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Those are the items on today's Consent Calendar.

MR. SPEAKER:

You've heard the motion of the gentleman from the 95th. If any Representative objects to action on any of these bills on the Consent Calendar? 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, those opposed. The bills are passed.

RONALD A. SARASIN, 95th District:

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

On page 8, third from the bottom, Calendar No. 519, House Bill No. 5254, An Act Concerning Estates of Welfare Recipients,

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SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. It's a very technical bill which discharges invalid mechanic's liens which sometimes are left on the land records and create a cloud on the title. I urge the adoption of the bill.

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. 467. File No. 413. Favorable report of the joint committee on Judiciary. Substitute House Bill 5283. An Act Concerning the Rendering of Professional Services Through a Professional Service Corporation by Psychologists.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This merely adds Psychologists to the now long list of authorized professional people allowed to incorporate. I urge passage.

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. 472. File No. 448. Favorable report of the joint committee on Public Personnel and Military Affairs. Substitute House Bill 6136. An Act Concerning the Definition of Annual Salary for Teacher Retirement Purposes.

SENATOR BURKE:

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

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Mr. White: Yes, yes. No question about it. It's fair and reasonable. Thank you.

Sen. Jackson: Stanley Roser to be followed by Daniel Murphy.

Mr. Rpsner: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Judiciary Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly: My name is Stanley Rosner and I represent the Connecticut Psychological Association as its Chairman of the joint committee on Legislation and Insurance. I am Director of Psychological Services for the Consultation Center for Mental Health and I am on the adjunct Medical Staff of Hall-Brooke Hospital.

H.B.# 5283 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE RENDERING OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THROUGH A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION BY PSYCHOLOGISTS

H.B.#5283 has been introduced into the present session of the Legislature. This represents an Amendment to Public Act 332 passed in 1969 and this Amendment seeks to have the profession of psychology included among those members of professions rendering services to be allowed to professionally incorporate.

There is an increasing tendency in the mental health field to form group practices because it is believed that in this age of greater specialization there can be an avoidance of duplication of services and an aid to patients and families by providing integrated services by combining specialists in different areas of a profession. This tendency to form group practices has been encouraged through the tentative provisions of national health insurance bills that have been advanced to the Congress of the United States.

Psychologists are licensed under Public Act 597 and meet the requirements of Public Act 332 entitled "An act Concerning the Rendering of professional Services through a Professional Service Corporation."

It is the belief the Connecticut Psychological Association that inclusion of psychologists among those professions that may legally incorporate would be of benefit to the general public as well as to the profession itself.

Sen. Jackson: Thank you very much. Dr. Murphy followed by Stewart Losen.

Dr. Beebe: No, I'm Dr. Josephine Beebe. I will be presenting a statement written by Dr. Murphy who had to leave on an emergency. He was here earlier. Dr. Murphy is a clinical psychologist licensed for practice in the State of Connecticut. He received his professional degree at

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Dr. Beebe: (cont'd) Columbia University. Following a number of years of practice in hospitals and clinics he has been in private practice of clinical psychology in Westport for a pproximately 12 years. Other experience includes teaching at Fairfield University and staff membership at the department of psychiatry at the Norwalk Hospital in the past 6 years. Dr. Murphy respectfully urges the Members of the Judiciary Committee to give their approval to the proposed statute permitting the rendering of professional services through a professional service corporation, licensed psychologists. Some of our colleagues will already have spoken and pointed out that psychologists are recognized for their profession preforming valuable services in the area of mental health who should in all fairness and justice be premitted to avail themselves of the same financial benefits as to taxes, retirement income and group insurance which are presently open to members of other learned professions. Dr. Murphy addresses himself particularly to the advantage to the public which makes use of our services in permitting psychologists to work within a corporate structure. It is to be noted that we are professionals who are in very short supply. Demands for our services are many and it is to the advantage of the public at large that we will be enabled to deliver these services in the most efficient and economical manner. Group practice under corporate structure would enable psychologists to work together with consequent savings of a necessary and similar expense. Even more important is the consideration that group practice permits the association of professionals whose experience and training can be jointly brought to bear on patients problems. Finally, it is to be noted that the work we do is of a kind which is frequently demanding inthe sense that we take on large responsibilities for the welfare of our patients. And frequently the patients family. Group practice permits us most effectively to arrange for coverage at all times including opportunities for members of such groups to have reasonable times away from practice so that their professional work may be maintained at high levels of effectiveness. It is clearly in the interest not only of the psychologist and professionals but of the members of the public whom they serve for psychologists to be permitted to render services through professional service corporations. Dr. Murphy thanks you very much for your thoughtful consideration. And perhaps I should identify myself. I am Dr. Josephine Beebe. I'm associate professor at Central Connecticut State College and also secretary of the Connecticut Psychological Association.

Mr. Lowson: Chairman Jackson, Members of the Judiciary Committee: I am Stewart Lowson, psychologist from Westport, Connecticut. And I am president of the Connecticut Psychological Association. I'm here today to support H.B.#5283 for which

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Mr. Lowson: (cnt'd) you have already heard two supportive statements.

H.B.#5283 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE RENDERING OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THROUGH A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION BY PSYCHOLOGISTS.

And as president of the Connecticut Psychological Association which is a state organization with a membership of more than 400 psychologists in the state. I urge your adoption of H.B.#5283. A bill to modify the existing regulations that govern incorporation of professionals for the purpose of providing services to the public. Having been duly licensed by the state of Connecticut to provide psychological services to the public it seems unfair to psychologists and to the individuals who receive their services to limit the scope and breath of their practice to individual endeavors. When a group practice is presented as a corporation the structure of that corporation permits greater efficiency in operation at less cost to individuals. In addition on the corporate structure there are group insurance benefits which can be taken advantage of which can insure at the same time uniformity of practice and greater accountability to the public. Finally, the existing statutes actually discriminate against licensed psychologists as a group of professionals in that we are unable to take advantage of pension plans and corporate tax benefits. I therefore, sincerely urge that you adopt H.B.#5283 to correct this inequity. Thank you.

Sen. Jackson: Mr. Johnston to be followed by Noel Johnston.

Mr. Johnston: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee: I am Robert M. Johnston, a 7th day Adventist Minister residing in Hartford and I apologize to you for coming so late in the day when you're tired and I promise you that I can be brief because I've had to speak to only one aspect of the question. There are others who will also speak briefly to other aspects of this. I'm speaking about bill #5715.

H.B.#5715 - AN ACT CONCERNING WORK AND RECREATION ON SUNDAY.

I'm opposed to it as a gross abridgement of religious liberty and an infringement upon the United States Constitution which I will explain. As we all know the first amendment of the constitution begins, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." In 1961 the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court made it clear that any Sunday closing law which on the base of it verbally or because of its operation was clearly religious

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Stuart M. Losen, Ph.D.
President
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