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Wednesday, April 17, 1957

MR. KISSAM (MONROE):

Mr. Speaker, this bill permits the Assessors and the Board of Tax Review of the Town of Trubmull to request an extension of time from the State Tax Commissioner with respect to the time in which they may complete their duties. The Tax Commissioner may further extend the time for a period of not more than seven days beyond the period of extension to allow the Town Clerk to transmit to him the required assessment act list. The bill also permits the Board of Tax Review to hear appeals for the recesses during any adjourned meeting held up to the period of any extension granted under section 1 of this bill. The bill is necessary. I hope it will pass.

THE SPEAKER:

The question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report for Substitute for House Bill No. 2182. Will you comment further? If not, those in favor say "Aye" opposed "No."  
The Bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 598, file 386. House Bill No. 2124. An Act concerning Interstate Agreements as to the Practice of Funeral Directors and Embalming in Other States. Favorable report of the Committee on Public Health and Safety.

MR. BROWN, SPEAKER, PRESIDING:

Gentleman from Durham.

MR. MURRAY (DURHAM):

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

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THE SPEAKER:

Question now is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, Sir?

MR. MURRAY (DURHAM):

Mr. Speaker, this bill would permit the Connecticut Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors to enter into a reciprocal agreement with other states, allowing their licensees to conduct funerals in each state.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the passage of this bill? If not, those in favor of accepting the committee's favorable report and passing this bill will kindly say "Aye" those opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it, the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Top of page 7, calendar No. 623, Nomination of Solomon Saul Rothstein of Sprague to be Deputy Judge of the Town Court of Sprague to Fill Vacancy, caused by the Resignation of Maurice La-Framboise, for the Unexpired Portion of the Term Ending June 30th 1959.

MR. PRUYN (COLEBROOK):

I move that this nomination be referred to the Judiciary Committee as required by Statutes.

THE SPEAKER:

This nomination will be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CLERK:

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THE CHAIR:

The Senator from the 4th.

SENATOR WATSON:

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

THE CHAIR:

Question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and the passage of the bill. Will you remark? (no remarks) Are you ready for the question. Those in favor signify by saying AYE, those opposed NO. The "No's" have it in the opinion of the chair. Is it doubted? If not, the committee's report is rejected and the bill is rejected.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 617, File 386. House Bill 2124. An act concerning interstate agreements as to the practice of funeral directing and embalming in other states. Favorable report of the committee on Public Health and Safety.

THE CHAIR:

The Senator from the 11th.

SENATOR SQUILLO:

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

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR SQUILLO:

This bill would permit the Conn. Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors to enter reciprocal agreements with other states allowing their licensees to conduct funerals in such



states. I hope this bill passes.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK: SENATOR KEENEY PRESIDING

Cal. 618, File 373, House Bill 1597. An act incorporating the city and suburban electric and gas company. Favor report Public Utilities.

THE CHAIR:

The Senator from the 18th.

SENATOR MARIANI:

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

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR MARIANI:

Mr. President, this act incorporates a company to act as a utility under the direct supervision of our utilities commission. Its interest is to establish a company that can and will negotiate with other utilities who find themselves in a position that makes it somewhat difficult to carry on their activity under the guise of the management that they have at present. It is sponsored by the directors and stockholders of the Conn. Light and Power and we have examined the intent and purpose and feel that it is a good company and we should endorse this bill.

THE CHAIR:

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

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## PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 3, 1957

Senator Angelo J. Squillo, Presiding.

Members Present: Senators Squillo, Dunleavy  
 Representatives Prokop, Fosdick, Draper,  
 Ballek, Beatty, D'Amicol, Goldbeck, Howe,  
 Hyde, LaPlace, Nash, Paavola, Ratkiewich,  
 Reed, Shostak, Stolle, Strunk, Murray,  
 Javorski.

H. B. No. 165 (FARMER) CHILD DAY CARE CENTERS OF CONNECTICUT.

COMMITTEE BILL 2124 INTERSTATE AGREEMENTS AS TO THE PRACTICE  
 OF FUNERAL DIRECTING AND EMBALMING IN OTHER  
 STATES.

COMMITTEE BILL 2125 APPLICATION FEES OF THE STATE BOARD OF  
 HEALING ARTS.

Chm. Squillo: We will take up Bill No. 2124 first. Are there any senators or representatives who would like to speak on any of these bills?

Representative Clark, Stamford: I want to speak on H.B. 165 (FARMER) CHILD DAY CARE CENTERS OF CONNECTICUT. I have from my local day nursery and other groups who feel that this bill is not acceptable in its present form and that they urge further study to produce a bill under the joint auspices of the Welfare, Health and Education Departments; therefore, I register in opposition to this bill.

Rep. Prokop: Are you speaking on the original bill 165?

Rep. Clark: On the Substitute for H.B. 165.

Rep. Arthur Maybury, Oxford: After reading H.B. 165, it would indicate to me that this bill originated in, and was written at the request of the Department of Health. It would also seem to me that this particular department of our state government is endeavoring to expand itself and looking for further activity. I believe

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(Rep. Tyler)

And the regulations that this health officer said must be followed out were almost out of this world; for example, the health officer said that the beds would have to be sterilized, something which I am informed is not done in hospitals. So, I would like to urge this Committee to give very careful study to this bill and make sure we do not get some bureaucratic control in there.

Rep. Elmer Mortensen, Newington: I wish to register in opposition of this bill. I had thought that it might be a bill that might concern myself very much in this way: I have seven small children at home and if I were to take these children over to leave them at someone's house while my wife might have to go to the hospital sometime for many reasons that could be, that it would be possible that I would have to have these people take a license out, but it has been explained to me by Representative Carpenter. But I do wish to emphasize Sections 11 and 12 -- I certainly am opposed to those two sections.

Chm. Squillo: I believe we will go on to bill No. 2124 at this time. Is there anyone to speak in favor of this bill?

Committee Bill No. 2124 ✓ - AN ACT CONCERNING INTERSTATE AGREEMENTS AS TO THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL DIRECTING AND EMBALMING IN OTHER STATES.

William C. Celantano, New Haven, President of the Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, registering in favor of the bill. This is a matter that our board has considered for some time. This agreement has been in existence in the New England states -- states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island -- since February of 1944 and has operated successfully. We were never able to become part of this agreement with the other states because we didn't have the power to do so under the law, so we discussed the matter with our attorney general and the State Health Department and were advised to submit this bill which would empower us to enter into an agreement with the other states in order that the men in the funeral service industry may be able to

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(Mr. Celantano) cross the state line into any other state in the New England states and move or transport a dead human body back into our own state without having to engage a funeral director in that state to sign you out, so to speak. It would give them in the other states the same privilege that our own people in our own industry would enjoy. We have many operators in the funeral service business who are on the borderline of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, in particular, who have to cross the state line for the purpose of moving a body, and they have to engage a funeral director to procure the body for them and sign the certificate in order that they might be able to move the body back into the state.

One of the men who operates in Canaan, Mr. Newkirk. Some years ago the hospital in Canaan and residents of that town were going into the hospital at Great Barrington which is across the state line, and when a death occurs there, of a Connecticut resident, there again an obstacle presents itself in that Mr. Newkirk who is a Connecticut licensed man is put to a great inconvenience by having to go across the state line and to endeavor to engage a funeral director in Massachusetts in order that he may bring that Connecticut resident back down the street and across the state line for the purpose of holding a funeral. For himself, he has had this difficulty, but we have had ever so many men all around the state who have had this problem, and this bill would clear this up around the whole state for us. There isn't anyone, I believe, opposed to it as far as our own industry is concerned. Our Board of Examiners has given it very serious consideration. The Attorney General went all over it with us so that if we can secure the passage of this bill, I am sure that it will remove for us many obstacles that we now have. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee. If there are any questions, I would be glad to answer them. If not, Mr. Newkirk might want to say something about the bill himself.

Roger Newkirk, Canaan, Connecticut: I would like to say just a word in favor of H.B. 2124. I think Mr. Celantano covered it very well. (Cont.)

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(Mr. Newkirk)

It affects a good many people around the state. In particular, it affects me more than it affects a good many others because I am situated right on the state line between the state of Massachusetts and Connecticut, and any patients have to go to the hospital in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, so that I have to cross the state line about twenty times a year or more, and this causes me a great deal of inconvenience and expense. And the other states have reciprocity, an agreement between states, and I am in favor that Connecticut should cooperate with these other states in some sort of an agreement.

Mr. Celantano: Mr. Chairman, the question might come up in the Committee as to why a man like Mr. Newkirk probably doesn't procure a license in one of these other states, and we would like to make that clear. He or any other man around the borders of our state or in one of the other states would have to go into that state to serve a two-year apprenticeship and establish another business there, and, of course, it would make it very expensive and very inconvenient, I assure you, and it is because the way the laws are written that the other states have this agreement that we want to become part of. The other states have this identical agreement. They cannot come into Connecticut as yet, because we cannot allow them to do so until such time as this is passed. And, then, they can come in, and we can go there, also, into the other states.

William F. Farrell, New Britain, President of the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association, and I would like to state that I am in favor of H.B. 2124.

Edward H. Bishop, Bridgeport, Secretary of the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association: I would also like to voice my opinion in favor of H.B. 2124.

Chm. Squillo: Is there anyone else in favor of this bill? Is there anyone opposed to this bill? If not, we will close the discussion on this bill. We will go on to Substitute H.B. 165 and we will hear the proponents first.