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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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...I;m sure the Governor would be happy with that.

THE CHAIR:

Speaking on behalf of the Governor, we can use it. Question is on your mind? If not, all those in favor say "aye". The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Bill No. 301. File No. 263. Favorable report of the joint committee on Public Health and Safety, House Bill No. 7741. An Act Concerning the Qualifications for the Practice of Podiatry.

MINOR PAC:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committees favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill would upgrade the qualifications for the licensure in Podiatry. What it will really do is, make necessary two years of preparatory College and require courses in biology, physics and chemistry. In addition, they would have to have a DPM, which is a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. It's just a first step in trying to upgrade their profession.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

Bill No. 305. File No. 263. Favorable report of the joint committee on the State Park. House Bill No. 7741. An Act Concerning Renaming High Rock State Park.

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Now I'd like, in state boards in Connecticut, the boards, medical board, osteopathy, physical therapist, nursing, dentistry, optometry, opticians, pharmacy, psychologists, veterinary medicine, embalmers and funeral directors, hypertrichologists, professional engineers and land surveyors, real estate brokers and several other occupational licensing boards are all made up of five members out of the professions that they represent.

So I don't want to take the committee's time, but briefly this is what this bill would achieve if it is favored, and we are asking that if it is favored that it be made effective upon passage so as to meet the October 1st appointment date, which is usual when a board of examiners in podiatry.

Rep. Cohen: Does the governor appoint based on a list you give him?

Dr. Walker: The list is submitted by the State Association of Podiatrists. But the date for that appointment is October 1st annually.

On H.B. 7439 (AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF PODIATRISTS WITHOUT EXAMINATION), it doesn't mention it in the bill here but it is amending section 20-57 of the 1958 revision of the State Statutes, and the pertinent amendment is from line 21 to line 23 inclusive, which would in the case of applicants who have been certified by the National Board of Podiatry Examiners or come into the state, and reciprocity with any state. Heretofore, in 1965 I believe, we changed it, we changed the law so it, to enable us to - it was in 1963 that we changed the law to permit us to accept certificates from the National Board of Podiatry Examiners in lieu of the examination conducted by the Connecticut board. And now, there has been a tendency in the country in podiatry examinations and I know in Connecticut here that the Dental Commission required a practical examination of dentists who have come in under reciprocity, and it is our purpose in this bill to exempt by rule of the written portion of the examination. But the applicants, but the board in addition may require the applicant to pass an oral and practical examination.

Briefly that's the statement of purpose and that's the intent.

Dr. Cohen: Who's for that bill?

Dr. Walker: I'm for that bill. I am for the bills I've already enumerated.

And H.B. 7440 (AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFICATIONS FOR PRACTICE OF PODIATRY), and this would amend the qualifications for licensure in Connecticut, podiatrists, to update the requirements to what has already been in existence and in effect.

All of the approved colleges of podiatry for at least nine or ten years to my knowledge, it would increase the pre-podiatry college education from one year of liberal arts and science to two years of liberal arts or science including the subjects of chemistry, physics and biology. Heretofore it has required chemistry, physics or biology because it was so difficult to take three science subjects in one year of college work. But in asking to have this updated to require the two years of college work, you're only asking what is already in effect and required by all the colleges that are approved in this state, podiatry colleges. And the reference to the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree requirement from here on out will not jeopardize anyone who comes into the state on reciprocity who has acquired another degree previous to this because this does not eliminate any requirements that were in existence at the time the person who applies could meet. By that I mean there's no closing of the door if they shouldn't have a DPN degree, as long as they had the other, any other podiatric approved or accepted degree which is mentioned in the statutes. And the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree today is becoming, is a uniform degree in podiatry from here on. Even the colleges have exchanged degrees. Like in my instance I had a Doctor of Surgical Chiropody degree from Temple University and Temple University has issued a new certificate which, the DPN degree and same procedure has been followed by other colleges of podiatry.

Now this is not unique because the law profession at the same time now are being reissued a new law degree to substitute the LLB, they're getting a law degree of JD. And in many, I believe it's going to be universal in the country, but I'm just citing that as an example. It doesn't mean that it is unusual or unique to have this kind of a procedure followed for the purposes of professional uniformity.

I'd like to go on record recommending passage of these bills and I'm, I have been authorized to state that the Connecticut Podiatry Association is in favor of the passage.

Rep. Miller: I was a little surprised to discover that it wasn't necessary to have a bachelor's degree in order to get into a college of podiatry. Do you in fact have many people coming up to be examined who do not have bachelor's degrees?

Dr. Walker: Let me say that the requirement of a bachelor's degree is, doesn't exist in all professions. We require two years of liberal arts or science. And this is the same requirement that is required for most professional education. It's a two year requirement. However, in our case and in other professions too I'm sure, but in our case, while the requirements are for two years of liberal arts, 95% of the students had more than three years. And in recent years, at least 50%

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had the bachelor degree. The incoming classes this year in podiatry colleges, is 95% had the bachelor degree. But it isn't - now even in Connecticut, the legal requirements for medicine for example is still two years of pre-medical education, although they know you couldn't get into a medical college by the fact of the matter there's not enough spaces even if they wanted to take them in, with less than a bachelor degree.

Rep. Cohen: Thank you. Any other questions? Thank you very much. Mr. McGillicuddy is next on the list. You're going to be brief I'm sure.

Francis E. McGillicuddy, Chairman of the Connecticut Ambulance Commission: And I'm here objecting to bill 7437 for the following reasons. Yesterday we just went through a six to seven hour public hearing on the exact thing that is covered under 7437, with our commissioners and with the towns who had complained and with the people who had, were involved in these ambulance calls. And I would just like to say, inasmuch as the commission does have this before it, I feel I would like to have this bill set aside until we can have our transcriptions transcribed and I will see that, and the decision of our commission, and I will see that your committee gets a copy of both of those.

Rep. Cohen: We'll put a hold on it till we hear from you?

Mr. McGillicuddy: Yes sir, doctor.

Rep. Cohen: Thank you very much.

Mr. McGillicuddy: Thank you.

Rep. Cohen: Mr. Lyddy.

Raymond Lyddy: I'm here, from Bridgeport, representing the Connecticut State Medical Society who, some of its members addressed themselves to other bills earlier, but I would like to address myself very briefly to the first two bills on the list for today, and first of all to call the attention of the committee if they didn't already know it, that these two bills were heard two weeks ago, before this very committee and I don't have any idea as to why they're on again today. I'm assuming they are a misprint, someone just missed up to have them back here, but I do want to -

Rep. Cohen: Could be similar bills, are you sure they're exactly the same?

Mr. Lyddy: They're exactly the same bills, and I just wanted to reiterate that the Medical Society is opposed to both bills, and I'm sure