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Further remarks on the Bill. If not, all those in favor EFH indicate by saying "aye". Opposed. The Bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Continuing to the bottom of the page, Calendar No. 699, in your files File No. 671, H.B. No. 7961, an Act concerning retirement elections by teachers. Favorable report of the Committee on Public Personnel and Military Affairs.

WILLIAM A. O'NEILL:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark.

WILLIAM A. O'NEILL:

Mr. Speaker, this particular Bill allows at the present time teachers working under the Board of Higher Education and working for the State have an option to either go into Teachers' Retirement or to State Retirement. If they do not choose this option within a month they would automatically considered under State Retirement.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the Bill. If not, all those in favor indicate by saying "aye". Opposed. The Bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Turning to Page 9, third one down from the top, Calendar No. 703, in your files as File No. 667, H.B. No. 8303, an Act concerning the vaccination of imported cattle. Favorable report

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Its fully funded by federal funds. And I think this is an excellent bill in the direction towards the complete eradication of this disease.

THECHAIR:

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:

Cal. 649, File 670 F<sub>a</sub>vorable joint standing committee on Finance on H.B. 7875 An Act Concerning Tax Collectors' Fees for Issuing Alias Tax Warrants.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Cutillo.

SENATOR CUTILLO:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR CUTILLO:

Mr. President, the fee has been \$2. since 1927. And the joint committee on Finance felt that the increase of fee from \$2 to \$6 was justifiable at this time.

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:

Cal. 650, File 671 F<sub>a</sub>vorable report of the joint standing committee on Elections on H.B. 7961 An Act Concerning Retirement Elections by Teachers.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Burke.

SENATOR BURKE:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the committee's fav-

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orable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR BURKE:

Mr. President, the teachers employed by the state have the option of retirement systems. Teachers retirement are state employees retirement. This bill provides that if a teacher does not make a choice after one month. He will be deemed to have chosen the state employee system. This will prevent delays in payroll and not having any coverage. I urge its passage.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

Please turn to page 9, top of the page. First item. Cal. 660, File 963 Favorable report joint standing committee on the Environment on Substitute S.B. 937 An Act Concerning the Connecticut Industrial Building Commission Loans to Industry.

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:

The Connecticut Industrial Building Commission has 35 million dollars in authorized bonding funds in its kitty. And currently these are limited to industrial projects which include new buildings that are expansions and so forth. It does not include pollution abatement equipment. And the commission got in touch with me and they felt that they should be allowed to make

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Mr, Bitzer,

I am speaking for the Retirement Commission today. You remember 7955. AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS BY NEW STATE EMPLOYEES. This would provide that employees who had not made an election by any one of the plans in the Retirement System could automatically be in part B and therefore would not go by a six month period and be precluded from ever being a member of the State Employees Retirement Plan. The present situation is hard and this would help to make it more palatable. 7956, this substitutes the word spouse for widow in the plan covering policemen and firemen survivors benefits. There are a couple of police women already covered. It's in line with what is being done in private pensions and has an anti-discrimination laws and we recommend its passage. 7959 is merely a clarification bill there has been some confusion whether we cover disability after employees leave State service and of course the fact is we do not, so we put the words while in State service here for clarification purposes. 7961 provides the teachers who have not made any election will automatically after one month be in the State Employees Retirement Fund, otherwise, as it works now, I think they would be covered for Social Security only, which gives them an opportunity to pick one of the State plans if they fail to join the Teacher's Plan. All four of those bills the Retirement Commission recommends. There is a bill 8228 which has to do with the Medical Board. It provides for increasing the numbers the medical board working with us. We are highly in favor of this bill, they do a fine job, a thorough job and their work load has increased, the number of state employees has increased, they are going to speak for themselves in sympathy with their bill. All these things are pretty good so far but now I come to 8511 where I have been empowered to say a few words on the contrary side of that bill. That kind of coverage, death benefit to the widows and survivors was very difficult to obtain. The State did not want to take the risk, we got an insurance company to do it. The insurance company has a contract that starts on July 1, and ends on June 30th. They set a rate at the beginning of the year we had to know who is in the plan at the beginning of the year. If groups to come in during the year, particularly a large group, it might throw the cost off, they might not be willing to take it at that cost, and there are practical administrative considerations and first we'd have to get the insurance underwriter to agree and it complicates the administration, what we are doing. Thank you.

Rep. Motto,

Are there any questions? Thank you, Mr. Bitzer. Dr. Moore, then Aaron Gersten.