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PA 71-118		7644	2	4	1
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courts. I think this is one of the basic reasons for this bill and in addition I think it is a good bill for the people of Wallingford and the people of Meriden.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Will you remark further. If not, the question is on acceptance and passage. All those in favor will indicate by saying AYE. Opposed. The bill is PASSED.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 303. Substitute for House Bill 6268. AN ACT CONCERNING THE JUVENILE COURT.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The gentleman from the 78th.

MR. PAPPANDREA: (78th)

Mr. Speaker, I move that this matter be placed on the Foot of the Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Is there objection. Hearing none, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 304. House Bill 7644. AN ACT CONCERNING COMMEMORATION OF SUBMARINE DAY.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The lady from the 65th.

MRS. MARTIN: (65th)

Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the Joint

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Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark.

MRS. MARTIN: (65th)

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment. Will the Clerk please read the amendment.

THE CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "A", Section 1, line 5 after the word "day", delete the word "shall" and insert the word "may".

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Question is on adoption of House Amendment Schedule A. Will you remark.

MRS. MARTIN: (65th)

This bill provides, or I should say the amendment, provides that the town, at its discretion, may observe Submarine Day.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the amendment.

MRS. MARTIN: (65th)

This bill provides for April 11th to be proclaimed as Submarine Day. It does not affect schools or businesses as far as the holiday is concerned. It is a proclamation in recognition and appreciation of those who are in the submarine service. Not many know of the many heroic deeds performed

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during World War II by the crews of this service and how much was contributed to the war effort. It takes an honorable, unusual and great person to be in the submarine service, one of steel nerves, one who has complete control. Further, we have the number one base in Groton, the Electric Boat Company which produces the submarines. Let us give recognition, appreciation, respect and thanks to our silent service and to those who gave their lives, by passing this bill for a day to be proclaimed in their honor.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The question is on acceptance of House Amendment Schedule "A". Will all those in favor indicate by saying AYE. Those opposed. The Amendment is ADOPTED.

The Chair rules it technical and we can now proceed on the acceptance and passage of the bill as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A".

The lady of the 65th.

MRS. MARTIN: (65th)

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A".

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Are there further remarks on the bill as amended.

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MRS. ERB: (66th)

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this bill. Connecticut is the home of the submarine service. Men stationed aboard the submarines undergo thorough training at the United States Submarine Base in Groton. Since 1900, when the submarine service was established, countless numbers of men have served their country on the undersea vessels. During World War II, the submarine service came into its own patrolling both the Atlantic and Pacific. The subs represent the Navy's first line of defense. Submariners and their families have been good neighbors to Connecticut families throughout the years. Their loss is also our loss. It is only fitting that a day be set aside each year in the State of Connecticut to honor those men who have died so bravely in the defense of their country. I urge your support.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill as amended. If not, the question is on acceptance and passage of the bill as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A". All those in favor will indicate by saying AYE. Those opposed. The bill is PASSED.

THE CLERK:

Cal. No. 305. Substitute for House Bill 5253. AN ACT CONCERNING FEE FOR CERTIFICATE IN CHILD WELFARE AND HUMANE INSTITUTIONAL ESTATES.

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all those in favor signify by saying, "aye". Opposed "nay". The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 304. File No. 259. Favorable report of the joint committee on General Law. House Bill 7644. An Act Concerning Commemoration of Submarine Day. As amended by House Amendment Schedule A.

SENATOR STRADA:

Mr. President, I move for acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill provides that the Governor shall proclaim one day a year as Submarine Day. In memory of the submariners who lost their lives in the service of the United States. It was amended in the House to provide that, this day may be suitably observed in the public schools as opposed to the original language, shall. So it's purely permissive.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 306. File No. 228. Favorable report of the joint committee on General Law. House Bill 8003. An Act Validating the Appeal of Ernest W. Eie and Dianne E. Eib from an Award of the State Highway Commissioner.

SENATOR STRADA:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This is a validating act. There is an appeal now pending in the Superior Court which would otherwise be valid, except that, it was not filed within the prescribed time. The Legislative and Administrative advisor of the Department of Transportation testified on this bill and said that the State had no objection.

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JOHN DEL GAUDIO: From South Windsor and I am in favor of the bill 6733. I am representing the men of the St. Francis of Assisi Mens Club in South Windsor and we are in favor of having some kind of legislation to help us control a situation we have in town where the road leading from South Windsor to Hartford is heavily travelled by a lot of people in the town with women and children and they are exposed to a lot of x rated movies lately. We don't see any reason why the people who are not in favor of this type of entertainment should be exposed to it. We hope you will pass some kind of legislation to control it.

REP. WEBBER: Do you think you can work something out with the operator of your theatre there? Without the necessity of our passing any more laws. Have you tried this?

MR. DEL GAUDIO: No we haven't but we are going to pursue it as much as we can. We contacted Rep. Donnelly from South Windsor after our first meeting but we are in favor of this bill. Thank you.

BERNARD VASTURA: I am the owner and curator of the Submarine Library and Museum in Middletown. I am speaking for this bill 7644 which would commemorate Submarine Day in the state of Connecticut.

I am representing the national and inter-national organization known as the U. S. Submarine Veterans of World War II. They are comprised of a group of men who have in the past, in WW 2, and have served aboard these submarines and seen an awful lot of action during WW 2.

As many of you probably know, the submarine service is comprised entirely of volunteers which risk their lives for their country during WW 2 and who even today are risking their lives aboard these boats to serve our country. An example of this is the Scorpion and the Thresher which were the nuclear subs lost, the Thresher in '63 and the Scorpion not too long ago..

Our submarines have done a fantastic job. During WW 2 they severed the enemy supply lines and shortened the war considerably. I have a few facts here. A total of 5 million, 320 thousand 94 tons of Japanese ships were sunk during WW 2 by these boats and manned by these crews but this did not come easy. We lost 52 submarines during WW 2 and 3625 men which are still on eternal patron in the waters and oceans around the earth. Not only are we asking this for our Organiza-

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MR. VASTURA Cont'd: tion. We are asking for the honor and the glory of the state of Connecticut. Connecticut is known as the submarine capitol of the world. It has received that title; it has kept the title and we hope that it will continue to keep this title.

Back in 1775, David Bushnell ~~and~~ invented the tiny submarine which was called the turtle. Now that was built in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. That was used during the American Revolution. From that time on, Connecticut has been the pioneer submarine constructor of submarines for use in peacetime and in war time. This is a high tradition that we would like to see kept up. This is one way of doing it.

I would also like to mention the shipyards who build these submarines were the pioneers such as Electric Boat. The first of every class of submarine is built in Connecticut. The prototype or the so-called first is automatically given the honor in the state of Connecticut for the ships of the Navy.

SENATOR STRADA: Are you asking just for a Proclamation to honor Submarine Day? You are not asking for the schools to close or anything like that?

MR. VASTURA: No sir, the only thing, the only expense it would be to the state of Connecticut would be the cost of a proclamation issued once a year and legally signed by the governor. That's all we ask. We ask that no schools or factories, nothing be closed, just a proclamation to be issued once a year.

REP. WEBBER: For the record, I was asked to make the following statement in behalf of Representative Dzialo who introduced this bill. He strongly supports the bill and could not be with us today. We thought you might be interested in knowing his position. Thank you very much. I think you have made your point.

STEPHEN LENZI: Senator Strada, Representative Webber and members of the General Law Committee. I represent the National Theatre Owners of Connecticut. I appear in opposition to bill 6733. I was here last week and I know that to make a good impression with your committee, I'm supposed to be brief and I will be brief. As I said last week, this type of legislation to my opinion is unconstitutional. There's a case in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where an ordinance was instituted against the theatre owners and the Fort Wayne courts pro-