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being referred to the Committee on Finance. I can indicate to the members that there are a number of bills of this type and it is the intention of the leadership to ask that it be referred to either Finance or Appropriations so that any dollar impact can be determined. Hearing no objection, so ordered.

WILLIAM A. O'NEILL, 52nd District:

Mr. Speaker, on page four of the calendar. Calendar No. 372, file number 315, I object and ask that this be placed on the regular calendar retaining its place.

MR. SPEAKER:

The objection is noted and the item will be removed from the regular calendar. If you will call it again for the benefit of the Clerk and pass retaining it until tomorrow. Will you call that number again for the Clerk's benefit.

WILLIAM A. O'NEILL, 52nd District:

That's calendar number 315, page four of the calendar.

Mr. Speaker, on page one of the calendar, I move the following bills be passed on today's consent calendar. Calendar No. 337, file 228, HB 8140

Calendar No. 338, file number 286, HB 8142

Calendar No. 340, file number 281, HB 8138

On page 4 of the calendar, Calendar No. 397, file 191, SB 389

MR. SPEAKER:

You've heard the motion of the gentleman of the 52nd. Before trying your minds, I'd indicate that because of the nature of the claims which will be considered next we are

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attempting to separate, for purposes of the record, regular or general legislation, or special acts, and those resolutions which relate with the claims. Is there any individual objection to passage on the Consent Calendar of the calendar and file numbers called by the gentleman from the 52nd. Hearing no individual objection, the question is on acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bills. All those in favor indicate by saying aye, those opposed. The bills are passed.

WILLIAM A. O'NEILL, 52nd District:

Mr. Speaker, on page two of the calendar, I'd move the acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and the rejection and passage of these claims and the rejection of the claims themselves. Starting at the top of the page, Calendar No. 353, file 308.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will the gentleman, for the benefit of the record, also call the bill titles, so that we are sure that it's recorded.

WILLIAM A. O'NEILL, 52nd District:

This is at the top of the page, House Joint Resolution No. 99. Resolution Accepting the Recommendation of the Claim of Henry K. Scott, Administrator of Estate of Catherine Scott. These are rejected claims.

Calendar No. 356, file 303, House Joint Resolution No. 102. Resolution Accepting the Recommendation of the Commission on the Claim of Lawrence G. Lantieri.

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SENATOR SMITH:

Mr. President, this simply is a bill which the Secretary of State had requested be taken out of their jurisdiction. And inasmuch, at least our information is that there has only been one request for information of the Secretary of State's Office since passage of the bill. And the Labor Commissioner does not object to taking over that responsibility.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

On page 2, the second item from the bottom. Calendar No. 168, File No. 191, Favorable Substitute Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Public Health and Safety on Substitute S.B. 389. An Act Concerning Persons Cared for at the Veteran's Home and Hospital.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Pac.

SENATOR PAC:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR PAC:

This bill is technical in nature. All it does is delete the reference to resident of the Rocky Hill Hospital as inmates. And hereafter we will call

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them patients. It also adds the word hospital to home. It deletes reference to Chapter 63 under which employees are hired in this hospital. There is no longer a Chapter 63. Since 1967 the Personnel Act has been amended and its part of Chapter 67. So these are the changes.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage of the bill. Will you remark further? If not all those in favor of passage of the bill signify by saying aye. AYE. Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The bill is passed.\_\_\_\_\_

THE CLERK:

Turning to page 3, the first item. Cal. No. 172, File No. 143, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Urban Development on House Joint Resolution No. 40. An Act Concerning , Resolution Concerning the Official State Plan of Conservation and Development.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Lieberman.

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President, this resolution is one of the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on the Environmental Problems. This resolution simply recognizes the fact that the Office of State Planning is in the process of preparing a state plan of conservation and development. It urges

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it does at the present time. If however you are thinking about merging the two commissions, we would favor the merging of the Hospital Cost Commission into the Council on Hospitals rather than the merging of it back the other way. Under the present circumstances we would oppose the bill but if there is to be a merger one way or the other, we think that then the method indicated by this bill would be the appropriate way to do it.

Lastly #7266 is another bill dealing with the question of the chronic and convalescents. They ask to have a right to appeal from the Hospital Cost Commission which as Dr. Cohen indicates was not given at the last session and that we would support in principle their desire to come under the same right of appeal that the hospitals have.

Rep. Cohen: Is that arbitrating board working out?

Mr. Tilson: Works fine, only thing is they decided that the hospitals were quite right. The state despite the fact it says binding arbitration declined to comply with it. They went to the courts to ask the courts to set aside the decision the arbitrators, the courts approved the decision of the arbitrators and entered a judgment saying the award of the arbitrators will be confirmed. And we haven't yet got our check, as I said. But it - we had a long trial. We had a representative from the Travelers, a retired judge and a deputy administrator of a hospital in Massachusetts that sat and listened to days and days of testimony on outpatient and emergency room rates. They came up with what seemed to us an effective kind of a compromise. They did set up a ceiling on the the emergency room rates. The hospitals agreed with it. And the Hospital Cost Commission in the next year adopted this same formula so, as for 1970 we're all set. We just hope we don't go back to problems which were the result of some of these bills passed.

Sen. Pac: Any questions? Thank you. T.F. Leonard.

Tom Leonard, Deputy Commandant of the Veterans Home and Hospital at Rocky Hill: I speak in favor of bill 389 which essentially deletes from the various statutes references to patients at the Veterans Home and Hospital as inmates. Our patients are in fact inmates, are in fact patients, and the term inmate is not appropriate. That's all I have.

Sen. Pac: Thank you, Sir. Ann Switzer? Matthew De Cherico?

Rev. Arthur Kuehn, Associate Minister, Central Baptist Church, a resident of Rockville, Connecticut: The Church is located in Hartford. Mr. De Cherico is not able to stay. I have his statement, would like to read it for him if I may.