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favorable reports and passage of the following matters on the Consent Calendar: Calendar No. 497, Substitute for H.B. No. 5980, File No. 782, an Act authorizing the State Treasurer to sell land to the Squantz Pond District Fire Association, Inc.; Calendar No. 776, Substitute for H.B. No. 5747, File No. 785, an Act concerning community antenna television systems granting free use on channels as a public service; Calendar No. 778, Substitute for H.B. No. 6505, File No. 794, an Act to provide health and statistical information from birth certificates; Calendar No. 779, Substitute for H.B. No. 6514, File No. 817, an Act concerning health, hospital and nursing services in the State; Calendar No. 783, Substitute for H.B. No. 6996, File No. 789, an Act concerning the registration of insurance companies and the distribution of extraordinary dividends; Calendar No. 788, H.B. No. 8698, File No. 791, an Act concerning overtime work under the Meat and Poultry Products Inspection Act; Calendar No. 788, Substitute for H.B. No. 8761, File No. 773, an Act concerning tax relief for elderly persons whose property is held in trust; Calendar No. 790, File No. 774, H.B. No. 9128, an Act concerning clarification of the authority of the Chairman of the Board of Workmen's Compensation; Calendar No. 796, Substitute for H.B. No. 5713, File No. 784, an Act concerning nuisances on highways; Calendar No. 798, Substitute for H.B. No. 7786, File No. 805, an Act concerning evasion of responsibility in the operation of a vehicle; Calendar No. 799, Substitute for H.B. No. 9180, File No. 808, an Act concerning additional powers for Housing Authorities to maintain a police force; Calendar No. 812, Substitute for H.B. No. 1814, File No. 611, an Act creating a

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Public Health and Safety. Substitute House Bill No. 6505.

THE CHAIR:

Excuse me, Mr. Clerk. I have the second item Cal. 748 marked, is that right?

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. President, both the first and second are ready.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 747. File No. 794. Favorable report of the joint committee on Public Health and Safety. Substitute for House Bill 6505. An Act to Provide Health and Statistical Information from Birth Certificates.

SENATOR PAC:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill would require that any physician, midwife, husband or mother after birth, they must provide statistics to the local registrar and these statistics would be concerning medical and health information. This is rather confidential information that would be transmitted to the State Department of Vital Statistics on a form provided by them. These are necessary of course, they are handy to use in combat some of these problems. Within a years time, any of the confidential information that's contained therein, is strictly medical, would be destroyed.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage of the bill, 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:

CAL. NO. 748. File No. 817. Favorable report of the joint committee on

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Dr. Estelle Siker, Director of the Community Health Division in the State Department of Health: The State Department of Health wishes to support H.B. 5725. Accident is the most common cause of death in children and we would like to do everything we can to close all the loopholes and make our state safer for our children.

Sen. Pac: Thank you. Anyone else speaking in favor? Anyone opposed to H.B. 5725? If not we'll move on to H.B. 6221 (Rep. Duda of the 58th) AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF BIRTH RECORDS. Now we have around four or five bills on this. Anyone wishing to speak on any one of these, in favor? These are H.B. 6382, 6383, 6505, 6508, 6509. Anyone in favor? No one in favor. Anyone opposed?

Harold Burder, State Department of Health Public Health Statistics: I'd like to speak against H.B. 6221. The other bills you mentioned aren't directly related to this one particular one, I take it indirectly related. One of the problems we've had in administering the vital record program is precisely who may have access to a vital record and as you mentioned there are bills to this effect. 6221 would put a definite time limit as to who may at what time and period would you finally scrutinize this record. In other words, a hundred year level. And I would object to this. I think this is legislation that would initiate a point where we could repeal it later on to provide full access to a birth record. The Department of Health takes the position that vital records are not public records due to situations that may happen concerning illegitimacy, death records which may reflect suicide, death from alcoholism. This really is concerning only the individual and not the public. Enough said on 6221.

On the other bills 6508, 6509, 6505, 6, 6383 and 6513 concerning the determination of parentage. This once again is a bill the State Health Department has proposed. We have a problem in those cases, those birth records which involve legitimacy. We'd have one statute, statute 750 which indicates you can't put a father down on the birth record without his express written consent. Now what'll happen is, the mother may take this fellow to court and the court will adjudge him the father. Yet we still cannot correct that birth record until we get his express written consent. And this legislation is to allow the courts to provide us with that written consent. And hopefully it will make our job just a little bit easier. We're speaking for the other bills. Yes. The only one we're in opposition to is 6221.

Rep. Cohen: 6513, you approve of that.

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Dr. Hart: Right.

Sen. Gunther: Well, then you're talking about this bill being involved in six to nine towns.

Dr. Hart: No, no, no. I'm saying that in each town you never get 100%.

Sen. Gunther: But they are still participating in the program.

Dr. Hart: Yes, but the requirement would require that each child be immunized so that the other 28% would be taken care of, you see, in each town.

Rep. Cohen: They are participating but not fully.

Dr. Hart: Right

Sen. Gunther: Well, they are participating but they are not following up apparently. On the 28%.

Dr. Hart: Well merely because they cannot require this you see and if a parent refuses, if a child is sick that particular day or week, you can't get it done. This is the point

Sen. Gunther: Incidentally you said all the vaccine is available for nothing even to the private physicians?

Dr. Hart: Yes, the federal, the rubella vaccine. At this time it is.

Sen. Gunther: Do you have any idea, do they charge for visits? I would imagine for this.

Dr. Hart: Well, the one condition that's given a private doctor, by the way we have really not given up to private doctors, this is done by the local director of health, but the condition is that he not charge for the vaccine. He may charge for his service but not the vaccine.

Sen. Pac: Any other questions? Anyone else in favor of 6383? Anyone opposed? We'll move on to H.B. 6384 (Rep. Griswold of the 109th.) AN ACT CONCERNING CONSENT FOR AUTOPSIES. Anyone in favor? Anyone opposed to 6384? We'll move on to H.B. 6505 (Rep. Cohen of the 41st.) TO 6511 (Rep. Yedziniak of the 5th.) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF PODIATRY.

Peter Kelly representing the Conn. Podiatry Association in favor of H.B. 6511. Two years ago as Rep. Yedziniak earlier said this committee and the general assembly recognized the propriety and the necessity of ensuring the podiatrist's right to prescribe and administer drugs in the practice of his