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correctional institutions, File No. 290; on Page 3, Calendar No. 558, S.B. No. 0881, an Act concerning notice of a vessel lien, File No. 343; Calendar No. 561, S.B. No. 1011, an Act concerning the keeping of prescription records by pharmacies, File No. 292; Calendar No. 564, Substitute for S.B. No. 1513, an Act concerning testimonial affairs in honor of candidates, File No. 372; Calendar No. 566, S.B. No. 1642, an Act authorizing the State Park and Forest Commission to exchange certain land. Mr. Speaker, referring you, sir, to Page 2, I would ask that Calendar No. 551, S.B. No. 0598, an Act concerning the entering of unauthorized items or persons into correctional institutions, File No. 210, be removed from the Consent Calendar.

MR. SPEAKER:

So ordered.

RONALD A. SARASIN:

An I would ask the adoption of the other Bills.

MR. SPEAKER:

You've heard the motion. Is there objection on the part of any individual member to any of the enumerated items being considered on Consent? Hearing none, the motion is for acceptance and passage on consent of the enumerated items. All those in favor will indicate by saying "aye". All those opposed. The Bills are passed.

RONALD A. SARASIN:

Mr. Speaker, I move the following items be placed on the Consent Calendar, pursuant to Rule 48. On Page 10, the middle of

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its adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Now, I would normally rule that, where an amendment takes out the entire previous bill and substitute therefore, that it is substantive, but, in your opinion, is this a technical amendment?

THE MEMBER:

Yes, sir, it is.

THE CHAIR:

Will rule technical, then. Will you move the amendment.

MEMBER SPEAKING:

Yes, I do.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further, on the amendment. If not, all those in favor signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The amendment is passed.

THE MEMBER:

Mr. President, this bill is a validating act. Validating a notice mailed on May 1, 1970 and received May 4, 1970 to the City of Danbury. This was an untimely notice. It is not a question of limitation. I urge its adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage of the bill. Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The bill is passed, as amended.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 283. File No. 372. Favorable report of the Joint Committee on Education, Substitute Senate Bill 1112, Act Concerning Termination

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Affairs in Honor of ~~Confidential~~.SENATOR ~~STRADA~~:

I move for acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. The present law permits that you can hold a testimonial for a candidate running for office if it's held in the calendar year prior to election or primary. This bill now also provides that you can hold a testimonial dinner not later than 90 days after the election which he ran. This bill would amend the present bill, permitting testimonial dinners to be run after the election, if you have a deficit until such time that the deficit is paid off. It is a reasonable and logical bill because everybody wants to make sure that the deficit is paid and I think it's a benefit to the general public to people who have money coming from candidates who are not in a position to pay them. So, this would extend the time after an election, if there is a deficit until such time as that deficit is eliminated.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage, will you remark further? If not, all those in favor signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay, the bill is passed."

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 289. File No. 342. Favorable report of the joint committee on General Law. CONFIDENTIAL. An Act Concerning ~~Confidential~~ Construction.

SENATOR STRADA:

Mr. President, I move for acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill amends Section 19-308a of the General Statutes to eliminate anticipated conflict this statute and the State Building Code. The language that is thought to be deleted is no longer

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Senator Dupont: We'll go back to SB1358 - AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR REFERENDUM introduced by Thomas Mondani, anyone who would like to speak in favor or in opposition. We'll move to SB1513 - AN ACT CONCERNING TESTIMONIAL AFFAIRS IN HONOR OF CANDIDATES.

Harry Hammer: I would like to point out we are presently working on a comprehensive revision of the Corrupt Practices Act which would include the section concerning testimonials.

All of us who are charged with the administration of Section 9-348n are in agreement that the 90 day cut-off, which this year was February 3rd, is an arbitrary one and works an extreme hardship on particularly defeated candidates who have incurred deficits. Most defeated candidates have particularly in state-wide primaries and elections. It would seem that the principle behind this bill is a good one. It should make it very clear there should be no limitation of time with respect to a defeated candidate who has incurred a deficit, although he should be required to report in detail the proceeds of such testimonial dinners. An incumbent should be allowed to hold testimonial affairs for a period of six months from the date of the election in any event, but he should also be required to submit an itemized accounting.

The original purpose of this bill was to make certain that office holders did not abuse the privilege to conducting testimonial affairs, so I don't think either a defeated candidate or office-holder should be deprived of a right to raise funds, particularly if he has incurred a deficit, and there shouldn't be any limited time on a defeated candidate. We have had many problems enforcing this provision and frankly in the case of defeated candidates it does impose a great hardship.

Our office is in favor of this bill with some modification along the lines I have just suggested.

Senator Dupont: Mr. Hammer, you mentioned at the beginning of your testimony a bill your office was preparing, could you tell the committee when they might expect that bill or what the status is?

Harry Hammer: I would hope this bill would be ready and be available to this committee in time for your next executive session whenever that maybe.

Senator Dupont: That will be next week. That bill will have a provision similar to SB1513 that will allow candidates with a deficit to hold testimonials after the 90 day period.

Harry Hammer: Yes it will.

Senator Dupont: We are now hearing HB7620 - CONCERNING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINORITY REPRESENTATION LAW.

John W. Wieder, Jr., Wethersfield: Speaking in favor of the bill because I offered it. I have been active in politics in