of adoption of the amendment signify by saying AYE, opposed NO. The aye's have it and the amendment is adopted.

SENATOR REINHARD: Motion is on adoption of the bill as amended.

THE PRESIDENT: I think under rule 9 you have to get suspension of the rules.

SENATOR REINHARD: I move for suspension of the rules (there being no objection, the rules were suspended) Mr. President, I now move for adoption of the bill as amended by Schedule A.

THE PRESIDENT: Motion is on adoption of the bill as amended by Schedule A. Will you remark.

SENATOR REINHARD: As I previously stated, this bill changes the

April 13

702

requirements concerning local boards of finance to allow them to appropriate up to \$1,000 without having to go through town meetings.

(a voice vote was taken and the President declared the bill passed as amended by Schedule A)

(Upon motion of Senator Longo of the 19th for adjournment, the Senate adjourned at 2:40 p.m.)

H-22

CONNECTICUT  
GEN. ASSEMBLY

HOUSE

PROCEEDINGS  
1955

VOL. 6

PART 2

556-1074

Tuesday, April 5, 1955

575

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. ELKER (MILFORD):

Mr. Speaker, this is a permissive bill. It repeals section 601 of the general statutes and allows all towns with no special acts to appoint an assistant town treasurer, not only during his disability but during his absence. I think it is a good bill and I hope it will pass.

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.

THE CLERK:

House Bill No. 6. Calendar No. 224 file No. 170. Favorable report of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs "An Act concerning Town Boards of Finance."

MR. SNYDER (BLOOMFIELD):

May I ask that this bill be passed until tomorrow, retaining its place on the Calendar?

THE SPEAKER:

It will be passed, retaining its place on the Calendar.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 65. Calendar No. 235. Resolution referring to the Legislative Council the ~~Subject~~ subject matter of House Bill 1749 and Senate Bill 1135."

Wednesday, April 6, 1955

608

has been quite willing to have the particular bill referred to the Legislative Council for their study. However, it is with the expectation they will see practicality in the measure as the majority of the Committee has seen.

THE SPEAKER:

Any further remarks? If not, question is on acceptance and adoption. Those in favor say "aye"; opposed? The "ayes" have it. The resolution is adopted.

THE CLERK:

House Bill No. 6. Calendar No. 224 file No. 170. Favorable report of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs. "An Act concerning Town Boards of Finance."

MR. SNYDER (BLOOMFIELD):

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment. Will he please read it?

THE CLERK:

Amendment to House Bill 6. In line 8 insert brackets around the words 'one hundred' and insert therefor in italics the words "five hundred".

MR. SNYDER (BLOOMFIELD):

Mr. Speaker, since this bill was heard by the Cities and Boroughs we find that there is an identical bill that is in the Finance Committee which was called to my attention yesterday morning, which changes the amount to five hundred dollars and that was the reason we asked for continuation on the Calendar yesterday. It seemed foolish to have the Finance Committee go over the same subject and change it all around because they are

Wednesday, April 6, 1955

609

agreeable and my committee is agreeable to have this amendment which changes on line 8 "one hundred" dollars to "five hundred" dollars. And then on line 16 in the original bill it goes from "five hundred" to "one thousand" dollars which the boards of finance may appropriate without having special town meetings. I think the amendment is good and I move for the adoption of the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is now on adoption of the amendment, Schedule A. Will you remark further? If not, those in favor say "aye"; opposed? The "ayes" have it. The amendment is adopted.

MR. SNYDER (BLOOMFIELD):

I now move suspension of the rules for immediate consideration of the bill as amended.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on suspension for immediate consideration of the bill as amended. Will those in favor say "aye"; opposed? The "ayes" have it. The rules are suspended.

MR. SNYDER (BLOOMFIELD):

I now move, Mr. Speaker, the Committee's favorable report be accepted as amended by Schedule A and the bill adopted.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is now on acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill as amended by Schedule A.

MR. SNYDER (BLOOMFIELD):

No further explanation I believe is necessary and I move for its passage.

Wednesday, April 6, 1955

610

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? If not, those in favor say "aye"; opposed? The "ayes" have it. The bill as amended is passed.

THE CLERK:

House Bill No. 1288. Calendar No. 225, file No. 183.

Favorable report of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs. "An Act authorizing the Housing Authority of the Town of Stratford to Dispose of Certain Property Known as Woodend Homes."

MR. VIBERT (FARMINGTON):

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

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage.

MR. VIBERT (FARMINGTON):

Mr. Speaker, this bill empowers the housing authority of the town of Stratford to dispose of unused housing project known as Woodend Homes. The proceeds received would be paid to the town of Stratford. There was no objection at the hearing. It is a good bill and I hope it passes.

THE SPEAKER:

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

THE CLERK:

House Bill No. 761. Calendar No. 230 file No. 188. Favorable report of the Committee on Agriculture. "An Act concerning Advertising of Impounded Dogs."