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recognize your presence.

MR. SPEAKER:

Are there any other points of personal privilege at this time? If not the Clerk will return and call the regular calendar.

THE CLERK:

Page 1 of the calendar, the Consent Calendar.

JOHN D. PRETE, 114th District:

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable reports and passage of the following items on the Consent Calendar, page 1 of the calendar:

Calendar No. 643, House Bill No. 6814, file 583, An Act Concerning Support of Children at High Meadows.

Calendar No. 1085, Substitute for House Bill No. 7652, file 1201, An Act Concerning a Board of Television and Radio Examiners and the Licensing of Certified Antenna Technicians and Certified Radio Electronics Technicians.

Page 2 of the calendar, Calendar No. 1086, Substitute for H use Bill No. 8245, An Act Providing for the Sale of Surplus State Equipment to Towns.

Calendar No. 1090, House Bill No. 5363, file....Mr. Speaker, there are two items that I will pass by at this time and then come back to and ask that they be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Calendar N . 1091, House Bill No. 5854, An Act Concerning

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You've heard the motion of the gentleman from the 114th, is there objection under Rule 48 on the part of any individual member? If not, all those in favor will indicate by saying aye, opposed? The bills are passed.

JOHN D. PRETE, 114th District:

Mr. Speaker, I now move that the following two matters be removed from the Consent Calendar:

Calendar No. 1090, House Bill No. 5363, file 1208, An Act Concerning the Composition of the Advisory Council on Aging.

On page 3 of the Consent Calendar, Calendar No. 1111, Substitute for House Bill No. 5160, file 1238, An Act Concerning Membership of State Ambulance Commission.

I move that those matters be removed from the Consent Calendar.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your objection is noted and both matters, Calendar No. 1090 and Calendar No. 1111 are removed from the Consent.

JOHN D. PRETE, 114th District:

Mr. Speaker, I move suspension of the rules for the consideration of the following resolutions on the Consent Calendar.

MR. SPEAKER:

Hearing no objection, we will suspend to the gentleman from the 114th.

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File No. 1169, and as I mentioned earlier, it does elevate the offices of State Senator and State Representative ahead of those of Sheriff, Judge of Probate and Justices of the Peace.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor of passage of the bill, signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 1002. File No. 1119. Favorable

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. Clerk, I believe that is the one we just did.

At this time, I would like to ask that the next matter be passed, retaining? Calendar No. 1004.

THE CHAIR:

There being no objection, it will be passed retaining.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 1005. File No. 583. Favorable report of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. House Bill 6814. An Act Concerning Support of Children at High Meadows.

SENATOR HOULEY:

Mr. President, I urge the acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill enlarges the definition of Human Institutions to include not only mental hospitals but also community mental health centers, treatment facilities for children and adolescents and any other facility or program administered by the State Department of Mental Health. I urge adoption.

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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"/ Opposed, "nay". The bill is passed.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. President, may the next matter be passed retaining also?

THE CHAIR:

1006 retaining. There being no objection, it is so ordered.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 1007. File No. 1201. Favorable report of the joint Committee on General Law. Substitute House Bill 7652. An Act Concerning A Board of Television and Radio Examiners and the Licensing of Certified Antenna Technicians and Certified Radio Electronics Technicians.

SENATOR STRADA:

Mr. President, I move for acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill changes the Board of Television Service Examiners, the Board of Radio Examiners. It also permits the Board to two new categories of licensing (issuing two new licenses). One being restricted license as a Certified Antenna Electrician and the other being a Certified Radio Electronic Technician. The bill also authorizes the Board or its Secretary to prepare and conduct oral and practical examinations to determine the qualifications of persons who apply for restricted licenses and renewals thereof. I move its adoption.

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.

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Roger Schwartz (cont'd):

for a better use of these funds in the state Welfare program. Most important a bill to this effect would eliminate a great hardship on the welfare recipient who is often tossed from program to program. Many times the recipients are -- finds himself without his state check but ineligible for city funds and on other occasions the opposite situations results. Quite often these problems occur because between the date when the individual applies for state public assistance and the date when this actual assistance is received. The assumption of city welfare programs would at least put welfare recipients under one roof and avoid such complications such of periods of eligibility, terminations.

Finally, it is of major importance that each town have emergency funds that is available to Welfare recipients. At present state welfare officers are unable to provide such emergency funds where city welfare programs are geared to such a situation. It must be stressed therefore that the combination of these two welfare programs should not result in the loss of the availability of these emergency funds. Thank you.

Chairman Ciarlone: Thank you Mr. Schwartz. Before we call Mr. Henry INAUDIBLE again we still have quite a few speakers to hear this afternoon and if you can contain your statements within three minutes we certainly will be very appreciative. Mr. Henry INAUDIBLE -- will you step forward again please.... Mrs. Henry Towers I'm sorry. Is she available?

Next speaker is Mr. R. B. Millander.

Robert Millander, Vice President Connecticut Association of Mental Health:

I seem to be climbing onto a hot seat here. I came down to speak about one particular bill -- House Bill #6814 which while it applies particularly and by title our High Meadows Institution, for disturbed children, also highlights a problem that is and potentially can be a problem all throughout our main institution structure. It's a matter of definition which affects the fee schedule on these institutions. Now the -- in '69 we removed the control of the fee set at High Meadows -- the Superintendent gave it to the Office of Finance and Control. So currently these fees are set on a what is supposedly an actual cost basis. As of July 1, 1969 for inpatient care this charge was set at \$49.11 per day and this is what a legally liable relative can be charged providing he has adequate income and I must quote that this takes you into about the forty five thousand bracket -- so it's not very widely used however it does build a fee schedule that can be quite destructive at the lower middle income levels. We feel that actually all our humane institutions should be -- have a similar fee schedule. Rith now we have three. The state hospitals have one. The facilities for the retarded have another and we have a fee schedule such as High Meadows and potentially free standing units is third which is by far the greatest or the largest we should say.

Mr. Horace Green (cont'd):

The Commissioner didn't want to talk to these people -- I'm sorry about that.

Representative Lowell: Thank you very much. I think we both understand one another.

Chairman Ciarlone: Okay, our next speaker is Mr. William Huff of the Black Coalition.

William Huff - Waterbury-- Black Coalition:

Mr. Chairman, Commissioner and also INAUDIBLE. We comes as friends of the INAUDIBLE AND I'm sorry to say that I had to follow Mr. Horace Green because that is a hard act to follow. But as we listen to the INAUDIBLE of today we find that we have a lot of platitudes about equal opportunity, justice and equality and a lot of the things that are in fairy tales especially INAUDIBLE H. B. 5259. And as the speakers here said before this bill is all right if you take a lot of the crap out of it and this is what you are going to have to do. It can only be acceptable when you bring that one hundred per cent standard up to the '71 standard of living then the people would be able to live with it.

The other thing that I would just like to say in passing is don't put a barrier to love and that's that stepfather liability thing that you got going around. Thank you.

Chairman Ciarlone: Thank you for your comments. The next speaker is Gloria Turco? Did I pronounce properly? From the Catholic Family Services. If not the next speaker is Charles Lotti?

Charles Launi: Associate Commissioner, Division of Children and Adolescent Services, Department of Mental Health.

I come before you in order to support H. B. 2814. At the present time, there is an equity in fee scheduling within the facilities of the Department of Mental Health. Parents of children at High Meadows, a Department facility, are charged on a fee schedule based on the per capita daily cost, which is approximately \$26 per day. The maximum chargeable rate to parent of children and youth hospitalized at another facility of the Department of Mental Health, such as Children's Service, Connecticut Valley Hospital, is based on a maximum rate of approximately \$26 per week. It should also be pointed out that there is a lesser cost to parents of children who are mentally retarded and need the services of one of the facilities operated by the Department of Health. The inequity is more dramatically demonstrated by the fact that there is no cost to parents of children who are served by our deaf facilities.

A mother and father with two children with a salary of \$725 per month - if that child and it is conceivable that that child end up in a facility of the Department of Health because he is mentally retarded - that