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matter on the Consent Calendar, on Page 1, the last matter on the page, Cal. 227, Substitute for House Bill 6933, An Act Concerning Bid Requirements For Housing Authority Contracts, File No. 183; there has been a request that this item be removed from the Consent Calendar pursuant to Rule No. 48.

THE SPEAKER:

The objection is noted and in accordance with the practice, this item will be placed on the regular calendar and retained for consideration tomorrow.

Representative Mahaney.

MR. MAHANEY: (92nd)

At this time, Mr. Speaker, I would like to move for the acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the following bills on the Consent Calendar:

Cal. 219, Substitute for House Bill 6293, AN ACT CONCERNING INCLUSION OF CORPORATIONS OWNED BY TWO OR MORE HOSPITALS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY ACT. File No. 176.

Cal. 225, House Bill No. 7433, AN ACT CONCERNING JURISDICTION OF CHARGES AGAINST PRACTITIONERS OF PODIATRY. File No. 180.

Cal. 226, H.B. 8035, AN ACT CONCERNING INFORMATION TO BE PLACED ON THE LABEL OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE CONTAINERS. File 187.

Cal. 233, Sub. for Senate Bill 0557, AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATION AND PAROLE AT THE CONNECTICUT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, CHESHIRE, File 119.

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THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 244. File No. 180. Favorable report of the joint committee on Public Health and Safety, Bill No. 244, Concerning Jurisdiction of Charges Against Practitioners of Podiatry.

SENATOR PAC:

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

This bill in effect, would permit the Board of Examiners for Podiatry currently, these examiners act or hearing, they can take disciplinary action only by a unanimous vote of the committee. This would permit them to take action by a majority vote. This is the case in most of our boards for the healing guards. Indeed, I think, this is the case of most of our State Boards, I think the present situation is really impracticable.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage. Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor of passage signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 245. File No. 199. Favorable report of the joint committee on the Environment. House Bill No. 7629. An Act Concerning Cruelty to Animals.

SENATOR PAC:

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

This bill would delete some of the legal and symantic loopholes that people who commit cruelty to animals hide behind. I'm talking of course, if you look at your file, the use of words like, "unlawful cruelty" that

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Now as far as the Cost Commission is concerned, the statutory charge to the commission is a very specific one. It determines costs for provision of services in health facilities for public assistance recipients. The statutes provide little or no discretion on the part of the commissioners who make up that commission with regard to the setting of rates. There is cross communication inasmuch as the Mental Health Commissioner and the Welfare Commissioner serve on the Hospital Cost Commission so that the members of the executive branch that are responsible for providing these services to recipients also have a hand in setting the rates. Commissioner of Finance Control serves on the Comprehensive Health Planning.

Finally the question as to what degree or what extent all of this could be implemented better, he has asked me to say that he would be willing to meet with the sub-committee or the chairmen of this committee and to discuss with them his ideas with regards to the whole potpourri of legislation that has been introduced with regards to either the council or the Hospital Cost Commission or any other kind of super agency that, I understand there is a piece of legislation that will be suggesting that as well. The reasons of course for this being that the Comprehensive Health Planning Act and my own division of Hospital Medical Care have very specific statutory charges, much of which if not all is statutorily charged with the goals and the objectives that are stated in what is so, what is this, in what is this so called new legislation. It's here. It needs to be funded and it needs to be supported. Very quickly, I don't want to take up any more of your time but the Commissioner did ask me to share this with you.

Sen. Pac: Any questions? Thank you. Edward A. Lehan? F.E. McGillicuddy? McGillicuddy. Dr. Walker.

Dr. John D. Walker, podiatrist from Windsor and President of the State Board of Examiners of Podiatry: I'm here today to speak in reference to four bills that have been sponsored by the State Board of Examiners, beginning with 7433 (AN ACT CONCERNING JURISDICTION OF CHARGES AGAINST PRACTITIONERS OF PODIATRY).

The Board of Examiners in Podiatry in 19, it was first established in 1915 by the legislature and in 1937 the legislature granted, restructured the board and granted the board the powers of disciplinary hearings under charges which were entirely taken from the state, the chapter governing the state Healing Arts Board, chapter - well, I can't give you the chapter number but that's the chapter anyway. And at the time, because it was taken from that body of law, a

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disciplinary hearing by the Board of Examiners required a unanimous vote of the Board after hearing. Now since then and I believe if my memory serves me right because I've been on the Board of Examiners since 1937, the Healing Arts Board were changed from a unanimous vote to a majority vote about twenty years ago. We never sought to have a change and we have abided by the majority vote - ah, by the unanimous vote for disciplinary hearings and I must say it really hasn't been a problem because we had a remarkable unanimity on the part of the Board on any finding that we have had. But since there are no other Boards, no other licensing boards in the state that require a unanimous vote, they all require a majority vote, I thought at this time it might be well for us to amend our laws so as to make it to conform with all the other boards having disciplinary powers.

It's Chapter 374 of the Healing Arts, State Healing Arts Chapter governing all the Healing Arts, all of them, dentistry, and podiatry and so forth.

On H.B. 7438 (AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PODIATRY), the statement of purpose is to restructure the board of examiners from its present personnel structure, and this is found from line 25 to line 29 on the bill.

The, as I said previously, the board of examiners in podiatry was first appointed or first authorized by the 1915 legislature, and it composed at that time of one physician, an M.D., one podiatrist and one, the Health Commissioner ex officio, that's three a, I've just mentioned, made up the board of examiners. That was from 1915 to 1937 when the legislature in 1937 restructured the board then to give it its present structure of three podiatrists and the Health Commissioner ex officio.

Now we had, I want to make it clear that it recommending this change which would make it a board of five podiatrists, straight board of five podiatrists and without the Commissioner of Health ex officio, there's no effort, no dissatisfaction on our part with having the State Health Commissioner attached to the board or on the board because we have functioned under that setup, under Dr. Osbourne and Dr. Foote. We have no personal animosities or any reason other than we wanted to get a straight board of five members of podiatrists because podiatry has expanded over the years since 1937 and the board of examiners is finding itself now with a larger number of applicants and we have had in mind for several years to, there's another bill which I will speak on will point out we wanted to expand the board's activities to give a practical examination as well as written examinations.