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Senator Castelano presiding with Representative Cairns,

Members present:
Senator Castelano

Representatives: Cairns, Zanobl, Bentley, Hall, Ferne, Gustafson, Lester, Newton, Robertson, Stone Villardi, White, Palmer and Crombie.

Senator Castelano: The hearing will come to order. We will first hear any Representatives or Senators who wish to be heard, as they are busy on other committees. I will turn the hearing over to the House Chairman Robert Cairns.

Representative Cairns: Are there any Representatives or Senators who wish to be heard on any of these bills up for hearing today? If not, we will first hear HB 212 (Mr. O'Brien) AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS OR ADDITIONS TO STATE REAL ASSETS, and HB 1144 (Mr. O'Brien) AN ACT CONCERNING REPAIRS OR ADDITIONS TO STATE REAL ASSETS, which are the same. Anyone wish to speak on these bills?

Mr. James Harron, Public Works Department: I want to speak in favor of these bills. The subject matter was discussed at the Legislative Council, and these bills are the result. It was agreed that the amount should be raised to \$5,000. We felt that this increase was necessary because of the rising costs of construction. Section 100d, of the 1955 Supplement to the General Statutes has the same limitations, two thousand dollars. We are opposed to HB 1500 (Mr. Zanobl) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER. The phrase "shall unless otherwise specifically authorized by law," is a dangerous statement, it would cover all construction, this bill sets the maximum at ten thousand dollars. Five is sufficient.

Mr. Timothy J. Murphy, Commissioner, Public Works Department: As Mr. Harron has explained, we are in favor of HB 222 (Mr. O'Brien) AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS OR ADDITIONS TO STATE REAL ASSETS. The Legislative Council agree, at their meeting, we pointed out that we have to take into consideration that building costs have arisen, that in smaller towns they are not the type that like to handle too much, and we have to go out and make initial surveys and all, and they are expensive to us. On the other hand, when we permit

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Mr. Timothy J. Murphy, Commissioner, Public Works Department. continued: HB 1500 (Mr. Zanobi) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER to raise to ten thousand dollars, we do have to give consideration to the evils of it; and that, is, there are some agencies and some institutions, which have personnel and can go ahead and handle a job up to ten thousand dollars, I am not questioning that, but they are limited; when you open the door for ten thousand dollars, you allow all of them to do it. That means you are going to have some headaches, because they can't do such kind of work, because they do not have the personnel qualified to do it, not only for drawing the plans, but for supervising construction. Therefore, for that reason we want to stress that we are definitely opposed to HB 1500 (Mr. Zanobi) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER. We think it is going to open up gaps of trouble.

Representative Cairns, Madison: Anybody else wish to be heard on these bills? If not, we will declare the hearing closed on HB 212 (Mr. O'Brien) AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, OR ADDITIONS TO STATE REAL ASSETS, HB 1144 (Mr. O'Brien) AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS OR ADDITIONS TO STATE REAL ASSETS and HB 1500 (Zanobi) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION. We will now hear

HB 707 (Mrs. Vestal) AN ACT CONCERNING THE GRANTING OF REVOCABLE LICENSES BY THE STATE PARKS AND FOREST COMMISSION. Anyone wish to speak in favor of this bill?

Mr. Donald C. Mathews, Director, State Parks and Forest Commission: This is a commission sponsored bill, which would allow us grant revocable licenses, to such people as the party that operates a ski operation up in Mohawk. It is perhaps only a technicality, but it would legally authorize us to grant this license, and it being revocable at any time. I presume someone would say, why don't you give them a lease, and we don't wish in some cases to give them a lease on the property but we would like to give them a license to operate certain facilities on state property, such as a ski operation; that is the reason why we ask permission to grant revocable licenses.

Representative Bentley, Harwinton: Does that include any sort of concession?

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further? If not, those in favor say "Aye" those opposed "No."

The "Ayes" have it, the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 498, file 350. House Bill No. 593. An Act concerning Recreational Activities at the Thomaston Dam Site.

Favorable report of the Committee on State Development.

MR. BENTLEY (HARWINTON):

Mr. Speaker, the Committee requests the acceptance of their favorable report and the passage of this bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

MR. BENTLEY (HARWINTON):

This bill provides for a study by the State Park and Forest Commission of recreational facilities that may be available on land - be a part of the Federal Government which borders on the Thomaston Dam Site. It also provides that the Commission shall file a report with the Secretary of the State prior to the convening of the 1959 General Assembly. The committee requests the passage of this bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark further? If not, those in favor say "Aye" those opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it, the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 499, file 351. Substitute for House Bill No. 1144. An Act concerning alterations, Repairs or Additions to State Real Assets. Favorable report of the Committee on State Development.

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MR. ZANOBIL (NORFOLK):

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

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

MR. ZANOBI (NORFOLK):

The purpose of this bill is to increase the amount from \$2,000. to \$5,000. which may be expended by state departments without supervision of the Public Works Department. May we add that this bill is a result of a study by the Legislative Council.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Those in favor say "Aye" those opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it, the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 500, file 352, Substitute for House Bill No. 1676. An Act concerning Collis P. Huntington State Park. Favorable report of the Committee on State Development.

MR. ROBERTSTON (NORFOLK):

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

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

MR. ROBERTSON (NORFOLK):

This bill allows the State Park and Forest Commission to exchange land for land more suitable for their purpose.

THE SPEAKER:

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upon the motion. Those in favor of suspension of the rules say AYE, opposed NO. The rules are suspended. Question is upon acceptance of the committee's favorable report and the passage of the bill as amended by Senate Amendment, Schedule A. The Senator from the 7th.

SENATOR SNYDER:

I'll so move. What you just said I'll move. Mr. President, the purpose of this bill is to confer additional authority upon the town of Greenwich with respect to construction and financing parking projects. It enables the board of estimates and taxation with the approval of the town meeting to levy a tax against property within a parking district. This bill has been approved unanimously by the representative town meeting in Greenwich. I hope the bill passes.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill as amended by Senate Amendment, Schedule A. Those in favor say AYE, opposed NO. The report is accepted and the bill is passed as amended by Senate Schedule A.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 592. File 351, Sub. for House Bill 1144. An act concerning alterations, repairs or additions to state real assets. Favorable report of the committee on state development.

THE CHAIR:

The Senator from the 15th.

SENATOR CASTENALO:

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

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THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR CASTENALO:

The purpose of this bill is to increase the amount from \$2,000 to \$5,000 which may be expended by state departments without supervision of the Public Works Department because of larger costs. This bill is the result of a study made by the Legislative Council. It is a good bill and should be passed.

THE CHAIR:

Any further remarks? If not, those in favor say AYE, opposed NO. The report is accepted and the bill passed.

The Clerk:

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THE CHAIR:

The Senator from the 4th.

SENATOR WATSON:

I move that this bill be recommitted to the committee.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is bill be recommitted to committee. Those in favor say AYE, opposed NO. The bill is recommitted.

SENATOR WATSON:

Mr. President, I amove that Cal. 595 be passed retaining its place on the calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, Cal. 595 will be passed retaining its place on the calendar.