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Cal. 439, H.B. 6477, AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSES FOR HUNTING, TRAPPING AND FISHING, File 359.

Mr. Speaker, if there are no objections to any of these matters being passed as Consent bills, I now move for the acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report on these matters and passage of the respective bills.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The gentleman of the 95th.

MR. SARASIN: (95th)

Mr. Speaker, I request you, sir, to remove Cal. No. 0434, H.B. 7568, File 356 from the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

So ordered.

Is there any further objection on any items enumerated in the motion. If not, the question is on the acceptance of the joint committee's favorable reports and passage of the bills on Consent. All those in favor will indicate by saying AYE. Opposed. The bills are PASSED.

The gentleman from the 92nd.

MR. MAHANEY: (92nd)

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would like to move that the following matters be placed on the Consent Calendar, pursuant to House Joint Rule 48. I direct the House's attention to Page 5 of today's Calendar:

Cal. 445, H.B. 5341, AN ACT CONCERNING THE FORM OF BILLS AMENDING THE GENERAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, File 374.

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SENATOR MONDANI:

The bill, Mr. President allows an option now where on school busses when they need some type of protection when they are driving in the slippery weather can use studded snow tires or they are allowed the regular chain non skid devices on the outside rear wheel.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

Ca. 412, File 359 Favorable report joint standing committee on the Environment H.B. 6477 An Act Concerning Licenses for Hunting, Trapping and Fishing.

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 revise the Section of the Statute that prohibits hunting, fishing and trapping without a license. But it will do is prohibit the attempt to hunt, trap or fish.

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For instance the Warden might come along and you might have a fly in the stream and not have caught anything. But your attempting to catch something I suppose. Or you might have a trap laid out and you haven't caught anything, your attempting to catch something. So this is aimed at this type of offense.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Crafts.

SENATOR CRAFTS:

Mr. President, members of the circle I rise to oppose this bill. I agree, I do agree that anyone who places a trap is attempting to catch game. I agree that any person who has fishing equipment and a lure or hook in the water is attempting to catch fish. However, circumstantial evidence that could be gathered when a man takes his hunting dogs out into the field to train them prior to hunting season. This man must carry a gun. That is loaded with ammunition. He must fire this gun in order to properly his dogs. If he is seen in this act. If the Game Warden hears the firing of the gun. Witnesses the dogs accompanying him. I see this could be very damaging. And in reality be a very innocent act. I ask the members of the circle to seriously consider this. That I don't believe, I do not believe that this bill is necessary to make more arrests. Or more convictions. I don't believe that there is that many violations really to make it necessary. And it could be very damaging to the sportsmen.

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THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Eddy.

SENATOR EDDY:

I rise to support the bill, Mr. President. And on the objection that has been raised by the Senator Crafts. It seems to me that if this were really a problem. Number 1, the Game Warden would recognize what the man was doing. And 2, if he really felt there was danger he would use blank ammunition.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Ives.

SENATOR IVES:

Mr. President, I rise to oppose the bill. In the time when we are trying to develop open spaces. And the use of recreation, and the multiple use of land. We are trying to put a criminal statute on the book which can be used for harrassment. Are we getting to the point where a man carrying a fishing pole can be arrested for attempting fishing. Depending on whether he is wearing wadding boots or not. Or whether he is just going from his house to his car. And this is what this bill, this bill is a criminal statute. And if he is fishing without a license theres no question he can be arrested for it. It gets to be a ridiculous situation where we are going to arrest somebody for the attempt to fish. And I think its an area in which we do not need any increase in our criminal statutes. And I think the bill should be defeated.

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THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Rome.

SENATOR ROME:

Mr. President, I would like to associate my remarks with Senator Crafts. And I really think the test of a good bill isn't met in this case. I think the bill ought to be defeated.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? If not all those in favor of passage of the bill signify by saying aye. AYE. Opposed nay? NAY. The Chair is in doubt. All those in favor please stand. Opposed please stand. Fifteen yeas, twelve nays. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Page 5 please, second item from the top, Cal. 414, File No. 360. Favorable report joint standing committee on Government Administration and Policy H.B. 6868 An Act Amending The Charter of the Old Quarry Association.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?