

<b>Act Number</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Total Number of Committee Pages</b>	<b>Total Number of House Pages</b>	<b>Total Number of Senate Pages</b>
PA 71-180		7955	3	1	1
<u>Committee Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Public Personnel &amp; Military Affairs</i> 141</li> <li>• <i>Public Personnel &amp; Military Affairs</i> 145</li> <li>• <i>Public Personnel &amp; Military Affairs</i> 146</li> </ul>				<u>House Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1761(<i>consent</i>)</li> </ul>	<u>Senate Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1512</li> </ul>

**H-111**

**CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE**

**PROCEEDINGS  
1971**

**VOL. 14  
PART 4  
1451-1967**

Wednesday, April 28, 1971 11.

MBS

On page 2, Calendar No. 482, House Bill No. 5163, An Act Concerning Actions for Partition or Sale of Property, file number 403.

Calendar No. 483, Substitute for House Bill No. 5165, An Act Concerning Record of Discharge of Mechanic's and Judgment Liens, file number 414.

Calendar No. 484, Substitute for House Bill No. 5283, An Act Concerning the Rendering of Professional Services Through a Professional Service Corporation by Psychologists, file number 413.

Calendar No. 488, Substitute for House Bill No. 8026, An Act Concerning the Return Day for Appeals in Civil Actions, file number 407.

Calendar No. 490, Substitute for House Bill No. 8010. An Act Concerning Copies of Files and Testimony in Criminal Cases, file number 406.

Calendar No. 498, Substitute for House Bill No. 6136, An Act Concerning the Definition of Annual Salary for Teacher Retirement Purposes, file number 448.

Calendar No. 502, Substitute for House Bill No. 7955, An Act Concerning Election of Retirement Benefits by New State Employees, file number 455.

On page 3, Calendar No. 506, Substitute for House Bill No. 8699, An Act Concerning Municipal Public Health Directors, file number 463.

**S-79**

**CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**SENATE**

**PROCEEDINGS  
1971**

**VOL. 14  
PART 4  
1457-1920**

May 4, 1971

Page 14

report and passage of the bill. This bill provides penalties when parents refuse to surrender a child according to a Juvenile Court Order. It's badly needed legislation and I urge its adoption.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 482. File No. 455. Favorable report of the joint committee on Public Personnel and Military Affairs. Substitute House Bill 7955. An Act Concerning Election of Retirement Benefits by New State Employees.

SENATOR BURKE:

Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the joint committee s favorable report and the passage of this bill. This provides for a new state employees who may be entitled to become eligible for membership in the State Employees Retirement System. I urge its passage.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

Clerk has just received from the House, by special messenger, a change of reference, favorable report of the joint committee on Judiciary. Substitute House Bill 9233. An Act Concerning the Treatment of Persons Arrested for Violation of Controlled Drug Statutes. Referred to Appropriations.

CAL. NO. 483. File No. 407. Favorable report of the joint committee on Judiciary. Substitute House Bill 8026. An Act Concerning the Return Day for Appeals in Civil Actions.

**JOINT  
STANDING  
COMMITTEE  
HEARINGS**

**PUBLIC  
PERSONNEL  
AND  
MILITARY  
AFFAIRS**

**1-148**

**1971  
Index**

PUBLIC PERSONNEL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

TUESDAY

MARCH 23, 1971

Mr, Bitzer,

I am speaking for the Retirement Commission today. You remember 7955. AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS BY NEW STATE EMPLOYEES. This would provide that employees who had not made an election by any one of the plans in the Retirement System could automatically be in part B and therefore would not go by a six month period and be precluded from ever being a member of the State Employees Retirement Plan. The present situation is hard and this would help to make it more palatable. 7956, this substitutes the word spouse for widow in the plan covering policemen and firemen survivors benefits. There are a couple of police women already covered. It's in line with what is being done in private pensions and has an anti-discrimination laws and we recommend its passage. 7959 is merely a clarification bill there has been some confusion whether we cover disability after employees leave State service and of course the fact is we do not, so we put the words while in State service here for clarification purposes. 7961 provides the teachers who have not made any election will automatically after one month be in the State Employees Retirement Fund, otherwise, as it works now, I think they would be covered for Social Security only, which gives them an opportunity to pick one of the State plans if they fail to join the Teacher's Plan. All four of those bills the Retirement Commission recommends. There is a bill 8228 which has to do with the Medical Board. It provides for increasing the numbers the medical board working with us. We are highly in favor of this bill, they do a fine job, a thorough job and their work load has increased, the number of state employees has increased, they are going to speak for themselves in sympathy with their bill. All these things are pretty good so far but now I come to 8511 where I have been empowered to say a few words on the contrary side of that bill. That kind of coverage, death benefit to the widows and survivors was very difficult to obtain. The State did not want to take the risk, we got an insurance company to do it. The insurance company has a contract that starts on July 1, and ends on June 30th. They set a rate at the beginning of the year we had to know who is in the plan at the beginning of the year. If groups to come in during the year, particularly a large group, it might throw the cost off, they might not be willing to take it at that cost, and there are practical administrative considerations and first we'd have to get the insurance underwriter to agree and it complicates the administration, what we are doing. Thank you.

Rep. Motto,

Are there any questions? Thank you, Mr. Bitzer. Dr. Moore, then Aaron Gersten.

TUESDAY

MARCH 23, 1971

Rep. Motto, Thank you Doctor. Damon Shingleton followed by John Bannon and Howard Reynolds.

Mr. Shingleton, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, Damon Shingleton I'm the Director of the Conn. State Employees Council 16. I just want to speak briefly on a couple of bills that you have before you today. I would say that we completely agree with Dr. Bachman's testimony . There is a great need for additional help in the Medical Retirement Board. Many individuals who are handicapped must wait for long periods of time because the Board is so over worked and certainly HB-8228 is a very good bill and we would hope the Committee gives it favorable consideration. On HB-7959 basically it is the intent of the bill to clarify the intent of Retirement and not the change of the option after retirement . We would support the bill but we could see how the bill as written could create problems. We question whether an individual who has a handicap when he comes into State service whether or not he would be eligible to get his retirement under this section and if he did come down with a condition which would worsen the handicap which he already had when hired by the State. We support HB-7955 we feel it has a void in retirement law that individuals who come into State service don't really know what option they should take. Many cases wind up with only a portion of the retirement and certainly this would be a move in the right direction. Thank you very much.

Rep. Motto, Any questions? Thank you Damon. John Bannon.

Mr. Bannon, Gentlemen, and members of the Committee, my name is John Bannon President of the Conn. State Federation of Teachers. AFL-CIO. We would like to oppose HB-8510. We feel that this bill would cause another crisis for the Teacher's Retirement System by another delay of funds and will not keep faith with those who have paid into the system for many years. What is actually going to take place we are afraid is that with the deficit that is facing our State financial theme for people in the legislature and in other places to look for sources of funds. We would hope that after the bonding procedure which was instigated in 1969, we would hope that any further raise on the Teacher Retirement Fund would cease. If this continues to go on in any form what will eventually happen is we will be in the exact same position the State Employees' Retirement Fund is in and eventually we will just be creating more problems for the State of Connecticut and eventually we will have another bankrupt situation facing the teachers of the State and these teachers who have been paying in for many years will not appreciate the fact that their money would be going down the drain . So what we are asking you is this Committee report unfavorable HB-8510 as another way of assisting another situation that would cause untold harm to the Teacher's Retirement System. The teachers would like

PUBLIC PERSONNEL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

TUESDAY

MARCH 23, 1971

to go on record in support of HB-7446. We had a situation and we were kind of the middlemen. We were not the bargaining agent there but our Local was involved directly in the situation and what actually took place was something we think Rep. Badalato's bill can correct and that is that once a contract has been negotiated in good faith that this contract be accepted as a contract in existence to the employees and the employee board in the city in whatever instance they try to negotiate.

Rep. Motto,

Mr. Bannon, this bill by some mistake was transferred back to us from Education. That's where it is right now. Either that or it is in Labor now. We hope it is not having a difficult time if it is in Labor.

Mr. Bannon,

We want to check on that one and follow it through. Thank you very much Rep. Motto. We also would like to support the idea of Rep. Stevens Hb-7621. We ourselves have asked Rep. Prete to submit HB-7024 which we feel which is good for Retirement Funds. At the present time the teachers who are supplying many dollars for the Retirement Fund have nothing to say about the investment of those funds and we would like that representation for the teachers in the State. We would also like to support some of the bills before your Committee on behalf of fellow workers here in the State of Connecticut. HB-8233 dealing with lung disease and dealing with the Unemployment Compensation aspects of lung disease, we would like to go on record in favor of that bill. We are in close contact with many firemen and we recognize that that situation exists and many of these people are in need of help. We also would like to support HR-7819 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN. We also would like to support H R-8229. This I might add does effect our members. We have a situation here where I was involved directly where we actually tried to initiate some help for a teacher in one of our schoolshere in the State of Connecticut. We tried to move the man from the situation he was in in order to relieve him. Actually as a result of what we did nothing happened. Shortly after the man involved had a mental breakdown and the situation was unfortunate in that it could have been taken care of if we had better coverage so we would like to go on record in support of 8229. Thank you very much.

Rep. Motto,

Thank you, Mr. Bannon. Sal Perruccio.

Mr. Perruccio,

My name is Sal Perruccio President of State Employees Union Independent. I would like to speak in favor of bill 7955 and that is the option for State employees after six months to be allowed to take their pension. What happened now the employee is anxious to get a job and when interviewed the employer asks them various questions and it is easy to say that they want this coverage but when it comes to a pension it becomes complicated.