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MR. SPEAKER:

Would the Members strike this from the Consent Calendar since it appears on the regular Calendar on Page 4. It's the third Calendar item, File No. 315.

THE CLERK:

All right. Business on the Consent Calendar.

RONALD A. SARASIN:

Mr. Speaker, before proceeding with the Consent Calendar, I wish to remove from the Consent Calendar the item on the top of Page 2, Calendar No. 406, H.B. No. 6494, an Act authorizing the conveyance to the City of Putnam of a small strip of land from the State. File No. 330.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your individual objection is noted. This item will be removed from the Consent Calendar.

RONALD A. SARASIN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I now move acceptance of the Joint Committees' favorable reports and passage of the Bills on the Consent Calendar, which are Calendar No. 400, substitute for H.B. No. 8705, an Act concerning the removal of the remains of deceased patients, see Calendar No. 400, File No. 338; Calendar No. 402, House Joint Resolution No. 079, Resolution concerning pollution of the Byram River, File No. 340; Calendar No. 403, H.B. No. 5375, an Act concerning liability of liquor sellers for damage by intoxicated persons, File No. 324; on Page 2, Calendar No. 407, H.B. No. 7215, an Act concerning issuing of bonds for sewer

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construction, File No. 332; Calendar No. 429, S.B. No. 0604, an Act concerning the administration of the agreement on detainers, File No. 206; Calendar No. 430, substitute for S.B. 0618, an Act concerning compensation for injuries of inmates of institutions of the Departments of Correction and Children and Youth Services, File No. 205; Calendar No. 431, S.B. No. 1510, an Act removing the requirement that a pharmacist or chemist supervise dispensing of drugs by wholesalers, File No. 204. I move the adoption...or passage of these Bills.

MR. SPEAKER:

Is there objection, individually, on the part of any Member to the consideration of these Bills on the Consent Calendar? Hearing none, the question is on the acceptance of the Joint Committees' favorable reports and passage of the Bills. All those in favor indicate by saying "aye". Those opposed. Bills are passed.

RONALD A. SARASIN:

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Rule 48, I move the following items be placed on the Consent Calendar: on Page 4, top of the page, Calendar No. 0344, H.B. No. 8767, an Act changing the name of the Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut, File No. 361; Calendar No. 352, H.B. No. 8984, an Act validating proceedings of the Town of Southington authorizing bond issue approved at referendum December 29, 1970, File No. 366; on Page 6, bottom of the page, Calendar No. 423, H.B. No. 5989, an Act concerning the property tax exemption of servicemen and ex-servicemen having

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the adoption of the resolution. Signify by saying aye. AYE.
Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

THE CLERK:

Page 12 under single starred items, third item from the bottom, Cal. 392, File 332 Favorable report Joint Standing Committee on the Environment on House Bill 7215 An Act Concerning Issuing of Bonds for Sewer Construction.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Pac.

SENATOR PAC:

Mr. President, I move for acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR PAC:

This bill would permit the towns that want to post bonds to construct sewerage facilities to be able to do this despite the fact that they may be located out of town. It would also permit two or more towns to jointly build these kind of sewage facilities. The question has arisen in the town of Mansfield where they wanted to float these bonds to pay for a facility that would be located in Coventry. And this legal impediment was in their way. So I think its a good bill.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage of the bill. Will you remark

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further. If not all those in favor of passage of the bill signify by saying aye. AYE. Opposed? The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Page 13 please top of the page. Calendar No. 395, File 337
Favorable report Joint Standing Committee on the Environment on
H.B. 8686 An Act Concerning Regulations Under the Connecticut
Meat And Poultry Products Inspection Act. (As amended by House
amendment A)

THE CHAIR:

Senator Pac.

SENATOR PAC:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR PAC:

This bill would permit the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to use his reference the regulations put out by the Federal Consumer Agency. In order to revise these regulations and really conform them in the sense the Connecticut regulations is a time consuming and costly task. Actually our regulations have to conform to federal regulations. And all it has entailed is costly printing expense etc. The only things we revise are references from U. S. Standards to Conn. Standards. Changes in Chapter designation etc. This is about the extent of the bill.

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Chairman Pac presiding;
Sens: Pac, Gunther
Reps: Ciampi, Iwanicki, Matthews, Clark,
Hogan, Lavine, Platt, Fox, Locke, Tiffany,
Rogers, Grab, Pugliese, Stroffolino,
McNellis

Chairman Pac: This is the public hearing of the Environment Committee. First, we'll have the legislators speak, but I think this is rather redundant, there are no legislators here. Oh, there is one, I'm sorry. We'll begin by hearing the legislator first. After that, we'll begin the public portion of this program. Now, we'll first begin with the three bills having to do with bonding, financing of pollution equipment, and these three bills are S.B. 937. AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT INDUSTRIAL BUILDING COMMISSION LOANS TO INDUSTRY, H.B. 7215, AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUING OF BONDS FOR SEWER CONSTRUCTION, and H.B. 7930. AN ACT CONCERNING STATE GUARANTEE OF LOANS FOR POLLUTION CONTROL DEVICES. These will be the first three. Those speaking for it will speak first, and those against it next.

Sen. Gunther: Mr. Chairman, I'm Senator Gunther from the 21st Senatorial District, I'd like to first speak on S.B. 1458, AN ACT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES, and S.B. 1525, AN ACT CONCERNING A COMMISSION TO REGULATE SITING OF ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS. Both S.B. 1458 and S.B. 1525 are basically designed to create a commission to regulate the siting of power plants in our state. The need for this type of legislation is urgent. Other states have recognized this need and have passed laws to govern utilities in the locating of these power plant sites, and to designate the transmission areas in need of power sources. Washington, California, New York and Vermont have already adopted some form of control. Both these bills are a composite of one or more of the laws from these states.

In 1969 the situation with the United Illuminating Company acquiring Cokenoe Island and earmarking it for an atomic power plant site really brought this situation to a head, and was instrumental in the establishment of a Commission that spent the last one and a half years studying the need for control. I was a member of that Commission and must say that after extensive consultation with the utility companies and the various state and federal agencies, I am more convinced than ever that Connecticut cannot afford to continue to allow the utility companies to indiscriminately develop their own site and transmission programs. At this point, I don't think any agency is really watch-dogging the environmental impact of our utility development programs. Although the utilities claim they consider the environmental effects, their primary concern is usually costs - in dollars and cents.

We can no longer base the development of these utilities on an economic feasibility, but we must also consider the ecological, esthetic, environmental and recreational values of the people of our state. These are values that, on a short range basis, cannot be evaluated in dollars and cents, but in the long run, could be much more costly than the expenditure of money.

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that you would know already what their general direction of movement would be, and you could discuss with them at an earlier stage than thirty days whether this seemed a feasible direction to move. Because if the power company does purchase additional rights of way, it becomes an extremely great burden upon a Commission to then reject that particular application. And I would suggest that thirty days is not adequate to do this. I would, furthermore, suggest that perhaps there might be some reference in here to making subsequent purchases of rights of way conditional upon approval of your Commission. Now, this raises that awfully difficult question of how you can negotiate land purchase without raising the price and it becoming exorbitant. But I do believe that isolated individuals are put in the position where they don't know what their rights are, and perhaps that some reference could be made in here, some means of dealing with that particular problem would be of value. I don't have a concrete proposal, but I would like to bring it to your attention. Thank you very much.

Sen. Pac: Thank you, Representative. We'll hear S.B. 937, H.B. 7215, and H.B. 7930; these are the bills that deal with bonding and financing. Anyone in favor, please come to the microphone.

Mr. Moore: My name is Dennis Moore, I'm the town manager of Coventry, Connecticut, and I wish to speak for H.B. 7215. This bill deals with clarifying the town's power to bond for common sewer facilities that may be located in another community. As the present time, we have been dealing and working with the town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut in the construction of a sewer system. But we're told that there is a question whether or not Mansfield could float the bonds to pay for a sewage treatment plant that would be located in Coventry. Now, the Water Resources Commission is putting much emphasis on these regional plants, where possible, but under the present circumstances it makes it very difficult for the communities to support, to raise their share of money through bonding, if the plant is located in another community. This is the extent of my remarks, but I do urge you to recommend passage of this particular piece of legislation. It's an amendment to the present statute, and it's just the addition of one sentence or one phrase. Thank you.

Mr. Lane: My name is Arthur Lane from Meriden, Connecticut. I'd like to speak in favor of H.B. 7930. Incidentally, my remarks also apply to H.B. 7931. AN ACT CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE CLEAN AIR COMMISSION, which may be next, I don't know. And I would like to read a letter I sent to Rep. John Papandrea, 257 West Main St., Meriden, Connecticut.

"At the request of the Meriden Health Department a meeting was held yesterday with representatives of the Health Department, the State of Connecticut Clean Air Commission and the Meriden Foundry Company. The purpose of the meeting was to determine what we were doing and planned to do in order to comply with the Commission's regulations pertaining to particulate emission by the Foundry into the atmosphere.

"The Commission has set a deadline of September 1, 1971, by which date we and all other companies must install pollution controlling devices on stacks that are emitting pollutants into the air.

"The regulations of the Clean Air Commission are most necessary and desirable if we, the citizens of Connecticut, are to recreate an acceptable