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Rep. Esposito, 168th District: Is there any protection for a prisoner, in the form of a patent?

Commissioner MacDougall: Yes of course. We would do everything we could to protect him.

Rep. Prete: Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on this bill? If not I declare the hearing on H.B. 6449 closed and open the hearing on H.B. 6450, open, AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OR POSSESSION OF LIQUOR WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

Commissioner MacDougall: We have laws at this time to prevent the smuggling of contraband into prisons, narcotics etc., but there is no law that we could find that protects the department from the smuggling or possession of achohol within the institutions. This is just a bill to fill that gap.

Rep. Prete: Is there anyone else who would like to speak on this bill? If not I declare the hearing closed on H.B. 6450 and open the hearing on H.B. 6451, AN ACT CONCERNING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND INSTITUTION HEADS.

Commissioner MacDougall: This is an act just to correct some titles in the bill P.A. 152. At that time we had the names of the deputy commissioner for discipline which does not really mean anything as far as the department is concerned. We would like this to cement our organizational structure, in having one deputy commissioner for institutional services, one for community services, and a deputy commissioner for women's services, which is essentially what they are doing now. We want the titles to fit what their actual responsibilities are.

Rep. Prete: Anyone else to speak on this bill? I declare the hearing closed on H.B. 6451 and open the hearing on H.B. 6452, AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEW ENGLAND INTERSTATE CORRECTIONS COMPACT.

Commissioner MacDougall: This is another corrective measure. In the past, the warden of our state prison was the Compact administrator for this interstate compact. This changes the responsibility to the commissioner because we are dealing with more than one institution. The commissioner's office is the one that deals with all institutions, rather than the warden of the state prison.

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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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to make it available for inmates of the State Prison to make products which they may sell in the Hobby Shop. The money will go to the inmates.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage of the bill. Those in favor signify by saying, "aye". Opposed? Ayes have it; bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 278. File No. 122. Favorable report of the Joint Committee on Corrections. Modified House Bill No. 6452. An Act concerning Administration of the New England Interstate Corrections Compact.

SENATOR BARLOW:

Mr. President, I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. All this does is make it clear that, inasmuch as, we now, have a Commissioner of Corrections, that he will be the one to make the arrangements for the Compact.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage of the bill. Those in favor indicate by saying, "aye". Opposed? Ayes have it; bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 279. File No. 138. Favorable report of the Joint Committee on Corrections. House Bill No. 6455. An Act concerning (Powers and Duties of Warden. Punishment and Reward of Inmates.) The commutation of Jail Sentence.

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amended by Amendment Schedule "A"

THE CLERK:

Total number voting 145, Necessary for passage 73, those voting Yea 107, Those voting Nay 38, Those absent and not voting 32.

The Speaker:

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 163, Modified House Bill No. 6452. An Act concerning Administration of the New England Interstate Corrections Compact. Favorable report of the Committee on Corrections. File No. 122.

MR. FRAZIER (10th):

I move the acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE SPEAKER:

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

MR. FRAZIER (10th):

This bill simply tends to designate the responsible party concerned with the Interstate Corrections Compact. The Commissioner of Correction is the official designate in the State for corrections and therefore should administer the provisions of this compact.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? If not the question is on acceptance

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and passage. All those indicate by saying aye. Those opposed.  
The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 164, Modified House Bill No. 6458. An Act concern-  
ing a Work Release Petty Cash Fund. Favorable report of the  
Committee on Corrections. File No. 123.

MR. KENNELLY (1st):

May Calendar 164, Modified House Bill No. 6458, File 123,  
be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

THE SPEAKER:

Is there objection? Hearing none so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 165, House Bill No. 5123, An Act Providing for the  
Protection, Fencing, Covering or Sealing of Wells. Favorable  
report of the Committee on Public Health and Safety. File 124.

MR. LAVERY:

I move for acceptance of the committee's joint favorable  
report and passage of the bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

MR. LAVERY(136th)

This bill requires that anyone who owns a well which is being  
constructed or which is being used be properly fenced and  
protected and that any well which is no longer being used be  
covered and sealed so that it will prevent danger to any human  
being or animals. I think a most relevant point on this particular