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THE CLERK:

Page 7, Calendar No. 534, Substitute for H.B. No. 8826,  
an Act concerning illegal practices of dentistry.

JOHN D. PRETE:

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's  
favorable report and the passage of the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question's on acceptance and passage. Will you remark.

JOHN D. PRETE:

Mr. Speaker, the Bill bans as illegal in the practice of  
dentistry the sale of materials to a person other than a dentist,  
and it controls mail order and homemade dentistry, and it is, in a  
way, an excellent legislation in the direction of consumer protec-  
tion. While I am not a dentist, I move its passage.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further.

PETER W. GILLIES:

Mr. Speaker, I will vote in support of this Bill, but I  
understand that there's a great movement afoot for people to make  
their own dentures, and I'm not sure whether we're hurting them or  
not. Sounds like a good Bill, and I'll vote for it.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further. If not, the question's on ac-  
ceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of  
the Bill. All those in favor will indicate by saying "aye". All  
those opposed. The Bill is passed.

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rate of interest. And extortionate means have been involved where the creditor has a reputation for using extortionate means Or is reasonably believed so by the debtor. And also that the standing amount is more than \$10.

The Judiciary Committee feels that this will go a long way in helping to police these particular types of transactions. We urge its passage.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage. Will you remark further? If not all those in favor of passage signify by saying aye. AYE. OPPOSED nay. The ayes have. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Page 4, Cal. 526, File 490 Favorable substitute report of joint standing committee on Public Health and Safety on Substitute H.B. 8826 An Act Concerning Illegal Practices of Dentistry.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Pac.

SENATOR PAC.

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR PAC:

This bill would prohibit any person or firm from selling

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or distributing any materials that are used to construct or repair a denture bridge or other structure that is worn in the mouth. To anyone except a licensed dentist or laboratory. The purpose of course is to get at the abuse of the do it yourself kits. Either dentistry is a profession or else this kind of sales is an illegal infringement on that type of profession. I think its a good bill.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage of the bill. Will you remark further? If not all those in favor of passage signify by saying aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 531, File 690 Favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary on Substitute S.B. 1797 An Act Concerning Amendments to the Medicolegal Investigations Act.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Jackson.

SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President, may this be passed, holding its place until tomorrow please?

THE CHAIR:

It is so ordered if there is no objection.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 532, File 708 Favorable report of the joint standing committee on Finance on S.B. 431 An Act Concerning the Franchise Tax of Stock Corporations.

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Dr. Granoff: Well, I'll come back to you.

Rep. Cohen: O.K. Thank you very much. While we're on the doctors,  
Dr. Zazzaro.

Dr. Zazzaro: I would like to speak as Secretary of the Dental Commission as relates to H.B. 8826 (AN ACT CONCERNING ILLEGAL PRACTICES OF DENTISTRY). 8826 amends the definitions of what constitutes the practice of dentistry. The Supreme Court of the State of Connecticut recently upheld a decision of the Common Pleas Court which stated that the assembling and packaging and selling of materials with appropriate dental instructions to fashion a duplicate of a denture, their decision was that this did not constitute the practice of dentistry as it was related in the definition in the Dental Practice Act. Now it is a known fact that anyone who, who, it's a known fact that improper or ill fitting dentures are a major cause of mouth cancer.

Rep. Cohen: Dentures are false teeth in case some of you people don't know.

Dr. Zazzaro: In experienced hands, whether by a dentist or even a dental technician, it takes considerable training and knowledge to properly make and fit a denture, or false teeth. So the selling of these do it yourself kits, at least in the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General who represented the Dental Commission in its, when it brought this case to court, in his opinion, he felt that the definition did include the assembling of these do it yourself kits. He felt it constituted the practice of dentistry. The courts did not agree and said, you failed to include in your definition the packaging and selling of these materials. Now the bill as amended today will not prevent the sale of these materials to dental supply houses or dental laboratories or dental technicians. It merely prevents these materials from being sold to individuals that have absolutely no training or ability to make a denture. And this is what the Dental Commission would like to prevent. And this is why we're asking the Public Health and Safety Committee to react favorably to this bill.

Rep. Rose: I think, it seems to me the fundamental problem here is that you're suggesting that an individual may not do anything to his body which he decides he'd like to do without having some professional who charges a fee to do this. In other words, if you could carry this to the extreme, obviously a person wouldn't be able to trim his fingernails or he wouldn't be able to take out a blackhead or he, clean out his own ears or anything else. He'd have to always have the professional do the job for him. And this is the philosophy that I think we cannot allow to happen. If we legislate against people being able to treat their own bodies.

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Dr. Zazzaro: Well, you are correct but not in relation to what I am talking about, for this reason. You cannot give a person material to say make a denture. There must be instructions to go along with this. And I'm sure you would expect a dentist or someone who's trained to do this, to relate these instructions to the individual. And I think that's the crux here. It is the instructions that are given along with this that I feel fall under the definition, or should fall under the definition of what constitutes the practice. In other words, if a, if an individual is going to get instructions on how to do dentistry, whether they do it on themselves or not, they should at least get the proper instructions. And those instructions must fall under the category of the education and the experience of a dentist. And no one else. It shouldn't come from a medical man. It shouldn't come from a lay person. I'm sure that that philosophy would hold in your instance.

Rep. Cohen: Any other questions of the doctor? Dr. Zazzaro, while you're here. At a previous hearing on bill 6128, we had a hearing as you'll recall, and I made the suggestion, we're going to act on this bill one way or the other, whether you would accept as part of that bill that in your bill you asked for the Dental Commission to control the research. And I asked if you would allow others to be on this Commission. For instance, I had the suggestion that three members of the Commission and two lay members, one appointed by the Speaker of the House, one appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate. Would that meet with your approval in this bill?

Dr. Zazzaro: Yes, yes, it would. Yes it would.

Rep. Cohen: Thank you very much.

Dr. Zazzaro: Thank you.

Rep. Cohen: Mr. Prosser I think is - go right ahead. Just identify yourself.

Daniel Prosser, Associate Commissioner for the Division of Community Services of the State Department of Mental Health: I would like to speak specifically and make a few comments relative to H.B. 8225, an act concerning state assistance to community mental health facilities.

This bill, I would give a brief history of its origins, originated when the town of Hamden applied under the existing laws governing community psychiatric clinics for children. And one of the provisions in the existing law, I think it's cited down on line 23, the Director of Health of any district Department of Health, or any full time Director of Health may apply. The question was raised by the Attorney General's office that the Director of Health basically is a creature of town government. So we felt, our Attorney General felt