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PA 71-172		1706	2	1	2
<u>Committee Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Public Health & Safety</i> 861 • <i>Public Health & Safety</i> 866 				<u>House Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1979(<i>consent</i>) 	<u>Senate Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1217- 1218

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Cal. 609, House Bill 7971, AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF PAROLE, File 561.

Cal. 614, Senate Bill 0862, AN ACT CONCERNING FORFEITED BONDS IN NONSUPPORT CASES, File 418.

Cal. 617, Senate Bill 1706, AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF ABANDONED OR UNUSED CEMETERY LOTS, File 422.

I move adoption of these bills.

THE SPEAKER:

You have heard the motion of the gentleman of the 95th. Is there further objection. If not, the question is on acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bills. All those in favor indicate by saying AYE. Opposed. The bills are PASSED.

The gentleman from the 95th.

MR. SARASIN: (95th)

Mr. Speaker, I move the following bills be placed on the Consent Calendar, pursuant to Rule 48.

Cal. 620, H.B. 6617, AN ACT CONCERNING OWNERSHIP OF SAVINGS BANK INVESTMENT COMPANY SHARES BY THE SAVINGS BANK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, File 569.

Cal. 621, H.B. 7196, AN ACT CONCERNING ENLARGING THE NUMBER OF BANKS ELIGIBLE FOR APPROVAL BY THE BANK COMMISSIONER AS RESERVE AGENTS FOR STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES, File 572.

Cal. 629, S. B. 0726, AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL TREATMENT PROVIDED BY TOWNS, File 435.

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Report and Passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Any comments?

SENATOR PAC:

This is a time when I would need a law degree. This bill really amends the Sections relating to Real Estate. And what it will do is that any charitable trust or any governmental body holding a restriction in terms of, that has been granted to them on any land would have it enforceable in Court. Despite the lack of privity. Now privity is defined as a common bond between participants in a transaction. And often times this common bond is lacking. In these instances. And these restrictions don't run with the law of the land. They are based on some past common law. So in order to get around this and to have some people donate land for conservation and preservation purposes this bill would of course technically amend it.

THE CHAIR:

Further remarks? The question is on the acceptance of the Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill. Those in favor indicate by saying aye. AYE. Opposed? The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Bottom of the page Cal. No. 330 , File No. 422. Favorable Report Joint Standing Committee on Public Health and Safety on S.B. 1706. An Act Concerning the Sale of Abandoned or Unused Cemetery Lots.

THE CHAIR:

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SENATOR PAC:

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

THE CHAIR:

Comments?

SENATOR PAC:

Any Cemetery Association may sell any abandoned lot or unused portion of lot that have not had their assessments paid for ten years or longer. Now this bill would just extend this prerogative to any town that operates the cemetery. Now if they did sell the land this town and its legislative body would use the funds to pay off the assessments due and the remainder would go in a perpetual care fund.

THE CHAIR:

Any further remarks?

SENATOR PAC:

The question is on the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Those in favor indicate by saying aye. AYE. Opposed? The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Top of page 7, Cal. No. 331, File 271. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary on H.B. 5287 An Act Concerning Subpoenas.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fauliso.

SENATOR FAULISO:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the committee's favorable

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patients, from the presence of other patients in hospitals. Now it's been my experience over a period of years since the advent of, of convalescent homes and rest homes, that we encounter many, many unpleasant experiences when a patient expires in a room of many patients, a four bed ward, three bed ward, sometime during the night, and we go in to make the removal of the, the deceased, many times with no facilities available in the nursing home to protect the other patients from seeing the patient being removed from the bed, put on a stretcher and taken out. We feel that this is embarrassing for us. We feel that this is very depressing to say the least for the other patients in the rooms. We would hope that this bill went further and would specify that these convalescent homes or nursing homes should provide, well, for the want of another word, a holding room. Many of them do. Many of them make the removal and do put them in a room until morning when a physician could come in and pronounce them dead. Which brings up another subject but which we won't go into.

I'd also like to speak in favor of H.B. 1706 (AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF ABANDONED OR UNUSED CEMETERY LOTS), which deals with the sale of abandoned cemetery lots. We feel that the shortage of land, the fact that cemeteries are now burying double depth in most of our Connecticut cities, that the acquisition of these unused cemetery lots would be beneficial to the general public. Thank you.

Sen. Pac: Thank you. Mary L. Allwein. William Holsten next. Mary Allwein. Mr. Hale next.

William Holsten: I'm Legislative Chairman of the Connecticut Council of Senior Citizens. Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, The Conn. Council of Senior Citizens, Inc., with a membership of over 80,000 is greatly concerned with the spiraling costs of hospitalization. These costs are eroding the benefits which medicare was supposed to relieve the poor and the elderly. Press reports indicate that the national average costs of maintaining a hospital patient for one day rose from \$9.50 per day in 1946 to \$81.00 last year to \$93.00 this year and is expected to reached \$110.00 per day by 1973.

At the beginning of Medicare in 1966, patients 65 years and older had to pay the first \$40,00 of the hospital bill, This charge has been increased steadily until on January 1st, 1971 the patient had to pay the first \$60,00.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare stated that under the law these costs had to be reviewed yearly and adjusted in accordance with costs assessed by the hospitals. Also the charge per day after the first 60 days was increased from the original costs of \$10,00 per day to \$15.00 per day effective January 1st, 1971.

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Rep. Cohen: You could move them and then he could make his examination there.

Mr. Holmes: Yes. See, the law right now requires the attending physician and what we're trying to do is get the Health Department to change the interpretation of it so that any physician, any licensed physician rather than the attending physician, and then have the attending physician sign the necessary certificate within a twenty-four hour period. But, it's quite disturbing to the patients in there when you come in with -

The other bill I'd just like to speak in support of is 1706, which is concerning the sale of abandoned or unused cemetery lots. This was introduced by Senator Odegard from Manchester also. And we find that there are a good number of lots where they will never be used and the bill requires a ten year limitation on there before they can be sold, and it also requires a three week insert in a local newspaper in the town where the lot is located. So that I think there is ample notification of it before this lot is turned back to the town or to the corporation or facility having ownership.

Sen. Pac: Thank you, sir. Virginia Henderson.

Virginia Henderson: I'm speaking in opposition to the bill 8708 and I'll try not to repeat the points that have been made by other people. Like to - I'd like to call attention to these two studies. One by the National Commission for the Study of Nursing and Nursing Education and the other, the Carnegie Commission's, Carnegie Commission on Higher Education's Report on Medical Education. The recommendation of this last commission studying nursing reiterates what has been recommended by previous studies, which is that the number of nurses (not clear). We have overproduced nurses. We have underproduced nurses in quality. We of the health manpower employed today or in 1968 probably our latest figures, 11% of physicians, 28% of graduate nurses, and they - 29% of practical nurses and attendants. The recommendation on medical education is that the number of physicians be increased by 50%. The recommendations of the Commission on Nursing is that nurses not be increased in numbers but be increased in quality, the quality of the nurses preparation be increased. I speak as chairman of the Education Committee of the Conn. Nurses, State Nurses Association, and also editor of an annotated index on the nursing literature over a period of 60 years. And I think I can say with some confidence that historically the inclusion of physicians and hospital administrators on exact, examining boards, has not tended to increase the quality of preparation of nurses but rather the number of nurses which we now do not I believe need.

Sen. Pac: Thank you, ma'am.