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Changes of reference:

CITIES AND BOROUGHES

House Bill No. 1879. An act amending the charter of the Town of Plainville concerning salaries of court officers.

(Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Functions)

THE CLERK:

Favorable reports.

JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS

Substitute for House Bill No. 1783. An act concerning jury trial of consolidated actions.

(Tabled for the Calendar and Printing)

INCORPORATIONS

House Bill No. 453. An act incorporating the property owners' association of Lake Hayward.

(Tabled for the Calendar and Printing)

THE CLERK:

Favorable report of Joint Standing Committees on House Bills:

PUBLIC WELFARE AND HUMANE INSTITUTIONS

Substitute for House Bill No. 1911. An act concerning eligibility for aid to dependent children.

(Tabled for the Calendar and Printing)

PUBLIC PERSONNEL

House Bill No. 370. An act concerning resident State policemen for Towns without organized police force.

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bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 243, file 152, House Bill No. 370. An Act concerning Resident State Policemen for Towns Without Organized Police Force. Favorable report of the Committee on Public Personnel.

MR. SHEEHAN (WEST HARTFORD):

I move 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. SHEEHAN (WEST HARTFORD):

Mr. Speaker this bill increases the resident State Police Force from the present complement of fifteen to twenty-five. The officers are to be appointed from the regular state police force. There is no opposition to the bill to the bill at the public hearing. We urge its passage.

THE SPEAKER:

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

THE CLERK:

Will you turn to page 4, third item from the top. The Clerk would like to take a moment to explain this bill again to you. It's a bill that was brought before the House and was amended by House Amendment Schedule A. As soon as the amendment was adopted under the new rules the Speaker referred this to the Legislative Commissioner for approval of the amendment. Now when the

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THE CHAIR:

The Senator from the 12th.

SENATOR FILER:

Mr. President, 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 FILER:

Mr. President, this bill amends the present law to permit a foreign corporation to be appointed as an executor or trustee by the donee of a power of appointment under a will. As the law now stands, the foreign executor corporation could be appointed as the executor under the will directly. This is merely a technical amendment. There was no opposition to it. I hope the bill passes.

SENATOR FINNEY PRESIDING

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? If not, question is on the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Those in favor say AYE, opposed NO. The report is accepted and the bill passed.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 486. File 410. Substitute for Senate Bill 370.  
An act to include the burning of churches, schools and public buildings in the statute setting the penalty for arson. Favorable report of the committee on General Law.

APRIL 17, 1957

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THE CHAIR:

The Senator from the 12th.

SENATOR FILER:

Madam President, 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 FILER:

Madam President, this bill is self-explanatory. It adds to the present arson statute the words, "churches, schools, theatres, auditoriums, assembly hall or other structure used for public gatherings" and makes the wilful and malicious burning of those structures arson. I hope the bill will pass.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Those in favor say AYE, OPPOSED NO. The report is accepted and the bill passed.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 487. file 409. Substitute for Senate Bill 917.

An act concerning loyalty day. Favorable report of the committee on General Law.

THE CHAIR:

The Senator from the 12th.

SENATOR FILER:

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

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We had a case of a general foreman who worked for 35 years. At the time of his death he had accumulated about 150 days in time. He was not able to take this time off. His widow did not receive any compensation for that time that this man had actually worked for. He worked under snow-removal and ice-control. That's just one example. The Highway Commissioner feels that these men should be given that benefit. If a person leaves he gets credit, but if he chooses to ~~stay~~ stay with the state ~~until~~ until his death he receives not a penny.

Mr. Scoboria

I most certainly am in favor of the principal in back of these bills.

Sen. Parodi

Do you lose your time if you don't take it on a certain date.

Mr. Scoboria

It is to be taken within 30 days. It may be extended for a period of time.

H.B. 368 ✓

(rep. Pruyn) RESIDENT STATE POLICEMEN FOR TOWNS NOT HAVING AN ORGANIZED POLICE FORCE.

H.B. 370 ✓

(Rep. Paavola) RESIDENT STATE POLICEMEN FOR TOWNS WITHOUT ORGANIZED POLICE FORCE.

H.B. 2031 ✓

(Rep. Nash) RESIDENT STATE POLICEMEN FOR TOWNS NOT HAVING ORGANIZED POLICE FORCE.

Mr. Kelley

I would like to speak in favor of H.B. 368, H.B. 2031 and H.B. 370. H.B. 368 is the one that was asked to be put before the legislature by the State Police Department. the resident state police law went into effect about 14 or 15 years ago.

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At that time two or more towns could contract with the commissioner or state police for a resident state police. In 1955 the legislature amended the act to provide that any one or more towns could contract with the commissioner of state police for a resident state policeman. Towns that don't have regular organized police departments. The number in 1955 was limited to 15 prior to that it was limited to 10. They gave us an additional 5 in 1955. I have had several requests for towns for these resident state police assignments. Of course, I would be unable to consider the request until such time as the law now increases the number again. In these other bills it provides for 10 making a total of 25 resident state policemen that I may contract for with the towns. I would be in favor of the 25. I have perhaps 7 or 8 towns that I have received letters from now that I know would contract for the services of the policemen. The town is required under the statute to pay 50% of the expenses of the assignment of the officer. They pay 50% of his salary 50% of the cost of patrolling and his meals etc.. We bill them every six months. The contract is for a two year period. It appears that it has worked out very well. I have at the present time 15 resident state policemen. These towns appear to be very satisfied with their services. I have received no complaints. The assignment that I make are experienced state policemen - taken from the regular police force and with at least 4-5 years experience. They have been trained through the academy. They have the state police equipment, the radios.

Chr. Goldberg

These 15 that you have are in addition to the regular 350 men you have.

Mr. Kelley

These are separate.

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- Mr. McAdam                    + s there any limit to the population size of these towns?
- Mr. Kelley                    No sir.
- Chr. Goldberg                 Do any towns have more than one resident state policeman.
- Mr. Kelley                    No sir.
- Mrs. Curtis                   Their duty is just within that town.
- Mr. Kelley                    Their duty is confined within that town. They are required to reside in that town. They work along with the first selectman.
- Mr. McAdam                    You said that the resident officer could call upon the barracks if he needed additional help. Is there anything done to encourage those towns as their population grows to establish their own police force.
- Mr. Kelley                    There isn't anything done sir that I know of. But some as they grow do organize their own police department.
- What would be the cost to the town in dollars and cents?
- Mr. Kelley                    The cost to the town in dollars and cents would be in the neighborhood of \$3800.00 per year. It fluctuates somewhat by the amount of salary the ~~man~~ man is receiving at that time I assign him. If the man has 10 or 12 years experience he would get more than a man with 5 years. It doesn't go too much above \$3800.00 as the town's share, that would be 50% of the total expense.

The town meets and authorizes the first selectman to contract for position.

Sen. Carodi

Does he have to do that at the end of each two years?

Mr. Kelley

They just renew the contracts.

Mr. MacKenzie

There is one part of the language of these bills that disturbs me. That is the selection of suitable persons. I know that the dept. has had and does have the best commissioners in the country but we don't know what the future will provide. Don't you think that to protect the policy that is in practice at the time of selection of this personnel from the regular state policemen personnel that those words should be incorporated in the statutes. A commissioner could hire a constable or anyone else.

Mr. Kelley

No he couldn't. It provides that he shall conform with the merit system and he would have to take the state examination and come within the state employment regulations. He would have to take the examination as a state policeman.

Mr. MacKenzie

Would he have to become a state policeman first?

Mr. Kelley

It doesn't actually say that in so many words, but it requires that he comply with the merit system.

- Mr. McAdam We will return to H.B. 368, H.B. 370 and H.B. 2031, Resident State Policemen for Towns Not Having Organized Police Forces.
- Charles Hall I want to go on record as being in favor of H.B. 368, H.B. 370 and H.B. 2031.
- Rep. Paavola I'd also like to go on record as in favor of H.B. 368, H.B. 370 and H.B. 2031.
- Mr. McAdam Anyone else wish to speak in favor of these bills. Opposed? We will close the hearing on H.B. 368, H.B. 370. and H.B. 2031.
- H.B. No. 1588 ✓ (Rep. Kerrigan) ASSIGNMENT OF STATE POLICE OFFICERS FOR ANTI DELINQUENCY WORK.
- No one spoke on this. He did talk earlier but it was decided that he would obtain further information and report back later.
- H.B. 1591 ✓ (Mr. Bennett) AN ACT CONCERNING RESTORATION OF RIGHTS TO JOHN F. CANNELL AS A QUALIFIED STATE PRISON GUARD MERET SYSTEM EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND REIMBURSING SAID JOHN F. CANNELL FOR LOSS OF WAGES BY REASON OF IMPROPER DISMISSAL.
- Rep. Bennett Mr. Faye the attorney for Mr. Canell is here today and he will speak. I would like to make one other point regarding the actual presentation of the bill. I believe it is in the record that it was submitted by request. I speak today in favor of the bill and would like to delete the phrase 'by request' from the bill.