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proceed with the bill as amended.

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REP. MOTTO - 3rd D.

Mr. Speaker, I move for acceptance of the J.C. favorable report and passage of the bill with House Amendment Schedule "A"

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A." Will you remark?

REP. MOTTO - 3rd D.

Yes, Mr. Speaker. The original bill had eliminated language from the last four lines, and this particular amendment that we have added makes the bill understandable. What does it do, well it simply limits the amount of money that can be spent in the relief payments to members of the State Police Association, In other words, this is to prevent an unlimited type of payment. I therefore urge passage of the bill as amended by House Schedule "A."

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill as amended? If not, all those in favor indicate by saying aye. Those opposed?  
The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

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REP. METTLER - 96th D.

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the J.C. favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the senate.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage in concurrence with the senate. Will you remark?

REP. METTLER - 96th D.

Mr. Speaker, this bill before us today, merely broadens the application of the particular section of the Statutes. Section 7-339 (a), to encompass metropolitan districts and municipal districts and other special districts which may be created by this General Assembly. The J.C. urges passage of the bill.

REP. DUNN - 17th D.

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an Amendment. Will the clerk please read the amendment?

THE CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "A" offered by Mrs. Dunn of the 17th. In line 7 and 8, delete the words "or any other special districts created by the General Assembly Statutes or any Special Act.

REP. DUNN - 17th D.

Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the amendment?

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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REP. DUNN - 17th D.

Yes, Mr. Speaker. I believe that this is a very, very broad power and a very broad definition. I think that it is necessary to include the metropolitan district within the definition of this particular section. But, it is my opinion that any other special districts, that is created by the General Statutes or any Special Act is a very, very broad power. I would like to see each one of these special districts, as they may be created, either by General Statutes or a Special Act, to come in and be discussed on its own merits rather than to be included in such a general act, as this would be. I further draw your attention down to line 17, where it refers to Public Hearings and in this particular Act, the legislative body of the town need not hold Public Hearings and then again it would refer back to this Special District. I don't like to see any special district created that becomes inter-local that is not subject to a public hearing by the legislative body in the municipality's. I just think that it should be, I think the Committee is correct, except for including the other special districts.

REP. METTLER - 96th D.

Mr. Speaker, as a suggestion I would move that this matter be passed retaining, so that we may discuss the amendment?

MR. SPEAKER:

Is there objection? Hearing none, so ordered?

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any other commissioner, such as the Liquor Commissioners, will be able to serve for a stated period of time. I move adoption of House Amendment Schedule "A".

THE SPEAKER:

The question is on the adoption of House Amendment Schedule "A". Will you remark further? The gentleman from the 141st.

MR. MCKINNEY: (141st)

Mr. Speaker, I would like to move that this bill be passed temporarily so that I might examine this Amendment.

THE SPEAKER:

It is the intention of the Speaker to rule it substantive so that it will be printed.

MR. MCKINNEY: (141st)

I know, Mr. Speaker, but I will have to vote on it, and I would like to see it in detail before I know how to vote.

MR. AJELLO: (118th)

No objection, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER:

As long as there is no objection it will be passed temporarily.

THE CLERK:

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THE SPEAKER:

The gentleman from the 96th.

MR. METTLER: (96th)

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and acceptance of the bill in accordance with the Senate.

THE SPEAKER:

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

MR. METTLER: (96th)

Mr. Speaker, I believe the Clerk has an Amendment. Will the Clerk please read the Amendment.

THE CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "A" offered by Mrs. Dunn of the 17th.

THE SPEAKER:

Will the Clerk please read the Amendment?

THE CLERK:

In lines 7 and 8, delete the words "or any other special district created by the general statutes or any special act".

MR. METTLER: (96th)

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

THE SPEAKER:

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

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MR. METTLER: (96th)

Mr. Speaker, this is a good Amendment, and it helps to clarify the bill. It makes it a bit more restrictive, and I urge its adoption.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the Amendment? If not, all those in favor of House Amendment Schedule "A" say Aye. Those opposed, No. The Ayes have it. House Amendment Schedule "A" is ADOPTED. It is ruled technical. You may proceed with the bill.

MR. METTLER: (96th)

Yes, Mr. Speaker, I now move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate and as amended by House Amendment Schedule Schedule "A".

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark?

MR. METTLER: (96th)

Yes, Mr. Speaker, this bill now just gives someone the powers granted in Section 7-339a to any metropolitan district or the municipal districts in the state. It is a good bill, and I urge its passage.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? If not, the question is on adoption of the bill as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A". All those in favor, say Aye. Those opposed, No. The Ayes have it. The bill is ADOPTED.

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This act puts Norwich on an equal footing with all the other communities. Our Industrial park is flourishing, we're grateful to the State. We think that this bill is not only a good bill, but a fair bill and should pass.

THE CHAIR:

Any further remarks on this bill? If not, as many who are in favor signify by saying, "aye". Contrary minded? the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 652. FILE NO. 719. Favorable report of the Joint Committee on State Development. Substitute for Senate Bill No. 578. An Act concerning the Addition of Metropolitan Districts Municipal Districts(or) And Special Districts as Parties to Interlocal Agreements.

SENATOR BUCKEY:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill allows the Metropolitan Districts and other special Districts to establish pursuant to existing statutes to be added to those already abled to combine into local agreements.

THE CHAIR:

Any further remarks? If not, as many who are in favor signify by saying, "aye". Contrary minded? Bill is passed.

CAL. NO. 653. FILE NO. 720. Favorable report of the Joint Committee on State Development. Substitute for Senate Bill No. 584. An Act concerning Community Affairs Relocation

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the General Assembly is not in session. (As Amended by House Amendment Schedules "A and B")

SENATOR BUCKLEY:

Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill, as amended.

The first house amendment merely took out some surplus language that was in the bill when it came out of the committee and hopefully put in effective words which would permit the exchange of land, when the General Assembly is not in session. House amendment Schedule "B" deleted Section 2 which authorized the Governor to apply for appropriations when the legislature was out of session for the development of such land. So that the bill ends up substantially as one section which authorizes the exchange of land now, of course, under existing statutes, sale is permitted.

THE CHAIR:

Further remarks on the bill, as amended? If not, as many who are in favor signify by saying, "aye". Contrary minded?  
The bill is passed, as amended.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 652. FILE NO. 1108. Favorable report of the Joint Committee on State Development. Substitute for Senate Bill No. 578. An Act concerning the Addition of Metropolitan Districts, Municipal Districts and Special Districts as Parties to Interlocal Agreements. (As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A".)

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SENATOR BUCKLEY:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the committee's favorable report as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A".

This bill allows any Metropolitan District or Municipal District created under Section 7-330 to join in interlocal agreements as Communities or Municipalities may now do. It broadens the scope.

THE CHAIR:

Any further remarks on this bill, as amended? If not, as many who are in favor signify by saying, "aye". Contrary minded? The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Clerk has no further business on the Calendar. He does have a bill to be read in, accompanied by emergency certification, signed by both the President Pro Temp and Speaker of the House. Favorable report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Functions. Substitute Senate Bill 1575. An Act concerning Reorganization of the Judicial Branch.

Tabled for the Calendar and Printing.

SENATOR MARCUS:

Mr. President, on the Calendar on the top of page 21, did the Clerk call Calendar 428?

THE CHAIR:

He did not but, I think he is in the process of calling it.

THE CLERK:

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amplify that statement if I may. I would like to respectfully point out to the Committee the Commissioner of Community Affairs is presently authorized to prepare and promulgate a model housing code. Passage of S.B. 427 would permit him to include therein a provision wherein this civil penalty up to \$100 per day may be imposed and enforced by the vehicle of the municipal lien. It does not, in other words, in effect, put the penalty into existence as of this moment. The question as to its affect upon prior encumbrancers and especially first mortgage holders, is an issue which in my judgment can be dealt with in the implementation of the preparation and promulgation of the code. I concur with Mr. Schwartz, who spoke two people prior to me, in that the question of the rights of prior encumbrancers, particularly lending institutions, bank or otherwise, who holds the first mortgage, is one that this Committee and the State ought to give serious consideration to. Our feeling on this however, is that this can be accommodated. The problem here that we're trying to get at and I think it's a critical one that needs to be gotten at, is in order of priority, the absentee landlord who seeks to evade his statutory and otherwise obligations with respect to people in the State of Connecticut who are occupying the dwelling units which he owns. If in fact he is in violation of a code the model housing code would insure that the people who need the protection the most, that is the poor and the underprivileged would not - would be the recipients of that kind of protection and he who ought to have that burden, the landlord who refuses to live up to the code standards or who is in violation thereof would, by virtue of this penalty, be brought to task. I think it's only fair, I think it's only proper that this kind of a landlord, and I don't mean to suggest all landlords who rent to low income people are this kind, I do think however that where a determination has been made of a violation this violation ought to be important to the State of Connecticut with respect to the people who are least able to help themselves in this situation. That is the intent of this bill as we understand it. This is primarily our reason for supporting it. The question of the other rights as I said I think can be accommodated and certainly I can represent to the Committee on behalf of the Commissioner that this is a consideration which we certainly would give our full attention to.

Representative Tudan: 428? 429? 578?

S.B. No. 578 (Senators Alfano and Barnes) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADDITION OF METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS OR SPECIAL DISTRICTS AS PARTIES TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS.

Gilbert Gustafson, Deputy District Manager, Metropolitan District;  
The District wishes to be recorded as strongly in favor of this bill. I'll leave you ample copies of a very

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brief statement. Thank you.

Representative Tudan: Thank you very much Sir. Anyone else on 578?

Lewis Rome, Mayor, Bloomfield, Chairman, Capitol Region Council of Elected Officials: I'm strongly, on behalf of the Council of Elected Officials, in favor of this bill. It's a further expansion and clarification of opportunities for regional cooperation which will serve the economies and efficiencies in government in our area. We do have a joint resolution, or a resolution introduced by the CRCEL with regard to this pointing to the problems and the solutions we're looking toward with the MDC. We urge your support and passage.

Representative Tudan: Thank you Mayor. Anyone else on 578? 579.  
You want to go to S.B. 579 Mayor?

S.B. No. 579 (Senators Alfano and Barnes) AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF THE POWERS OF REGIONAL COUNCILS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Mayor Rome: The purpose of this bill, which our Council endorses, is stated in the purpose very clearly, to authorize the regional council of elected officials to operate or support demonstrations common carrier passenger service and to provide assistance to operate such service. This bill is in response to problems which have been apparent to us in the District for some time. We have a Greater Hartford Transit Authority of which I'm vice-president and recognizes the power of the authority under the statutes is great but the responsiveness of chief elected officials which is the composition of our organization, would be a more reasonable method of approaching our problems. I have a letter which I'd like to introduce from the Department of Transportation, Robert McManus, regarding the appropriateness of this particular piece of legislation. Our staff has been in contact with the Connecticut Transit Authority and has worked out this legislation in conjunction with them as yet another adjunct to regional cooperative responsibility in this area. I thank you.

Representative Tudan: Mayor, are you all through? Are you folks operating within the confine of Hartford County?

Mayor Rome: Hartford County and Tolland also. We are twenty-six towns in the Capitol Region Area which is defined in the same way as your legislation defines the CRPA.

Representative Tudan: What is the cost to Bloomfield to belong to this organization?

Mayor Rome: Well, the cost to Bloomfield, this year, is being shared with the CRPA.