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THE CLERK:

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Calendar No. 286, H.B. No. 5664, an Act concerning approval by State referees of land purchased for highways.

JOHN V. CASSIDENTO:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Question's on acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill. Will you remark.

JOHN V. CASSIDENTO:

Yes, sir. Yes, your honor. Mr. Speaker, the present Act states...

MR. SPEAKER:

I've been called a lot of things today.

JOHN V. CASSIDENTO:

...that the purchase of land for construction repairs, reconstruction, or maintenance of any State highway or bridge, must be approved by a State referee if the sum is in excess of \$3,000. Now, this Bill merely increases that amount to \$15,000. This has the endorsement of the Department of Transportation, and it has been their experience that the properties in the value range of \$15,000, or less, general represent minor, or uncomplicated taking. Also, I might add that any owner, who is dissatisfied with this can always appeal. And I move acceptance of the Bill...passage of the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 287, H.B. No. 6909, an Act permitting persons over eighteen years of age to donate blood without parental permission in certain instances.

JOHN D. PRETE:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Question's on acceptance and passage. Will you remark.

JOHN D. PRETE:

Mr. Speaker, this Bill allows young people between the ages of 18 and 21 to give blood without parental consent. There is a serious shortage of blood for medicinal purposes in the State of Connecticut at this time, and the Bill works in the direction of resolving that shortage. I urge the passage of the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the Bill.

LUCIEN A. DIMEO:

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this Bill, which is the first Bill that I introduced in the House. It, in my opinion, the trend today is towards giving youth more and more responsibility, and I am highly in favor of that. Not only giving them some of the responsibilities and also the privileges of adulthood. But privileges must be balanced by responsibilities. And I think that

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

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 273. File no. 223. Favorable report of the joint committee on Judiciary. House Bill 5661. An Act Concerning Approval by State Referees of Land Purchase on Highways.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Present law provides that the Commissioner of Transportation can purchase condemned property, without the approval of a referee up to a value of \$3000, this extends that figure from \$3000 to \$15, 000. I urge the adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor say, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 275. File No. 222. Favorable report of the Joint Committee on Public Health and Safety. House bill no. 6909. An Act Permitting Persons over 18 years of age to Donate Blood without Parental Permission in Certain instances.

SENATOR PAC:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill would permit any person over the age of 18 to contribute or donate blood. When we think of the vast reservoir of possible donations that the campuses represent, this bill becomes

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H.B. #1228 - AN ACT CONCERNING PARTIAL RELEASES OF MORTGAGES IN CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS.

The Department of Transportation approves the intent of H.B. #1228 but does not concur with several prospects of the Bill. For one thing the State appraises all property which is to be taken and this is generally accomplished by independent fee appraisers. The State would contend that such appraisals are sufficient for establishing the value to be used and to secure new appraisals or to pay for additional appraisals would be a duplication of effort and a waste of funds.

It is also felt that the settling of amounts relating to the mortgage is a separate transaction between the mortgagee and the owner, and the condemning authority should not be interjected as an intermediary. If necessary, the money should be put in escrow, the release granted and the decision for disbursement of funds left to the mortgagee and the owner.

Lastly, the Bill also refers specifically in many places, to condemn or condemnation proceedings. It is suggested that the wording be changed to reflect the fact that many acquisitions will be amicable and not necessarily condemnations.

H.B. #5664 - AN ACT CONCERNING APPROVAL BY STATE REFEREE OF LAND PURCHASED FOR HIGHWAYS.

This Bill proposes to change Section 13a-74 of the General Statutes making an approval for all highway condemnations over \$15,000 to take it away from the referee, the department strongly favors this Bill.

Mem. of Comm. What is the number?

Mr. Yasensky: 13a-74 - Oh, the Bill I am speaking on is #5664. The Department of Transportation recommends favorable action on this Bill. It would make the law pertaining to referee's approvals uniform in both friendly and unfriendly acquisitions. Section 13a-74 of the General Statutes required Referee's approval for all highway land condemnations over \$15,000 while for a friendly acquisition under Section 13a-73 sub-section "c" of the General Statutes, a Referee must approve all acquisitions over \$3,000.

The Bill would permit a more expeditious processing of payments in this value range thereby benefiting the property owner. The Bill would also reduce the workload of the Referee in an area where the owner has already indicated his satisfaction in the State's offer by acceptance.

Properties in the value range of \$15,000 or less generally represent minor or uncomplicated takings. Also, any owner expressing dissatisfaction with the State's offer, always has the right to reject it and file an appeal.

H.B. #5709 - AN ACT CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF LAND ADJACENT TO HIGHWAY FOR AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES PURPOSES.

The Department of Transportation would like to support the purpose of H.B. #5709.