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Rep. Prete: I declare the hearing closed on H.B. 6452 and open the hearing on H.B. 6454 AN ACT CONCERNING DEFINITION OF CORRECTIONAL CENTERS.

Commissioner MacDougall: This is a bill to design the titles of institutions to meet the more modern concepts of what we are trying to do. Instead of the Connecticut State Prison, we would like to call it the Correctional Institution at Somers. The women's institution right now is the State Farm for Women. Now I have never heard a more antiquated name. We do not do any farming down there to begin with, we would like to change the name to the Connecticut Correctional Institute at Niantic. And the names of the institutions we formely called jails, we would call correction centers, in the town that the institution is in.

Rep. Prete, 114th District: I declare the hearing closed on H.B. 6454 and open the hearing on H.B. 6455, AN ACT CONCERNING POWERS AND DUTIES OF WARDEN, PUNISHMENT AND REWARD OF INMATES.

Commissioner MacDougall: At this time we have the authority to transfer inmates between our institutions. We have many inmates in our jails serving up to one year sentences. Many of these inmates we feel are dangerous enough or have a long enough period of time and rather than sit in a state jail, we would rather transfer them to the state prison and put them into some type of program. If we do that, and we are doing that now, we put them to work. They have a job to keep them busy. Now on one machine is a state prison inmate and on the next machine is a state jail inmate. This guy is working and getting meritorious good time for the labor he puts out, the state jail inmate does not. So we are not treating them equally. Again this allows us to take good time away from him when he does not behave himself.

Rep. Prete, 114th District: I'm not sure I understand entirely the intent of the act. Are you saying that under existing statutes, jail inmates do not accumulate good time?

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House Bill No. 6454. An Act concerning the Definitions of Correctional Institutions.

SENATOR BARLOW:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark.

SENATOR BARLOW:

Mr. President, this is simply a housekeeping measure. All it does according to the Commissioner of Corrections is give a more appropriate name to our various institutions. Rather than to call the State Farm for Women, The State Farm for Women Correctional Institution at Niantic. Same as for the other institutions.

THE CHAIR:

Any further remarks. If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye, opposed. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 404, File No. 282. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Modified House Bill No. 6457. An Act concerning Credit Towards Sentences for Certain Periods of Work.

SENATOR BARLOW:

Mr. President, I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark, Senator.

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THE SPEAKER:

The gentleman from the 53rd.

MR. BLAKE: (53rd)

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

THE SPEAKER:

On Calendar No. 207, House Bill No. 6417, the question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

MR. BLAKE: (53rd)

Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to provide for more realistic pension benefits for officers and employees of savings and loan associations in order to keep pace with the times and encourage such officers and employees to remain at work for savings and loan associations. This bill amends Section 76-131 of the General Statutes, so retirement benefits may be paid on the basis of 60% annually of the average of the five highest full year's salaries during retirement for each year of service, but the maximum annual amount paid could not exceed 60% of such average annual salary. This is a reasonable bill, and I move for its acceptance.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill? If not, the question is on acceptance and passage. All those in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed? The bill is PASSED.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 208. Substitute for House Bill No. 6454.

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An Act concerning the Definitions of Correctional Institutions.

THE SPEAKER:

The distinguished gentleman from Danbury, the gentleman from the 168th.

MR. ESPOSITO: (168th)

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

THE SPEAKER:

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

MR. ESPOSITO: (168th)

Mr. Speaker, the purpose in renaming the institutions is that it will lend a systematic and uniform nomenclature to the institutions under the supervision of the Department of Corrections, so that the emphasis is placed on correction and not punishment, and on the national scene the designation of correctional institutions is prevailing. It is a good change, and I move its adoption.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill? If not, the question is on acceptance and passage. Will all those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed. The bill is PASSED.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 209. Modified House Bill No. 6457. An Act concerning Credit Towards Sentences for Certain Periods of Work. Favorable report of the Committee on Corrections. File No. 168.