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duplicate drivers' school license.

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GEORGE W. HANNON, JR.:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

GEORGE W. HANNON, JR.:

Mr. Speaker, this is the now famous duplicate drivers' license Bill where a school loses its license. The fee for replacing it was \$1.00. We're going up in the interest of fair play, to double it to \$2.00.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the Bill? If not, all those in favor will indicate by saying "aye". Those opposed. Bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 211, H.B. No. 6566, an act to increase the sum made available to a Governor-elect.

DAVID H. NEIDITZ:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

DAVID H. NEIDITZ:

Mr. Speaker, this Bill is an attempt, while the events are fresh in our minds, to give attention to the very serious problems in the transition of an administration...one administration

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to another. I think that as you all know, the present Statute reads that the Governor-elect who comes in...who's elected on November 3rd, shall have \$10,000 at his disposal for purposes of setting up his new budget. I was here many weeks after the election, and I saw the cramped quarters, the lack of staff, and, to be frank, Mr. Speaker, many of our colleagues on the other side, who were just volunteering their services to help in this transition. It's a difficult enough task, and I think that the Federal Government has, for a long time, known how difficult it is, whether it's Governors of the same party, or when you have a change of parties. It's something that we need to look at now, and I think it's something that our Committee is going to look at in greater detail. This may not come up for four years, but we...so there's no, but...there's no appropriation necessary this time. I just feel that it's something that we should have in our file and on the Statute, so we can give attention to it in the year or two to come.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the Bill?

FRANCIS J. COLLINS:

Mr. Speaker, I concur wholeheartedly with the remarks of Rep. Neiditz. I do think that having just gone through the transition with a new Governor, whether he be on this side or the other side of the political aisle, does result in some rather unusual and difficult problems. I think this is a necessary Bill. It will not have any effect for at least another $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, but it is something that we ought to take care of right now.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks? If not, all those in favor indicate by saying "aye". Those opposed. Bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Page 3 of the Calendar. Calendar No. 213, H.B. No. 7005, an Act concerning visits to the Probate Courts by an authorized designee of the Probate Court Administrator.

WILLIAM A. O'NEILL:

Mr. Speaker, I move that Calendar No. 213, File No. 170, H.B. No. 7005, an Act concerning visits to the Probate Courts by an authorized designee of the Probate Court Administrator, be passed, retaining its place on the regular Calendar.

MR. SPEAKER:

Is there objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 214, H.B. No. 8116, an Act concerning distribution of preliminary registry lists.

PETER W. GILLIES:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

PETER W. GILLIES:

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an Amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

Would the Clerk call House Amendment Schedule "A".

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Representative David Neiditz, presiding

Members present: Senators: Crafts, Dowd, Hammer, Sullivan
Representatives: Clark, Crockett, Carragher, Curtiss,
Donnelly, Gagliardi, Hannon, Nigro, O'Dea, Willard

Chairman Neiditz: I'm David Neiditz, Chairman of the committee. I think we've all met. You know Senator Sullivan, we are all legislators here, staff and one member of the Press.

The bills that we are taking up today and much of the others that are coming in on the same subject are sort of appropriate to do something about it this time or at least think about. The first bill is 6566, an act to increase the sum made available to a Governor-Elect. Does everyone have a copy of this bill? In the absence of any people that want to testify, I think I might just talk about this and we might wait for other written information from people like the new finance commissioner who worked very closely during the interim and other people in the new governor's administration. The present law calls for the sum of (\$10,000) ten thousand dollars which is to be used specifically for budget hearings. There are many as you know, there are many items and problems that come up in state government between administrations, whether it's the same party or different parties that should be attended to.

I think this was very obvious during the very efficient change over during the Eisenhower and Kennedy Administrations and between the Johnson and Nixon Administrations where proper office space, proper clerical personnel and enough money was available to do the job during the interim to enable the new administration to come in without having to use volunteers as was the case in Connecticut. I think this bill does not need to be sent, if we do anything about it, to Appropriations in that there will be nothing necessary on it in the way of an appropriation for at least four or eight years. So we are looking forward to the future, but I think that any information that we can get from the executive branch, while it's fresh in their minds, as to problems they've had, would be most helpful. And I ask that the Secretary, Mary Hopkins could write for Bill Sullivan and myself, Senator Crafts and Tom Donnelly a letter to the Governor or Adolph Carlson to find out what the problems were and to have them.

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in their spare time, get them to us so we'd know what they needed. I think they have the use of about three rooms in the Capitol and I think it was demeaning and was not helpful in an orderly transfer of government. Anyone else want to talk on that one, 6566? Okay the hearing is closed of 6566.

I'm sorry. Sure, Mr. Hannon.

Rep. Hannon:

I'm sorry I'm late getting up here. Well I had a form 302 that came up to 77.

Mr. Chairman, members of the Governmental Administration and Policy Committee my name is George Hannon, Assistant Majority of the House, attending this hearing today on behalf of the leadership of the House of Representatives Democratic leadership of the House of Representatives to speak on two bills. I wonder if I might capsule both of them. First one is Senate Bill 242, an act concerning an appropriation to a Governor leaving his office.

The State of Connecticut is in unique position of providing no funds at all for outgoing governor for reimbursement of actual expenses. This is not gentlemen and I repeat, it is not a pensioned in or salaries for any outgoing governor. The thrust of the Bill as I understand it, is to provide for actual expenses of a governor leaving office principally from the day after the election until the one year. We contacted through the Research Office, Office of Research, Legislative Research, of the State of Connecticut several states. No state contacted reported funds were provided for an outgoing governor. It strikes us as being important that such clerical obligations and correspondence obligations as the outgoing governor might have for a one year period might be taken care of on Senate Bill No. 242.

More importantly, however, is House Bill 6566, an act to increase the sum made available to Governor-Elect. It is the governor's principal responsibility from the day of election to his inauguration to prepare a budget, that budget which you received yesterday and the statute now provides for (\$10,000) ten thousand dollars for the Governor of the State of Connecticut. We think this is wholly inadequate and the thrust of 6566 would increase those funds to (\$25,000) twenty five thousand dollars.

We again did some research in this area in a survey of several of the states, including our sister state of Massachusetts provided us with the information that Massachusetts allows (\$20,000) twenty thousand dollars appropriated from the extraordinary fund account to the governor-elect to prepare his budget for staffing and such other necessities as certainly befits the office of governor. The fingerprints obviously of the democratic leadership in the House on these two bills and we strongly urge your kind consideration in their passage. Thank you very much.

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- Rep. Donnelly: I have a question on 6566. Senate Bill 242 that best be raised in the contexts of the question that Mr. Hannon and it arises perhaps more than from any other source from ignorance on my part but I question whether the phrase on appropriated resources of the general fund is a word of art that means in effect authority of the part of control in the spending that in deficit the sums of money in question here. If the answer is yes, I question whether it's a good idea, not going to the mure of the proposition that (\$10,000) ten thousand dollars be provided on coming governor and (\$25,000) twenty five thousand dollars for transition. I think those are two good ideas, but my question is directed more to the fiscal propriety of authorizing the deficit of legislation.
- Rep. Hannon: I think the propriety is, your question as regarding to propriety, is propriety, is a good one and I think that perhaps in the executive budget that a sum of money be provided so that the comptroller could make such charges against that budget.
- Chairman Neiditz: Well I think that, this is Neiditz from the 12th, I think that the only thing we did was amend the existing statute and I think that might be looked into before, if we have time on this as far as the governor-elect is concerned and if it is indeed a word of art, then words of art, then we would go along with it but we might change it, we just add it, we just change the number. I don't think it's a question of money, it's a question of what the facilities are and I think that we can look at that, if we have time on that.
- Rep. Donnelly: It's George's suggestion and I think I agree with him that a better way to do it is to make a specific appropriation in the budget, in the executive department budget and when these expenses can be anticipated rather than to rely on appropriated resourch of the general fund which to our great shock and dismay in the last couple of years hasn't existed.
- Chairman Neiditz: Of course we never will know until after an election as to whether it is an incumbent succeeding himself or someone new coming in, so it is very difficult to - I think maybe we'd have to stay with this language.
- Rep. Donnelly: I think we ought to inquire into this.
- Chairman Neiditz: Right.
- Sen. Hammer: Evidently they found (\$10,000) ten thousand before under the statute.
- Chairman Neiditz: Yes.

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Sen. Hammer: The one on the appropriations bill. (Her speech inaudible)

Rep. Willard: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Hannon. one question. George, I just wondered whether or not the - a notice of bill by Rep. Yedziniak briefly signed up to certain things that are required as a result of the Constitutional Ammendment.

Well it was listed and I'm just wondering if we might check that. I haven't had a chance to read all the bill. I just wondered whether that leadership requires these bills - a - statement of purpose simply says to incorporate as a statute concerning sessions in the General Assembly and those changes adopted by the Constitutional Ammendment.

Rep. Hannon: I think we can get to that because I don't have a position on it either.

Chairman Neiditz: Thank you very much Mr. Hannon.

Rep. Hannon: Thank you.

Chairman Neiditz: We are about to close the hearing on 6566 Lucy and for the benefit of those of you who arrived recently and 242.

By the way after this meeting if we can meet in executive session to go over some of these things, it would be helpful just to give those of you who weren't at our first executive for Senator Sullivan was not there either because he was in the Senate. Just the direction that we're going, we'd appreciate it.

Alright does anyone have anything to say on 6566? Except Lucy that we have, Sen. Hammer we have inquired and will make an inquiry of the governor's office as to what problems that the've had during the interim and try to incorporate answers to those problems in our bills.

Sen. Hammer: (Her speech inaudible)

Chairman Neiditz: Yes, for the incoming governor, in addition to the money. The money is not the important thing. There is no appropriation obviously at this time and there won't be for four or six more years.

Anyone have anything to say on House Bill 242 for the public hearing. Alright we'll declare the hearing closed on 6566 and 242.

Next Bill is 6641 that concerning maintenance of the Governor's Residence. (Rep. Genovesi of the 18th) I don't believe is here. I'm not sure of the reason for the bill. My feeling is that we should hold it until we get some idea on what is involved or if there are any problems on this.