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those cans lying by the road-side. But, I am saying this was done voluntarily. But just to show if there is an incentive there to pick these things up, and bring them back, they will do it.

Rep. Rose: That isn't the point of this tax bill. It is to make it so that the public wouldn't buy those beverages. They would have to pay extra for them. It would be a tax bill on non-returnables. They would have to pay an extra price for them.

Sen. Gunther: I don't think that is very practical. Taxing the consumer for the container that a man used in producing a product I don't feel is the right approach. Either we out law it, or we put a premium on the item, maybe the people will bring them back. But, I can't see taxing people in general. I just can't see it.

Rep. Rose: (Garbled statement)

Sen. Gunther: I don't think a penny, or two tax on every bottle would do that.

Sen. Tansley: Are there any other legislators who wish to speak on anything?

Rep. Stevens, 122nd Dist.: I would like to speak on two bills.

HB 5116 (REP. STEVENS) PROTECTION AGAINST MEASLES BY IMMUNIZATION).

HB 5118 (REP. STEVENS) PROTECTION AGAINST MEASLES BY IMMUNIZATION).

Rep. Stevens: Both deal with the subject of measles vaccination in the state of Connecticut. HB-5116 gives a local option to boards of health to make it mandatory for pre-school children to have measles vaccination. The second bill is HB-5118 which makes it mandatory on a state-wide basis. In this bill the parents who are unable to pay, the municipality would for the vaccination. It would be exempted if it was not prudent because of physical health reasons for the child to have the vaccination. Quite obviously HB-5118 was passed perhaps, which made it mandatory on a state-wide basis, there would be no need for the second bill.

The reason for this bill being submitted during this session is that in 1968 there 714 reported cases of measles in the state of Connecticut. This is 714 too many cases in 1969. There is available now a vaccination which would make measles like

polio something of the past, if it were required in the state of Connecticut. This is one of the most dangerous childhood diseases. National figures show that one out of six cases develop complications such as pheumonia and ear infections. One out of one-thousand develop (garbled) which may cause permanent damage, or death. Complications of measles account for between 400 and 800 deaths per year. According to the Department of Health, if one child in the classroom develops measles, there is a very good chance that most of the other unprotected children in that classroom will also develop measles, which will result in lost school time of 5 to 10 days for each of the children. There is, as I have said, a vaccination available today which would make measles something of the past in the state of Connecticut. And I would hope that this Committee would act favorably upon one of these bills.

Sen. Gunther: Do you know what participation in now with these programs in the school systems?

Rep. Stevens: No. But, there are people here this morning from the State Department of Health, and departments of health in various communities in the state who, I think, would answer your question.

Sen. Tansley: Are there any other legislators to speak on any bills before us here today?

HB-6037 (REPS. GRISWOLD, TER KUILE, PAC, CURTIS) ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE SOLID WASTE INFORMATION CENTER).

HB-6039 (REPS. GRISWOLD, PAC, TER KUILE, CURTIS) STATE AID FOR MUNICIPAL REFUSE COLLECTION.

HB-6040 (REPS. GRISWOLD, PAC, TER KUILE, CURTIS) STATE DEPART* MENT OF HEALTH APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL PLANS FOR SOLID WASTE STORABE, COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL.

HB-6041 (REPS. GRISWOLD, PAC, TER KUILE, CURTIS) STATE AID FOR MUNICIPAL SANITARY LANDFILL OPERATIONS.

HB-6088 (REPS. GRISWOLD, PAC, TER KUILE, CURTIS) CERTIFICATION BY STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF OPERATORS OF REFUSE DISPOSAL PLANTS.

Rep. ter Kuile, 172nd Dist.: I just wanted to speak briefly on background of refuse disposal bills that you are hearing today, and about 8 others that have not been printed yet, nor have they been assigned numbers.

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Mr. President, I move adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on adoption of the resolution. Will you remark.

SENATOR MARCUS:

Mr. President, this is one of the unhappy things that we have to do in the circle and I believe the resolution is self-explanatory.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on adoption of the resolution. All those in favor indicate by saying aye, opposed. The resolution is adopted.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 200, File No. 50. Favorable report of the joint standing committee on Public Health and Safety on Substitute House Bill No. 5116, An Act concerning Protection Against Measles by Immunization.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Tansley from the 16th District.

SENATOR TANSLEY:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark.

SENATOR TANSLEY:

Mr. President, this bill includes in the present statue the word measles, giving local Boards of Education the right if they
(the rest of Senator Tansley presentation unaudible)

THE CHAIR:

Question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and adoption of the bill. All those in favor indicate by saying aye, opposed. The bill is adopted.

THE CLERK:

This is Calendar No. 220, File No. 71. Favorable report of the joint standing committee on Public Health and Safety on House Bill No. 6863, An Act concerning Eligibility for Certification by the Medical Board.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Tansley from the 16th District.

SENATOR TANSLEY:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark.

(Senator Tansley's remarks still unaudible.)

THE CHAIR:

Further remarks. All those in favor indicate by saying aye opposed. The Bill is adopted.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 232, File No. 158. Favorable report of the joint standing committee on Insurance.

THE CHAIR:

Senater Amenta is not present. We will pass this bill for now.

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on to exclude any company or organization that may replace an existant credit card for the purposes of expanding their facilities or to up-date their existing credit card. I move adoption of the Amenment.

THE SPEAKER:

The question is on adoption of House Amendment Schedule A will you remark?

MR. GAFFNEY (29th):

Mr. Vicino and I have gone over this amendment, we find it to accomplish the purpose he so desired and I think the bill is a good bill and it will accomplish what it is intended to accomplish.

THE SPEAKER:

Are there further remarks on the amendment. If not the question is on adoption of House Amendment Schedule A. All those in favor indicate by saying aye. Those opposed. The Amendment is adopted and the Speaker would rule that the Amendment is substantive in order the bill be referred to the Legislative Commissioner's Office.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 104, Substitute for House Bill No. 5116. An Act concerning Protection Against Measles by Immunization. Favorable report of the Committee on Public Health and Safety. File No. 50.

MR. STEVENS (122nd):

I move acceptance of the Joint Committees Favorable Report

and passage of the bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage, will you remark?

MR. STEVENS (122nd):

Mr. Speaker, this bill before the House, would give local Boards of Education the option of adopting a rule whereby any child entering the public school system would have to have a measles vaccination. It is a local option bill and in order to be effective the local Board of Education would have to adopt this rule. TheBill contains several exceptions first being that if a physician certifies that in his opinion it would not be prudent for health reasons to innoculate. Secondly, if vaccination for measles would be against the child's religious beliefs, or those of his parents than in that case the child would also be exempted from application of this law and finally if the physician certifies that the child has previously had a case of measles the child once again would not have to have the required vaccination. The reason for this bill is that we now have an effective measles vaccination which would enable, Boards of Education, through the adoption of this rule, to wipe out measles in the State of Connecticut. This is quite important since measles is one of the most diseases, dangerous of childhood diseases. There is an interesting article which appeared in the March 12, 1969 edition of the Hartford Times indicating that measles has now been linked to a mysterious

deadly brain disease. I think the adoption of this bill will be a step forward in public health in the State of Connecticut and I urge its adoption.

MR. TUDAN (42nd):

Mr. Speaker, this is an excellent bill there is no question about it. The information of the members of the General Assembly there is also some legislation that has been introduced for pre-school children and while we are on the subject of measles, I did notice that there has been some legislation introduced whereby 12 year old school girls can be vaccinated for German Measles, I think we are on the right track and once again, Mr. Speaker, I think this is an excellent bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? If not the question is on the acceptance & passage. All those indicate by saying aye. Those opposed. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Resolutions - House Joint Resolution commending Dr. Harry Ciccia, Mayor of Derby, introduced by Mr. Mastrianni of the 119th. and Mr. Sarasin of the 95th. HJR No. 154.

MR. SARASIN (95th):

Mr. Speaker, I move for suspension of the rules for immediate consideration of this resolution.

THE SPEAKER:

Is there objection. Hearing none so ordered.