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MR. SPEAKER:

Would the gentleman from the 97th care to respond?

MR. JOHN B. CHAGNON, 97TH DISTRICT:

Mr. Speaker, this is right. There's a contraction of words there and it reads "his" and it should be "he is".

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further?

MR. JOHN B. CHAGNON, 97TH DISTRICT:

Will that require an amendment, Mr. Speaker?

MR. SPEAKER:

The Legislative Commissioner's Office will take care of this matter.

MR. JOHN B. CHAGNON, 97TH DISTRICT:

Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? If not, the question is on acceptance and passing the bill. All those in favor will say aye. All those Opposed?

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 1267 Substitute for House Bill No. 2680. AN ACT CONCERNING
SPECIALLY MARKED CROSSWALKS IN THE VICINITY OF SCHOOLS.

MR. WILFRED A. LAFLEUR, 55TH DISTRICT:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage of the bill. Will you remark?

MR. WILFRED. A. LAFLEUR, 55TH DISTRICT:

Mr. Speaker, this bill-- under this bill, the traffic authority shall have

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the power to designate by appropriate devices or markers or by lines upon the surface of the highway, such crosswalks and intersections as in their opinion constitute special dangers to pedestrians crossing the highways including but not limited to specially marked crosswalks in the vicinity of schools. It's a good bill and I move for its adoption.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? If not, the question is on acceptance and passage of the bill. All those in favor will say aye. All those opposed?

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 1268 Substitute for House Bill No. 3360. AN ACT CONCERNING REPRESENTATION OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAVEN ON THE BOARD OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN.

MR. SPEAKER:

Gentleman from the 167th.

MR. WILLIAM R. RATCHFORD, 167TH DISTRICT:

May Calendar 1268 be passed temporarily?

MR. SPEAKER:

Is there any objection to that request? If there is no objection, it will be so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 1269 House Bill No. 4939. AN ACT CONCERNING TRAILERS IN STATE PARKS AND FORESTS.

MR. PASQUALE D. DEBAISE, 82ND DISTRICT:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

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sixty-two, this bill provides for a refund of social security taxes paid by retired state employees between sixty-two and sixty-five. These retired employees continued to pay for social security until they were eligible to collect it under the sixty-two year retirement age. It's a good bill, and I urge passage.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? If not, all in favor of the passage of this bill, signify by saying Aye. AYE. Opposed?

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 1482, file 1429, substitute HB 2680, An Act concerning Specially Marked Crosswalks in the Vicinity of Schools. Favorable report of the Joint Committee on Roads and Bridges.

SENATOR AMENTA:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This provides that the traffic authority shall have the power to distinctively mark crosswalks in the vicinity of schools. It's a good bill and it ought to pass.

THE CHAIR:

Further remarks? If not, all those in favor of the passage of this bill, signify by saying Aye. AYE. Opposed? The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 1483, file 1444, substitute HB 3863, An Act concerning Standards in the Acquisition of Airport Protection Privileges. Favorable report of the Joint Committee on State Development.

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Secondly, I would like to speak very briefly on
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and this involves a very simple amendment to the existing pedestrian statute. The whole purpose of this amendment to permit a traffic commission or traffic authority to specially mark or designate crosswalks in the vicinity of schools so that they can readily be identified both by motorists and by small children as being set aside for the use of school children. I know that there are many sign put up to designate student crossings. However, this does not necessarily encourage students themselves to use these crossings and obviously, in the case of kindergarten children and first graders, they're simply not able to read these signs so I think there should be a provision that would permit traffic commissions to establish these crosswalks and to mark them very simply and uniformly to show that they are specially to be used by school children. Thank you.

Rep. Gerald Stevens: Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, Representative Gerald Stevens of the 122nd District, Milford, Connecticut. I'd like to leave with you copies of the letter which I received from Commissioner Ives and I'm speaking for Representative Platt in support of bill No. 2223

H. B. No. 2223 (Reps. Platt and Stevens) AN ACT PROVIDING A STUDY
OF THE TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM ON THE CONNECTICUT
TURNPIKE

concerning a study commission in the Connecticut Turnpike toll system. I will not take up your time by reiterating his remarks. I would like to point out in this letter which summarizes the revenue and debt service cost on the Connecticut Turnpike from 1960 to the present. In 1960 there was a deficit \$937,000 in toll collections. In 1966 we collected \$6,000,992 more than it cost us to service out debts to service our debts for the Connecticut Turnpike.

Due to malfunction of record number three the speeches of Senator Gunther of the 21st District, Rep. Robert Davis of the 120th District, Rep. Thomas O'Brien of the 131st and Senator Florence Finney of the 36th cannot be distinguished. However, letters regarding the speeches of Senators Gunther and Rep. Robert Davis can be incorporated into the transcript.

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Connecticut Turnpike 95 as there will be on 91? Is that correct?

Captain Stekl: On 91, there's no problem. You don't find any trucks in the extreme left hand lane. I don't see any problem.

Chairman LaFleur: Thank you, Captain. Anyone else wishing to speak in opposition?

William Aete: My name is William Aete and I represent the Connecticut Safety Commission and I'd like to speak in opposition to 2679 and 2985. I have nothing more to add except to endorse what has been said in opposition as we feel this bill would be a problem and would not solve anything

Tony Matthews of the State Traffic Commission with another short speech. I wish to speak in opposition to 2679 and 2985. An exhaustive study on control of lanes used by commercial vehicles on the Connecticut Turnpike has concluded on November of 1965. It is a 15 page report including maps, charts and graphs and a 16 mm. film of traffic operations on I-95 taken during the day and night was presented to the State Traffic Commission. Upon review of the report and all pertinent information the Commission voted not to restrict any traffic on any lane of the highway.

Based on this study and the subsequent decision of the Commission, any traffic restriction on any State highway should be determined by the State Traffic Commission based on an engineering study. Thank you.

Chairman LaFleur: Thank you. Anyone else in opposition?

Chairman Amenta: We have a letter here from the Connecticut Road Builders in opposition which I will give to the secretary.

Chairman LaFleur: We will not close the hearing on 2679. We'll go to 2680. Anyone wishing to speak in favor of 2680? Anyone wishing to speak in opposition to 2680?

Paul Silversmith of the State Highway Department talking in opposition to H. B. 2680.

H. B. 2680 (Rep. Caplan) AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIALLY MARKED CROSSWALKS IN THE VICINITY OF SCHOOLS

This bill requires specially marked crosswalks in

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the vicinity of schools was heard by the Education Committee this morning. the placement and design of all traffic control devices in Connecticut is in accordance with the manuals uniform traffic control devices for streets and highways, and the Manual for Signing and Pavement Markings of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

Inasmuch as crosswalks are included in the nationally accepted manuals, the provision of this bill would be unique in Connecticut and would be contrary to the establishment of uniform regulations.

It is the opinion of the Department that the determination of traffic control devices should remain with the State Traffic Commission and be in accordance with the aforementioned manuals.

Chairman LaFleur: Any questions? Thank you.

Tony Matthews of the State Traffic Commission. I wish to speak in opposition of bill 2680. Our present policy for marking all crosswalks, school and pedestrian. Within the area that is marked for a 25 mile school zone speed limit. All crosswalks should be in accord with National Vehicle code and the determination of any change in them should be determined by and on a state, national and nation-wide basis.

Chairman LaFleur: Any questions from the Committee? Anyone else in opposition. We will now close the hearing on 2680. We'll go to 2682. Anyone wishing to speak for 2682?

Jean Thornton: Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I'm Jean L-Thornton, Representative from the 21st District, Glastonbury. On 2682

H. B. No. 2682 (Rep. Thornton, Truex, and McCarthy) AN ACT CONCERNING TOLLS ON THE BISSELL, CHARTER OAK AND PUTNAM BRIDGES.

I'd like to draw your attention to the fact that Rep. Cohen from the 41st is a sponsor. You'll find this on the outer jacket of the original bill and also Rep. Tudan from the 42nd, Bloomfield and Windsor. At the present time the tolls on the the 3 Hartford bridges, I think, are very unfair. I don't know how the practice was ever started or why or who started it but it's very discriminatory. We have to pay 5 cents per ticket and use them within a period of less than 2 months or 10 cents per ticket to be