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passed.

CLERK:

Page 7, Calendar 610, Senate Bill 79 - An Act Concerning the Right of Way at Intersections, File 425.

MR. SPEAKER:

Gentleman from the 130th.

REPRESENTATIVE SULLIVAN:

I move acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark.

REPRESENTATIVE SULLIVAN:

The Clerk has an amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will the Clerk read the amendment.

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule A, offered by Mr. Sullivan of the 130th.

In Section 2, line 19, after the word "at" insert the word "APPROXIMATELY".

REPRESENTATIVE SULLIVAN:

This simply brings the statute into conformity with what is the accepted law of the State of Connecticut. I move its passage.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on adoption of House Amendment Schedule A. Will you remark further. If not, all those in favor will indicate by

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saying "Aye". Opposed. The amendment is adopted. It is marked technical. Question is on acceptance and passage as amended. The gentleman from the 130th.

REPRESENTATIVE SULLIVAN:

This bill merely clarifies a situation that arises at so-called T intersections and it provides that the automobile approaching the T on the through street has the right of way. People tend to do this now and we hope that this will improve traffic safety in our state. I urge the passage of the bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill. If not, the question is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate as amended by House Amendment Schedule A. All those in favor will indicate by saying "Aye". All those opposed. The bill as amended is passed.

CLERK:

Calendar 636, Substitute for House Bill 7269 - An Act Concerning the Agencies Constituting the Department of Mental Health, File 584.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Yacavone.

REPRESENTATIVE YACAVONE:

I urge acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable

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stances this was overlooked as the attorneys moved to dismiss the cases. And under the cases they were sustained. This eliminates what we consider surplusage and for a long time this has been on the books. And it seems to me it serves no purpose. And the Retrospective Warrants were also repealed in connection with gambling cases. And it certainly serves the same purpose in liquor cases.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage of the bill. Any further remarks? Those in favor indicate by saying aye. AYE. Opposed? The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Bottom of page 3, Cal. No. 309, File No. 425. Senate Bill 79  
An Act Concerning the Right of Way at Intersections.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fauliso.

SENATOR FAULISO:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Committee's Favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR FAULISO:

For the purposes of Sec. 14-245 and 14-246 of the Statutes intersection is defined as the area common to two or more highways which cross each other. I move passage.

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THE CHAIR:

Any further remarks? All those in favor of passage of the bill indicate by saying aye. AYE. Opposed? The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Turn to page 4, the second item from the bottom. Cal. 315, File 433, Favorable Report Joint Standing Committee on Environment on S.B. 645.  
An Act concerning Farm Land and Eminent Domain.

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:

Currently any economic development commission or agency can acquire a land by eminent domain for business or industrial uses. This bill would prohibit the taking of any farm land for this purpose. And the need is quite apparent. We need to retain as much of our farm land for food growing as we can. It would be a sad day for Connecticut if we became totally dependent for our food supply out of state. This is one of the recommendations of the Environmental Policy Committee. I think its a good bill and should pass.

THE CHAIR:

Further remarks? Question is on passage of the bill? Those in

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favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR ROME:

This merely allows a Town Clerk to certify as to the authority of Justices of the Peace, Notarie Public and Commissioners of the Superior Court. Whether resident or employed in the Town in lieu of having to go to the Superior Court to have that certification made. It will facilitate matters and authentication.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

The Clerk will note for the record that File 592 is the bill as amended by Senate A.

The next item marked ready is Cal. 309, File 861. This is the favorable report of the joint standing committee on Transportation on S.B. 79 An Act Concerning the Right of Way At Intersections.

THE CHAIR:

Judiciary? Did you not just say Transportation? Cal.309.

THE CLERK:

The jacket shows Transportation.

THE CHAIR:

Well the Calendar shows Judiciary.

SENATOR ROME:

I believe it was referred to Judiciary ultimately.

THE CLERK:

It is a Judiciary matter. We will correct the jacket.

THE CHAIR:

Boy we got an on the ball chairman here. Senator Rome.

SENATOR ROME:

Mr. President I urge acceptance of the committee's favorable

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report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR ROME:

Mr. President, this merely defines more clearly the word inter section. Or, its in line 3 or 4 and 5, the definition of inter-section.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Ives.

SENATOR IVES:

Just for clarity I think the motion should include the passage of the bill as amended by House Amendment A. Thats all.

THE CHAIR:

The motion does include that. Doesn't it Senator?

The question is on passage of the bill as amended by House Amentment Sch. A. 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:

Under Reconsideration. Is the Clerk in error? Is Cal. 458 ready? Page 22.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Can we hold that matter until the next session?

Yes there were two amendments. We were going to take it but then there was another amendment so we will hold.

THE CHAIR:

It may be passed retaining.

THE CLERK:

The Clerk has on his desk passed temporarily the Validating Act of the General Law.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

I have attempted to locate Senator Strada to see if he had an amendment ready. I don't believe that the bill is in proper form as it stands.

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Lt. Griffin: Yes Sir, if that's what it takes, Yes Sir.

Question: (Inaudible)

O.K. Thank you Lt. Anyone else in favor of HB6417. Any opposition to the bill?

Next Bill is 6418 an act concerning the safety standards for school buses. Anyone to comment in favor of this bill?

John Blasco: Executive Vice President of the Motor Transport Association, speaking in favor of HB 6418. This bill proposes to permit the use of studded snow tires on all rear vehicles in connection with school bus operation during winter months when the use of such tires would be required, or desirable. And we are very much in favor of this provision.

Anyone else in favor of the Bill? Anyone opposed to the bill?

We now have HB 6421 an act concerning duplicate drivers' school license. Anyone in favor? Anyone opposed? Hearing is closed on this bill.

Next bill is 6424 an act concerning the operators of service buses. Anyone in favor? Anyone opposed? We'll close the hearing on this bill.

Now we have 6427 an act concerning inspection of school and service buses. Anyone to speak in favor of this bill?

Barbara Kenny: Representing the State PTA - we would support 6427 to inspect school buses on a semi-annual basis. Thank you.

Anyone else in favor? Anyone opposed to the bill?

John Blasco: Executive Vice President of the Motor Transport Association of Conn. appearing here in behalf of the school bus division of the Association. We are not opposed to the principal of the bill and certainly favor the semi-annual inspection. There is no objection to that. The concern develops over the payment of a \$3.00 fee for each vehicle, and the question arises as to whether or not this fee might be applicable in the case of a reinspection. The payment of the fee would be alright provided it's in a operator's contract. But if you will visualize what's happening in the State of Conn. right now, you just have an additional requirement for one major mirror to be placed on the right side of the bus, this is an additional \$15 to \$30 per school bus. And now you're going to have another \$3 fee here, or actually six and then a question of its application on reinspection. The only thing that we would urge the attention of this Committee is that it be careful in loading additional fees, additional costs during existing contracts.

Any other questions? Thank you Mr. Blasco. Anyone else to comment on 6427?

Next Bill is HB 5129 an act concerning the marking of part-time school buses. We have had comments from Representative Greene, Rep. Vaill, Mr. Blasco, and Mr. Northrup. Anyone else wish to comment on this bill? We'll close the hearing on this bill.

SB 79 an act concerning the right of way at intersections. Anyone in favor of this? Anyone opposed?

Lt. Michael Griffin: Traffic Division, State Police Dept. We'd like to go on record as being opposed to SB 79 concerning the right of way at intersections. This statute requires that the operator of a vehicle - any vehicle on the highway joining but not crossing another highway grant the right of way to any vehicle approaching from either direction when the vehicles are approaching so as to arrive at the intersection at the same time. This statute we feel would be very confusing to the motoring public. It does not conform to the motor vehicle code. There is no indication in here as to whether or not this supersedes a stop sign, a traffic signal or anything else. We do not feel that this would be good legislation.

Any questions? Thank you Lt. Anyone else opposed to the bill? The hearing is closed on SB 79.

SB 171 an act concerning the establishment of a branch of the Motor Vehicle Dept. in Bristol.

Sen. Dinnelli: 31st District. I would like to say at the outset that the only reason this bill has been entered is sort of self protection in the light of persistent rumors that the present Motor Vehicle Dept. that services this area is liable to be moved to a location which would be very impractical for the people of this area to reach. So it's - I'm not one of those that feels that every town and city in the State should have their own Motor Vehicle Dept., and I just ask you to consider this if there is a change in the present one in New Britain which is on the New Britain-Plainville line, which services Plainville, Southington, Terryville, and Bristol. There have been, as I said, rumors that this might be moved to the Newington side of New Britain, and if this is so, I would like you to consider the establishment of a Motor Vehicle Dept. in this area.

The Motor Vehicle Dept. can't comment on this bill. (The rest is mostly inaudible).

Anyone else to comment on SB 171? The hearing is closed on this bill.

Next bill is SB 376, and act concerning speed of school buses. Anyone in favor?

John Blasco: Executive Vice President of the Motor Transport Association appearing in behalf of the School Bus Division. The stated purpose of this bill is to equalize the speed of school buses with other traffic on divided limited access highway, and the affect would be to raise the maximum permitted for school buses on such highways from 50 miles per hour to 55 miles per hour. There is a great deal of confusion now, particularly amongst out of state operators who come into the State of Conn. You have posted signs on the highway which says truck and bus speeds 55 miles per hour. Then you have a school bus speed of 50 miles per hour, and we believe that this would help to eliminate some of the confusion and at the same time it would make possible the more uniform flow of traffic with the school buses moving more closely to the rate of speed of other traffic. Thank you.

Anyone else in favor? Anyone else opposed?

Lt. Griffin: State Police Traffic Division. I'm here to register State Police opposition to SB 376 concerning speed of school buses. This is as regards the maximum speed on divided access highways - we feel that this is sufficient - we also feel that increasing the maximum speed from 50 miles per hour to 55, would serve no purpose at this time. We have had no complaints from anyone in regard