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## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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Wilbur L. Cross, Jr., (continued):

Now, this five (5) dollars for the loss....for the replacement of lost or mutilated number plates is in conflict with the bill No. 3702 H.B.3702 (Barry) AN ACT CONCERNING FEE FOR REPLACING LOST OR MUTILATED NUMBER PLATES, at the end of your list today, which reduces that five (5) dollars to two (2) dollars. I just want to bring that in at this time on the record.

Representative John H. Noble, New Milford: Mr. Cross, on these mutilated plates, the cars today the way they are built and so forth, the owner doesn't exactly intentionally mutilate them but parking and so forth, it happens.

Wilbur Cross: Yes, that's right.

Representative Noble: Do you arrive at a cost of five (5) dollars to replace one plate, or two plates?

Wilbur Cross: Well, to replace one plate it's two-fifty(2.50). To replace the pair, it would be five (5) dollars. There is a lot of additional work in connection with it and a special order has to go over to the reformatory. Now, if you don't want those plates.....want to turn them in and get another pair.....we'd send you.....we'd give you a pair off the shelf for a dollar.

Representative Noble: A dollar.

Chr. Coutu: Does anyone else wish to be heard in favor of S.B.283? If not, does anyone wish to be heard in opposition. We will close the hearing on S.B.283.

S.B.286 (Pickett) AN ACT CONCERNING JUNK YARD REQUIREMENTS, RECORDS AND REPORTS AND FENCES

Chr. Coutu: We will open the hearing on S.B.286.

Edwin B. Pratt, Motor Vehicles Department: Edwin B. Pratt, Department of Motor Vehicles. Some six years ago, the junk yard....so-called junk yard bill was completely revised. At that time there was (inaudible) on the bill allowing the commissioner of motor vehicles to make rules and regulations.. When that bill went into effect, he made up certain rules and regulations including the use of junk yard plates, enclosing the yard and making reports, etc. Our Attorney-General at that time felt that this should be a set law rather be under regulations. Two years ago we brought in three bills concerning this whole matter. For some reason or other, this particular bill that we have before us now got into the box and as I understand it, somebody just mislaid it. It wasn't brought before the legislature at all. It was just one of those things that happen occasionally with a bill and it just went down the drain for some reason.

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Edwin B. Pratt, Motor Vehicles Department (continued):

This bill has the approval of the State Wreckers Association that are in this business and has been approved by their Legal Counsel, Mr. Zacharmeny. And I think perhaps Mr. Noble, a member of your committee, will recall that it just didn't get into session for some reason or other.

Representative John H. Noble, New Milford: No ulterior motive, just got lost, that's all.

Edwin B. Pratt, Motor Vehicles Department: So I was asked that this be put into the statute now.

Representative Peter A. Crombie, Enfield: Mr. Pratt, question? Your last question here: "Permits for such burnings shall be obtained from local fire marshals." There are certain towns or territories where there is no fire marshal.

Edwin B. Pratt: Well, I assumed that every town had a fire marshal, Mr. Crombie.

Representative Crombie: No.

Edwin B. Pratt: The fire chief in any town act as fire marshal?

Chr. Coutu: In my town I have to call a fire warden.

Representative Crombie: We've got to call the forest fire warden.

Edwin B. Pratt: Why this has been put in, Mr. Crombie, is because of the fact that in the cities where they do have the fire marshal they requested that the fire marshal be allowed to take care of that. I think an amendment to the fact that...sh.....

Representative Crombie: Would you have any objection to changing the wording: to cover all conditions?

Edwin B. Pratt: I think that would be a very fine improvement.

Chr. Coutu: Anyone else wish to be heard in favor of S.B.286? If not, does anyone wish to be heard in opposition? We will close the hearing on S.B.286, and open the hearing on S.B.288.

S.B. 288 (Coutu) AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER AND INSPECTORS

Wilbur L. Cross, Jr., Motor Vehicles Department: Wilbur Cross, Jr., Department of Motor Vehicles. The primary duties of the inspectors in the department, who have the power of arrest are concerned with violations of the motor vehicle laws, but we do have times when they are handicapped in their duties by not having the same powers as the sheriffs, policemen or constables. A good case of the point is while over in the registration room of the department today, we have probably a half dozen inspectors in there and all they can do is make arrests for violation of the motor vehicles laws and no one in there is making any...is violating any motor vehicle law but they might

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reductions in the allowance made by the State to the company of property and expenses of the State Guard, the militia, etc. The reductions that we propose as set forth in the bill will no way impair the efficiency of these units and because of this economy of measure, I urge its passage.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR HEALEY:

Mr. President..

THE CHAIR:

Senator from the 10th.

SENATOR HEALEY:

On page 10, may we turn to Calendar 1173, fourth from the top. And I ask for suspension of the rules for immediate consideration.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on suspension of the rules for immediate consideration. Is there any objection? Appears to be none, the rules are suspended.

THE CLERK:

Cal. No. 1173. File No. 893. Senate Bill No. 286. An Act concerning Junk Yard Requirements, Records and Reports and Fences. Favorable report of the Committee on Transportation.

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MAY 19, 1959.

SENATOR COUTU:

Mr. President..

THE CHAIR:

Senator from the 29th.

SENATOR COUTU:

I move for 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 COUTU:

Mr. President, members of the Circle, the Motor Vehicle Department has been operating on regulations which are of the same nature as the wording of this bill and I think that it's a good bill and that the Motor Vehicle Department needs such a law in order to regulate the Motor Vehicle Junk yard. They're having quite a lot of difficulty in various parts of the state and I'm sure that if this bill is enacted it will help them immeasurably. The Connecticut Auto and Truck Wreckers' Association are also in favor of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR HEALEY:

Mr. President..

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favor signify by saying "aye". Opposed. The bill is passed.

SENATOR HEALEY:

Mr. President..

THE CHAIR:

Senator Healey of the 10th District.

SENATOR HEALEY:

I wonder if we could stand at recess for five minutes, until ten after eight. I wonder if I could see the Democratic Senator s in the Lt. Governor's office please. Right away.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at recess for five minutes.

THE SENATE RECESSED FOR FIVE MINUTES

THE CLERK:

Disagreeing Action.

Favorable report. Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. Senate Bill No. 286. An Act concerning Junk Yard Requirements, Records, Reports and fences. Passed by the Senate on May 19, 1959. Passed by the House on May 27, 1959 together with House Amendment Schedules "A" and "B".

THE CHAIR:

Senator from the 29th.

SENATOR COUTU:

Mr. President, I move for suspension of the rules for immediate consideration of the bill as amended.

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THE CHAIR:

Were you in the prevailing side?

SENATOR COUTU:

Yes.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on suspension of the rules for immediate consideration. Any objection? Seeing none, reconsideration is had.

SENATOR COUTU:

I move for acceptance of the committee's favorable report and acceptance of the bill as amended by schedules "A" and "B".

THE CHAIR:

Any remarks?

SENATOR COUTU:

The amendment schedule "A" is very simple. In section 1 after the word "Each" insert the word "motor vehicle". In section 1, line 4, strike out "P.M." and insert in lieu thereof "during regular business hours." These are reasonable and very technical amendments and I move for passage of the bill as amended.

THE CHAIR:

Are there further remarks? If there are no further remarks, the question is on the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill as amended. Those in favor signify by saying "aye". Opposed. The bill as amended is passed.

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Calendar No. 1630. File No. 893. Senate Bill No. 286.

An Act concerning Junk Yard Requirements, Records and Reports and Fences. Favorable report of the Committee on Transportation.

House Amendment Schedule "A".

In section 1, line 1 after "each" insert "motor vehicle".

MR. SAGLIO OF KILLINGWORTH:

Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of the amendment.

THE SPEAKER:

The question is on the adoption of the amendment. Will you remark further?

MR. SAGLIO OF KILLINGWORTH:

Mr. Speaker, the amendment just merely specifies the type of junk yard. I move for its adoption.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on the adoption of the amendment. Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor please say aye, opposed no. The amendment is adopted.

Unless there is objection, the printing will be waived and the bill will be referred to the Legislative Commissioner for his approval of the amendment.

The gentleman from New Britain.

MR. GOOGEL OF NEW BRITAIN:

Mr. Speaker, I move the House recess until 1:45.

THE SPEAKER:

The question is on recess until 1:45. All those in favor say aye, opposed no. The House stands in recess. \* \* \*

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remark. The 'ayes' have it. The amendment is adopted.  
Would you waive the printing? Referred to the Legislative  
Commissioner.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 1630. File 893

S.B. 286. Concerning junk yard requirements, records  
and reports and fences. As amended by House Amend. Sched. "A"  
previously adopted.

Committee on Transportation.

MR. SAGLIPE (Killingworth)

I move acceptance and passage of the bill as amended by  
House Amend. Sched. "A".

Mr. Speaker: The regulation of the motor vehicle junk  
yard has been carried on by departmental regulation. In view  
of the increasing motor vehicle junk yards throughout the state  
the dept. is asking <sup>for</sup> this legislation. Sec. 1 of file 393  
remains substantially the same as the present dept. regulations.  
Sec. 2 differs from the present in that it provides that new  
junk yards shall be completely surrounded with a solid fence.  
Your committee thinks this is a good bill and it ought to pass.

THE SPEAKER:

Remark further. Gentleman from Harwinton.

MR. BENTLEY:

It says here that all unregistered motor vehicles used  
parts, old iron, metal, glass, paper and any other material  
which may have been a part of such vehicle shall be enclosed

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within this location. How are you going to get it out to get rid of it?

MR. SAGLIO: (Killingworth)

My interpretation of that is that whatever comes in the car remains in this territory until such time as it is properly disposed of.

THE SPEAKER:

Remark further. Gentleman from Avon.

MR. AUGUST:

A question concerning sec. 1. The language stated that the junk yard, commencing in line 3: "such records shall be available for inspection daily between the hours of 8:30 o'clock A.M. and 4:30 o'clock P.M." I question whether or not that is the real intent. It seems to me that you mean only during business hours, not 7 days a week, and I wonder if it isn't a wise thing to have an amendment to require that it be during business hours; perhaps a junk yard doesn't operate even 5 days a week. They would have to have someone there at all hours under the statute to keep those books available for inspection by the Motor Vehicle Dept. I suggest to the gentleman that he might want to have this passed retaining so an amendment might be prepared.

THE SPEAKER:

This is controversial. Retained on the calendar.

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THE CLERK:

Cal. 1815 File 1105

Sub. for S.B. 972. Concerning unfair trade practices in the Photography Field.

Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Functions.

MR. SHEA: (Meriden)

I move the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

At the hearing it was brought to the committee's attention that today unfair trade practices in the photography industry are growing out of hand and proportion. The Better Business Bureaus of the U.S. have stated that rackets in the field are today the third most important area of con-man tactics. As the result the Judiciary Committee after a great deal of study came forth with this bill which will regulate and enumerate the unfair trade practices in the industry. It's a good bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Remark further? If not, question is on acceptance and passage of the bill? The 'ayes' have it. Bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 1630 File 893

S.B. 286. Concerning junk yard requirements, records and reports and fences. As amended by House Amend. Sched. "A".

MR. SAGLIO: (Killingworth)

The clerk has an amendment.

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THE CLERK:

House Amend. Sched. "B".

In sec. 1, strike out line 4 and "p.m." in line 5, and insert in lieu thereof "during regular business hours".

MR. SAGLIO: (Killingworth)

I move for the adoption of House Amend. Sched. "B".

This amendment in our opinion greatly improves the bill so I move for its adoption.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on the adoption of House Amend. Sched. "B"?

The 'ayes' have it. Amendment is carried.

The printing is waived. Referred to the Legislative Commissioner.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 1691 File 1371

H.B. 2443. As amended by House Amend. Sched. "A".

An act concerning disclosures by persons applying for town support. Committee on Public Welfare & Humane Institutions.

MR. BARNES: (Montville)

I move for the acceptance and passage of this bill, as amended by House Amend. Sched. "A".

This bill provides that any applicant for town aid must file with the town selectman a written request for aid and a full disclosure of his financial condition, signed and sworn to. Under the present law there is no requirement for any statement by a town welfare applicant. Consequently, it is difficult for the state which contributes 1/2 the town welfare cost for

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MR. CALDWELL: (Derby)

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

It's to repeal a special act which did not provide for minority representation. It should pass.

THE SPEAKER:

Remark further? If not, gentleman from Bethany.

MR. TURNER:

Does this mean that the town of Canterbury will now operate under this general act?

MR. CALDWELL:

Yes, that is the answer.

THE SPEAKER:

Remark further? If not, all in favor of acceptance and passage say "aye"; opposed? Bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 1630. File 893

S.B. 286. Concerning junk yard requirements, records and reports and fences. As amended by House Amend. Sched. A. Committee on Transportation.

MR. SAGLIO: (Killingworth)

I move for acceptance and passage of the bill as amended by House Amend. Sched. "A" and "B" in concurrence with the Senate.

The regulations of motor vehicle junk yards has been requested by the (inaudible-mike difficulty) in view of the

increasing number of motor vehicle junk yards throughout the state. Sec. 1 of file 893 remains substantially the same as the present dept. regulations. Sec. 2 differs in that it provides that each motor vehicle junk yard shall be completely surrounded with a solid fence etc. Your committee thinks this is a good bill and ought to pass.

THE SPEAKER:

Gentleman from Waterbury.

MR. ADAMS:

Through you, Mr. Speaker, May I ask a question?

Regarding these fences are the existing junk yards required to comply with erecting a solid fence all around their properties?

MR. SAGLIO: (Killingworth)

The existing junk yards do not have to have a fence. They are not affected by this bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Remark further? If not, question is on acceptance and passage of the bill as amended by House Schedules "A" and "B" in concurrence with the Senate? The 'ayes' have it. Would the gentleman from Watertown like to discuss this bill?

MR. KEILTY:

I'd like to know if there would be any conflict with this 8 ft. fence with zoning ordinances we have pertaining to heights of fences?

MR. SAGLIO:

I don't know.

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THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage of the bill as amended by House Amends. Sched. "A" and "B" in concurrence with the Senate? The 'ayes' have it. Bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 1701 File 1373

H.B. 4003. Concerning the hearing and determination of claims against the state.

Committee on Appropriations.

I have an amendment on that.

House Amend. Sched. "A".

On page 2, sec. 3, line 3, delete "june first" and insert in its place the following: "the adjournment of the regular session of the General Assembly."

MR. GOOGEL: (New Britain)

The reason for this amendment is as follows: Under the terms of this act the Governor with the advice and consent of the General Assembly would have to appoint a Claims Commission on or before June 1st; obviously, we wouldn't be able to take that action so this amendment merely provides that the Claims Commission will be appointed on or before the adjournment of the regular session. I move its adoption.

THE SPEAKER:

Remark further. Gentleman from Norwalk.