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But while I've spent some time talking with the State Development Commission on it and they've been very helpful on it, it doesn't seem to me that it's an action that we ought to take or that I would in good conscience ask you people to take as a committee willy, nilly without looking into it further and having the benefit of further research on it. For that reason I am going to with your permission submit a substitute for this bill which would call upon the State Development Commission to study this problem and report its recommendations and findings to the 1961 Session of the General Assembly.

Rep. Allison, Granby I am at the present time Chairman of the Granby Board of Appeals and have been on that board for the last 13 years and I wish to speak in favor of all the bills. That is 2981, 2982, 2984, 2985, 2986, 2987 and 2989. I hope this will be able to get a favorable report of these bills.

Wilfred Maxwell, Staff Planner for the State of Connecticut Development Commission. The Development Commission acts as secretaria for the Connecticut Federation Of Planning & Zoning Agencies and I have been asked by the Federation to read this prepared statement. I will submit this to you. Just to explain the Federation, this Federation Of Planning & Zoning Agencies wasorganized in 1948 for the purpose of promoting municipal and regional planning and encouraging the adoption of adequate zoning in order to make such planning in the state effective. Some 170 Connecticut municipal planning and zoning commissions and boards of appeals hold official memberships in the Federation. These commissions and boards numbering some 1,000 officials represent 104 municipalities. At the Federation's legislative meeting in January, it was voted to sponsor this and other bills. This bill is intended to clarify certain sections of the Municipal Planning Commission Enabling Law, Chapter 126 of the 1958 Revision of the General Statutes. It would amend the law in four major areas.

This bill does very little to the planning law other than to clarify things which are not now explicit - particularly, as regards methods of operation and jurisdictional lines. It has the wholehearted support of the Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies and it is hoped that the General Assembly will take favorable action on this bill.

Also at the Federation Agencies Legislative meeting in January it was voted to sponsor H.B. 2984 (Mr. Keeler) An Act Providing For Official Maps For Municipalities. This particular bill would make it possible for towns, cities and boroughs with Planning Commissions to adopt an official map legally defining streets, parks, playgrounds, school sites or sites for any other public buildings or properties. The planning commission would prepare such a map at the request of the municipality but only after it (the planning commission) had already adopted a major street plan as part of its plan ofdevelopment. Section 1 of this bill says, "Such map shall be for the express purpose of assuring the people of the municipality the direction of its future growth and shall be based upon the plan of development for the orderly and economic arrangement of land uses within such municipality and the health, safety, and general physical, social and economic welfare of its inhabitants." We feel the general purpose of this bill is much needed. Presently municipalities through their planning commissions may draw plans of developments, major street plans, park and recreation plans, all of which purportedly show the intent of the municipality to acquire and develop land for future use. But that is as far as the local commission can go. This bill will be a step in helping the municipality carry out its plan of development.

Rep. Ward Pinney, Bloomfield I'd like to register in favor of H.B. 3700 (Mr. Pinney) AN ACT CONCERNING LAND ACQUISITION FOR PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES which would give the towns to take over land which is set aside for flood controlto be used for park and recreational purposes. In cases where they see fit to use that authority. There are others here that will go into it more in detail.

Rep. Banner Is there anyone here in favor of H.B. 2981 (Mr. Keeler) AN ACT AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION ENABLING LAW? Anyone opposed?

Charles Lodolce, Vice Chairman of the State Council of Home Builders of Connecticut. We have objection tosection 1. We feel that the present law is adequately drafted and we feel that these provisions confuse existing laws. We wish to point out that we feel that this does not affect thehome building except that weare interested in well drafted planning regulations. We're concerned about section 6 of this bill provides for reasonable fee for the processing of subdivision applications and inspection of subdivision improvements.

Rep. Banner Anyone else opposed? We willconsider the hearing on H.B. 2984 (Mr. Keeler) AN ACT PROVIDING FOR OFFICIAL MAPS FOR MUNICIPALITIES closed.

We will open the hearing on H.B. 2985 (Mr. Keeler) AN ACT AMENDING THE POWERS OF A DISTRICT UNDER THE HOME RULE LAW. Anyone for this bill?

Mr. Maxwell representing the Connecticut Federation of Planning & Zoning Agencies. At the Federation's legislative meeting in January wevoted to sponsor this bill. The intent of this bill is to provide that when a special district is established under Home Rule law for any purpose and the district considers the adoption of subdivision or zoning regulations, it must do so by adopting the appropriate planning and/or zoning enabling legislation. That would be chapter 124 or chapter 126 general statutes. The district planning and zoning commissions will be dissolved upon the adoption of subdivision or zoning regulations by the town and/or zoning commissions.

The Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies respectfully requests that consideration be given to its stand on this bill. I shall make copies of the statement available to your committee.

Rep. Banner Anyone else wish to speak in favor of this bill? Anyone opposed. Consider this hearing closed.

We will open the hearing on H.B. 2986 (Mr. Keeler) AN ACT AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL STREET LAW. Anyone for it?

Mr. Maxwell representing the Federation of Planning & Zoning Agencies. This bill wasvoted at the Federation legislative meeting in January and it was voted to sponsor the bill.

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THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Avon.

MR. AUGUST OF AVON:

May this matter be retained?

THE SPEAKER:

If there is no objection, this will be continued retaining.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 1494. File No. 1181. Substitute for House Bill No. 2985. An Act amending the Powers of a District under the Home Rule Law. Favorable report of the Committee on State Development.

THE SPEAKER:

The gentleman from Guilford.

MR. ORCUTT OF GUILFORD:

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment.

THE SPEAKER:

Will the Clerk please read the amendment?

THE CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "A".

In section 7, line 9, before "plan" strike out "district". Following "plan", insert "for subdivision wholly or partially within a district".

THE SPEAKER:

The gentleman from Guilford.

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MR. ORCUTT OF GUILFORD:

Mr. Speaker, I move for adoption of House Amendment Schedule "A".

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on adoption of House Amendment Schedule "A". Will you remark?

MR. ORCUTT OF GUILFORD:

This amendment was suggested by the Legislative Commissioner and makes it clear as to under which jurisdiction a subdivision would be approved.

I move for the acceptance of the amendment.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? Question is on adoption of House Amendment Schedule "A". All those in favor please say aye, opposed no. The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. With the consent of the minority and the majority leaders the printing will be waived and it will be sent to the Legislative Commissioner for his approval.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 1536. File No. 1166. House Bill No. 2785. An Act authorizing the Town of Vernon to Establish a Retirement System for Town Employees. Favorable report of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs.

THE SPEAKER:

The gentleman from Vernon.

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maintained by the highway commissioner.

This is a good bill and I hope it passes.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? Question is on passage of the bill. All those in favor please say aye, opposed no. The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

We have returned to us....on page 10 of the Calendar, the House Amendment Schedule "A" as adopted has been approved by the Legislative Commissioner's office. It's Calendar No. 1494. File No. 1181. Substitute for House Bill No. 2985. An Act amending the Powers of a District under the Home Rule Law. Favorable report of the Committee on State Development.

THE SPEAKER:

The gentleman from Guilford.

MR. ORCUTT OF GUILFORD:

Mr. Speaker, I move for the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and the passage of the bill as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A".

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A". Will you remark?

MR. ORCUTT OF GUILFORD:

The intent of this bill is to provide that when a special district is established under home rule law for any purpose and

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the district considers adoption of subdivision and zoning regulations it must do so by adopting the appropriate planning and/or zoning enabling legislation. The district planning and zoning commissions will be dissolved upon the adoption of subdivision or zoning regulations by the town planning and or zoning commissions.

It's a good bill and it ought to pass.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? Question is on passage of the bill as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A". All those in favor please say aye, opposed no. The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Shelton rise?

MR. TAYLOR OF SHELTON:

If you will return to page 8, I have the information on Calendar No. 1467.

THE CLERK:

Page 8 of the Calendar. Calendar No. 1467. File No. 1127. Substitute for House Bill No. 3276. An Act concerning Control of On-street parking by Municipal Parking Authorities. Favorable report of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs.

THE SPEAKER:

The gentleman from Shelton.

MR. TAYLOR OF SHELTON:

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

THE SPEAKER:

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signify by saying "aye", those opposed "no". The "ayes" have it. The bill is ordered passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 1714. File No. 1181. Substitute for House Bill No. 2985. An Act amending the Powers of a District under the Home Rule Law.

House Amendment Schedule "A" adopted May 25, 1959.

Favorable report of the Committee on State Development.

SENATOR BURNS:

Mr. President....

THE CHAIR:

Senator from the 30th.

SENATOR BURNS:

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

THE CHAIR:

The question is on the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill as amended. Will you remark?

SENATOR BURNS:

Mr. President, the bill will allow the district, such as the fire district, which may be established within the limits of a town, to adopt the planning and zoning regualtions under the general statutes pursuant to the limitations within the act. It clarifies the particular law which is confusing at the present time.

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.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 1715. File No. 1066. Substitute for House Bill No. 3232. An Act concerning the Width and Length of Vehicles.

Favorable report of the Committee on Transportation.

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:

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

SENATOR COUTU:

Mr. President, this bill will bring the permissible over-all lenght of vehicles in accordance with recommendations in uniform code of the American Association of State Highway Officials for uniform length. It fully complies with all federal aid regulations and if this bill is adopted, we will be the last state of the original forty-eight states to have adopted this law.

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