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<u>Committee Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Judiciary 558</i> 				<u>House Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1102-1104</i> 	<u>Senate Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>554-555</i>

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opposed? The bill is PASSED.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 182, Substitute for H.B. No. 6767, An Act Banning Recruitment of Out-of-State Strike Breakers in Connecticut Labor Disputes.

MR. AJELLO (118th):

Mr. Speaker, I move that Calendar No. 182, Substitute for H.B. No. 6767 be placed at the foot of the calendar.

THE SPEAKER:

Is there objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 185, Substitute For S. B. No. 1102, An Act Concerning Reckless Driving.

MR. CARROZZELLA (81st):

Mr. Speaker, I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill, in concurrence with the Senate.

THE SPEAKER:

Welcoming the gentleman back from the land of hot lights and television cameras, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from the 81st.

MR. CARROZZELLA (81st):

Mr. Speaker, I think we're all concerned in this House with highway safety. This is an effort on the part of the Judiciary Committee to promote better highway safety in the State of Connecticut and what we're doing here is tightening up the reckless driving statute.

Under present law, for instance, an individual can be operating his motor vehicle at two o'clock in the morning down I-91 with five teenagers in the car, going at a speed of 100-110 miles an hour, no other cars on the road. The only thing that this person can be charged with under present

statute is speeding. Therefore, we have changed the statute to read at such a rate of speed as to endanger the life of any person other than the operator and we feel if the operator wants to drive alone at that speed down the highway, so be it. However, we feel that he should not drive at such a rate of speed down the highway to endanger the lives of his passengers which was not the law before. If he does that now, he would be guilty of reckless driving.

As I said, this makes the reckless driving statute tighter. It is a good bill. I hope it passes.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill?

MR. MORANO (151st):

Mr. Speaker, through you, I'd like to commend the distinguished Chairman of the Judiciary Committee for bringing this bill out and I hope he will continue to bring out bills in the interest of highway safety. Thank you.

MR. CARROZZELLA (81st):

Mr. Speaker, through you, I would remind the gentleman from Greenwich, my good friend Mike Morano, that we have a little experiment on April 13th in the Judiciary Room at seven o'clock and hopefully as a result of that, we will be able to bring out other bills.

MR. MORANO (151st):

Mr. Speaker, through you, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wallingford a question. What are you going to experiment with?

THE SPEAKER:

Would the gentleman care to respond?

MR. CARROZZELLA (81st):

Mr. Speaker, we are conducting, the experiment will be relative to driving under the influence and if the gentleman wishes to be a subject, he is welcome.

THE SPEAKER:

I have been asked to make an announcement that all volunteers interested are asked to see the gentleman from the 81st at the end of the session today, that includes members of the Laurel Club.

Further remarks on the bill? If not, the question is on acceptance and passage in concurrence with the Senate. All those in favor indicate by saying aye. Those opposed? The bill is PASSED.

THE CLERK:

Favorable reports. Favorable report, State and Urban Development, State and Community Development, Substitute for H.B. No. 6933, An Act Concerning Bid Requirements For Housing Authority Contracts.

THE SPEAKER:

Tabled for the Calendar and printing.

THE CLERK:

Favorable report, Joint Standing Committee on Public Health and Safety, H.B. No. 8035, An Act Concerning Information to be Placed on Label of Prescription Medicine Containers.

THE SPEAKER:

Tabled for the Calendar and printing.

THE CLERK:

Favorable report, Public Health and Safety, H.B. No. 7433, An Act Concerning Jurisdiction of Charges Against Practitioners of Podiatry.

THE SPEAKER:

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SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. President, Senator Jackson apparently is temporarily absent from the chamber. May we pass the Judiciary matters and go on to the other committee assignments?

THE CHAIR:

There being no objection we will pass bills from the Judiciary Committee and go on to other bills that are listed on your calendar.

SENATOR ROME:

I would be perfectly happy to report on the first bill now. Reckless Driving, it speaks for itself.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

No objection Mr. President.

THE CLERK:

The Clerk will return to the first item on the Calendar on page 1 of the Calendar, Calendar No. 42, File No. 51 which is the Favorable Report Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Substitute S.B. 1102 An Act Concerning Reckless Driving.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Rome.

SENATOR ROME:

Mr. President, I urge acceptance of the Committee's report and favorable consideration of the bill. Passage of the bill. This bill really strengthens the law on reckless driving as we indicated earlier that we in the Judiciary would. It changes the law which presently reads that the danger to the life of any person other than an occupant of the motor vehicle

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is required before the crime of reckless driving is achieved. To the operator of such motor vehicle, so that any passenger in the motor vehicle driven by the operator whose life is in danger would involve the crime of reckless driving. I think it does speak for itself. And I urge passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on the passage of the bill, Substitute S.B.1102 will you remark further? Hearing no further remarks then all in favor of the passage of this bill will indicate by saying aye. AYE. Those opposed nay. The vote is in the affirmative, the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Page 2 of the Calendar please, top of the page. Calendar No. 58, File no 26. Favorable Report Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary on H.B. 7143 An Act Concerning Visitation Rights Concerning Children.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Jackson.

SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committees Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on the Joint Report of the Committee and passage of the bill.

THE CLERK:

The Clerk has an Amendment. Offered by Senator Jackson of the 5th. In line 7, strike out the comma and the words "Provided Reasonable Visitation Rights". Strike out lines 8, 9, and 10 and strike out the words "Interest

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Mr. Adint: (cont'd) Just a little background on the next four bills. Two years ago, a Legislative subcommittee met and reviewed many of the our motor vehicles statutes to see how closely we conform with the uniform vehicle code. Many of our laws differ in form. Some were in partial conformity but these are the four areas that are being heard today that we felt changes should be made. And I'm speaking in favor of these four bills.

S.B.#1022- AN ACT CONCERNING STOPPING OR MOTOR VEHICLES AT RAILROAD CROSSINGS

This concerns the vehicles transporting school children and carrying explosive substances requiring that as they are crossing a railroad track that they would not shift gears.

S.B.#1023 - AN ACT CONCERNING HAND SIGNALS BY MOTORISTS

To amend our present hand signal law. As Lt. Griffin has said Connecticut, I believe, is one of one or two states that does not comply with the uniform vehicle code. Most of the other states have. And I would like to point out a slight error on #1023, Section 2, which reads Section 14-246 of the General Statute is repealed. This Section 2 is in error on this bill and should not be there. Section 2 will be repeated in another bill but it should not appear here under this bill.

S.B.#1025 - AN ACT CONCERNING RESTRICTED TURNS, U-TURNS AND STOPPING ON HIGHWAYS AND SIGNALS THEREFOR

This concerns the right of way for a vehicle intending to turn left within an intersection. The previous law simply stated intersection. The uniform code adds a left turn at an intersection, alley, private road or drive way.

S.B.#1102 - AN ACT CONCERNING RECKLESS DRIVING

This would put a little more substance to our present reckless driving law in that it will add "not only endangering life but also endangering property" and it will delete the phrase "other than the occupant of such motor vehicle" so that no matter whose life the driver endangers it will be considered reckless driving if he is driving so recklessly.

I would also like to submit position papers on the next four bills but I would like to go over some of the salient points of each bill. And I speak in favor of all four of these bills.