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Business on the calendar for Wednesday, May 19, 1971 -
Page 1 of the calendar, the Consent Calendar.

MR. SPEAKER:

Gentleman from the 95th.

REPRESENTATIVE SARASIN:

Prior to moving to the Consent Calendar, I would ask that one item be removed, Page 2, Calendar 1001, Senate Bill 1722, File 1028 and 645. I ask that be removed from the consent calendar.

MR. SPEAKER:

So ordered.

REPRESENTATIVE SARASIN:

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable reports and passage of the bills on today's consent calendar which are:

Calendar 979, Senate Bill 0118 - An Act Establishing the Time Limit for the Report of the Port Authority Study Commission, File 865.

Calendar 980, Substitute for Senate Bill 0208 - An Act Concerning Hearings by the Water Resources Commission on Permits for New Discharges, File 866.

Calendar 981, Senate Bill 0417 - An Act Concerning Agreements on Consequences of Excusable Delays, File 661.

Calendar 983, Substitute for Senate Bill 1539 - An Act Changing the Name of the State Welfare Department, file 802.

I move the adoption of these items.

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Are there further individual objections. Hearing none, in accordance with our rules, the question on acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bills. All those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Opposed. The bills are passed.

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REPRESENTATIVE PRETE:

I move the following items be placed on the consent calendar.

Page 8, Calendar 985, House Bill 5222, File 1066 - An Act Exempting Needles and Syringes Sold on Prescription From the Sales Tax.

Calendar 987, Substitute for House Bill 6822, File 1078 - An Act Concerning External Degrees and College Credit by Examination.

Page 9, Calendar 991, Substitute for House Bill 7312, File 1075 - An Act Authorizing the Establishment of Schools Without Walls and the Delegation by School Boards to Community Committees of the Power to Administer Same.

Page 10, Calendar 998, Substitute for House Bill 6384, File 1069 - An Act Concerning Consent for Autopsies.

Calendar 1000, Substitute for House Bill 8566, File 1067 - An Act Concerning the Planning Commission Appeals.

Calendar 1003, Substitute for House Bill 7776, File 1086 - An Act Concerning Appeals From Decisions and Actions of the Real Estate Commission.

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there is no objection. But to recind the banging of the Gavel and have a standing vote. Adn ask all those within ear shot who wish to vote to stand by or near, or sit in his or her seat.

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Thank you Mr. Chairman, I was stunned by the result. Therefore didn't ask earlier.

THE CHAIR:

All those in favor of passage of the bill. Please rise. You counted Senator Caldwell, did you not? Only once Senator. All those opposed to passage of the bill, please rise.

And this time I was going to vote with my party. Sixteen the bill is defeated. Proving once again the acuity of my ear drum.

THE CLERK:

Page 5, top of the page Cal. 590, File 802 Favorable report of the joint standing committee on Corrections, Welfare and Humane Institutions on Substitute S.B. 1539 An Act Changing the Name of the State Welfare Department.

THECHAIR:

Senator Ciarlone.

SENATOR CIARLONE:

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 CIARLONE:

Mr. President, its a very simple bill. We merely changing the name of the State Welfare Department to the Connecticut Department of Social Services. The term Welfare Department feels is outdated and restrictive since it implies thats the only function of the Welfare is to give charity. In the public assistance the focus of the department is to help the needy to help themselves. And to help them get off the assistance rolls. The name of the Department should be changed to show its real role in our state administration. And to help those it serves to understand their responsibility. Its a very simple bill and we urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage. Will you remark further?

Senator Dinielli.

SENATOR DINIELLI:

Mr. President, thru you does this require a change in the name of the committee that the Senator from the 10th represents?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Ciarlone. I think your leg is being pulled slightly. But it is permissable under the rules.

SENATOR CIARLONE:

I don't really know but it would seem to me the name of the Committee would have to be changed.

THE CHAIR:

Perhaps the constitution of the United States will have

to be changed. Where it says that we will work for the general welfare. Now it will say the general social service.

The question is on passage of the bill. 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. No. 601, File 598 Favorable report of the joint standing committee on Banks and Regulated activities, Substitute H.B. 6813 An Act Amending the Charter of Pomperaug Valley Water District.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Buckley.

SENATOR BUCKLEY:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR BUCKLEY:

Mr. President, since the bill not italicized. The problem which will be remedied by a bill that is either in our file or has passed in future sessions. I would like to read the comments of the proposers of it, as to the changes.

The changes of statutory language of member to elector, adds language to provide for the temporary use of condemned land by the authority. Adds language which would require its plan of

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to undertake this type of work. We agreed it would help a great deal to prevent abuse, neglect or abandonment and, therefore, we ask the Committee to report this Bill favorably. 1539 is again one of our Bills. It would change the name of the Department. We believe again, psychologically, that Welfare has gotten to be somewhat of a, I hate to use the term, dirty word. And we are reflecting the movement of quite a few other states who changed the name of their Department. House Bill 7965. I'm going to lump three Bills together now. House Bill 7965 which concerns the reinstatement of the Cost of Living Commission, House Bill 7969 which concerns the standards, reflecting the Cost of Living, and House Bill 8085. Firstly, as the Cost of Living Commission, Commissioner White is definitely opposed to the reinstatement of such a Commission. He believes that he has the authority now, and if the buck stops at his desk and that he himself, together with his Department, can do an effective job. As to Cost of Living increases, the Commissioner's point of view is that when the cost of Cost of Living increases, need is established. That is that because of the rise in the cost of living, our beneficiaries can no longer afford under the present allowance that is given them to exist, to live, in decency, he will then seek, he will then raise the standards and this level of payment, that is subject, of course, to appropriations that are afforded him by the Legislature. On House Bill 7970 about increasing per diem payments for Foster child care, we are totally in agreement with the statement of purpose of this Bill but there is nothing in the budget now, which would enable us to raise the per diem payments. House Bill 8080 of course, is an amendment of the Penal Code and, as we understand it, it would just permit these people using force, to exercise reasonable force. We support this Bill. We suggest that perhaps the Committee might consider this Bill to Judiciary. House Bill 8082. I would like to point - this has to do with unwed mothers. We believe we have the legal authority to furnish social services to these adult unwed mothers. The problem is that we do not have the staff to, or the money to pay for the care and protection of these mothers. House Bill 8084, which I think has been a very important point. It's been raised quite a bit as to whether when there's an increase in Social Security for the elderly, for example, whether that can be kept by the elderly. We'd like to point out that this is a conformity issue that the Federal Government requires us to keep the increase of Social Security payment, insofar as it fits within the budget. In other words, we are hamstrung, whatever feelings we may have emotionally, by the Federal requirement. Yes, sir.

(Unidentified Committee member) For the life of me, I can't seem to get this through my head. You're saying, the Federal Government increases the Social Security standards as far as our other programs are concerned within this state. A ten percent increase leaves the recipient in the same place that he was in before?

Mr. Bernstein: That's correct assuming that - - as you know, Social Security is considered as part of the budget and we'll assume that the

JEANNETTE BILLY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CONNECTICUT CHILD WELFARE ASSOCIATION (CONT'D): all has to go back into the General Fund. So I'm suggesting to you and I am not suggesting any mad pursuit of Federal Dollars but most certainly with a change in the law that would change this Welfare Budget and I think we would be in a position to capture and to utilize public funds and private funds to a greater advantage than we are today.

No. 1533 --1533 -- This is bill to expand the provision of protective services and it will not surprise you to know that the Connecticut Child Welfare Association will support any bill which protects children to a greater extent than today. In addition this bill gives a much needed incentive to families to finally -- finally begin to act instead of just speak about protection and prevention on behalf of children.

As you know Connecticut ranks in the lower one third of all states in services available to its children. This bill's urgently needed in order to further protect and to begin this vital area of prevention.

The final bill is 8080 and I go along with the things that Mr. Dorman said -- there is a bill S. B. 243 that's before the Judiciary Committee which was put into amend Section 1 - Article 18 in the Penal Code and why 8080 is before this committee puzzles me but it is and I'm not going to miss a chance to speak on it. So, permit me to say in behalf of the Connecticut Child Welfare Association that we support this bill on the basis that while parents have a right to discipline their children they certainly do not have a right nor does anyone to abuse them. And unfortunately, under the provision of that Penal Code which is Section I Article 18 -- any physical force is permitted unless it is not deadly force and this is apparently not an oversight because I have been involved in several skirmishes both directly and indirectly with the the gentleman who wrote that provision and it was not an oversight. There have been people -- the Yale -- The Dean of the Yale Law School -- Goldstein, Dr. Leonard from Yale Child Study Institute and a variety of people who have worked to get that part amended voluntarily. They are not giving us a reason why they can't -- why it won't be amended but it -- I assure you it is not an oversight and is not unknown and not --

Now, I have another bill which I have the privilege to speak to you on -- it was not a position taken on by my association but it's 1539 -- and that's the change of the name of the State Welfare Department. I'd only like to comment, ladies and gentlemen, in that everywhere I go, and I say that I am the Executive Director of the Connecticut Child Welfare Association, people say, "Oh, you are with Public Welfare". There was, as a matter of fact, when it was suggested that we change our name and one of our Board Members said at that time, "We've been here 52 years. We were here before they were. Let them change their name." And so for 52 years we have been and we remain the Connecticut Child Welfare Association and we'd like them to change their name. Thank you very much. I'd like the privilege of presenting my testimony in typewritten form. I'll mail it in tomorrow. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAGNON: Thank you Edwin McCarthy?