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MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? If not, the question is on acceptance of it and passage, all those in favor will say Aye, all those opposed. The bill is passed.

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THE CLERK:

Calendar 778. Modified House Bill No. 5418. An Act concerning Minimum Provisions for Private Passenger Automobile Liability Insurance Policies. File 922.

THOMAS C. SALAMONE, 84th DISTRICT:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage, will you remark?

THOMAS O. SALAMONE, 84th DISTRICT:

The Clerk has an amendment, will he please read it?

THE CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule A, offered by the gentleman from the 84th. In Section 1, line 10, before the period, insert the following: "and shall make mandatory the inclusion of bodily injury liability, property damageliability and uninsured motorists coverages."

THOMAS O. SALAMONE, 84th DISTRICT:

Mr. Speaker, the only thing that this does is insert the word mandatory into the bill. I move for adoption of the amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on adoption of House Amendment Schedule A, will you remark?

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THOMAS C. SALAMONE, 84th DISTRICT:

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Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the commissioner to adopt regulations which would spell out minimum provisions conditions, exclusions and definitions which appear in automobile liability policies. Companies will be allowed to sell better policies but these regulations will prevent the inclusion of many limited definitions now appearing in policies. An uninsured motorist will now become a mandatory part of minimum provision policies. I respectfully urge the adoption of this consideration.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on adoption of House Amendment Schedule A, will you remark further on the amendment. If not, all those in favor will say Aye....

WILLIAM S. MAYER, 40th DISTRICT:

Mr. Speaker, through you, to the gentleman reporting the bill out, I'm just questioning this point because I haven't been able to fit this amendment into my book, as it was read rather quickly. Now this has nothing to do, sir, does it not, with making mandatory the provision to have say 20, 20 and 5 to drive on our highways, this has nothing to do with that but only in a policy if it is issued itself, is that correct?

THOMAS C. SALAMONE, 84th DISTRICT:

The amendment, the only things the amendment does, Mr. Speaker, it spells out in the bill that the commissioner when regulating or making up the minimum premium policy will have to include uninsured motorists.

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Will you remark further on the amendment? Question is on adoption of House Amendment Schedule A, all those in favor will say Aye, all those opposed, the amendment is adopted. The Chair will rule that it is technical in nature and not order it to the legislative commissioner's office. Question now is on acceptance and passage of the bill as amended by House Amendment Schedule A, will you remark on the bill, if not, all those in favor will say Aye, all those opposed. The bill is passed.

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THE CLERK"

Calendar 782, Senate Bill....

PETER A. CROMBIE, 44th DISTRICT:

Mr. Speaker, may calendar 782 on page 2 be passed temporarily.

MR. SPEAKER:

Is there any objection to that request, if not, it will be so ordered.

PETER A. CROMBIE, 44th DISTRICT:

Mr. Speaker, on page 3 may calendar 783 be passed temporarily?

MR. SPEAKER:

Is there any objection to that request, if not, it will be so ordered.

PETER A. CROMBIE, 44th DISTRICT:

Mr. Speaker, may calendar 790 be placed at the foot of the calendar, is there any objection to that request, if not, it will be so ordered.

PETER A. CROMBIE, 44th DISTRICT:

Mr. Speaker, may calendar 818 on the same page be placed at the foot of the calendar?

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passage of the bill, as amended. All those in favor indicate by saying, "aye".
Opposed. The ayes have it. The bill is passed, as amended.

CLERK:

Cal. No. 1112 File No. 1239 Senate Bill No. 10042. An Act concerning Unemployment Commission, Powers of Chairmand and Authorization for Payment of Expenses of Administration of.

SENATOR FERLAND:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Senate Bill 10042 is a technical bill, to meet federal requirements. The unemployment commission is 100% federally financed. This bill provides for the chairman to file necessary documents to meet the operation procedures. It's a good bill and I urge its adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. All those in favor indicate by saying, "aye". Opposed. Ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CHAIR:

Cal. Nos. 1113 and 1116, Senator Marcus, they go to the foot of the Calendar? No objection. They will go on the foot of the Calendar.

CLERK:

Cal. No. 1138 File No. 922 Favorable report of the Joint Committee on Insurance Modified House Bill No. 5418. An Act Concerning Minimum Provisions for Private Passenger Automobile Liability Insurance Policies. (As amended by House Amendedment Schedule "A".)

SENATOR IVES:

Mr. President, I move for acceptance of the Committee's favorable report

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and passage of the bill, as amended. Mr. President, this is a new concept in the State of Connecticut that will provide a regulation for the Insurance Companies, by the Insurance Commissioner, for minimal provisions and any automobile liability policies sold in this state after January 1, 1968. It will eliminate abuses such as, we now have by companies coming in here and writing on a limited coverage. It's a good bill and I hope it passes.

SENATOR PICKETT:

Mr. President, I join Senator Ives in support of this bill. I wish to point out that in when bill takes effect, certain minimum provisions will be in every single insurance policy, in the State of Connecticut, and I point particularly to the fact, that we will have uninsured motorist coverage, in every policy written within this state.

SENATOR HULL:

Mr. President, I rise to heartily endorse this bill. It was a product of the joint effort of the Judiciary Committee and the Insurance Committee. I would stress what Senator Pickett said, that the uninsured motorist provision may be one of the most important pieces of legislation coming out of this general assembly. It is, we believe, a practical preenterprise answer to the question of compulsory insurance. I should point out that this bill became possible through great cooperation of two committees, on a bi-partisan basis, Insurance Commissioner William E. Cotter, and leading representatives of the Insurance Industry, who cooperated in every way, to bring about what is really a landmark bill.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill, as amended. All those in favor indicate by saying, "aye"

(Opposed? The Ayes have it. The bill is passed)

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TUESDAY

MAY 9, 1967

Senator Jack Pickett, presiding

Members:

Senators: Fauliso, Barry, Jackson, Caldwell, Hickey, Lyddy,
Hull, Barnes, Finney, Senate Clerk, Rep. Matarese.

Representatives: Carrozzella, Murray, Morris, Bradley, Healy,
Mahaney, Caplan, Tierney, Strada, Shapero, Ajello, Gillies,
Oliver, Papandrea, Boyd, King, Barringer, Brinckerhoff, Crouch,
Rand, McCarthy, Gaffney, Dist. Clerk, Kennelly.

INSURANCE HEARING

(HB 5418)

(committee bill) AN ACT CONCERNING STANDARD FORM OF AUTOMOBILE
LIABILITY, MEDICAL PAYMENTS AND UNINSURED MOTORISTS POLICY.

Chrm. Pickett: Gentlemen, lets start. I believe the first speaker will be Mr. Gooney.

Joe Gooney: Mr. Chairman, we've left with the committee, copies of the bill in which we have incorporated what you suggested yesterday. We run through it very briefly in paragraph one you suggested the words 'after act' in the first line and from 'time to time' thereafter. In Section 2 you suggested before such regulations or any subsequent modification or amendment thereof, you also suggested the words from reporting 'broader coverage' in the second last line of section two. Section three, you suggested in the first line in accordance with said regulations. Section four is the 'mandatory uninsured motorists' provision, I don't recall that you, Oh yes, there was a small change there. You suggested in accordance with regulations, 'said regulations with limits for bodily injury,' we made that change.

Sen. Hull Also Joe, you put in Section three 'language,' you made it conform to section three.

Joe Gooney: Oh yes, then the clause that you were interested in in section 5 'to make all policies conform,' we provided that all policies aborting by the Injuries, Property Damage for Uninsured motorists to which the provision this act shall apply shall be deemed to provide insurance under such coverage in accordance with the regulation. The policies aborting medical payments coverage will also be subject to regulation. Then the sixth is substantially the same way as it was providing for a binder. Now, if there are any questions, we're prepared to answer. The only thing we didn't do was put in the question raised by Senator Hull which I understand can be taken care of by the Commissioner by regulation of what is a passenger vehicle.

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Sen. Mull: I agree not to press that, I think it will complicate the situation.

J. Cooney: Thank you.

Commissioner William Cotter: Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I think this redrafted bill as Mr. Cooney has explained to you will accomplish very much the same which the Committee set out to do. I think there is some advantages here to have it in regulatory form, it gives us flexibility which we didn't have in the statutory form and we in the department are satisfied that it can work. Thank you.

Chrm. Pickett: Does anybody here want to speak against this bill?

Herbert R. Bland: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to speak in favor of the bill if I may. Herbert R. Bland West Hartford, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, Conn. Association of Insurance Agents. We've been very vitally concerned during all these discussions. We're completely enthusiastic about the latest redrafting of it and wholeheartedly support the bill as it now stands. Thank you.

William Coughlin Jr.: My name is William Coughlin Jr. Legislative Chairman of the Independent Mutual Agents Association of Conn. You've taken somewhat unawares by the notice in the paper this morning but had previously indicated our Associations' support of the legislation, the proposed legislation subject to study of future regulations by the Insurance Department, we continue our support.

Chrm. Pickett: Thank you Sir. Any other speakers?

Joe Cooney: Mr. Chairman I should have said that in speaking in favor of this bill, I spoke for the American Insurance Association which represents several hundred casualty companies.

Chrm. Pickett: Mr. Cooney, Is it a fair statement to make that the Insurance Industry of Connecticut will support this bill.

Joe Cooney: Yes, we've gone through it with them and everyone is happy with it the way it is now, Mr. Chairman.

Chrm. Pickett: Thank you and that also can be said, Commissioner Cotter, for the Insurance Department?

Comm. Cotter: Absolutely

Chrm. Pickett: Further discussion necessary? Hearing this, we will close the hearing. Thank you all for coming and for being brief.