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MR. SPEAKER:

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Tabled for the Calendar. I'd ask the Committee on Judiciary to examine the amendment to see if it is something they would recommend to the House, if not, we then will name a committee on conference.

THE CLERK:

Business on the Calendar. For Wednesday, March 24, 1971. The Consent Calendar on Page 1.

JOHN D. PRETE, 114th District:

Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and the passage of the following matters on the Consent Calendar as per our rules number 48.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will the members of the House give their attention to the gentleman from the 114th as we are beginning to proceed with calendar business.

JOHN D. PRETE, 114th District:

Calendar No. 152, file number 127, House Bill No. 7330. An Act Concerning Distribution of Unsolicited Credit Cards.

Calendar No. 156, file number 55, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 0346 An Act Concerning Testing of Animals in Drawing Contests.

Calendar No. 159, file number 74, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 0345 An Act Concerning Control of Communicable Diseases in Domestic Animals.

MR. SPEAKER:

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58, 59, 60 and 61. And may we take up Calendar's No. 62, 63 and 64.

THE CHAIR:

Unless there is some objection those matters on the Calendar will be taken up or passed, or assigned to the foot of the Calendar as noted by the Majority Leader.

Proceed.

THE CLERK:

Page 1 of the Calendar, please Second item from the top Calendar No 36, File No. 55. Favorable report Joint Standing Committee on Environment, Substitute Senate Bill No. 346 An Act Concerning Testing of Animals in Drawing Contests.

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 permit the use of a test other than the saliva test in determining whether horses have been drugged in a horse drawing contest. It would also hold up the prize money until the result of this test are known. These are horse drawing contests that take place at our agricultural affairs etc. It is a good bill. I hope it passes.

THE CHAIR:

Any further remarks. The question is on passage of the bill.

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Those in favor signify by saying aye. AYE. Opposed. The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Please turn to page 2 of your Calendar. The third item from the top Calendar No. 41, File No. 50. Favorable report Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Substitute S.B. No. 1023 An Act Concerning Hand Signals By Motorists.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Jackson.

SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Any remarks?

SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President, this act will bring the Motor Vehicle Traffic Laws into conformity with the Uniform Vehicle Code of the United States. What it in effect would do, it would change the hand signals for those who are using hand signals and not mechanical signals. Just to illustrate the stop signal I'll show you what you have now at the present time. When you have a stop signal you have your arm extended horizontally, if your turning left you keep it horizontal and you extend the forefinger and if you are going to turn right, you then have a rotary motion. Under the new act if you are going to be stopping, you would be dropping your arm and hand in a downward position.

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Rep. Mondani: Of the dam way up? No, that was never built. We do have some problems over that dam, and whether they should or should not be removed, versus a fish ladder, but the dam further up I think it's around the Comstock Bridge, hasn't been built to my knowledge.

Sen. Pac: Thank you very much, Senator.

Mr. Knurek: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee, my name is Adam F. Knurek from the Transportation Department. I'd like to leave a short statement regarding S.B. 635, AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, and S.B. 645, AN ACT CONCERNING FARMLAND AND EMINENT DOMAIN. S.B. 635 is an act concerning the regulation of outdoor advertising; S.B. 645 is an act concerning farmland and eminent domain. Since our Transportation Commissioner has not yet taken office, it would be appreciated if our department could submit a written statement on both of these bills at a later date. Thank you.

Sen. Pac: Thank you very much. If anyone else has statements, I would appreciate it very much if you would leave them with us, and if you come here and make a few remarks and summarize whatever you do have in your text.

Dr. Stadler: I'm Dr. Stadler, State Veterinarian, and I'm here in hope that you will act favorably on S.B. 343, AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSING AND SUPERVISION OF COMMISSION SALES STABLES, S.B. 345, AN ACT CONCERNING CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, and S.B. 346, AN ACT CONCERNING TESTING OF ANIMALS IN DRAWING CONTESTS. On S.B. 343 we run into a problem of animals consigned to the beef ring, and some of these purchasers have an opportunity to check them. If they should happen to find a calf in one of them, they'll bid just a little bit higher to get that animal; instead of going to a slaughterhouse, it winds up at their farm. That animal was consigned originally for slaughter because something was wrong. We have a case of the possibility of spreading further disease amongst the livestock. In S.B. 345, control of communicable diseases, this is really a corrective piece of legislation. We have employed in the Department of Agriculture veterinarians who are not necessarily licensed to practice in the state of Connecticut, but are accredited by the federal government in disease control work. And these men are doing a job of taking care of tuberculosis and brucellosis, vaccination of calves, and so on that goes right along with the veterinary work. They are well qualified, it is just the case that they, like our federal people, don't have to be licensed to practice in the state of Connecticut. And the third one, S.B. 346, which originally was the testing of horses in drawing contests, we would like to change to animals, and it originally called for a saliva test, and the saliva test is not the most accurate test that can be done. If this is acted upon favorably, we can take saliva, take blood, or take urine; either one of these tests would give us drugs that saliva would not show. And, surprisingly, any of you who have seen a drawing contest, we have done some of this checking. And a little team of ponies can pull six and seven thousand

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pounds, and when they found out that we were going to be testing, they couldn't pull two thousand pounds. So we know that the drugs are being used, not only in the ponies, but in the horses and in the cattle, and I hope that you will act favorably upon these bills.

Sen. Gunther: Do you have the taking out of the mandatory "shall" and "may" provide for the administration? Is there some other laboratory that can do this testing? Is this a good reason for taking the compulsion out of it?

Dr. Stadler: Well, if you read there at the beginning ... "at the request and expense of the authority in charge of any agricultural fair," the commissioner would provide for the administration of it. This means men and time and money, and the fair is going to have to pay for it. Now, if the fair can't pay for it, then even though they request it, the Commissioner may or may not send somebody out there. If we have been there and arrive at a drawing contest at 7 O'clock in the evening, and not get home till three and four the following morning, because these things go on all night long, and very frankly, if you've got to stop and wait for a horse to piddle to get a sample of urine, you can sometimes wait a long time! And this is a fact!

Rep. Pugliese: In S.B. 343, Doctor, would this mean that a person could not buy a calf at one of these auctions and raise it, either for dairy or for beef later on?

Dr. Stadler: They can buy a calf; we're talking about the animal that's consigned, the large animal, consigned to the slaughter ring. They can examine these animals and if you have ever seen it, they go along and push the sides of them and see if they've got a calf in there, and if they've got a calf, then they'll keep it, and they won't go to slaughter. We have every animal, an identification of every animal leaving that ring, and we expect to get that identification back from a slaughterhouse. And we sometimes have to do a lot of chasing around to find those animals.

Rep. Tiffany: Dr. Stadler, I don't think it's fair to say that every animal that's consigned is necessarily going for slaughter. We ship a lot of low producers, and if somebody can take them and fatten calves on them, that's up to them. I mean, just because we ship dairy cows up to Kahn's auction, it doesn't mean they have something wrong with them, it means they're not making us any money.

Dr. Stadler: And by the same auction, the man who buys that animal and then resells it to some poor devil out in the boondocks, who thinks he's buying a good animal, he's not getting a good animal, he's getting stuck with a low producer.