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on Appropriations. Hearing no individual objection, so ordered.

CLERK:

Calendar No. 111, Substitute for House Bill 5466 - An Act Concerning Interest Due on Delinquent Sewer Assessments, file 87.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Gagliardi of the 103rd.

MR. GAGLIARDI:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Question on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

MR. GAGLIARDI:

Mr. Speaker, I think the Clerk has an amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Clerk call House Amendment Schedule "A".

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "A", offered by Mr. Spain, of the 166th.

Section 1, lines 16 and 17, strike out the words "together with a fee of five dollars".

In line 18, after the word "date" change the period to a comma and insert the following words: "But in no case shall the interest be less than five dollars".

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To explain the amendment I think I must just as well explain the bill because I need one to explain the other. The present statutes concerning delinquent interest charges on sewer assessments provides that if there is a delinquency, the unpaid balance is due, an interest is charged on the entire unpaid balance. This has created numerous incidents extremely disproportionate assessments on the interest charges and a great deal of inequity has resulted. The committee agreed with the change in the statutes and also agrees that the fee to be charged should not be less than five dollars. When the amendment was, when the amendment actually came out, it imposed a fee of five dollars plus the interest charge, which was not what the committee had agreed upon. I urge the adoption of the amendment and subsequently of the bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on adoption of House Amendment Schedule "A". Will you remark further on its adoption. If not, all those in favor of adopting House Amendment Schedule "A", indicate by saying "Aye". Those opposed. The amendment is adopted.

Question now is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill as amended by Amendment Schedule "A". Will you remark further on the bill as amended.

If not, all those in favor of the bill as amended, indicate by saying "Aye". Those opposed. The bill as amended is passed.

CLERK:

Calendar 115, House Bill 5826 - An Act Concerning the

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Line 11, insert a bracket after the word, delinquent.

In line 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, strike out the words Without Interest.

Interest on each unpaid installment of such assessment shall become due and owing together with a fee of five dollars when such installment is not paid within thirty days after its due date. And insert the following: The interest on such delinquent installment shall be as provided in sub-section (a) or five dollars, whichever is greater.

In line 34 insert a bracket before the word, Whenever, and in line 42, insert a bracket after the period.

SENATOR ALFANO:

Mr. President, I move the adoption of the amendment. The purpose of this whole bill, first, the purpose of the amendment is to try to clarify the intention of the bill. Our present law provides that, in the event anyone is delinquent, payment of one of the installments on a sewer assessment, delinquent on one payment, it would accelerate all the other payments. So it could be a ten year installment on his sewer assessment. And if he was delinquent on one, the whole amount would become immediately due and payable.

That was the intention of this bill, but it wasn't clear so we drafted this amendment, in order to clarify that particular objective. I therefore, move the adoption of this amendment and I would say that it is an amendment of substance and it should go back to the Commissioner's office.

THE CHAIR:

I concur in your judgement. The question is on the adoption of the amendment. Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor of adoption of the amendment signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The ayes have it. ~~The amendment is adopted. The amendment is not substantial.~~

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SENATOR IVES:

Mr. President, may I request that when it comes back from the Commission, it be reprinted in the file, with the amendment already in.

THE CHAIR:

The matter will be referred to the Commissioner with the notation that when it comes back, it be reprinted once again, with the amendment included in the bill proper.

THE CLERK:

Clerk causes all amendments that are substantive to be reprinted.

THE CHAIR:

That was my understanding. That would be the practice Senator Ives.

The amendment having been ruled substantial referred to the Commissioner's office, there is no further action, at this time, on the bill.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 213, File no. 255. Favorable report of the standing committee on General Law. Section 5. An Act Incorporating Trotta Lane, Inc.

SENATOR STRADA:

Mr. President, I move for acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. I would like to yield to the sponsor of the bill, the distinguished Minority Leader.

SENATOR IVES:

Mr. President, this bill allows a group of home owners to form a district in order that they may raise sufficient funds and to have the municipality accept their highway into the Town road system.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage. Will you remark further? If not, all those in

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legally incorporated genealogical society to have access to the vital statistics that are held by our local registrars or the State Department of Health. It's a help in pursuing their hobby. I think it's of more interest than that. A great many of us are interested in our identity in this world and this is one way of finding out. One of the problems, of course, is regarding illegitimacy but in this respect, I think you have a law on the books that says, that the putative father is not listed unless it's with his consent. And of course, the mother's name is never mentioned also. 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:

MATTERS RETURNED FROM LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER:

CAL. NO. 144. Favorable report of the committee on Finance. Substitute House Bill 5466. An Act Concerning Interest Due On Delinquent Sewer Assessments. As Amended by House Amendment A and Senate Amendment A.

SENATOR ALFANO:

Mr. President, I move for acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill merely provides in the event of a delinquency in the payment of one sewer assessment, that it does not accelerate all the other assessments. This would provide that one sewer assessment would bare interest and the other assessments in the remaining years, would not be accelerated.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage of the bill, will you remark further? If not, ~~all those in favor say, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The bill is passed.~~

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Walter Birk: on the basic principals involved in they would both be working at the problems, you know, from the same angle and if the assessment by the re-valuation Company or the assessor was a reasonable and equitable assessment competent people on the board of tax revue would be more apt to recognize this fact. The way of my pursuing this, is because before another committee here yesterday, a bill was presented relative to arbitration by a real estate, by the real estate commission in a dispute of property or land values and eventually it may come to the floor etc., and I am trying to fix something in my own mind relative to what we might be up against if such was so, because I understood in questioning that bill that if you even, if by agreement the parties could then go to the real estate commission and accept the arbitration, if both parties were willing you could run that down into the probate courts with heirs and sales etc.. But, basically you do find or feel that it would be a step and a healthy approach to have boards of tax reviews really educated and conversant with real, I certainly do and our Association takes that stand.

Rep. Violette: I'm sorry that it takes too much time, gentleman. If there are any further questions. Hear none, thank you very much Mr. Birk. I'd like to call upon this Mr. John Tarrant, member of our Tax Department.

J. Tarrant: Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I might just re-iterate what Mr. Birk has said on speaking on his bill, I drafted it, it's a good bill without a fact, laugh, he was quoting my 30 year ago predecessor when he said that who drafted the bill after the law, drafted the law that this seeks to amend. Gentlemen, this bill that Mr. Bigosis, that is the bill that we prefer way and above 5466 which is out of the same organ and Bill 5455 if I may just say a word on that. Perhaps the 5% percent interest rate is too low and in some towns, but I have here in my hand the latest municipal bond maturities on the ratings and you have to go pretty far probably before you get to 5% fifteen bonds with a triple A rating is 4.50, a double A rating is 4.75, so you don't get into 5% until you get into an A rating which is a pretty low rate for a municipal bond. I would think that perhaps the better way to handle this, is to just raise figure in parenthesis to 5 to 6 and you might take and --- the whole matter in as simply a way of that..

Rep. Violette: Thank you Mr. Tarrant. Any questions from