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Attorney William Sprague: and finally our salary scale we feel is a good deal lower than the fair minimum. Our full time Librarian is a law school graduate. He's a specialist in law library work. He receives substantially less than I know the state pays at the University of Connecticut. The full time assistant is being paid less than the minimum salary scale for an assistant law librarian. We feel we need these increased costs, what with increased costs to bring the service to our Judges and the lawyers in Hartford County up to a fair and proper level. I urge passage of this bill. Our librarian is here to answer questions if you have any, Mr. James Lee. Thank you very much.

Chr. Pickett: Thank you. Now the bills that we'll take up under Topic 3 are the following: S. B. No. 419, 503, 883, 884, 885, 1144, 1145, 1147, 1568 and House Bills No. 2941, 2945, 3440 and 4610. I'll call the following speakers. Mr. Potter, Mr. Tomkiel and Mr. and Mr. Birmingham.

S. B. No. 419 (Sen. Hammer) AN ACT CONCERNING CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES; S. B. No. 503 (Sen. Lupton) AN ACT CONCERNING CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS; S. B. No. 883 (Sen. Marcus) AN ACT CONCERNING GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS; S. B. No. 884 (Sen. Marcus) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE CONNECTICUT RESEARCH COMMISSION; S. B. No. 885 (Sen. Barry) AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTEGRATED RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; S. B. No. 1144 (Sen. Pickett) AN ACT CONCERNING THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL; S. B. No. 1145 (Sen. Amenta) AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORITY OF STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION; S. B. No. 1147 (Sen. Pickett) AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE; S. B. No. 1568 (Sen. Miller) AN ACT CONCERNING REORGANIZING THE STATE PARK AND FOREST COMMISSION; H. B. No. 2941 (Rep. Carrozzella) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN CERTAIN STATE OFFICES; H. B. No. 2945 (Rep. Carrozzella) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN CERTAIN STATE OFFICES; H. B. No. 3440 (Rep. Moskus) AN ACT CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; H. B. No. 4610 (Rep. Mayer) AN ACT CONCERNING A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF PRESERVING THE BATTLE FLAGS IN THE HALL OF FLAGS AT THE CAPITOL.

Rockwell Potter, Jr.: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Committee. Rockwell Potter, Jr., State Examiner of Public Records. S. B. No. 885 (Sen. Barry) AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTEGRATED RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS would accomplish the following things: Sec. 1 would enlarge the existing records management committee and established by Sec. 4-34 of the General Statutes and would

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Rockwell Potter, Jr.: extend its authority to include local records as well as State records. Sec. 2 would eliminate the vague and obsolete term fireproof which is unenforceable in Sec. 7-27 which provides that all public records must be housed in fire proof wall space or buildings. And it also provides by reference to Sec. 3 of the bill for adequate enforcement procedures. Sec. 3 would establish a department in the Connecticut State Library to administer an archives and record management program along the lines to be laid down by the records management committee. Most of the functions that such a department would have are already present in the library. For example, the library is the depository for the state archives. The State Library is a member of the records management committee at present. The State Library does operate a state records center at present. The State Library does have a photo duplicating and processing department which could be enlarged to service local communities as well as State agencies. The State Library does have a bindery and document restoration and repair section which could be enlarged to make these things available to local units of government and the State Library does have, or will have, within the near future, security storage in the form of a large vault which is being built in the addition. The only new function that would be added would be the function under the general term of protection of vital records. So far as I know, this function is not carried out by any agency in the state and it is one which is important. Sec. 3 also would establish in this department of the state library the authority to issue regulations and to set standards in the administration of a public records program and it also spells out the avenue of enforcement that would be open to the administrator. Sec. 4 merely provides for the same provisions relative to probate records that are provided for other local records under Sec. 2 of the bill. I earnestly hope that you will give this bill favorable consideration and report.

Chr. Carrozzella: Mr. Tomkiel followed by Mr. Birmingham. If they should return, you let me know and they can speak.
Mr. Halloran.

John Halloran: Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. I am John Halloran executive secretary of the Judicial Council and I appear in reference to S. B. No. 1144 (Sen. Pickett) AN ACT CONCERNING THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL and I..which would effect the drastic alteration in the composition of the Judicial Council. The Council, is of course, created by the General Assembly and the composition of the Council is properly a matter for legislative determination. In reviewing this, we merely comment in passing that

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David B. H. Martin: utilize out-of-state resources results, in part, from the Commission's administration of the State Technical Services Act of 1965. The responsibility for such administration was delegated to the Commission by Governor Dempsey in October of 1965. All six New England States have agreed to supplement their respective State Programs by participation in a Regional Program as encouraged by the State Technical Services Act. Each State has received additional planning funds from the U. S. Department of Commerce to develop a regional plan. The implementation of the regional plan will be supported by 50% Federal funds, with the balance of funds coming from the six New England States. Therefore, in order for Connecticut to participate in the implementation of this Regional Program, it will be necessary to expend some supporting State funds out of State. The State Attorney General's Office has advised that the Commission lacks the authority to expend State funds out-of-state under the existing legislation. The Research Commission requests your favorable report of this bill as it will enable the Commission to expand its program to the benefit of Connecticut's business and industry.

Chr. Carrozzella: Thank you. Mr. Tomkiel.

Edward Tomkiel: Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. On S. B. No. 885 (Sen. Barry) AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTEGRATED RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS speaking on behalf of the Connecticut Town Clerks Association, we endorse this bill and also representing Mr. Joseph V. Clementino, Legislative Chairman of the Connecticut Municipal Finance Officers, both our associations request favorable. Thank you.

W. Dudley Birmingham: Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. Dudley Birmingham, President of the Connecticut Town Clerks Association. You've heard two speakers on this measure speak and I will not reiterate what they have said. This is good legislation. It is forward legislation and I hope you'll look with favor on the bill. Thank you.

Edward Gallant: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the committee. I am Edward Gallant Executive Director of the Conn. State Employees Assoc. In reference to S. B. No. 419 (Sen. Hammer) AN ACT CONCERNING CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES sponsored by Senator Hammer, we endorse whole-heartedly the concept of presenting conflicts of interest between the work that a person does and his private interests. However this particular bill is an impossible situation in that it requires that employees that are hired act as hearing officers or licensing people that they may not act in the capacity for which they are hired.

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THE CHAIR:

All those in favor of acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill, indicate by saying, "aye". Opposed? Ayes have it; the bill is passed.

SENATOR PICKETT:

May Cal. Nos. 933 and 934 be passed retaining their place.

THE CHAIR:

They will be passed retaining their place.

THE CLERK:

Cal. No. 935 File No. 1023 Favorable report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Functions. Modified Senate Bill No. 885. An Act Concerning an Integrated Records Management Program for the State and Its Political Subdivisions.

SENATOR PICKETT:

Mr. President, I move for acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill provides for an intergrated system, where the management for the State, Town, and District records, expands the duties of the record mangament committee and it establishes a Department of Archives Records Administration, within the State Library. In line with my remarkds, with the previous bill, we realize that our records and various documents are of important, not only historically but for the commerce, the businesses, the legality of this State, is necessary for us to have an orderly system of pre-serving records, and record the documents itself. Accordingly, I feel that this, again, is a good bill.

THE CHAIR:

All those in favor of acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and

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passage of the bill, indicate by saying, "aye". Opposed? Ayes have it and the bill is passed.

SENATOR PICKETT:

Mr. President, I would like to move for reconsideration of a bill that was passed, earlier this evening. It is a General Law bill, I've spoken to Senator Fauliso, and he has no objection. It is the boating bill, and I'm looking through the Calendar trying to find it. File No. 815 Cal. No. 947, ^{HB 3424} I move for reconsideration of this bill, in order that it may be placed back on the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

You were on the prevailing side, Senator. Question is reconsideration. All those in favor indicate by saying, "aye". Opposed? The bill may be reconsidered and be placed on the Calendar.

CLERK:

Cal. No. 937 File No. 1029. Favorable report of the Joint Committee on Finance Modified Senate Bill No. 934. An Act Concerning Long Range Water Resources Planning.

SENATOR BUCKLEY:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill carries forth with the Clean Water Task Force Bill, passed earlier in this session. As you will recall, the Clean Water Task Force legislation, attempted primarily to take care of existing situations concerning pollution. This bill will carry the State in the future for an effective management and survey and planning for its future water needs. The planning will be done by the State Boards, Agencies including the State Water Resources Commission, mentioned in line 1, 2, 3 of Section 1. The plans

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This is a good bill and should pass.

THE SPEAKER:

All those in favor? Opposed? The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 1140, Modified S.B. 885, An Act concerning an Integrated Records Management Program for the State and Its Political Subdivisions.

MR. BRINKERHOFF (161st):

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

THE SPEAKER:

The question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

MR. BRINKERHOFF (161st):

More housekeeping is involved in this bill, which is one that provides here a single system for the management and filing of state, town and probate district records; and it expands the duties of a records management committee, which was established by an earlier session of the general assembly. To really appreciate the bill and get its full flavor, I'm afraid one must read it. In brief, however, I will spare you that and merely give a very brief synopsis. Primarily the bill, aside from requiring an inventory of certain records, also establishes and puts some teeth in existing law with reference to the requirement of maintaining fire resistant vaults for records of a permanent nature. It also establishes a department of archives within that a public

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records administrator, who is the same person apparently as the examiner of public records who is referred to in earlier bills this evening. He has the authority to establish the standards for the care and disposition of records, the type of material to be used, including the 100 weight paper that was discussed a few moments ago. Lastly, the administrator also would have authority to require of the probate courts that fire resistant vaults be established. If the same is not done there are enforcement requirements set forth in this bill that did not exist before. I move for its passage.

THE SPEAKER:

All those in favor? Opposed? The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 1141, Substitute for S.B. 1464, An Act concerning Disclosure of Liability Policy Limits in Negligence Actions.

MR. SHAPIRO (157th):

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

THE SPEAKER:

The question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

MR. SHAPIRO (157th):

This is a wonder of wonders. It is a one sentence, 4 line bill which is readily understood by anyone who looks at it. The purpose of the bill is very simple. It is in accordance with the enlightened discovery procedure being followed in the courts of