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Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Is there objections to any of these Resolutions being placed on the Consent Calendar for disposition? If not, hearing none, so ordered. The Clerk will now proceed with Calendar business.

CLERK:

Calendar 39, Substitute House Bill No. 6368, File No. 32, for which the rules have been suspended.

MR. SPEAKER:

Gentleman from the 81st.

MR. CARROZZELLA (WALLINGFORD):

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Questions on acceptance and passage. Will you remark.

MR. CARROZZELLA (WALLINGFORD):

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Carrozzella.

MR. CARROZZELLA (WALLINGFORD):

Mr. Speaker, the Boys School of Meriden is located in Meriden and houses children under 16 who have been committed by a Juvenile Court. In the past, the school has handled encourageables, and by that I mean those with whom they did not

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have the facilities to cope, has handled the problem of encourageables by transferring them to Cheshire Reformatory. Recently the Council of Youth Services rules that such transfer was illegal. It is the purpose of this Bill to make such transfers legal because it is an absolute must that discipline in the Boys School be maintained. At the present time, for instance, the encourageable will insurrect and there is no way which the guards and the people at the school can take care of the other inmates, the community and other situations. As a result, there is a tremendous problem presently existing at the Boys School because there is nothing that can be done with the encourageables. This Bill will allow the transfer of the encourageable to Cheshire. I would point out that the Bill also protects the constitutional rights of the transferee because it provides for a hearing before the Juvenile Court that originally sentenced him to the Boys School within seven days after the transfer. In addition, the judge must determine within seven days whether or not the transfer is justified. In addition, the transfer is reviewed at certain periodic times thereafter. So we are protecting the rights of the individual boy insofar as the transfer is concerned, but at the same time we are resolving the problem of the community, the actual operation of the Boys School in Meriden, so that they can maintain law and order discipline. Finally, Section 2 of the Bill says that once the transfer is affectuated, the boy comes under the provisions of the Department of Corrections. However,

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there is like a little string that the Department of Youth Services has and they can always, at any time, pull him back out of Cheshire Reformatory. In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I might submit to you and the members of this House, that this Bill would not be necessary and will not be necessary when the \$160,000 that is already appropriated but is, has not yet been bonded, is given to remodel Cottage F on the Boys School as a maximum security unit. Your committee has written to the Governor asking him to make those funds available so that the remodeling can take place, that will then become a maximum security cottage, there will be not need for a transfer to Cheshire under those circumstances. However until that's done, there is a big problem at the Meriden School for Boys, this Bill is a must, as you will note it is effective on passage, I trust that it will pass.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further. If not, all those in favor indicate by saying "Aye". Those opposed. The Bill is passed.

CLERK:

Page 2 of the Calendar. Calendar 47, House Bill 5660, An Act Concerning the Capacity of a Minor to Prosecute or Defend a Divorce or Legal Separation Action. File 23.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Guidera of the 162nd.

MR. GUIDERA (WESTON):

Mr. Speaker, I move for the acceptance of the Joint

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Total number voting	156
Necessary for passage	79
Those voting Yea	20
Those voting Nay	136
Absent and Not Voting	21

THE SPEAKER:

The bill is LOST.

Are there announcements or introductions while the members return to the Appropriations and Finance Committees? If not, let the House stand at ease momentarily while these members leave.

Return to order. Will the Clerk please call further Calendar business.

THE CLERK:

On page 16, Calendar No. 39, a Disagreeing Action, Substitute for H.B. No. 6368, An Act Concerning Transfers from The Connecticut School for Boys to the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Cheshire, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

THE SPEAKER:

The House will come to order.

MR. CARROZZELLA (81st):

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

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Would you remark?

MR. CARROZZELLA (81st):

The Clerk has Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

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Will the Clerk call Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule "A"

MR. CARROZZELLA (81st):

I think I can summarize the amendment rather than reading it. It is rather long.

THE SPEAKER:

Would you move its adoption?

MR. CARROZZELLA (81st):

I would move adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

THE SPEAKER:

Is there objection in outlining the amendment? Hearing none, would the gentleman from the 81st outline the amendment?

MR. CARROZZELLA (81st):

Mr. Speaker, the bill in question has passed the House, passed the Senate and then was recalled because there was a question raised as to the constitutionality of the bill as passed. The purpose of the amendment is to do away with that constitutional objection. Under the bill as in the file, it calls for a hearing after the boy is transferred to Cheshire. The amendment would call for the hearing before the transfer, thereby doing away with any constitutional problems. I move adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

THE SPEAKER:

Would you remark further on Senate Amendment Schedule "A"? If not, all those in favor, indicate by saying aye. Opposed? The amendment is ADOPTED and ruled technical.

MR. CARROZZELLA (81st):

Mr. Speaker, I now move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's

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favorable report and passage of the bill, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further?

MR. CARROZZELLA (81st):

Mr. Speaker, this is a most vital bill especially through our area. This provides for the transfer of incorrigibles that are located at the Meriden School for Boys to Cheshire. But now as the bill reads, there will be a hearing first and then if the juvenile court judge finds that such a boy is incorrigible, he will make the transfer. I might add that there is an emergency nature about this bill because the boys are acting up down there because there is no way that they can be treated in the present facility without transfer. I move passage, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill as amended? If not, all those in favor indicate by saying aye. Opposed? The bill as amended is PASSED.

MR. CARROZZELLA (81st):

Mr. Speaker, I would now move for suspension of the rules for immediate transmittal to the Governor.

THE SPEAKER:

Is there objection? Hearing none, the rules are suspended and the bill as amended is transmitted to the Governor.

THE CLERK:

On page 17, Calendar No. 199, Substitute for H.B. No. 5746. An Act Concerning Free Instructional Supplies, Materials and Equipment for Public School Pupils, as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" and Senate Amendment

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Concerning The Capacity of a Minor To Prosecute Or Defend A Divorce or Legal Action.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Jackson.

SENATOR JACKSON:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President, this bill will allow any married minor in his own name to prosecute or defend any action for divorce or legal separation of which he is a party. It eliminates the present unwieldy situation where the minor has to sue or be sued through a parent or best friend. I move adoption of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

The Second item, Calendar No. 57, File No. 32 Favorable Report Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary Substitute H.B. 6368 An Act Concerning Transfers from the Connecticut School For Boys To The Connecticut Correctional Institution, Cheshire.

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SENATOR JACKSON:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President, I think events in the city of Hartford over the past few days has shown the need for this bill. This bill will allow the appropriate authorities to transfer juveniles from the Meriden School for Boys. Where at the present time security and regulations and precautions are not affective as far as keeping them at Meriden. It will allow a transfer from Meriden to Cheshire or another appropriate institution.

What happens is that you have the hard core juveniles who are not subject to authority. Or not willing to be subject to authority, and who in many instances are disrupting the Meriden School for Boys. I believe that this is a good bill. I think it is a step in the right direction. I urge its passage.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage of the bill. Will you remark further?
Senator Hammer.

SENATOR HAMMER:

Mr. President, I am very glad to see this bill before us. It has happened in this state. Maybe it was customary for it to happen that boys were transferred on the authority of the institution where he was incarcerated. On the authority of only this person. And It always bothered me very much

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that no Court had anything to say about it. And I see in this bill, and I am very glad to see that a hearing must be held within 7 days of such transfer before the Juvenile Court in the District. I am very glad to see this before us and I support it.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Zajac.

SENATOR ZAJAC:

Mr. President, the city file on the problems of the Connecticut School for Boys is about 3 inches thick. I brought it with me this morning to acquaint myself with the problems. This bill if passed will solve one major problem and possibly in doing that may help solve many other smaller problems along the way. This bill would allow the transfer of the incorrigible, the unmanagable, and the frequent violator to the Cheshire Correctional Institute where the proper security facilities are present. In doing this it would separate the hard core influential leaders from the minor violator or fostered child. And in so doing help immensely in the chances of rehabilitating of the latter. The transfer of the hard core trouble makers from Meriden to Cheshire is needed to serve the full range of educated delinquents present at the school. The Connecticut State School for Boys cannot successfully be operated as an open campus instillation unless there is some sort of safety valve as a back up for the administration and the personnel of the school. I urge its adoption.

THE CHAIR:

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.

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Travel Trailers and Campers.

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the Sale of Certain Wild Animals and Wild Animal Products.

APPROPRIATIONS: House Bill No. 8958. An Act Making an Appopriation to the
United Spanish War Veterans of Connecticut.

SENATOR ALFANO:

May the list of bills be read in and referred to the committees as
indicated in the list.

THE CHAIR:

If there is no objection, it is so-ordered.

THE CLERK:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 80. Resolution to Recall Substitute House Bill
No. 6368. An Act Concerning Transfers from the Connecticut School for
Boys to the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Cheshire.

RESOLVED BY THIS ASSEMBLY:

That a committee of one Senator and Two Representatives be appointed to
request the Legislative Commissioners' office to return to the Senate, Bill
No. 6368. An Act Concerning Transfers from the Connecticut School for
Boyes to the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Cheshire for further
consideration.

SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President, I move adoption of the resolution.

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THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Question is on adoption of a resolution to appoint a committee to recall the Bill that Senator Alfano asked to be recalled.

SENATOR JACKSON:

Is it permissible to just explain briefly. The purpose of amending the bill, to make perfectly clear that the Commissioner of Youth Services would have to ask for a hearing prior to the transfer of Meriden to Cheshire of the youth. At the present time, when the bill is passed, the hearing is immediately after the transfer if the youth so desires. I would urge the Senate to Adopt the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on adoption of the resolution. Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor of recall of the bill signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The Clerk will check the formality of who does appoint the Senator. I presume it's the presiding officer. At the appropriate time I will make the appointment.

Now, in a very few minutes we are going to honor a very great citizen of Connecticut and I'm hoping you will be able to stay, you young people, maybe five or ten minutes. Mr. Ned Allen, Former Lt. Governor. I would ask that the Senators be most patient, there may be a few minutes.

SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President, I move suspension of the rules and immediate transmittal to the House.

THE CHAIR:

The motion is that the resolution appointing a committee to recall the bill, ~~and immediate transmittal to the House.~~ Anyone wish to comment on

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that, if not, all those in favor of suspension of the rules for immediate consideration for immediate transmittal to the House signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The ayes have it. The rules are suspended and will be immediately transmitted.

SENATOR DINIELLI:

I rise for a personal privilege, for the purpose of an introduction. We have in the balcony, Mr. President, some very interest young people in the political world. They are 8th graders from St. Stanislaus In Bristol.

THE CHAIR:

We are very glad to have you here.

Personal privilege to the presiding officer, we have very gratefully a surprise visitor today, Mr. Rosario T. Vella, I can't call him representative yet. He has lived in the fair city of Enfield for 17 years. Yesterday he was elected a Republican Representative from Enfield by 42 votes.

SENATOR RIMER:

Mr. President, I rise to a point of personal privilege. We are fortunate to have with us today, a young lady from the town of Morris. A fifth grader at the James Morris School and the daughter of the Senate Minority Leader, Tracy Ives.

THE CHAIR:

Ladies and Gentlemen, will you all please rise to welcome former Lt. Governor Edward N. Allen and I hope he will be able to come to the podium to receive his honors. Governor, will you come to where you presided with such character for four years? Welcome back. Attorney Frances Allen, will you come up, too? Mrs. Allen, please. Ladies and Gentlemen, the Clerk has a resolution.

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THE CHAIR:

Questions on passage of the Bill. All those in favor, indicate by saying aye. Opposed? Ayes have it. The Bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

The Clerk has one item of business, marked ready, on page twelve under the heading, "Recall". Calendar No. 57, File No. 32, Favorable Report Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, Substitute for House Bill 6368, An Act Concerning Transfers from the Connecticut School For Boys to the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Cheshire.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Jackson.

SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President, am I correct in assuming that this Bill is now before us for Action at this time?

THE CHAIR:

Is there an Amendment to this Bill?

SENATOR JACKSON:

There is an Amendment to the Bill. That is correct. The Clerk has an Amendment. My only query is that all actions necessary under Recall have been taken.

THE CHAIR:

The Bill is before you. The Clerk will read the Amendment.

SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President, I would waive the reading of the Amendment. The Amendment basically changes the file that is in our book to allow an inmate at

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Meriden to have an opportunity for a hearing prior to being transferred to Cheshire if, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Youth Services, is necessary for the well-being of both that inmate and the others at Meriden. The Bill that is in our file says that the child would have the right to a hearing subsequent to being transferred. So, I would ask adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Questions on the adoption of the amendment. Senator Hammer.

SENATOR HAMMER:

Mr. President, may I ask a question of Senator Jackson through you? I have had problems brought to me from the fact that these boys are referred to this institution with no limit on the term of their incarceration or whatever, and it is very unsettling to these boys and they can't settle down and they try to escape and so on. I couldn't follow what you were saying about the amendment very well, and about the Bill. Does this have any bearing, would this help?

SENATOR JACKSON:

Senator Hammer, no, it would not. This Bill was designed to take care of a problem at the Meriden School for Boys, where you have hard-core incorrigibles who are disturbing the atmosphere. The Bill would give the Department of Youth Services the right to transfer such a hard-core incorrigible to Cheshire. However, after passage of the Bill, questions were raised as to Constitutionality of such a transfer from Meriden to Cheshire, without a hearing prior to the transfer. The purpose of the recall was to amend the Bill so that the Youth would have the right to an immediate hearing

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by the Juvenile Court prior to his being transferred. There was a Maine case where the State of Maine had similar problems, similar circumstances and they had a statute, which was just called to our attention, which provided for the hearing only after the transfer. And the Maine Supreme Court ruled that that was unconstitutional. So this is our effort to allow the hearing prior to the transfer and it is our belief that this would take care of the constitutionality of this. This is a very badly needed Bill. It does not get at the heart of the problem. The heart of the problem is only going to be taken care of by additional funds, additional facilities for all of the different categories who are under the supervision of the Department of Youth Services and also Juvenile Court.

THE CHAIR:

Questions on adoption of the amendment? All those in favor, indicate by saying aye. Opposed, nay. The ayes have it. The Amendment is adopted.

SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President, would you please examine the amendment and make a ruling as to whether it is a technical amendment?

THE CHAIR:

Since the Amendment hasn't even been read, it's not on anyone's desk and it is a little lengthy, I think I will rule it is an amendment of substance and refer it to the Legislative Commissioner's Office for further action. Senator Jackson.

SENATOR JACKSON:

Is it possible to have it lay over here so it could be acted upon tomorrow and with the request that the Clerk be given, have a copy on every-

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one's desk so that it can be taken up tomorrow? We have been trying to expedite this as much as possible and there is a very acute situation at Meriden and we would like to have this expedited as much as possible.

THE CHAIR:

Well, in view of that, the, we'll hold it over and a copy of it will be placed on everyone's desk tomorrow. We'll take it up as amended, tomorrow morning.

SENATOR JACKSON:

Thank you sir.

THE CLERK:

The clerk has no further business on his calendar, but I have some items that have to be read. The Clerk has received two raised Bills from the House -- House Bill 9237 An Act making an appropriation for a grant to Yale University for research in Cystic Fibrosis.

THE CHAIR:

Appropriations.

THE CLERK:

House Bill 9238, An Act defining residency for the purpose of admission as an elector.

THE CHAIR:

Elections.

THE CLERK:

The Clerk has changes of reference from the House. Change of Reference before Joint Standing Committee on Public Personnel and Military Affairs on House Bill 7819, An Act concerning scholarships to dependent

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SENATOR SULLIVAN:

This is a situation where the Town of Southington issued a bond issue, or floated a bond issue. But the notice was defective and its merely validating the notice.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

Please turn to page 9 on your Calendar.

Bottom of the page under the heading Recall. Favorable report Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary on Substitute H.B. 6368 An Act Concerning Transfers From The Connecticut School for Boys to the Correctional Institution, Cheshire.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Jackson.

SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill, as Amended by Senate Amendment Sch. A.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President, I think all of the members of the circle have on their desk a copy of the Senate Amendment Sch. A.

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And basically it is what I said it did yesterday when the copies were not available. It will clean up any possibility of a constitutional question being raised in the future. The transfer of an incorrigible is made from the Meriden School to Cheshire. It requires that a hearing be held prior to the transfer. And I believe that this is in the best interest of both the state and the individual child involved.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, I am not trying to be obtuse. Was this passed with Senate Amendment Sch. A on it?

SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President, This was passed without Senate Amendment Sch. A. The billed was recalled. It is now before us for action. We passed Senate Amendment Sch. A. last night.

THE CHAIR:

Oh, I was not here at the time.

SENATOR JACKSON:

You were not here. You had gone to your seminar.

THE CHAIR:

I see. Now I understand. It is my fault because I was absent at the time. So your now moving passage of the bill as amended?

SENATOR JACKSON:

That is correct.

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THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? If not all those in favor of passage of the bill as amended by Senate Amendment Sch. A signify by saying aye. AYE. Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. President, I move for suspension of the rules for immediate transmittal to the House.

THE CHAIR:

If there is no objection it is so ordered.

THE CLERK:

The Clerk has completed the Calendar. But I do have a Change of Reference.

Change of Reference Favorable Report Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary on Substitute S.B. 30 An Act Concerning An Appropriation to the Department of Children and Youth Services.

THE CHAIR:

Appropriations.

THE CLERK:

The Clerk has a number of Resolutions.

This is Senate Resolution 43, Resolution Restricting The Activities of Lobbyists In The State Senate Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Caldwell.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. President, I move for the acceptance of the Resolution

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J. Gill: (cont'd) There are two bills here which would do away with transfers and we say, well, there's got to be something to take there place. This is admittedly...

Sen. Jackson: Well, Judge, do you feel that the youthful offender bill #497 will facilitate transfers?

S.B.#497 - AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS

J. Gill: I think, that I read this to be in lieu of transfers. And if this were passed the transfer section would be eliminated. Am I wrong?

Sen. Jackson: That's correct.

J. Gill: I think, it would be a substitute that 's worth trying. I think we've got a lot in the transfer act and what's happening under it is not as good as it ought to be and while obviously there are going to be problems in any act particularly a new one I thought the act was well conceived and I don't see why it couldn't be effectively implemented.

Sen. Jackson: Thank you.

J. Gill: Now, we also as judges favor the provisos in the bills #250 and #388 dealing with procedures in child abuse cases.

S.B.#250 - AN ACT CONCERNING TESTIMONY OF HUSBAND AND WIFE IN CHILD-ABUSE CASES.

S.B.#388 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE CORRECTION OF CHILD ABUSE.

We are the judges who hear these cases almost all of them and it is true that the effective presentation of these cases has on occasion been hampered by such technicalities as the question of privileges between husband and wife and some other problems which have been looked at in the statutes. We think they are good statutes and would hope that they would be passed. We also favor the amendment in bill #243 which would modify the definition of the kind of force that parents or parental surrogates may use on children by the insertion of the word "reasonable" as a qualification of the phrase of something less than deadly force. I think, a lot of people have felt that this is a pretty wide open clause and that it could stand some elaboration and interpretation.

We would like to point out that bill #6368 which deals with transfers from the Connecticut School for Boys to Cheshire may have built into it some of the same legal booby traps which have been characteristic of every transfer bill in the last 6 or 8 years.

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J. Gill: (cont'd) In other words, we wonder very much whether it is possible for the Juvenile Court to hold hearings which will result in a -- being issued to send the child to a so called, correctional institution which is unfortunately of the penal orientation. And with all of the cases, it seems to say that this is a questionable not to say unconstitutional practice. We're wondering if the new bill has moved us very far away from where we were with the old one. There's a great deal of law on this. There are administrative transfers in other states. But generally, it's between the same channels or the same levels of difficulty. You don't have children going with the penal system or the other way around. If it's within institutions, all right. But when you move up or you move down to a different level of treatment then, you may conceivably have a very real problem.

Now, gentlemen, if I've overstayed myself, I know. I'll introduce Judge Brenneman so that you could ...

Rep. Carrozzella: Judge, would you just mind, we have two other Representatives who I'm sure have other business and they're going to be very short, I hope, like about 30 seconds each.

Rep. Stevens: Very short, Mr. Chairman, would like to just comment briefly in favor of the concept of S.B.#734 by Sen. Ciarlone and Sen. Lieberman from New Haven.

S.B.#734 - AN ACT CONCERNING PARTICIPATION BY FOSTER PARENTS IN JUVENILE COURT PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING CHILDREN IN THEIR CARE.

Which is to give foster parents some legal standing in Juvenile Court proceedings involving children which are in their care. I don't think that Connecticut can wait for a case by case development in this area. I think, some legislation should come out this session that would give foster parents through their attorney the right to cross-examine, to confront witnesses and to add their testimony to proceedings involving a child which they have had with them. I know I had this brought to my attention during the past year by foster parents in Milford who related to me cases where children had been with the foster parents for 5, 6, 7 and 8 years and then, proceedings in the Juvenile Court were instituted and the parents have found it very difficult in dealing with the state to have any say. Often, I think, foster parents think of the state as a highly immovable object which has only one desire and that is to put complications between the foster child and them. I know that's not true but I do think that if