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THE CLERK:

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Calendar No. 257, Substitute for House Bill No. 5824. An Act Concerning the State Grant in Lieu of Taxes on Manufacturer's Inventories.

CARL R. AJELLO, 118th District:

Mr. Speaker, I move that Calendar No. 257, Substitute for House Bill No. 5824 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

MR. SPEAKER:

Is there objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 259, Substitute for House Bill No. 8614. An Act Concerning Closing Hours for Premises Serving Alcoholic Liquors.

DONALD F. ESPOSITO, 168th District:

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage and the Clerk has an amendment. Will the Clerk please read the amendment?

THE CLERK:

The Clerk has two amendments. Which one do you wish read? Mr. Gillies or Mr. O'Neill's. House Amendment Schedule "A" offered by Mr. O'Neill of the 52nd.

In line 13, after the word "on", insert the words "SATUR - DAY AND."

In line 28, delete the brackets before and after the word

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"one," and delete the word "TWO."

In line 62, after the word "on," insert the words "SATURDAY AND."

In line 67, delete the brackets before and after the word "one," and delete the word "TWO."

In line 72, insert brackets around the word "one" and insert the word "TWO."

DONALD F. ESPOSITO, 168th District:

Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on the adoption of House Amendment Schedule "A", will you remark?

DONALD F. ESPOSITO, 168th District:

I will yield to Mr. O'Neill.

WILLIAM A. O'NEILL, 52nd District:

Mr. Speaker, this particular amendment offered by myself changes the present bill's status, which calls for 2 a.m. closing Monday through Saturday night, and this particular amendment would allow 2 a.m. closing on Friday and Saturday only, actually Saturday morning and Sunday morning. I have talked this over with many people in the restaurant and hotel industry, members of the Liquor Committee, members of the leadership on both sides of the aisle. I think it is a good intended amendment, Mr. Speaker, and I move its adoption.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on House Amendment Schedule "A".

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If not, all those in favor will indicate by saying aye, those opposed? The amendment is adopted.

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DONALD F. ESPOSITO, 168th District:

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has a second amendment. Will he please read the amendment?

MR. SPEAKER:

Will the Clerk please read House Amendment Schedule "B"?

THE CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "B" offered by Mr. Gillies of the 75th and Mr. Sarasin of the 95th.

In line 72 after the word "until" bracket "one" and insert "TWO".

DONALD F. ESPOSITO, 168th District:

Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on adoption of House Amendment Schedule "B", will you remark?

DONALD F. ESPOSITO, 168th District:

Mr. Speaker, this amendment is only technical in nature and I move its adoption.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on House Amendment Schedule "B"? If not, all those in favor of Amendment Schedule "B" will indicate by saying aye, those opposed. The amendment is adopted.

DONALD F. ESPOSITO, 168th District:

Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the joing committee's

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MR. SPEAKER:

Before putting the question the Chair rules House Amendment "B" and "A" is technical. Question is on acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill as amended by House Amendments "A" and "B", will you remark further?

DONALD F. ESPOSITO, 168th District:

Mr. Speaker, all this bill does is the same that we did with the 11 o'clock closing on Sundays. It extends the hours of the restaurants, taverns, bars an additional hour to 2 o'clock. The bill conforms to all local ordinances. There is nothing we are changing in regards to that and I move for passage of the bill.

HERBERT V. CAMP, JR., 163rd District:

Mr. Speaker, as in the last session I oppose this bill. Certainly it is better as amended but we've already adopted two laws which seem to be contrary to highway safety and we do a third one today. Certainly the only thing that can happen between one and two is that somebody gets drunker than they already were and endanger the other people on the highway more. This bill was defeated in substantially the same session as it was here in the last session and as I said in the last session, the only thing you get between one and two in the bar is a hangover. Mr. Speaker, with some hesitation I ask that when the vote be taken, it be taken by roll call.

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MR. SPEAKER:

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The question is a request for a roll call vote. All those in favor of a roll call indicate by saying aye, in the opinion of the Chair the necessary 20% in support of the request vote and a roll call will be ordered. Will you remark further?

ROY H. ERVIN, 140th District:

Mr. Speaker, thank you, Mr. Speaker, in all honesty I have to be against this bill. Although I'm not on a committee, or the committee that heard this, it always seemed to me one of the major factors for making the drinking hours longer was for convention business that we are losing in the state of Connecticut and things of this nature. Unless I'm mistaken, however, the bill really doesn't cover that particular facet of the business but it is all inclusive. Although I'm not a teetotaler by nature, I still think that one a.m. is a reasonable hour, even on weekends, to be closing these establishments. I think that what Mr. Camp said, frankly, there is a lot of validity to it. That people by one o'clock have had enough and the only thing that happens between one and two is that you are going to have some people go over the brink of being able to control themselves properly. I don't see, in the public interest, that enlarging the drinking time, in the wee hours of the morning, to two a.m. is going to be in the public interest at all. I think our present law is very reasonable, I think it is fair, being fair to people who want to go to these establishments and there is no necessity for enlarging this period of time. Thank

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MR. SPEAKER:

For the benefit of the members who have just come to the floor, we are on Calendar No. 259, House Bill No. 8614, File No. 201, we have adopted House Amendment Schedule....gentlemen and ladies, we cannot proceed to legislate if we don't have your attention....we have adopted House Amendments "A" and "B", we are proceeding to a roll call vote on the bill itself.

MICHAEL L. MORANO, 151st District:

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the bill. As many of you know, I am very interested in highway safety and I think the arguments presented about highway safety don't hold any water at all, I have many friends who close the thrist parlors, the gin mills, whatever you want to call them, at one o'clock and do not go home but only go on to visit their friends at their homes and apartments and continue to drink until two, three and four o'clock in the morning. So, perhaps, if we passed this bill allowing the thrist parlors to remain open until two, they might see the light and go home earlier and we'll have less drunken driving and less accidents. I move the passage of the bill.

ROBERT OLIVER, 104th District:

Mr. Speaker, just briefly, for the benefit of the members, this bill doesn't require a town to permit its bars to stay open until two, there's local option, they can local option out. I think it is an important bill for the commerce of center

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cities, as well as many of the growing suburban towns. I think it increases the number of banquets and other social affairs that could be held at hotels and restaurants and I think it is a healthy thing for the state of Connecticut.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? If not, will the members please take their seats, will the staff please clear the floor and aisles. Will you remark further?

ALBERT PROVENZANO, 127th District:

Mr. Speaker, just briefly, the committee labored long on this bill and came out with a compromise for Friday and Saturday evening. I think it is a bill in the best interest of the state because it provides for an extension of hours, particularly for the towns that border New York State. Now, as you know, New York State it is 3 a.m. in the morning. This bill provides only for the extension of one hour on Friday and Saturday evenings. I don't think that's an unreasonable bill. The protection is in there, in the law, which would allow for local options as well as the discretion of the barkeeper or the restaurant owner, something which was not in the previous law. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? If not, we will proceed to take the roll call. Will the members please take their seats? Will the gentleman please come to the well of the House. The machine will be opened. Have all the members had an opportunity

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to vote and is your vote recorded as you intended, on the machine? The machine will be closed. The Clerk will take a tally. The Clerk will announce the vote.

THE CLERK:

The following is the result of the vote:

Total Number Voting	121
Necessary for adoption	61
Those voting Yea	91
Those voting Nay	30
Absent and not voting	56

MR. SPEAKER:

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

On page 9 of the calendar. At the top of the page, a disagreeing action.

CARL R. AJELLO, 118th District:

Mr. Speaker, I think it might be preferable to finish page 3, if the Clerk would call the second item from the bottom. I'm sorry, it is not double-starred. I would like to have it called, however.

MR. SPEAKER:

Would the Clerk please call page 3, Calendar No. 271.

THE CLERK:

House Bill No. 8601 An Act Concerning the Purchase of Land in Waterbury by the State of Connecticut.

CARL R. AJELLO, 118th District:

Mr. Speaker, I move that this item, Calendar No. 271, House Bill No. 8601 be referred to the Committee on Appropria-

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the question is on acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill as amended. All those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed. The bill is passed.

CLERK:

Calendar 259, Substitute for House Bill 8614 - An Act Concerning Closing Hours for Premises Serving Alcoholic Liquors (As amended by House Amendments A and B, Senate Amendments A and C.)

MR. SPEAKER:

Gentleman from the 127th.

REPRESENTATIVE PROVENZANO:

I move the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill as amended by House Amendment Schedules A and B and Senate Amendments Schedules A and C in concurrence with the Senate.

MR. SPEAKER:

Questions on acceptance and passage of the bill as amended by House Amendments A and B and we will have to separate the motion. Consider first adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule A. The gentleman care to speak to adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule A.

REPRESENTATIVE PROVENZANO:

It is my understanding that in effect we should be considering A and C because they both affect the bill. Senate Amendment, Schedules A changed the intent of this bill after it left this House by including or rather excluding from the restrictive

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list the election day and that is the restrictive list of the days for sales. And then the bill was recalled and Senate Amendment Schedule A put back election day in the restrictive list of sales. So we will actually be acting on the bill as it left this House and it is my understanding that the Governor will sign the bill with Friday and Saturday extension until two o'clock as it stands now.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule A. If not, all those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed. Senate A is adopted. The question now is on adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule C. Will you remark on Senate C. Gentleman from the 127th.

REPRESENTATIVE PROVENZANO:

I hope my remarks were understandable but we need Senate Amendment C.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on Senate Amendment Schedule C. The lady from the 101st.

REPRESENTATIVE CLARK:

I am not clear which amendment it is that included or eliminated election day.

MR. SPEAKER:

For the benefit of the lady, the gentleman from the 127th kindly elaborate on Senate Amendment C.

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What I would like to know is whether this bill leaves the bars closed on election day.

MR. SPEAKER:

Gentleman from the 168th.

REPRESENTATIVE ESPOSITO:

I was just going to clarify. What had happened, the Senate had amended our A and B with their Senate Amendment Schedule A which excluded election days from those days which they couldn't serve. We then rejected Senate Amendment Schedule A, the Senate in turn had to come with Senate Amendment Schedule C which then put back in restrictions election day.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule C. Gentleman from the 165th.

REPRESENTATIVE COLLINS:

Now I am really puzzled. I thought we had adopted Senate Amendment Schedule A and we now proceed to Senate Amendment Schedule C. If Mr. Esposito is correct the action may be should have been to reject Senate Amendment Schedule A. Maybe you can explain it.

MR. SPEAKER:

The gentleman from the 165th is correct. The action at this point has been adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule A and the **question** before the chamber is adoption of Senate Amendment **Schedule C**. The **remarks** from the gentleman of the 168th indicate **that there may have been an extension to reject Senate Amendment**

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Schedule A. However that was not the actual action this chamber just taken. The action was adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule A. The question now before us is adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule C. Will you remark further on Senate C. Gentleman from the 125th.

REPRESENTATIVE HOLDSWORTH:

It certainly is rather difficult to determine what Senate Amendment Schedule A and C, this is no definition between the two in our file. I am just wondering if this can be further clarified.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Chair would request that the Clerk read Senate Amendment C for clarification.

CLERK:

In reading Schedule C, I believe you would have to refer to file No. 597.

MR. SPEAKER:

Gentleman from the 127th.

REPRESENTATIVE PROVENZANO:

May I ask if this item may be passed temporarily until we get this straightened out.

MR. SPEAKER:

To avoid further confusion, the Chair would repeat its request that the Clerk read Senate C.

CLERK:

Senate C has reference to file no. 597. In line 12, delete

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the bracket. In line 13, delete the bracket. In line 14, after the words "Saturday" insert the following words "between 2:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m." In line 42, delete the bracket. Line 43, delete the bracket. In line 61, delete the bracket. In line 62, delete the bracket. In line 62, after the word "Saturday", insert the following words "between 2:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m."

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REPRESENTATIVE HANNON:

Mr. Speaker, I think we should pass this matter temporarily, we are all thoroughly confused.

MR. SPEAKER:

The bill will be passed temporarily. The Clerk will return to the call of the calendar.

CLERK:

Page 24, Calendar 587, House Bill 5389 - An Act Concerning the Suppression of Criminally Operated Businesses. (As amended by Senate Amendment Schedule A.) The original bill is in your files of 549. The bill is amended by the Senate which contains Senate Amendment Schedule A as in the files of 970.

MR. SPEAKER:

Gentleman from the 157th.

REPRESENTATIVE BINGHAM:

I move the adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule A.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule A.

REPRESENTATIVE BINGHAM:

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commissioner's office for its consideration.

Gentleman from the 16th.

REPRESENTATIVE HANNON:

May we return to the top of page 24, Disagreeing Actions, Calendar 259. There has been some resolution of the problem and we passed it temporarily.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will the Clerk please read Calendar 259.

CLERK:

Calendar 259, Substitute for House Bill 8614. An Act Concerning Closing Hours for Premises Serving Alcoholic Liquors. In your files, 971.

MR. SPEAKER:

Gentleman from the 127th.

REPRESENTATIVE PROVENZANO:

Now that we are unconfused, we will try to confuse you again. Senate Amendment Schedule A which we adopted -

MR. SPEAKER:

Would the gentleman care to make a motion.

REPRESENTATIVE PROVENZANO:

I thought we were carrying off from where we left off and that motion still carries as I understand it and adopted Senate Amendment Schedule A.

MR. SPEAKER:

Yes we did, the matter was passed temporarily. The motion before the chamber was acceptance and passage as amended by

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House A and B. Consideration was given to Senate A which was then passed. Prior to any vote on Senate C, the matter was passed temporarily. The Chair at this time would entertain a motion referable to Senate C.

REPRESENTATIVE PROVENZANO:

I move then for Senate Amendment Schedule C.

MR. SPEAKER:

The motion is on adoption of Senate Amendment C. Will you remark.

REPRESENTATIVE PROVENZANO:

Senate Amendment Schedule C removes the brackets that Senate Amendment Schedule A inserted in the bill and this is the way the Senate handled our bill and Senate Amendment Schedule A is necessary to correct Senate Amendment Schedule A.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on Senate Amendment Schedule C. Gentleman from the 52nd.

REPRESENTATIVE O'NEILL:

I think to clarify the whole situation, Senate Amendment Schedule A called for the bars to be open during the normal elective polling hours on election day. Senate Amendment Schedule C rescinded this original action so that the bars and liquor establishments would be closed during the time that the polls are open. So consequently, if we adopt A and C and pass the bill, the bill will be as originally left the House, liquor establishments bars would be open Monday through Thursday 9:00

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A.M. to 1:00 A.M. the following morning, Friday and Saturdays, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. the following morning, Sundays, from 12:00 noon to 11:00 P.M. and it has been suggested by one of the members of the press that we ask for immediate transmittal to the Governor's Office so this can take effect this evening.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on Senate Amendment Schedule C. If not, all those in favor of its adoption, will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed. Senate Amendment C is adopted. The question now before you is on acceptance and passage of the Joint Committee's favorable report as amended by House Amendment Schedule A and B as further amendment by Senate Amendments A and C in concurrence. Will you remark further on the bill as amended.

REPRESENTATIVE PROVENZANO:

Only that we have the bill as we passed it originally and I would hope that you would support it.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill as amended. If not, all those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed. The bill is passed.

CLERK:

Page 25, Matter Recalled From Legislative Commissioner. Calendar 237, Substitute for House Bill 5725 - An Act Adopting a State Child Protection Act. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule A).

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THE CHAIR:

I don't know that that's appropriate, Senator. This was marked number three by the vote of the Senate. I think we should go back to number one.

SENATOR HOULEY:

My apologies.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. And this will be up shortly.

THE CLERK:

Page one of the Calendar, please. Bottom of the page, No. 249, File No. 201, the Joint Standing Committee on Liquor Control, Substitute House Bill 8614, An Act Concerning Closing Hours for Premises Serving Alcoholic Liquors, as amended by House Amendment A and B.

THE CHAIR:

Senator DuPont.

SENATOR DUPONT:

I don't believe House Amendment, Schedule A and B are in our files. I wonder if the Clerk might read those Amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill. So moved. Mr. Clerk, will you read House Amendment, Schedule A and B. Senator Dowd.

SENATOR DOWD:

Has the matter - is the matter properly before us, sir?

THE CHAIR:

What is the objection?

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SENATOR DOWD:

No, I mean, has it been moved?

THE CHAIR:

Yes, it was moved.

SENATOR DOWD:

Then I would ask the Clerk to read Amendment A please.

THE CHAIR:

You mean Senate Amendment, Schedule A?

SENATOR DOWD:

Yes, please.

THE CHAIR:

We are going to read the House Amendments first. Senator DuPont has moved that we read the House Amendments so that the Circle will be informed, and then you will be in order to proceed with Senate Amendment, Schedule A.

SENATOR DOWD:

You're quite right. I'm sorry. I'm in error.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator.

THE CLERK:

This is House Amendment, Schedule A, in line 13, after the word "on" insert the words "Saturday and".

THE CHAIR:

You want to go very slowly, Mr. Clerk, so that they can get the import of this. Up in the rear, please. It's very difficult to hear the Clerk. Thank you.

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THE CLERK:

In Line 13, after the word "on", insert the words "Saturday and". In Line 28, delete the bracket before and after the word "one" and delete the word "two". In Line 62, after the word "on", insert the words "Saturday and". In Line 67, delete the brackets before and after the word "one" and delete the word "two". In Line 72, insert brackets around the word "one" and insert the word "two". This is now House Amendment B, in Line 72, after the word "until", bracket "one" and insert "two".

THE CHAIR:

Senator DuPont, do you wish to be recognized at this time or yield to Senator Dowd?

SENATOR DUPONT:

I yield to Senator Dowd.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Dowd.

THE CLERK:

The Clerk has two Amendments offered by Senator Dowd. The first is Senate Amendment A.

SENATOR DOWD:

Yes. Would the Clerk please read same?

THE CLERK:

In Line 12, after the word "on", delete the words "the day of any State or Municipal". Line 13, delete the words "elections during the hours of voting and on". In Line 42, after the word "on", delete the words "the day of any State". Line 43, delete the words "or municipal election on". Line

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60, after the word "unlawful", delete the words "on the day". Line 61 and 62, delete the words "any State or municipal election during the hours of voting".

THE CHAIR:

Senator Dowd.

SENATOR DOWD:

Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Have you moved acceptance of the Amendment, Adoption of the Amendment?

SENATOR DOWD:

I move adoption of the Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR DOWD:

Thank you, sir. Senator Buckley has me all aquiver today. Mr. President, this Amendment simply repeals what, in my judgment, is an anachronism in our liquor laws. This Amendment would repeal the prohibition of on premise drinking during polling hours on State and municipal elections. And the same prohibition all day for the sale of liquor at retail stores. It seems to me, in a check of the laws across the fifty States indicates, that Connecticut's present laws in this regard, to the sale and consumption of liquor on election days, are the most restricted laws in the New England States. In fact, there are ten States, Mr. President, which have removed all restrictions, most of these having taken place within the past four years. And I would call your attention to the wide variety of States and the diversity of States which have done so. We have California and Florida and Iowa and

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Nevada, as well as New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Texas. So it's clearly not in any one section of the United States. At this present moment, Mr. President, twelve States have bills to remove restrictions under consideration at this moment. Among them are such States as Mississippi. Now clearly, I think that the people of Connecticut are open-minded on this subject and as realistic as the people in Mississippi. The reasons for these actions is clear. It seems to me that the prohibition of liquor sales on election days speaks to other days and to other times. And to other customs and to other moralities. I think that the times when in fact they ever did occur, when votes were purchased with half-pints is long behind us, or when town drunks, if there ever were any, were exploited on election day, is far behind us. And I think in today's world, such a prohibition in Connecticut, in today's times, makes very little sense whatsoever. So I would urge you all to bring Connecticut's liquor laws into line with modern times and modern time values and would urge adoption of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator DuPont.

SENATOR DUPONT:

Mr. President, Members of the circle, I rise in opposition to this Amendment. There were several bills referred to the Liquor Control Commission dealing with this very subject and after deliberation, that Committee felt that those were not the favorable type of bills that should be brought before this body. Not that that is any compelling reason to vote one way or the other on that but I do point it out to the Members of this body. It seems to me that under the existing law, which requires the premises with

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permits to sell alcoholic beverages to close during the hours of polling, that to me doesn't seem an unreasonable law after the polls are closed, if someone wants to go out and participate in and have or imbibe or have a drink, they can, in that time. And, it seems to me that this is not an unreasonable law. It's a good law and makes sense. And I think there are many other reasons for it besides the fear that someone would buy votes by doing someone up with intoxicating liquors. And I urge the Members of this circle to vote against it.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Dowd.

SENATOR DOWD:

I ask that when the vote be taken, it be taken by Roll Call.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Caldwell.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. President, I rise to oppose the Amendment. My concern isn't so much with the people who might have their vote bought by a drink before they go to the booth. I'm more concerned that when the people get to the booth, if they've had a few snorts, if they had the experience that I had during the last election and my party, they'd be so utterly confused that they wouldn't know what to do.

THE CHAIR:

You might have made out better, Senator.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

I'm willing to try again, if I get another chance, I might support the

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Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption of Senate Amendment A. Will you remark further? Senator Hammer.

SENATOR HAMMER:

Mr. President, I submit that if you remove the mandatory party lever the people will be able to vote more easy and they won't get too confused, even with a few drinks under their belt.

THE CHAIR:

Not too germane, Senator, but you got through with it, before I thought it up. Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor of a Roll Call, signify by saying aye. Opposed, nay. More than twenty percent having moved for a Roll Call, there will be a Roll Call on Senate Amendment, Schedule A. Now, I know you'd like to have it explained. If you're a Republican, you'll vote for the Amendment. If you're a Democrat, you'll vote against it. If you're a drinking Republican. Senator Crafts.

SENATOR CRAFTS:

I rise to a point of order, Mr. President. I think you're trying to influence the vote.

THE CHAIR:

The point is well taken. Order the Roll Call. I think most of the Senators know that we are in Session.

THE CLERK:

A Roll Call has been ordered in the Chamber. Will all Senators please return.

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THE CHAIR:

A yes vote is for the Amendment. No is against.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Whole number Voting.....34
Necessary for Passage.....18
Those Voting Yea.....18
Those Voting Nay.....16
Those absent and not voting..... 2

THE CHAIR:

There are rumors only that it's a tie vote. If it is, there will be a slight delay while I call the television cameras. The Amendment is adopted. Senator Dowd.

SENATOR DOWD:

Mr. President, the Clerk has an Amendment, would he please read it?

THE CHAIR:

Senate Amendment, Schedule B.

THE CLERK:

Line 43, delete the word "decoration". In Line 44, delete the word "day". In Line 45, delete the words "Decoration Day".

THE CHAIR:

Senator Dowd.

SENATOR DOWD:

Mr. President, this is a very simple Amendment. What it does -

THE CHAIR:

You move adoption of the Amendment?

SENATOR DOWD:

Thank you, sir. I would move adoption of the Amendment. I'm not

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used to seeing my Amendments passed, sir. This is a simple Amendment which in effect, would delete Decoration Day from one of the days, one of the holidays on which no liquor may be sold from retail outlets. To me, Mr. President, my previous remarks apply. This is particularly, might be an inappropriate day to close the liquor stores. I don't think it in any way imputes any disregard for the contributions made by Veterans at any time. It is a family holiday. Removing it to a weekend and it's a day when picnics are in order and reasonable and drink in moderation are now a part of the American scene. I think it's only reasonable that we allow our liquor stores to remain open on that day. I would urge adoption of the Amendment and ask that when the vote be taken, it again be taken by Roll Call.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator DuPont.

SENATOR DUPONT:

Mr. President, I rise in opposition to this Amendment. There are only a few days throughout the year that these stores are required by law to close. Decoration Day is one of these days. I feel the law in its present form is appropriate and serves a useful purpose and it should remain that way.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? If not, all those who wish a Roll Call Vote, signify by saying aye. Opposed, nay. We'll have a standing vote. All those who wish a Roll Call, please stand. Count, Mr. Clerk. Obviously now more than twenty percent. I certainly couldn't hear you before. Roll Call Vote is ordered in the Senate on Senate Amendment, Schedule B.

THE CLERK:

All Senators please return to the Chamber. An immediate Roll Call has been ordered.

THE CHAIR:

Will you proceed, Mr. Clerk.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Whole Number Voting.....	34
Necessary for Passage.....	18
Those voting Yea.....	15
Those voting Nay.....	19
Those absent and not voting.....	2

THE CHAIR:

The Amendment is defeated. Senator DuPont, will you now move on the Bill, as amended by Senate Amendment, Schedule A.

SENATOR DUPONT:

I wonder if the President would rule as to whether that is a substantive Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

The Bill is ruled technical. You may proceed. The Amendment is ruled technical.

SENATOR DUPONT:

Mr. President, Members of the circle, this Bill, basically, the Bill itself would extend or permit the sale or dispensing of liquor by hotels, restaurants, cafes and clubs on Fridays and Saturday evenings or nights, so to speak, until 2:00 A.M., rather than the present law which provides for 1:00 A.M. It seems to me, with the various and sundry schedules that people have in their lives today, that there should be a little wider and broader latitude with respect to these closing hours. And it should be more a

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matter of self regulation rather than regulation on a state-wide basis as has been in the past.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further, questions on the Bill. Senator Fauliso.

SENATOR FAULISO:

I oppose the Bill that we considered recently, extending the drinking hours on Sunday, and I assign the same reasons for this Bill. I think that the Bill is idiotic and now it becomes abominable, with the Senate Amendment A and I recall the saying of an individual that I read recently that said that no man's life, liberty or property are safe when the legislature's in Session. And I began to think about it, reflect upon it. At first, I was enraged and I was indignant and I began to think about this legislature and how we have moved into the great areas and the great legislation that we passed, permitting women to, first in '69 to sit at the bar and now to stagger at the bar or stand at the bar, and to, as Mrs. Finney said, maybe to be under the bar, besides being over the bar. And then to extend the drinking hours, as we did recently on Sundays, to 11:00. And now to extend these hours on Saturdays and Sunday and to permit this on voting day and then during election hours. And I'm beginning to think about our own sanity. I'm beginning to reflect how unwise some of our legislation truly is. Some of the things that we said in connection with the Spanish War Veterans probably begins to have some relevance here. When are we going to be thinking about those bills that are momentous. Bills concerning the sick and the disabled, the housing bills and the people who are destitute and the many, many things that affect our society. This Bill, as the other bills,

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affects, in my opinion, only those who want to translate our action into money. They see dollar signs. This truly serves a special interest. It does not serve the public interests. Not long ago, I had a dream and I dreamt that all the reservoirs in our State had dried up and the wells were dried up. And the legislature, in its great wisdom, declared an emergency.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, I think you should have gotten up and had a glass of water. You may proceed, yes sir.

SENATOR FAULISO:

Declared an emergency and in this dream, I felt that I had to exercise my right, because the emergency was to have all the liquor outlets have unlimited time to sell the spirits. So, I walked into this particular outlet in District No. 1, Senatorial District No. 1, and low and behold, I saw a host of women. It was filled with women. Not one male in sight. My throat being parched and dry, I made my way, elbowed my way to the front when suddenly one woman elbowed me in the ribs and said, here buster, stand in back of the line and suddenly I awakened. Maybe the blow was imaginary. But when I got to my senses, I finally realized that it wasn't an emergency. Truly, a dream. And it would be only in such an emergency that I would vote for this Bill. Because I cannot see this being momentous or important. And I congratulate Mrs. Finney, Senator Finney, for her sanity, her wisdom, because I see that she departs when it concerns the welfare of our State when she thinks of the great interests. When we think that we have another Bill coming from the Judiciary which says that we want to reduce the presumptive level from .15 to .10. I'm so anxious to see the thinking on some of these

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people in the circle who now, in their great liberalism, say that this is a new day, a new age and we want to have drinking on election day and this brings us up to date with other States. I thank God that I live in the State of Connecticut. I probably don't agree with everything that takes place in this legislature. I think this is a foolish Bill, a stupid Bill, inane and truly abominable. It has no place in our deliberations. For years, we've had a good, sound law in the State of Connecticut, making it reasonable. We draw the line of propriety. We say close at 1:00 A.M. during the week days. We say close, up 'til recently, 9:00 P.M., on Sundays, because we hold to the truth, we hold to the Sabbath Day. We believe in these things. This is truly going backward. This is truly putting our State in a bad light. It does not serve the best interests of the citizens of the State of Connecticut, notwithstanding those who have a real interest - the liquor outlets. And I think they are in the minority. I think they came up here and they see a chance to make a dollar. This, their dealing with profits. I want to see my highways safe. I want to see that at night, when these liquor outlets are closed at the reasonable hours that we had thus far, that we don't contribute, by extending these drinking hours. If a person wants to drink, they have plenty of time up to 9:00 P.M. on Sundays. They have plenty of time until 1:00 A.M. Some of these people will get so tanked up, we're going to have domestic difficulty. We're going to have carnage on the highways and then we're going to have so much trouble, that I think it isn't worth it.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Finney.

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SENATOR FINNEY:

Mr. President, you know probably I take some strange views on this. But I also think of the employer of the fellow who drank until 2:00 on Sunday morning. And I also want to say this. And I think this is something that we forget and it makes this kind of thing very difficult to meet. We spend millions of dollars in this State on treating alcoholics. It seems strange indeed, that we should make these laws so that it's more attractive to drink longer. And I'm surprised that we have such a paradox here. But, I would like to take one minute to tell you something of what happened to me in the campaign when I went to a high school in Greenwich. There was a boy who had been on drugs, but no longer was. We talked about drugs, he and I. And I, he was resenting the fact that his parents were interfering with his life. They seemed to expect things of him and they seemed to interfere with him. And I really believing something said, you misunderstand. It's because your parents are fond of you, that they appear to limit you. It's because they're concerned about you. And you ought to be glad about this. And his answer to me was, Senator Finney, you're all wrong. My parents are both alcoholics. I think this taught me something.

THE CHAIR:

Questions on adoption of the Bill as amended by Senate Amendment, Schedule A. Senator Buckley.

SENATOR BUCKLEY:

Mr. President, I will vote against this Bill. I feel that if anybody can't get enough to drink by 1:00, then they aren't really trying too hard. And, I really feel that if a poll were taken, or if this were placed on the

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ballot, in any Town or City, or all of the Towns and cities in Connecticut, it would be overwhelmingly defeated. This Bill is a special interest thing, to serve the interests of some of the people who, liquor distributors, restaurateurs, if you will, who border adjoining states. And the people who or are trying to attract convention business into this State. It's as simple as that. Most every housewife, anybody who's connected with anybody who had any problem, most anybody who has any common sense among the general public out there, would vote against it. I believe it is our duty here to protect the people of the State and for the several reasons, I will oppose the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? If not, the question is on adopting the Bill. Senator Fauliso. Motion's been made - you noticed that - I was going to have the vote. The Motion has been made - the vote be by Roll Call Vote. All those in favor of a Roll Call Vote, signify by saying aye. Opposed Nay. More than twenty percent having voted, a Roll Call Vote will be had on the Bill, as amended by Senate Amendment, Schedule A.

THE CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call has been ordered in the Senate. Would all Senators please return to the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Hammer.

SENATOR HAMMER:

Mr. President, because the House Amendment was not published so that we could look at it, it was a little confusing when the House Amendment was read. And, I asked Senator DuPont to make it clear, what additional hours? We understand about voting days, I think. But what additional hours of

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drinking are being granted under this Bill?

THE CHAIR:

Senator DuPont, will you explain the effect of the Bill?

SENATOR DUPONT:

There are two additional hours of drinking permitted under the proposed Bill. There would be one additional hour on what we would call Saturday, or Friday night, but actually, it would be Saturday morning between one and two a.m., and again on Saturday night, but actually it's Sunday morning, between one and two a.m. The Bill, as originally reported out of the Liquor Committee, provided for a two a.m. closing of all days with the exception of Sunday and it was amended in the House, limiting it to Friday night and Saturday night, so I suppose it wouldn't affect people's work week, and so forth.

THE CHAIR:

And to recall Senator Dowd's Amendment, it took away the prohibition against both package and on-premise outlets on election day. That was adopted and it's part of the Bill. Will you proceed. Senator Fauliso. Senator Cashman.

SENATOR CASHMAN:

Mr. President, just one further question of Senator DuPont. Is this enabling legislation or does it mean that a restaurant or a bar must stay open until 2:00 on those days?

THE CHAIR:

Senator DuPont.

SENATOR DUPONT:

This would be a state-wide law that unless a Town was dry and prohibited

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drinking entirely, which I understand can be done, any restaurant would be able to stay open until 2 a.m. I believe they, well, you're talking about different types of permits - clubs and permits of that nature, I think can just be open a half hour or an hour or closed all day, if they so desired. I believe the restaurants are required by liquor control regulations to remain open a certain period of time and serve, I think, at least one meal a day.

THE CHAIR:

Any further question before the Roll Call proceeds? Mr. Clerk, proceed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Whole Number Voting.....	35
Necessary for Passage.....	18
Those Voting Yea.....	21
Those Voting Nay.....	14
Those absent and not Voting.....	1

The Bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Please turn to Page 2 of your Calendar, Second item from the top, Calendar No. 276, File No. 72, Favorable Report, Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, House Bill 7010, An Act Concerning Equal Employment Contract Compliance, as Amended by House Amendment, Schedule A.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable

THE CHAIR:

Senator Alfano.

SENATOR ALFANO:

Mr. President, I would like to make a motion to Reconsider a matter on yesterday's Calendar. Its Cal. 249, File 201. An Act Concerning Closing Hours for Premises Serving Alcohol Liquors. I was on the prevailing side. I would like to move that we reconsider our action on that bill. HB 8614

THE CHAIR:

The question is on reconsideration of the bill .. Is this bill concerning the hours of closing liquor stores? Of liquor outlets? As amended by Senate Amendment Sch. A. concerning when it passed allowed outlets to be opened on election day. Senator Ives?

SENATOR IVES:

Mr. President, I rise to oppose the motion to reconsider. I think the issue was fully debated yesterday. And I think it should stand as the vote passed.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the motion to reconsider?

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. President I rise to support the motion to reconsideration. I feel that if people have given this more serious thought overnight, and changed their minds they ought to be able to express themselves here before this body today. And I

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would ask the Clerk to announce, I move that the vote be taken by roll call. And I would ask the Clerk to announce very loudly and clearly throughout the halls.

THE CHAIR:

That motion hasn't passed yet Senator. I think your taking quite a bit for granted. Although maybe on your past experience you might assume that it will pass. Will you remark on the motion to reconsider? If not the motion is for a roll call vote on the motion to reconsider. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay? The ayes have it. More than 20% have voted for a roll call. A roll call is ordered in the Senate on the motion to reconsider. Will the Clerk in his clear Eastern Connecticut accent from Bethel, please whichever one of you feel more clearer and distinct please announce the roll call.

The motion is to reconsider. That is to open the matter up again. It doesn't mean your voting on the bill itself. Your voting on whether or not you want to reconsider it. If the motion to reconsider passes it may be amended. It may be defeated. It is completely out on the floor again. As a new matter before you. This motion is only to reconsider whether you want to undo the action of yesterday and bring the matter alive again. If you want to do that as Senator Alfano has moved, you will vote yes. If you do not wish to reconsider, you want the bill to remain in its present form as passed, amended by Senate Amendment Sch. A. you will vote no.

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Will you please begin the roll call?

It has been called to my attention, a question with which I am not familiar. Whether or not a Senator may remain in the Chamber in a roll call vote and not vote. So that I won't have to look it up will you leave the Chamber? In the early morning hours while I am doing my state's business I will look it up tomorrow morning and next time I will know. I don't recall any such rule. And it certainly doesn't make sense. Every Chamber I know in the world if you wish to remain mute you can do so. That will be my ruling anyway if you want to come back Senator Rome. If anyone wishes to call such a rule to my attention we will figure a way to get around it.

The vote on the motion to reconsider H.B. 8614

Whole number voting 31
Necessary for passage 16
Those voting yea 18
Those voting nay 13
Those absent and not voting 5

The Motion is carried. The bill is back before us for consideration.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Alfano.

SENATOR ALFANO":

Mr. President, may that bill stand on the Calendar and hold its place?

THE CHAIR:

The motion is for the bill to stand on the Calendar and hold its place. Is there any objection. If not it is so ordered.

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change insofar as funding is concerned.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

Page 17 of your Calendar. Top of the page 249, File 597 Favorable report of the Committee on Liquor Control on Substitute H.B. 8614 An Act Concerning Closing Hours for Premises Serving Alcoholic Liquors. The Clerk has an Amendment.

THE CLERK:

Senator Dupont.

SENATOR DUPONT:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Committee's Favorable report and passage of the bill. Will the Clerk please read the Amendment.

THE CLERK:

Senate Amend. A. as offered by Senator Dupont.

In line 12 delete the bracket. In line 13, delete the bracket, in line 14 after the word Saturday insert the following words, 2 o'clock a.m. and 9 o'clock a.m. In line 42 delete the bracket and line 43 delete the bracket. In line 61 delete the bracket. In line 62 delete the bracket. In line 62 after the word Saturday insert the following word. Two o'clock a.m. and 9 o'clock a.m.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Dupont.

SENATOR DUPONT:

Mr. President, this amendment in effect..

THE CHAIR:

Move acceptance.

SENATOR DUPONT:

I am sorry. I move acceptance of the amendment.

This amendment in effect takes out Senate Amendment Sch. A. which provided for the sale of alcoholic beverages on election day.

And in addition it clears up the language with respect to the opening of hours on Friday and Saturday evenings from 1 to 2 a.m. I believe we went over this before. And I urge passage of the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

As I understand it Senator, the only effect to the amendment is to negate the amendment of the so-called Dowd Amendment. Which was adopted earlier allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages on election day.

SENATOR DUPONT:

In addition to that we discovered that there was some problems with the House Amendment. It makes technical changes with respect to the hours. So there is no misunderstanding with respect to the hours.

THE CHAIR:

For the record. I would point out that its Senate Amend

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Sch. B. The Clerk has announced it as A. A was adopted before B negates it and makes technical changes in some of the house language concerning opening and closing hours on Friday and Saturday. Is that correct Senator?

Will you remark? So the plan simply before us is Amend. Sch. B. to really in effect repeal the Amendment we adopted before which allows sale of alcoholic beverages on election day. Senator Dowd.

SENATOR DOWD:

Mr. President, I rise to oppose the amendment. About ten days ago we in this chamber carefully considered the question of allowing sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on election day. And by a vote, a majority of us at that time favored such a move. At that time I brought to the attention of the circle that the 12 states had moved in this direction away from what is patiently a blue law. We reviewed the situation in our constituency and agreed at that point. To this point I have heard no, not one shread of evidence to contradict the evidence that was put before us at that time. I have heard nothing whatever persuasive to change our view. And in my judgment the reasons that I presented ten days ago are equally valid today. And I would hope that the circle would sustain the initially judgment by defeating this amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the amendment? The question

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is on the amendment which will do away with the earlier amendment which allowed drinking, the sale of alcohol beverages on election day. All those in favor of Senate Amendment Sch. B. signify by saying aye. AYE. Opposed nay? nay. The ayes have it. The Senate Amendment Sch. B. is adopted and declared technical in nature. The question is now on the adoption of the bill as amended by Senate Amendment Sch. B. I would say those nays had very weak voices today.

Senator Dupont.

SENATOR DUPONT:

I think we are familiar with the bill. Now without the Amendment. The bill in effect extends the hours for the sale of on premises drinking two additional hours during the week from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturday and 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Sunday. I urge its adoption.

THE CHAIR:

You know if I were doing this all over. The bill was never in the state of recall or reconsideration. We might have moved to reject, when you had reconsideration. It seems to me you could have rejected A. Now we have an A and a B but the affect is there. And the Legislative Commissioner's office can sweat that out.

SENATOR DUPONT:

I thought that I explained that Mr. President, there were some problems with the House Amendment. So we did need an addit-

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ional amendment, otherwise we might have ended up with something we didn't want.

THE CHAIR:

Its understood.

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

THE CLERK:

There is no further business on the Clerk's desk at this time.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Pac.

SENATOR PAC:

Mr. President, with your leave I would like to mend my remarks that I made on the previous bill concerning the detergents. I would like to amend the remarks to say that the elemental phosphates that could be found is 8.7 in between the time that I've discussed it and the time that it left the house, and I notice it was the last file number here today. And I was referring to Cal. No. as of yesterday. So I wound up with the wrong figure. The correct figure is 8.7 which is equivalent to 30% phosphate by weight. And I am a little disappointed at this action sir. But I guess we will just have to go along with it.