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HV THE SPEAKER:

B-11 Gentleman from Colebrook.

MR. PRUYN (COLEBROOK):

Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on recommitment. Those in favor say "Aye" opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it, and the bill shall be recommitted.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 13, File No. 4, House Bill No. 232, An Act concerning Municipal Ordinances. Favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Function.

THE SPEAKER:

Gentleman from Colebrook.

MR. PRUYN (COLEBROOK):

Mr. Speaker, the 1955 General Assembly directed the Legislative Council to study the statutes relating to town meetings, ordinances, by-laws, etc. for the purpose of clarifying them. There were a number of terms used in the present statutes, such as town meetings, electors' meetings, that are used to mean the same thing in one section and different things in other sections and the same is true of ordinances, by-laws, regulations and there were many conflicts, ambiguities and confusion in regard to these statutes. Now, the legislative council, with the help of the legislative commission, made a thorough study of these statutes and have come up with this bill which will clarify these sections. Ordinances mean one thing and not two or three different things, and the same

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HV is true of electors' meetings, legislative body, etc. This will
B-12 be a great convenience for everybody, and I hope, and I move, Mr. speaker, that the Committee's Favorable Report be accepted and the bill passed.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on the acceptance of the Committee's Favorable Report and the Passage of the bill. Will you remark further? If not, those in favor say "Aye" opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it, and the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 14, file No. 8, House bill No. 1457. An Act concerning the Appropriation to the Tolland County Law Library. Favorable Report of the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Function.

THE SPEAKER:

Gentleman from Simsbury.

MR. GERSTEN (SIMSBURY):

Mr. Speaker, this bill merely increases the appropriation for the Tolland County Law Library Association from \$600. to \$1,000. I move that the Favorable Report be accepted and that the bill be passed.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on the acceptance to the Committee's Favorable Report and the passage of the bill. Will you remark? If not, those in favor of passage kindly say "Aye" those opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it and the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

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The first selectman Shall be a member of the Planning Commission; Shall authorize expenditures of more than \$300.00 for repairs and copying records in Probate District; Administers oaths on matters before the Board; Acts as building inspector; Shall appoint Civil Defense Directors and advisory council and accept Federal Assistance; Issues permits to carry dangerous weapons; has charge of unclaimed bodies; Superintends public works projects, highways and other affairs of the town; Oversees the construction of new roads in subdivisions; Supervises cemeteries where they are town owned."

In Cheshire our First Selectman died and we had the problem of having the 2nd selectman a Republican and the 3rd a Democrat. We finally solved this by having a Special election. This bill would only cover towns in the State which are now covered by Special Acts.

Chmn. Pruyn: The hearing on H. B. 131 is closed. Hearing on H. B. 133 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES IS open.

Mr. Harry Lugg: This bill before you is and represents an attempt on the part of the Legislative Council to review all state legislation described in the Statutes that have to do with Town Meetings; and also with ordinances of the General Statutes. Those of you who are familiar with the problem know that various of these acts on the books over a period of 100 years have been put on without very much attempt at co-ordination. The result that you have various terminology. You find these conditions throughout the Statutes. What we have done is to spend our time and see that we cover them all. We have taken out every section of the General Statute that uses the word "ordinances", "electors", "the legislative body", "Voters", etc. We have attempted to co-ordinate the General Statutes, nothing else. We think we will eliminate discrepancy. We have tried to take "x" and give it a definite definition. That in brief is what we are trying to do here.

Chmn. Pruyn: Thank you, anyone else.

Rep. Dreyfus: Are there any ~~substantial~~ changes?

Mr. Lugg: As we went through the Statutes it was necessary for us to say this particular act shall be done by results at town meeting or on the other hand it shall be done by ordinance. Some matters can be handled by ordinance - others by mere resolutions. In majority of town Governments, where town has something to say, it should be done by ordinance. We made a minimum of change. We decided not to make changes in substance of law.

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Chmn. Pruyne: If no one else, hearing on H. B. 133 is closed. Hearing on H. B. 315, is open. H. B. 315 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF BILLS.

Frederick Conard: A bill of this nature has come up in several Sessions and, I believe, it was referred to the Interim Rules Committee last time but because of the pressure of other business nothing was done on it. In general, it probably should receive a favorable report but if there is any doubt in mind, I suggest it too should be referred to the Rules Committee.

Rep. E. O. Smith: We didn't used to print all things and difficulty arose because of that. The Committee reported in favor of amount and when the material was printed, the amount was different. The usual procedure is that early in the game Clerk's get in touch with people doing printing. As it stands now a Committee could not sit down and have an Executive Session and report favorably unless payment was guaranteed. It might be that some would want to wait a little longer. The rest of the bill provides for filing copies.

Rep. Arnold: You mean you want copies to be sent to University of Connecticut or the Law Library? I don't think there is a law library at University of Connecticut.

Rep. Smith: I don't know what Mr. Brewster had in mind. What would you think would go in here. There is no law library in Storrs. I would think this might refer to Hartford branch of University or Hartford law.

Rep. Arnold: Why was Trinity left out?

Rep. Smith: This would be a question of whether Trinity wanted to have everything that was in our files for reference.

(Sale)
Mr. Sayles, State Librarian: There is just one change. Where the number of bound volumes to the State library, I would recommend that it be changed to one rather than two. One volume would be sufficient for our needs and I don't see any reason to spend money for two. I am wondering whether it would be well to include in this the 25 copies of each bill be delivered to the State Librarian for printing. Like to have a very small supply when we are called upon. I think if it could be written that 25 copies be given, it would be well to do so.

Chmn. Pruyne: The hearing on H. B. 315 is closed. Hearings for the morning are closed. The Committee will re-convene at 2:00 P. M. for hearings on other bills.

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

SENATOR MARSILIUS:

This bill allows for the creation of a Probate District of Trumbull, consisting of the towns of Trumbull, Easton and Monroe. This represents twenty to twenty-five thousand people. They are now ready for their own Probate District. It is a good bill and should pass.

THE CHAIR:

All those in favor say AYE, opposed NO. The report of the committee is accepted and the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 107, File No. 4, House Bill No. 232 An Act concerning Municipal Ordinances. Favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Functions.

THE CHAIR:

Senator from the 32nd.

SENATOR BARRINGER:

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 BARRINGER:

Mr. President, if you have looked at your files, I assume that the members of the Circle have, this is a long, complicated

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and technical bill. Its purpose generally is a comprehensive review of all state legislation referring to municipal ordinances of towns, cities and boroughs and to make uniform terminology out of such legislation. This comes out of Legislative Council and has received the undivided loyalty beyond the call of duty of Attorney Harry Lugg and Robert Wall and I say quite advisedly it is a labor of love, technical attempt to bring into focus, assuming a multitude of different phrases used in our general statutes. It is the type of thing they should be highly commended for taking their time to do. They did a good job and the committee felt the bill should pass.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Those in favor say AYE, opposed NO. The report of the committee is accepted and the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 108, File No. 5, House Bill No. 303 An Act designating the State Board of Education as the single state agency to acquire surplus federal property. Favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Functions.

THE CHAIR:

Senator from the 32nd.

SENATOR BARRINGER:

May this bill be passed retaining its place on the calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, this bill will be passed retaining its