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will be removed from the Consent Calendar.

MR. SARASIN:

Mr. Speaker, I move adoption of the Joint Committee's favorable reports and passage of the items on the Consent Calendar which are as follows:

Cal. 877, H.B. 5197, AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT UNION RESERVES.

File 951.

Cal. 885, Sub. for H.B. 6165, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES RETIRED BY SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS. File 936.

Cal. 887, Sub. for H.B. 6501, AN ACT TO PERMIT INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS OF FINES. File 938.

Cal. 889, H.B. 7810, AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE PROTECTION AT PLACES OF AMUSEMENT. File 932.

Cal. 911, Sub. for H.B. 6876, AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE ADVISORY SERVICES. File 954.

Cal. 912, Sub. for H.B. 8008, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION AND POWERS OF THE NORTH CENTRAL MUNICIPAL SEWER DISTRICT. File 955.

Cal. 920, S.B. 0461, AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM CAPITAL AND SURPLUS REQUIREMENTS FOR ORGANIZATION OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES. File 752.

Cal. 921, Sub. for S.B. 856, AN ACT CONCERNING PARENTAL LIABILITY FOR TORT OF MINORS. File 713.

Cal. 924, S.B. 1521, AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME FOR THE REPORT OF THE CONNECTICUT COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS OF DECENCY

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all in favor of passage, signify by saying Aye. The Ayes have it, the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar #823, file 932. Favorable report Joint Senate Committee on Public Health and Safety. H.B.7810 An Act Concerning fire Protection at Places of Amusement.

SENATOR PAC:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark.

SENATOR PAC:

This bill would permit the local Fire Marshalls to determine how much fire protection is needed at public exhibition, or public amusement. The local fire chief would provide this protection and the cost would be apportioned to the sponsors of this event.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage. 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 #824, file #955. Favorable report Joint Senate Committee on Government Administration and Policy. Subs. H.B. 8008. An Act Concerning the Creation and Powers

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Rep. Cohen: Any questions of the speaker? Thank you very much.

Mr. Flanagan: While I have the chair, Doctor, I'd like to speak on House Bill 7810 (AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE PROTECTION AT PLACES OF AMUSEMENT). This act here, there's something that we're encountering in many municipalities, a lack of supervised fire protection at places of public amusement. This section (not clear) we have before us here also has the endorsement of the State Firemens Association, the Fire Chiefs Association, and also the Fire Chiefs Technical Advisory Committee. The wording of this proposed bill is identical to one that is one the statutes today that gives this right to the police to have personnel, and that is section 7-284, Doctor, which you may have for the committee and realize that the only request in there is for a new statute that will provide for the fire because we've had some two very close calls and I can say, because of the experience I've had at two very formal affairs in which girl, one girl was seriously burned because of the lack of adequate supervision. Another was a matter in which an individual come in and I guess he was going to stay longer than the appointed hour because he got (not clear) upon the electrical circuit in order to broil hot dogs in his box at this formal affair. These things you have to have someone who understands the matter of fire protection. These are actual cases, and I was at both of these instances. These were formal affairs. The matter of stopping smoking on the dance floor particularly with the type of dresses that the young ladies wear at these affairs, they can result in serious injury without the proper supervision of qualified individuals. We ask a favorable report.

Rep. Cohen: On 7810, it says when fire protection is necessary, required. Who makes the decision that it's necessary?

Mr. Flanagan: The Chief Fire Marshall must issue a permit.

Rep. Cohen: At the same time that you get a permit for any other -

Mr. Flanagan: This is correct. Where they go to the Fire Marshall, get a permit, and then they will be notified in accordance to whatever the - it may mean two or three people where you have 15 or 1800 in the tent because your police service is more or less involved with traffic control and maintaining law and order inside and outside the location.

Rep. Lyons of the 149th: What about the case of a movie theatre? I mean, what -

Mr. Flanagan: This is all under supervision of the State Fire Marshalls and are pretty well licensed. Of course we don't want to get in with the New York set-up where they have people backstage at all times. But there have been occasions in emergencies where shows traveling from one city to the other, if their equipment has not been flame proofed, then there must be a fire, fireman in attendance. This has happened occasionally.

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After the disastrous fire here in Hartford some years back. But this is all dependent upon the flamability or the flame proofing of the material used in the scenery. We do hope for a favorable report. Thank you very much.

Rep. Cohen: Thank you, sir.

No Name given: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Committee, I'm here to support bill 7810. There's not too much more I can say outside of, I'd like to refer back about six months ago and this happened in another country. Of course, this was over in Europe where x number of children died as a result of exits being locked. And of course when the firemen opened the door, the bodies were piled some twelve to sixteen feet high. I have on occasion as being Fire Marshall to go around to places of public assembly in my district in West Haven, and I have found tables, chairs, and so forth put against these exits just to make room to bring in a few more people. And it is kind of tough for one fire marshall to keep track of everything that's going on, and evidently sometimes you would go in there and have the people remove these things but as soon as you turn your back, again they would go. So I am in favor of this bill and I'm hoping the committee will be, will take it into consideration and for once I would like to see a bill passed before any great catastrophe happens. Too many times our bills are written after someone else has suffered. Thank you very much.

Rep. Cohen: Any questions? Thank you very much. Mr. - Rep. Bingham. I know you were held up at another committee.

Rep. Bingham: Thank you very much, Doctor. I'll speak very briefly and won't encroach upon the committee's time. I'm speaking in favor of H.S. 7901 (AN ACT RELATING TO ENCOURAGING PERSONS TO SEEK TREATMENT FOR DRUG ADDICTION OR DEPENDENCY). This bill, very briefly, allows the person to go to any hospital or medical practitioner. Hospital or practitioner may treat the person without disclosing the name of the person to the police, directs the people not to disclose the name to the police, and that any information that the hospital or the person treating the person for drugs, may not be used in evidence against him, such person. It also provides that minors may be treated. This is a model of the Iowa bill which has received enthusiastic support all over the country and other states and I -

Rep. Cohen: What about the parents?

Rep. Bingham: A minor may be treated without the consent of the parents.

Rep. Cohen: And without the knowledge of the parent.

Rep. Bingham: That's correct. Yes, your hon. Yes. Yes, Doctor.