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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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or soforth. He would have to go through the court.

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. 554. Favorable report of the joint committee on Public Personnel and Military Affairs. House Bill 6781. An Act Concerning the Naming of the New Armory in Norwalk.

SENATOR BURKE:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This is an act concerning the naming of the new armory in Norwalk. The purpose of the bill to name the Norwalk armory after Sargeant Albert Malistick Armory and I move its passage.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 559. Favorable report of the joint committee on Corrections, Welfare and Humane Institutions. House Bill 7971. An Act Concerning Temporary Appointments to the Board of Parole.

SENATOR CIARLONE:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill allows temporary appointments to the Board of Parole. Many times, in the event of a death or absence panels of the Board of Parole are not allowed to convene because they lack a quorum. This bill seeks to remedy this situation. It is important that meetings not

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be postponed, particularly when these are held for minimum eligibility hearings. Committee felt it was a good bill and I urge adoption.

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. 561. Favorable report of the Committee on Rules. Substitute House Bill 8496. An Act Concerning Notice of Special and Reconvened sessions of the General Assembly.

SENATOR BURKE:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This is an act concerning the notice of special and reconvened sessions of the General Assembly. The purpose of the bill is to change the requirement from mailing notice for reconvening the legislature from first class to registered certified return receipt requested. I move 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. 562. File 560. Favorable report of the joint committee on Public Health and Safety. Substitute House Bill 8618. An Act Concerning Opening Birth Records for Genealogical Research.

SENATOR PAC:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill would permit the members of any

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CHAIRMAN CHAGNON: Thank you sir. NAME INAUDIBLE.

MILDRED LAST NAME INAUDIBLE: I've just got a speech. The idea of inaudible cost of living index to the inaudible standards INAUDIBLE -- would not only be helpful but necessary. After buying our food and paying the bills which are now allowed us welfare recipients -- there isn't any money left for other badly needed items. The prices keep going up we'll be finding ourselves in the bread line or begging on the street. The clothing standards which are not always given are a way below cost standards. Not only do we need to be brought to clothing standards, INAUDIBLE -- a lot of our school children need it to be brought up to standards every year. Growing children cannot be expected to wear the same clothes year after year. I would like to go to work at least part time but if I did, I'd be in the red financially. There isn't money allowance for clothing, uniform, shoes and eating out and transportation. The money we make work isn't enough INAUDIBLE. This is why most of us refuse to work. We also need more part-time training. Work. If we were allowed this privilege in time we would probably find ourselves clear to work full time. I was told the part-time training costs the state more. I personally can't see this, but, our children are in school while we're training. There's less need for baby sitting expenses. Not only this but more of us would have -- oh - I can't make that word out - is the state for us or against us?

CHAIRMAN CHAGNON: INAUDIBLE

Mildred: Yes sir.

CHAIRMAN CHAGNON: I take it you're talking about the Provisions INAUDIBLE.

MILDRED: Yes sir.

CHAIRMAN CHAGNON: Thank you very much. Name inaudible.

RONALD MESSER, CHIEF OF PAROLE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION DIVISION OF PAROLE: I am representing Mr. J. Bernard Gates, Chairman of the Connecticut Board of Parole in connection with H. B. 7971. Mr. Gates sends his regrets to the committee for not being here in person due to a Parole Board meeting in Somers which requires his presence since no other member of the board was available to be appointed as temporary chairman today, which by the way, points up the need INAUDIBLE. Mr. Gates has prepared a statement -- a brief statement -- to the Committee which I would like to read here with your permission.

House Bill 7971 recommended to the committee on Corrections, Welfare and Lunatic Institutions is revision of Section 54 124A of the 1969 Supplement to the Connecticut General Statutes and provides the governor with the authority to appoint temporary members to the Board of Parole when the regularly appointed members are unable to fulfill their Parole Board duty due to extended illness, professional or business responsibility, or other reasons. Section 54 124A provides that the Connecticut Board of Parole shall consist of a full time chairman and eight part-time members -- two of whom must be women. The chairman is required to give full time to his duties as Chairman of the Board and Executive and Administrative Head of the Board and he is authorized to assign the members to panels composed of two

RONALD LESSER, CHIEF OF PAROLE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION DIVISION OF PAROLE (CONT'D): members and a chairman for each Correctional Institution. These panels then become the paroling authority at the institution to which they are assigned. The Connecticut Board of Parole is required to consider nearly three thousand cases each year. This responsibility warrants a full time board but we realize that under present conditions this is an impossibility. In order to solve some of the problems which exist when members find it necessary to be absent for an extended period of time, the Board is recommending that the Governor be given the authority to appoint a temporary member to substitute for any member whoc finds it necessary to be absent from the Parole Board duties for an extended period of time.

The provision — the revision provides that the Governor shall make such temporary appointment when requested to do so by the Board of Parole. The part-time members of the Board are persons with other professional and business responsibilities. This past year it was necessary for one member to be absent from his parole board responsibilities for nearly three months and this occurred at a time when other members of the board were not available for additional hearing. Two members of the boards have already indicated to the Chairman that they will be unavailable for Parole Board Duty for as long as two months during the next fiscal year. The legislation proposed in House Bill 7971 will make it possible for temporary members to be appointed when these situations occur. The hearings of the board and the assignments of the Parole Board members are normally announced approximately two months in advance. It is necessary that hearings be held at the time announced due to institutional schedules and the scheduling of conferences by the Chairman with legal counsel and dother persons who have an interest in a particular hearing.

This bill will make it possible for substitutes to be appointed when any member has to be absent for an extended period. It is hoped that the Governor would consider the appointment of temporary members who have been previous members of the board and consequently well experienced with the board decisions procedures.

The members of the Connecticut Board of Parole have authorized to respectfully urge the members of the Committee of Corrections, Welfare and Humane Institutions to report favorably on this bill and to support its enactment by the Connecticut General Assembly. We will most grateful for your cooperation. Respectfully submitted J. Bernard, Gates.

I have also been asked by Mr. John Vanson, Commissioner of Corrections to convey to the Committee his support for this bill and I would like to also convey my own support and would like to leave copies of this.

CHAIRMAN CHAGNON: Thank you very much. NAME INAUDIBLE James Watt?
NAME INAUDIBLE. Anybody else wish to testify?

ELEANOR ARNOLD, CONNECTICUT CHILD WELFARE ASSOCIATION, MEMBER OF THE BOARD: We're supporting bill 1400. I'm — I suppose what I'm saying is going to be repetitious but we believe this would allow the Welfare Department to purchase services from the Product Social Work Agencies and would give the Welfare Department the extra -- experties they would have at their