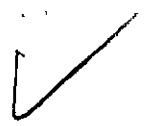


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any existing trust irrespective of whom the settler of the trust was.

The second feature of this bill would permit foreign corporations to act as trustees of these trusts. The local banks have no objection. The Bankers Association appeared. The Judiciary committee felt that this is a good bill, and I 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, all those in favor please say aye, opposed no. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

On page 9 of the Calendar. Calendar No. 1045. File No. 851. Substitute for House Bill No. 3910. An Act concerning the Renting of Motor Vehicles to Minors. Favorable report of the Committee on Transportation.

THE SPEAKER:

The gentleman from Enfield.

MR. CROMBIE OF ENFIELD:

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

THE SPEAKER:

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

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MR. CROMBIE OF ENFIELD:

Mr. Speaker, this bill will prevent any company that rents cars to lease it to a minor without the consent of the parent. There was no opposition to this bill at the hearing. The reason for bringing it to their attention was there was a bad accident where a car was rented out to a person that really didn't understand the operation of the car and a very serious accident resulted. This is a good bill and it should pass.

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, all those in favor please say aye, opposed no. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Unless any of the bills that were retained temporarily want to be called up, there is no further business on the Clerk's desk.

MRS. LORD OF MARLBOROUGH:

I'm ready for Calendar 1028 on page 7.

THE CLERK:

That has been marked controversial.

MRS. LORD OF MARLBOROUGH:

I understood it was being held now.

THE CLERK:

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SENATOR PICKETT:

Mr. President..

THE CHAIR:

Senator from the 33rd.

SENATOR PICKETT:

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

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR PICKETT:

Mr. President, there arose a situation, matter of fact  
several situations that minors were procuring automobiles from the  
rental agencies without drivers, or rather chauffeurs that is, and  
getting into serious difficulty with, to motor vehicle accidents.  
This law restricts that in that no person who is a minor would be  
able to so rent or lease a motor vehicle without a driver, unless  
that minor obtains a written consent of a parent or guardian. It's  
a very sound bill; I move its passage.

THE CHAIR:

Will you rem<sup>a</sup>rk further?

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SENATOR MARIANI:

Mr. President..

THE CHAIR:

Senator from the 18th.

SENATOR MARIANI:

Members of the Circle, I don't want to labor a point on this but may I ask the chairman a question, or rather the Senator who read the bill out anyway, on, on the consent of a parent or guardian of the minor am I to understand that on each application for a rent of an individual who was in the state, he must have a written application from his guardian. That is if he is a student in one of the schools and he is certainly a minor, he is not able to rent an automobile unless he gets written consent from his parents at home? Is that the intent of the bill?

SENATOR PICKETT:

Yes, he must have one of two things, Senator Mariani. He must have a chauffeur, I'm substituting that word for the word driver, at the end of line 12, or he must have the consent. One or the other. This may work some bit of a hardship on certain youths but it was exactly the type of driver that you were referring to - students - that were causing the difficulty. Students from schools in this area were renting cars without the consent or the knowledge of their parents and through that -- oftentimes because the parents themselves had forbidden their sons to have a car while away from home. And they were going ahead and renting cars and getting into very serious trouble through the use of such

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rented cars. It's certainly conceded that this may work a hardship on certain extreme rare case - an individual in need of a car immediately - I think that the better rule/<sup>would be</sup>to prevent the minors who are in that age bracket where they perhaps will act a little bit recklessly and forbid them to be able to rent a car unless they have a chauffeur or written consent.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor will signify by saying "aye", opposed "no". The "ayes" have it. The bill is ordered passed.

THE CLERK:

There's is no further business on the Clerk's desk.

SENATOR SCANLON:

Mr. President..

THE CHAIR:

Senator from the 6th.

SENATOR SCANLON:

I move we adjourn till 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THE CHAIR:

Question ison adjournment until eleven o'clock tomorrow morning. All in favor say "aye", those opposed "no". We stand adjourned.

THE SENATE ADJOURNED AT 6:52 P.M.



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## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

FRIDAY

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Representative Dorman Weaver, Pomfret: I am Representative Dorn Weaver from Pomfret, and I'd like to go on record in favor of H.B.3396 (Miller) AN ACT CONCERNING COMPULSORY MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION, H.B.3545 (Brown & Sweet) AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITS FOR WIDTH AND LENGTH OF VEHICLES, and H.B.3644 (Katona & Murray) AN ACT REQUIRING FLASHING REAR LIGHTS ON MOTOR VEHICLES. Thank you.

Chr. Burke: Thank you. Now, we'll go back on the calendar and take up S.B.847.

S.B.847 (Pickett) AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITS FOR VEHICLES OF EXCESSIVE WEIGHT

Chr. Burke: Does anyone wish to speak in favor of that bill? Anyone opposed? If not, we will declare the hearing closed. We will take up H.B.3396.

H.B.3396 (Miller) AN ACT CONCERNING COMPULSORY MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION

Chr. Burke: Anybody wish to speak in favor of that bill?

Representative F. H. Richards, Mansfield: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, Representative Richards, Mansfield, speaking in favor of H.B.3396. Certainly like to urge this Committee to do something along this line. I'm not sure what this would cover what we might want it to cover. I believe under this bill, probably this would be done in private stations. I think that's probably better than the State setting up inspection lines such as we used to have in this State, but, my feeling is that we are at a point in this State where there are too many cars. We all agree there are too many cars that appear to be on the road with defective equipment, and I certainly want to go along with the principle, and anything this Committee can do in bringing up a bill which would force inspection, make inspection compulsory, would be a very good measure. We have the option now.....a good many of us take advantage of it....I think that's good as far as it goes, but too many do not take advantage of having their cars inspected.

Also like to register in favor of H.B.3545 (Brown & Sweet) AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITS FOR WIDTH AND LENGTH OF VEHICLES.

Chr. Burke: Thank you.

Representative Ida B. Brown, Union: Representative Brown of Union, Connecticut. I would like to register in favor of H.B.3396 (Miller) AN ACT CONCERNING COMPULSORY MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION. Also, H.B.3910 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RENTING OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO MINORS, and hope your Committee will give them favorable consideration.

Chr. Burke: Thank you.

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H.B.3910 (Committee) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RENTING OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO MINORS

Chr. Burke: Anybody wish to speak in favor of this bill?

Representative Mary Hill, New London: Mr. Chairman and members of this Committee, I'm Representative Mary Hill from New London, Connecticut. I am particularly interested in this bill because it is in accordance with the Governor's safety in driving program, and to emphasize the need of this bill, I would like to tell the Committee of an incident which happened in our neighborhood on January 31st of this year. A minor rented a car for the purpose of taking five other pupils to a school entertainment. He was unfamiliar with the mechanism of this car, and before reaching his destination, he was involved in an accident, demolishing the car, resulting in the death of a young lady by the name of Joan Ellen Peabody, and causing the other five occupants to be hospitalized all in a severe condition.

I urge the Committee to give this bill a favorable report for the protection of our youth, also the renting agencies involved.

Chr. Burke: Thank you. Anybody else wish to speak in favor of H.B.3910? Anyone wish to speak in opposition to H.B.3910? If not, we will declare the hearing closed.....ah.

Carl R. Lane, Connecticut Automotive Trades Association: We were studying this bill. This is a Committee bill. This is the first time we've seen it, just now. It would seem that if we were to protect our minors and our people that are leasing cars that we should say: "Thou Shalt Not," lease to a minor. Having insurance doesn't save the lives of these people that are riding in this car. It would seem that if the contract was under our present law, contract made with the minor, it does not hold. If a minor went to a leasing company and paid a deposit in advance, and went out and did some damage, why his parent could go and ask for the money back and they'd just have to give it back to them.

I think it should be prohibited to loan...to lease cars to minors.

Chr. Burke: Were you in favor of the bill, or are you against it?

Carl R. Lane, Connecticut Automotive Trades Association: Well, I'm speaking in favor....I mean against this procedure because this would not accomplish it, but if you want to consider the subject matter, I think you ought to prevent the lease of cars to these high school children.

Chr. Burke: That's a suggestion.

Senator Coutis: Mr. Lane, Do you.....how do you think the leasing companies would feel about this? Just a moment now.....

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Carl R. Lane, Connecticut Automotive Trades Association: I haven't contacted anybody because this was a Committee Bill and it wasn't in our file and I haven't seen it before.

Senator Coutu: Perhaps I should....

Carl R. Lane: It would seem to me that no established leasing company today would lease a vehicle to a minor. I don't believe they are doing it.

Senator Coutu: Technically, they shouldn't. Well, in this case, they did. That's what brought this bill about.

Carl R. Lane: Yes, and the fact that this insurance provision is in here, the leasing company has to have a notice on file with the Motor Vehicle Department that they have a blanket policy to cover liability insurance. The fact that this bill calls for insurance on this particular operator wouldn't, as I see it, help the situation and save any lives.

Chr. Burke: Anyone else wish to speak in favor of H.B. 3910?

If not, does anyone wish to speak in opposition to H.B. 3910?

Now, we completed all the bills. We passed over

S.B. 847 (Pickett). AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITS FOR VEHICLES OF EXCESSIVE WEIGHT.

We will go back to that bill now, and ask anyone who wishes to speak in favor of that bill. If not, does anyone wish to speak in opposition to that bill?

Joseph J. Venci, Middletown, Connecticut: Just want to register.....  
Joseph J. Venci, J.J. Venci Coal Company, Middletown, Connecticut....  
in favor of this bill at this time. I have no comment.

Chr. Burke: I beg your pardon.

Joseph J. Venci: At this time, I have nothing more to say.

Chr. Burke: You are in favor of it?

Joseph J. Venci: Yes sir.

Chr. Burke: Does anyone else wish to speak in favor of H.B. 847? If not, does anyone wish to speak in opposition to S.B. 847?