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of the bill as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A".

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark.

MR. HANZALEK: (40th)

This bill would simply add the chief executive officer of the State Commission of Education to the, excuse me, State Commission of Higher Education, to the Board of the State Commission of Education so that it would make it a lot easier for both parties to know what the other was doing. I think that in another week or so you will probably have a companion bill on the Calendar which would put the chief executive of the State Board of Education on the Commission for Higher Education. It's the kind of thing that really should have been done a long time ago and except for the amendment, it probably would have been on the Consent Calendar. Mr. Speaker, I move for adoption, first of all acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report as amended and also passage of the bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill as amended. If not, all those in favor indicate by saying AYE. Opposed. The bill is PASSED.

THE CLERK:

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THE SPEAKER:

The gentleman from the 74th.

MR. DZIALO: (74th)

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

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark.

MR. DZIALO: (74th)

Mr. Speaker, all this bill does merely is to provide for the appointments to the Commission on Uniform Legislation by the Joint Committee on Legislative Management rather than the Governor. Testimony given to the Committee indicated that members of the current Legislative Management felt that this was a move in the proper direction so therefore I urge its passage.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill. The gentleman from the 165th.

MR. COLLINS: (165th)

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this particular bill. As the gentleman indicated, the Commission on Uniform Legislation has by custom and for several years in the State been appointed by the Governor. This bill represents an attempt to shift the appointment power from the Republican Governor to the Joint Committee on Legislative Management which is comprised two to one of Democratic Assembly leadership. I

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might add that it seems rather obvious the purpose of this bill. Two of the three people are Democrats, one of whom happens to be Democratic State Chairman, John Bailey. That was not Mr. Bailey in the balcony.

THE SPEAKER:

Was it the Representative from New Britain.

MR. COLLINS: (165th)

He no longer sits in balconies. But, Mr. Speaker, getting serious again, I think that any attempt to dilute the appointment power of the Governor, particularly where we have a divided Executive and Legislative branch, should meet with careful scrutiny. This I think is just the beginning of maybe several attempts to change the appointment power from the hands of the Governor. I strongly oppose this bill and request that when the vote be taken it be taken by a roll call.

THE SPEAKER:

Motion is on a roll call. All those in favor indicate by saying AYE. More than 20 percent having called for it, a roll call will be ordered.

Will you remark further. The gentleman from the 118th.

MR. AJELLO: (118th)

Mr. Speaker, I find it hard to believe that the gentleman was serious when he said, "let's be serious," when the other gentleman^{almost} took a dive in the balcony. Mr. Speaker, this is a nonpaid legislative commission. It doesn't matter, it seems to me, whether or not the gentlemen are Democrats, Republican or

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Independents. It is a function of the Legislative Branch of the Government. There is no earthly, logical reason or even a philosophical reason, in my opinion, except pure politics why this should not be rested with the Joint Committee on Legislative Management. We have constituted that Committee, we have worked with it, it operates the Legislature from A to Z as it was constituted to do. The Governor apparently is very jealous of his prerogatives. He even wants to appoint nonpaid people and he can't stand apparently to see the possibility that any Democrat could be involved in such a well-paid and prestigious function as this. This is our job to do. Uniform legislation is our job, the Legislative Branch of the Government. It is not the Governor's job to promote uniform laws only to recommend when he feels that there are some. They must work with us. They must be part of us and one of our functions. There has to be a time, it seems to me, in operating this government where we draw the line between pure politics, blind partisanship and functions of the government. We must have a philosophy of this legislature and I thought, until now at least, we had gone forward in a bi-partisan way to promote that. This would represent, it seems to me, a serious step back from that kind of position and I don't intend to support it.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill. Rep. Stevens.

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MR. STEVENS: (122nd)

Mr. Speaker, I am sure we all join with the Majority Leader in believing the Legislature should run its own House.

However, I do think that an action upon any measure in this House, we must take a look at the precedent that has been established. I would certainly wonder and wonder out loud why there has not been in the past four years any movement by this General Assembly to change this particular law which provides that the Governor shall fill vacancies. The same situation prevailed in 1967 concerning the filling of vacancies, 1969 concerning the filling of vacancies; yet strangely until we had a Republican Governor there was no movement to change this law. So, if the cry of politics is to be heard in this House, let it be heard on both sides. If we are being political in preserving the rights of our Republican Governor, then, gentlemen, we are doing nothing but what you have taught us in 1967 and 1969. I think the bill is a bad one. Precedent shows it belong with the Executive Branch and I suspect that if a Republican were not occupying that particular wing of the State Capitol, this bill would not be before us today.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill. The gentleman from the 118th for the second time.

MR. AJELLO: (118th)

I am glad the distinguished legislator mentioned that because it gives rise to a thought. We never had a Legislative

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Management Committee for nearly 200 years and admittedly it takes us a little longer to get around to some things than others but/^{since}he has admitted that their motive is purely political why not go with logic and never mind outmoded precedent. The attempt to retain these powers with the Governor for purely political reasons when there is every good reason and good legislative reason, good governmental reason to change it and put it where it logically and consistently belongs, it seems to me, demeans all of us in this Chamber.

THE SPEAKER:

Let me announce an immediate roll call. While we are waiting for the members to return, the Clerk has further business to read in.

THE CLERK:

FAVORABLE CHANGES REFERENCE REPORTS.

From Labor, S.B. 337, AN ACT CONCERNING A SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR TEEN-AGERS. Report of the Committee is the bill ought to pass and be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

THE SPEAKER:

So ordered.

THE CLERK:

Favorable Change from Education, Sub. for H.B. 8835, AN ACT CONCERNING PROMOTION OF ADDITIONAL STUDENT SPACES IN INDEPENDENT CONNECTICUT COLLEGES BY THE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. Report of the Committee is the bill ought to pass

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and be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

THE SPEAKER:

So ordered.

THE CLERK:

Favorable Change from Judiciary, S. B. 55, AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF BAILIFFS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Report of the Committee is the bill ought to pass and be referred to the Committee on Appropriations

THE SPEAKER:

So ordered.

Are there announcements or introductions at this time.

Rep. Collins.

MR. COLLINS: (165th)

In order to fill the void while we are waiting for members to return, I would like to announce that there will be a Republican House caucus tomorrow afternoon immediately after the session at a room to be announced.

MR. AJELLO: (118th)

Mr. Speaker, there will be a Democratic caucus in the Judiciary Room at 4:00 o'clock this afternoon. I would point out to the members that they may have heard of another location but it is the Judiciary Room.

THE SPEAKER:

Are there further announcements or introductions. If not, the House will stand at ease while the members return.

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If the members will be seated, the aisles cleared we will proceed. For the benefit of the members who have just returned, we are on Page 7, 4th Calendar item, H. B. 8494, AN ACT CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION ON UNIFORM LEGISLATION. File 541.

This item has been debated and a roll call ordered. Will you remark further on the bill.

Mr. Bingham of the 157th.

MR. BINGHAM: (157th)

Mr. Speaker, a brief view of Section 2-80 which we are amending indicates that this was put on the statute books in 1949. If my memory serves me correctly, the then Governor was Governor Chester Bowles and I think in deference to him we should vote "no" on this bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Is there anyone here to speak for Governor Lodge?

Rep. collins.

MR. COLLINS: (165th)

Mr. Speaker, speaking for the second time and just briefly my opposition to the bill was well borne out by Rep. Stevens who indicated that this has traditionally been an appointment of the Governor for some 22, 23 years at this point. Mr. Ajello makes great mention of the fact that we never had a Legislative Management Committee before that could perform this function. But we have had ever since 1949, a Rules Committee performing

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many of the same functions now performed by the Legislative Management Committee. I think it is rather obvious that with a divided Executive and Legislative Branch this is the first of what could be many attempts to dilute the appointing authority of the Governor and return it to the hands of the Democratic controlled Legislature. I strongly oppose this bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks. If not, would the members be seated and we will proceed with the vote. The machine will be opened. Has every member voted. Is your voted recorded in the fashion you wish. The machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

THE CLERK:

Total Number Voting	148
Necessary for Passage	75
Those Voting Yea	88
Those Voting Nay	60
Those Absent and Not Voting	29

THE SPEAKER:

The bill is PASSED.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 586, H.B. 5092, AN ACT CONCERNING MISUSE OR MUTILIATION OF THE FLAG, File 532.

THE SPEAKER:

Representative Votto.

MR. VOTTO: (116th)

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SENATOR CUTILLO:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR CUTILLO:

This bill will remove limitations as to the amount of rate of interest on the company's bonds. The limitations are no longer necessary because Sec. 16-43 of the General Statutes require approval of the Public Utilities Commission prior to issuance of bonds of public service companies.

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 it the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Last item on page 6, Cal. 560, File 541 Favorable report of joint standing committee on rules on H.B. 8494 An Act Concerning Appointments to the Commission on Uniform Legislation.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Burke.

SENATOR BURKE:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

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urge this as another step in the process you have so courageously undertaken towards the modernization of the Connecticut General Assembly. I support this as President of the League of Women Voters and also as a member of the steering committee of the Citizens committee of the Connecticut General Assembly.

Chairman Dzialo: Thank you very kindly. Are there any questions of the lady?

Sen. Lucy Hammer: Were you speaking partially to this resolution that is talking about facilities.

Mrs. Sims: I was speaking in general because we didn't have a specific position on what your bill proposed.

Sen. Hammer: But that's what brought it up.

Mrs. Sims: Right.

Chairman Dzialo: Thank you very kindly. Is there anybody to be heard on HB 6594? If not we will go on to HB 6595, 6596, 7298, 8389, HB 8494, HB 8495, HB 8496, 8497 and finally HB 8565?

Walter Brahm, State Librarian: And I would like to suggest a substitute for HB 8565 which contains language a bit more specific than the two line sentence of the original bill. With the annual sessions of the general assembly now coming up and with the new research staff that the general assembly has provided for its committees were not sure what extent or what direction the demands are on the state library and collection will take and we do want to be prepared and equipped with sufficient authority to do what may be necessary to give the general assembly their legislative research service.

Sen. Hammer: Do you have any suggestions as to how this bill should be....

Mr. Brahm: Yes, I brought over a copy which I will file, but I will read it if you like Sen. Hammer. The state library shall maintain a department of legislative services. The state librarian may employ, contract for the employment of, or otherwise recruit assistants who have or who are charged to acquire special competence in the subjects of interest to the committees and members of the general assembly and may, on call, assign such assistants to meet with these committees to facilitate providing said information services. Said services shall be available to the members of the general