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referring Calendar No. 789, Substitute for H.B. No. 9070, to the Committee on Appropriations. I was a member of the prevailing vote.

MR. SPEAKER:

The motion is a reconsideration of the earlier reference to the Joint Committee on Appropriations of Calendar No. 789, File No. 797. Will you remark further on the motion to reconsider.

GERALD F. STEVENS:

Mr. Speaker, we have also looked into this and I would support the motion for reconsideration at this time.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the motion. If not, all those in favor will indicate by saying "aye". Opposed. The motion carried. The Bill's reconsidered.

JAMES F. GAFFNEY:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

The question's on acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill. Will you remark.

JAMES F. GAFFNEY:

Mr. Speaker, this Bill simply amends the present Act, which states that the teaching of effects of alcohol and nicotine and tobacco and controlled drugs shall be done each year at least once in Grades 5 through 12. This Bill states that it shall be done every year in all grades K through 12. It further states that the training of effects of alcohol, nicotine, tobacco and

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Calendar #751, file #789. Favorable report of the Joint Senate Committee on Insurance and Real Estate. H.B. 6996. An Act Concerning the Registration of Insurance Companies and the Distribution of Extraordinary Dividends.

SENATOR DINIELLI:

Mr. President, move the acceptance and passage.

THE CHAIR:

Remark.

SENATOR DINIELLI:

This bill would bring our Connecticut Insurance holding company law into line with the laws of other states and the model laws in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Reduces the amount of distribution that could be made among a group of companies, without the approval of the Insurance Commissioner from 15% to 10%. The policy holder suffers.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further. If not, all those in favor of passage, signify by saying Aye. The Ayes have it, the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar #756, file #797. Favorable report Joint Senate Committee on Education. H.B. 9070 An Act Concerning Drug Education in Public Schools.

SENATOR MONDANI:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark.

SENATOR MONDANI:

Mr. President, this bill makes minor changes in the law dealing with the teaching and drug education in the school; in section (1) it defines the teaching process; section (2) requires that it be done in all grades under the control of public schools; section (3) makes a requirement that no future certificates to teach would be issued to anyone without proper training in this field.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage. Will you remark further.
Senator Ciarlone:

Mr. President, I rise to oppose this bill. When we say we are going to teach drug education at the kindergarden level, I say to all of you, when a child cannot possibly digest the significance of the drug proplem in our society and too I feel that this very elementary level a child should not be exposed to a problem that in his mind does not exists. Using this kind of logic, ladies and gentlemen, I say to you if we make educating our children, at the kindergarden level, in view of the chartage that we have on our highways, 45-50 thousand people we kill yearly, maybe we should also teach

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teach driver education in kindergarden level. I oppose the bill.

SENATOR MONDANI:

Mr. President, the intent of this measure is not to deal in such areas as amphetamines or hard drugs, but rather to recognize that drug education involves changing ones personality in ones outlook towards drugs. I would like to remind this circle that if they sit home someday during the morning and watch the TV shows, that some of these youngsters watch, and see how the lady comes on to the set looking rather discheveled, one of the most unattractive woman you will ever see and she complains of a headache, or she complains of an upset stomach and then on the screen flashes either a pill or some other medication which the individual takes and suddenly emerges the radiant queen. An they are bombarded with this thing and these programs are the ones that we envision are not going to teach the evils of the drug, but rather to alert the young people to the value of certain medicines, to cure one when they are ill and also begin training very early in the caution of overdoses etc. and work it up. It would be related to their age. But, to begin this in grade five, merely in grade five because we feel now they are suddenly adult is waiting too long. I think we are trying to develop in certain good character behavior belief in themselves, so that they won't turn to drugs in the future, but

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it's more than just saying this is a drug and it is bad and you shall not take it. It involves much more than that and this why I believe the bill is good and it's work of a sub-committee on drug education that worked throughout the interim.

THE CHAIR:

REmark further.

SENATOR CRAFTS:

Mr. President, members of the circle, I rise to support this bill and through you Mr. President, to Senator Ciarlone, I would suggest to you that this might be geared down to the kindergarden way of thinking, the same way that you would teach safety and they must not run out in front of the school bus. You indicated that if we were going to teach drugs, beware of drugs in kindergarden then we should teach them how to drive in kindergarden. I think this very well could be scaled to the age and mental capacity of the children.

SENATOR HAMMER:

Mr. President, I just want to add that also in this bill or the effects which are to be taught against, or the effects of nicotine and tobacco, as well as drugs.

SENATOR PETRONI:

Mr. President, members of the circle, I rise in support of this bill. Certainly the Senator from the 10th's remarks are reasonable in some cases where you take into considerations the first, second or third grades are certainly

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different levels of perception or understanding, however, I think we are dealing here in what many consider to be the most serious problem that we face in this state. This is an area that may develop into the downfall of our society. People who have great experience in this field feel that we must do something to turn the trend and to turn the tide. I think that this bill could be a beginning, so therefore, I am going to support it and I noticed that the language before, which is now amended, it says that it shall be taught at least once, and I'm glad that language is eliminated because I think it was maybe in some minds a minimum and if you did it once, it sort of discharges your responsibility under the statute. I want to commend the Committee on Education that considered removing that from the statute, I think it should be left as it is now without any limitations and in all grades.

SENATOR HAMMER:

Mr. President, in relation to Senator Petroni's remarks, I would like to add that this is just the trouble that we have found. The statute says at least once and that's what school were doing. Once in an Assembly and that would be it and they call that drug education. They have had mandates in fact for a long time to put in drug education, but the truth of it is, is that it skimps the whole thing, they have really failed their responsibility in many, many towns in the State, and I do hope that some of this new legislation will help.

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THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further. If not, all those in favor of passage of the bill, signify by saying Aye. The Ayes have it, the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar #758, file 774. Favorable report Joint Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, H.B.9128. An Act Concerning the Clarification of the Authority of the Chairman of the Board of Workmen's Compensation.

SENATOR DOWD:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and acceptance of the bill in concurrence with the House.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark.

SENATOR DOWD:

Mr. President, this is a bill of great importance, we are chainging the word dispensation to the word disposition and that's the kind of bill they let me report out.

THE CHAIR:

Well that was a special dispensation.

SENATOR DOWD:

Yes, indeed. Seriously though it's a search for a more precise word in deference to our own commitment to good English. I would urge adoption of the bill.