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PA 71-123		5977	1	1	1
<u>Committee Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Environment 459</i> 				<u>House Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1500(Consent)</i> 	<u>Senate Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1195</i>

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Business on the Calendar for April 15, 1971, page 1 of the Calendar, the Consent Calendar.

THE SPEAKER:

Will the House come to order? We have now reached that portion which is Calendar business.

MR. MAHANEY (92nd):

Mr. Speaker, at this time, pursuant to House Rule No. 48, I would like to move that acceptance and passage of the following bills on the Consent Calendar: Page 1, Calendar No. 314, Substitute for H.B. No. 7608, An Act Concerning Conveyance of Land of the State to the Town of East Lyme and Grant of Two Easements to said Town, File No. 268; Calendar No. 315, Substitute for H. B. No. 7440, An Act Concerning Qualifications for the Practice of Podiatry, File No. 262; Calendar No. 316, Substitute for H.B. No. 7598, An Act Concerning Transmission of the Budget Document to the General Assembly, File No. 261; Calendar No. 317, H.B. No. 5977, An Act Concerning The Marine Resources Council, File No. 264; turning to page 2, Calendar No. 319, H.B. No. 7741, An Act Concerning Renaming High Rock State Park, File No. 263; Calendar No. 321, H.B. No. 8139, An Act Concerning Commercial Fishing in the Marine District, File No. 266; Calendar No. 323, Substitute for H.B. No. 5237, An Act Concerning Post-Arrest Warrants in Liquor Cases, File No. 269. If there is no objection to any of these matters being passed on the Consent Calendar, I now move acceptance of the Joint Committees' Favorable Reports and passage of these bills.

THE SPEAKER:

Is there any individual objection to the passage of the bills indicated on the Consent Calendar? Hearing no individual objection, the question is on acceptance and passage. All those in favor indicate by saying

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4. House Bill 5977. An Act Concerning the Marine Resources Council.

SENATOR PAC:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committees favorable report and passage of the bill. In 1969, we passed a bill that permitted the Department of Corrections, to use inmates to try to reclaim our oyster beds. Well, this thing didn't quite work out. First of all, there was a problem of insurance, risk and etc., before it was resolved it was never really resolved. It turned out that we couldn't really use the labor from the State. So, this time, we're asking repeal because there are appropriations tied up to this thing and we'd like to get it off the books. So this is the reason for the repeal.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on adoption of the bill. Will you remark for or against? If not, all those in favor signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". Bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 300. File No. 265. Favorable report of the joint committee on the Environment. House Bill 7222. An Act Authorizing the State Park and Forest Commission to Sell Certain Lands and Buildings Located in the Town of Barkhamsted.

SENATOR PAC:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill would permit the State Park and Forrest Commission to sell off three pieces of property know as the, Mathis Hose and Garage and the Seaton Home and a lot that's located therein. These properties were donated to the State a few years back and actually the Park
landlord. They want.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

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When our Commission met with the Federal Power Commission, Atomic Energy Commission, the President's Council on Technology and Science, and the U.S. Department of Interior, we were impressed that little, if anything, is being done of the federal level. Our state regulatory agencies, such as the Public Utilities Commission, Water Resources Department, and the State Health Department have limited jurisdiction over these power plant sites and transmission lines. Connecticut cannot afford to allow its past policies in this field to continue. This is not just for the people of our state and their natural resources, but also to plan and develop the power sources that are needed to serve the people with the least amount of destruction to our environment. Both these bills have merit and I might suggest that the committee take the best from both and incorporate them into one bill. I would also like to suggest that, regardless which bill should receive favorable action, it must be made effective upon passage. Right at this moment there are several proposals pending that should be studied by this commission and acted upon, in the interest of the people of our state.

Now, I'd like to also speak favorably on H.B. 5977. AN ACT CONCERNING THE MARINE RESOURCES COUNCIL. This calls for the repeal of the requirement that the Marine Resources Council institute a program of reclamation for the natural oyster grounds in conjunction with the Department of Corrections. It was hoped in 1969 when we passed the Marine Resources Council that a program could be implemented using correctional department inmates and volunteers from the oyster industry to give us the use of boats in a reclamation program for our natural oyster beds.

Prior to the appointment of the Marine Resources Council, I was able to obtain the use of any oyster boat and about 50,000 bushels of shell from the Bloom Bros. Oyster Company in Norwalk. Together with the Bloom Bros., we had three inmates from the Bridgeport Correctional institution to work for 20 days placing the shell on the Bridgeport natural beds. This was at no cost to the state at all. At that time the inmates were to receive double their daily cash allotment, fifty cents, for volunteering for this very laborious job. The project was very well received by the Corrections Department, and the men that cooperated in this program. Unfortunately, we had a tough job even finding the \$18.00 to pay these men for their 20 days work.

Right now, the state of Connecticut's Shellfish Commission has a boat that is more practical for cruising than working the oyster beds, and the men in the industry have not volunteered to lend us a boat. Under these circumstances, without funding, it is impractical to try to implement a reclamation program, and our committee recommended a deletion of this section of the law. Maybe sometime in the future, with some enthusiasm, and imagination, and maybe we can even get some money, and get this program going again.

S.B. 1277, AN ACT CONCERNING A MORATORIUM ON ATOMIC POWER PLANTS IN CONNECTICUT, calls for a moratorium on the construction of atomic power plants in or about Long Island Sound or its tributaries, until a comprehensive study of Long Island Sound is completed. Frankly, the state of Connecticut has two atomic power plants already constructed, and in operation, with a third plant, with the foundation already built, waiting for final approval of the plant. Most of the studies on the ecological effects