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MR. ROSE:

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Yes, Mr. Speaker, this is a bill which has been brought in at the request of the selectman of both the towns of East Lyme and Waterford to reform the East Lyme Waterford Shellfish Commission to 8 members whereas it was previously 10, to reduce the number of selectmen to 1 instead of 3 and to increase the number of the public appointed by the selectman to 3 instead of 2. This is a result of considerable activity by this Commission over the years and is considered a vast improvement to make their work much more effective. I move passage of the bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks. Question is on acceptance and passage. All those in favor indicate by saying "Aye". Those opposed. The bill is passed.

CLERK:

Calendar 86 on page 4, substitute for House Bill 6251 - An Act Concerning the Powers of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources in Preserving Tidal Wetlands.

MR. IWANICKI:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Iwanicki of the 79th.

MR. IWANICKI:

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

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MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage of the bill. Will you remark.

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MR. IWANICKI:

Mr. Speaker, this bill is to empower the Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources to enter upon public and private property to carry out the provisions of Section 227H to 227 O inclusive. I urge the passage of this bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill. If not, the question is on acceptance and passage. All those in favor indicate by saying "Aye". Those opposed. The bill is passed.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution 133 - Expressing Sympathy on the Death of Representative Sabath Nigro.

MR. BIGOS:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Bigos.

MR. BIGOS:

I move the suspension of rules for the immediate consideration of the resolution.

MR. SPEAKER:

Is there objection to suspension of the rules for immediate consideration. Will the Clerk please read the resolution.

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will cause the state rate to be increased by the indicated formula.

THE CHAIR:

Any further remarks? If not the question is on passage of the bill. All those in favor indicate by saying aye. AYE. Opposed? The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 118, File No. 69 Favorable report Joint Standing Committee on The Environment. Substitute H.B. No. 6251 An Act Concerning The Powers of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources in Preserving Tidal Wetlands.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Pac..

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 will authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture or any of his agents to go upon the premises or any private premises in regard to mapping of the tidal wetlands. They can't possibly do the job that they were commissioned to do in mapping these wetlands unless they are given this authority. In some instances there is a question as to who owns these lands. And it has been very difficult to resolve. So they need this kind of authority. To go on any private lands.

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THE CHAIR:

Any further remarks? Question is on passage of the bill. Those in favor indicate by saying aye. AYE. Opposed? The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Cal. No. 120, File No. 78. Favorable report Joint Standing Committee on Finance. Substitute H.B. 6562 An Act Concerning Limitation on Indebtedness of Town or Municipality and Definition of "Urban Renewal Project."

THE CHAIR:

Senator Cutillo.

SENATOR CUTILLO:

The Clerk has an Amendment.

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment A is offered by Senator Rimer. In line 47 after the word "the" insert "most recent" In lines 48 and 49 delete "close of the last fiscal year of such town or municipality" and substitute therefor the phrase "date of issue:"

In line 60, after the word "receipts", insert "interest, penalties, late payments of taxes and".

In line 65, in front of the word "each", insert "(i)".

In line 72, in front of the word insert (ii) and after the word "note", change the word "and" to "or".

In line 73, through 81, substitute the following in place of the text which follows the word "indebtedness" in Line 73 and precedes the word "urban" in Line 81:

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10:00 A.M.

THE ENVIRONMENT

FEBRUARY 24, 1971

Sen. Pac: Thank you.

Edward J. Daly: I am chief of the Wetlands Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. I'm here this morning to read into the record of the statement of Joseph N. Gill, Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources. This is a general statement with respect to Connecticut Tidal Wetlands, and the many proposals which have been made to amend this act, and which I bring before you for your consideration. I would like to begin if I may with a brief summary of the status of the program for your information. Biological delineation in inventory of Connecticut's Tidal Wetlands is 81% complete as of this date. Engineering work required by the statutes for preparation of hearing maps and final wetland boundary maps is just over 50% complete. The majority of the major public hearings in the proposed bounds for the wetlands will take place in April, May, and June of 1971. We are confident that all of Connecticut Tidal Wetlands will be under regulation by mid-summer of this year. We firmly support bill numbers, H.B. 5218 and H.B. 5669, which would add wetlands to the open space classification of public act 490. This is a highly desirable change, and it should be adopted. We are also in favor of S.B. 368, which would provide funds for the acquisition of tidal wetlands. Purchase of these marshlands is still the best and most secure form of protection. H.B. 6245 concerning alteration of a wetland would eliminate unnecessary duplication of public hearings and other procedures when certain marsh areas no longer meet the statutory definition of a wetland. The purpose of this bill is to correct a deficiency in the present law and we are in favor of this change. In order to carry out the purposes of the law it is necessary that the Commission of Agriculture of Natural Resources or his representative have the clear and unequivocal right to enter privately owned wetlands to survey these areas, and for other reasons. H.B. 6251 would provide this authority to the Commissioner. We urge your favorable consideration of this amendment. A number of proposals which would establish a moratorium on development of wetland, these include S.B. 398, H.B. 5220, H.B. 5807, H.B. 6090, and H.B. 6472. We are certainly not opposed to a carefully drawn moratorium clause in the law, despite the fact that virtually all the tidal wetlands will be under regulation before moratorium could be established. We would favor it if it could be beneficial to use in any reasonable measure in our efforts to preserve the remaining marshes in our state. H.B. 6708, AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATION FOR TAKING OF LAND UNDER THE WETLANDS ACT would repeal the compensatory section of the wetland preservation statutes. Adoption of such a proposal would present a very strong probability