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In view of the nature of today's Calendar, so ordered. I would indicate, incidentally, to the Members that it's our intention, after consulting with the Leaders on both sides of the aisle, to properly recommend that we will go to five full calendar days next week. There<sup>are</sup> four Calendar Fridays left after today, and with the fact that we now have four-and-a-half weeks remaining, it is a probability that next Friday will be a regular calendar day. We will announce with finality the decision on this on Monday, but I think you can anticipate that next Friday will be a regular Calendar day.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 694, in your files File No. 683, H.B. No. 5552, an Act concerning the issuance of regulations by the Hospital Cost Commission. Favorable report Committee on Public Health and Safety.

PETER W. GILLIES:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Question's on acceptance and passage. Would you remark.

PETER W. GILLIES:

Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is somewhat technical. It simply provides that the Commission may promulgate regulations concerning the commission of data to those institutions and hospitals receiving State aid. I urge its passage.

MR. SPEAKER:

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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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Bar Association. And has been reviewed by the Corporation Division of the Secretary of the State's Office. And it takes care of a number of technical changes in both the stock and non-stock corporations acts. And the professional service corporations act of the State of Connecticut. But I would like to just mention just two of the proposed changes, one takes place in Sec. 4 of the bill. Which would permit a Board of Directors to meet by Conference telephone and not require the physical presence of one or more of the Directors of the State of Connecticut. And the other change that I would like to refer to in Sec. 13, makes permissible a certificate of incorporation provision permitting action by share-holders by written consent of share holders holding less than all of the voting power. But not less than the majority. Except that the Directors may not be elected without a meeting unless there is a unanimous written consent.

In other words you could have share holder action without having a share holder meeting as such with the exception that you can't do it for electing Directors unless you have unanimous consent. I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage. 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:

Cal. 645, File 683, favorable report joint standing committee on Public Health and safety on H.B. 5552. An Act the Issuance of Regulations by the Hospital Cost Commission.

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?

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SENATOR PAC:

This bill would permit the hospital cost commission to promulgate regulations regarding the commission of hospital cost data. Currently they have to accept the data that the hospitals furnish them. And you of course realize how inadequate this might be. In formulating these regulations they have to concur with the statutes 441 to 450. And it also has another change. It takes it removes the cost commission out of the budgeting agency and puts it under the control of the Commissioner of Finance and Controls. Actually this is a budgeting function and should have been in finance long ago.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage. 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:

Page 7, please third item from the top, Cal. 648, File 673. Favorable report joint standing committee on Public Health and Safety on Substitute H.B. 6383 An Act Concerning Protection Against Rubella by Immunization.

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 make mandatory for the local boards of education to start an immunization program covering all the children up to the ages of 12. Currently we have a premissive program going. But unfortunately there is still something like 30% of the school population that have not availed themselves of this service. This will not cost the local towns anything.

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desirable to have this information. As a result, the preparation of all the reports, the total reports, which is quite comprehensive as I'm sure you are aware, limits us to a period of one or two weeks before the Commission. And by the time the Commissioners got the report, this complicated report to study, it may be only one day. Now this is due to the fact that the hospitals are not submitting the kind of information we're requesting or supplemental information. There may be errors in their particular reports, financial reports. The important part of this is the penalty failure. And the penalty in itself is defined within the act which they said if they don't file the information they will receive the prior years rate if it happens to be lower.

H.B. 5552. This is new. It gives the authority to the commission to issue regulations. We do not have that authority. The statutes, Mr. Chairman, as you know, are quite general, broad, and a number of these provisions within the existing in the proposed act would require further defining.

Rep. Cohen: Which commission are you referring to, the Hospital Cost Commission?

Mr. Kornosiwicz: The Hospital Cost Commission. These are all Hospital Cost Commission. So this just gives the authority for regulations, issuing regulations.

5553 is simply a provision to correct a statutory reference and authority for determining reimbursement rates for children's nursing homes. What had happened, in the last session of the General Assembly, the licensing for children's nursing homes, or children's convalescent homes if you want to call them that, were under one specific section, and in the reorganization of the licensing provision, they had inadvertently left out the provision which would authorize the Hospital Cost Commission to issue, ah, develop reimbursement rates for them. This would correct the statutory reference.

H.B. 5554. We've heard that one. Oh, incidentally on H.B. 5554, there is a substitute bill in on that and the substitute bill just corrects a reference to instead of saying the State Medical Society, it states a representative of the medical profession, I believe.

H.B. 6507 concerns computing reimbursement rates on an, for nursing homes, on an individual basis. Mr. Chairman, I have prepared some information on this. If reimbursement rates were to be made on the basis of actual cost to the individual nursing home, the control of cost to the state as a program cost would be lost. Specifically, whatever operating costs

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costs. And this was the purpose of it. Now we've gotten to the point where I think we've done a real good job, the health department plus the providers of service. But this bill makes provision only for the voluntary institutions. And they say I'm not going to get an argument as to where care is better or not better, but 6507 will embrace all of the institutions if you care to talk about that. I'd be glad to answer any questions if you -

Sen. Pac: Any questions? Thank you Mr. Dellafera. Dr. Corley? Or any other doctor.

Dr. Morris A. Granoff, President, Connecticut State Medical Society: I'm here to support H.B. 5554. The Council of the state medical society has taken a stand on this bill which adds representatives of the Connecticut Hospital Association, the state medical society -

Sen. Pac: Can we have a little quiet here?

Dr. Granoff: The council of the state medical society has voted to support H.B. 5554 as currently presented and currently printed on the basis that it would add representation from the Conn. Hospital Association, the state medical society, labor and the insurance industry. Personally I find that the modifying clause, not employed in any capacity or compensated by hospital, or any services industry is commendable. I think the public represent, representatives could really represent the public and not some interest and supposedly represent the public.

H.B. 5548, 5550, and 5552 were disapproved by the council. And the following statement concerning them was made: The health care provided by private hospitals and re -

Rep. Lyons: Pardon me. Mr. Chairman. Would you give those numbers again, doctor?

Dr. Granoff: 5548, 5550, 5552. The statement reads: The health care provided by by private hospitals and related private facilities is not a public utility and the costs and charges for health care in private hospitals and related private facilities should not be regulated by the state or its agencies. It is proper for the state to regulate costs for health care and facilities operated by the state, or the amount of payment to be made to private hospitals and related private facilities for services rendered to wards of the state. The Conn. State Medical Society favors programs of study of the costs of hospital care on a regional or even state wide basis and planning in the areas of construction and special services, and believes that there already exists a sufficient number of properly constituted study and planning groups to meet the known needs for same in Connecticut. The Conn. State Medical Society opposes strongly all measures which would place the

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control of health care in the statutory jurisdiction of an agency or agencies whose administrators are predominantly fiscally oriented and not sufficiently aware of the needs and the personal and professional problems associated with the delivery of health care services.

Rep. Cohen: Can I touch on that before you go on to another bill? The state does regulate things that they don't run themselves like public utilities, transportation. Why should this industry be any different than any other industry?

Dr. Granoff: First sentence we made the statement that it is not a public utility.

Rep. Cohen: If they, it's something operating within the state. You made the point unless the state runs it, the state should have no right to regulate it. The state doesn't run the utilities. It still can regulate it. I know it's not a public utility.

Dr. Granoff: Well, if, if, well, it's on that basis that the that the stand in opposition to those bills was taken. That it was felt this was not a public utility. Now speaking for myself I, and I suppose I could speak for the society, I recognize the problems. The problems are real. Read this. It'll shake you up.

Rep. Cohen: Are you giving it to us?

Dr. Granoff: No. It costs eight dollars. Quiet. Read it. It'll be the best eight dollars you spend if you really are concerned with what happened, what is happening to the health care in the United States as evidenced in New York.

Dr. Cohen: What if I show you some other books that disagree with you? You're offering me a book that will probably agree with your point of view. I could get a book that was in the New York Times Book Review section -

Dr. Granoff: This is it. This is it.

Dr. Cohen: There were two books.

Dr. Granoff: Yes. The other - you're talking about Sunday's Review or the January Review?

Dr. Cohen: Sunday's Review.

Dr. Granoff: Well, this is the second book.