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long after they have expended their own funds. This will allow the Commissioner of Community Affairs to make advance grants upon receipt of application. I urge its passage. EFL

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the Bill. Will you remark further. If not, the question's on acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill. All those in favor will indicate by saying "aye". Opposed. The Bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Second from the bottom on Page 12, with one star, Calendar No. 1172, Substitute for H.B. No. 8286, an Act granting ambulances, police and fire department vehicles the right-of-way.

FRANK M. REINHOLD:

Mr. Speaker, I move for suspension of the rules in order that we may act upon this Bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

The question's on suspension for immediate consideration. Is there objection? Hearing none, the rules are suspended.

FRANK M. REINHOLD:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

The question's on acceptance and passage. Will you remark.

FRANK M. REINHOLD:

Yes, Mr. Speaker. This Bill, which again originated jointly with the Motor Vehicle Department and the State Police

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Department, outlines in somewhat greater detail the restrictions upon and the advantages to police and fire department vehicles. It does not restrict them seriously, but it does call for slowing down at red lights and observation that the way is clear and such matters of that sort. It also outlines what the public is expected to do when a vehicle with its siren going is approaching them and along the lines of pulling parallel to the highway in order to not obstruct the passage of the vehicle. This, as I indicated earlier, is strongly endorsed by the State Police Department as well as the Motor Vehicle Department.

EFH

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the Bill. Will you remark. If not, the question's on acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill. All those in favor will indicate by saying "aye". Opposed. The Bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Page 13, the top of the page, Calendar No. 1174.

PETER W. GILLIES:

Mr. Speaker, with the permission of this House, I would ask that we return to Page 10, Calendar No. 1128, and I would move you, sir, that we reconsider the previous motion to pass retaining item No. 1128, H.B. No. 9209, an Act concerning municipal acquisition of land. We are prepared at this time to go forward with that Bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question's reconsideration of the Chamber's previous action, calling the Chamber's attention to Page 10, fourth matter

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HOUSE BILL: 8441. File No. 1221; Substitute House Bill 9075. File No. 1228; Substitute House Bill 5027. File No. 1235; Substitute House Bill 5559; File No. 1527; House Bill 5991, File No. 1296. ;

SENATOR HOULEY:

Mr. President, with the consent of the Senate Majority Leader may we pass and retain Cal. 1044, File 1540?

SENATOR CALDWELL:

In agreement. I withdraw the motion to that effect.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered. It is understood.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

CAL. NO. 1045. File 1537; Sub. Senate Bill 1317; page 14, Cal No. 1060 File 1530; Substitute Senate Bill 480; page 17, Cal. 1084, File No. 1235. Substitute House Bill 5027; page 18, Cal. 1086, File No. 1257; Substitute House Bill 5559; Cal. No. 1087. File No. 1296; House Bill 5991; Cal. No. 1088; File No. 1298, House Bill 5993; Cal. No. 1089, File No. 1291; House Bill 6097.; Cal. No. 1090, File No. 1322; Substitute House Bill 6321 Cal. No. 1091, File No. 1304, House Bill 6432; page 19, Cal. No. 1092, File No. 1287; Substitute House Bill 6433; Cal. No. 1093, File No. 1317, Substitute House Bill 6436; Cal. No. 1094, File No. 1286, House Bill 6437; Cal. No. 1095; File No. 1318, House Bill 6438; Cal. No. 1096, File No. 1285, Substitute House Bill 6439; Cal. No. 1097. File No. 1324, House Bill 6441; Cal. No. 1098, File No. 1239, Substitute House Bill 6443; page 20, Cal. No. 1103; File No. 1283; Substitute House Bill 8286; page 21, Cal. No. 1108; File No. 1549, Substitute Senate Bill 1067; page 29, Cal. No. 111 Senate Bill 383; page 30, Cal. 179, Senate Bill 384; page 34, Cal. 605. File 868 House Bill 8764

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I believe that's it. I move for suspension of the rules for all those matters which are one starred or no starred.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to the passage of these bills?

SENATOR CRAFTS:

Mr. President, I do not object but I rise to ask the Majority Leader, if he passed, unintentionally, a bill on page 32, Cal. No. 459?

SENATOR CALDWELL:

That's correct. There is an amendment to that bill. So we wouldn't put in on the Consent arrangement.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to the passage of these bills? If not, the bills are declared passed.

THE CLERK:

Clerk would note for the record, that Calendar 111, which has no file number and Calendar 179, which again has no file number, have been reproduced and are on the desks of the Senators.

SENATOR DOWD:

Mr. President, I was a member of the prevailing side, on Calendar 850, File 1051, I would move at this time, to reconsider it and hope it be defeated.

THE CHAIR:

Calendar 850, File 1015, second from the bottom on page 4. The motion is for reconsideration. Will you remark? If not, all those in favor of reconsideration signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The nays have it. The matter will not be reconsidered.

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8244. 8246 AN ACT CONCERNING LIGHTS ON MOTOR VEHICLES. Anyone in favor?  
Anyone opposed?

Mr. Clynick: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, I'm Charles Clynick, of General Motors. We opposed this bill, we find it very objectionable, because of the following: 1. It proposed to regulate rear lighting on new vehicles, as well as used vehicles, contrary to the provisions of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Act. Therefore, the state should be preempted. The bill would require rear turn signals to be amber, when the Federal standard permits both red and amber. Most U.S. production vehicles have used red for the rear turn signals for many years. The conversion problem would be considerable, even for a single state. requirement. The use of red permits a distinction between front (amber) and rear (red) of the vehicle, so that from a distance, an observer in another car can determine whether he's seeing a rear turn signal or a front turn signal, thus posing complications. Also, amber does not provide as effective a color distinction in some conditions of bright sunlight as does red. To comply with the requirements of this bill, we would have to provide and added lamp on many vehicles. There is a terrific space problem now on some of the GM cars, as well as others, particularly pickup trucks and station wagons. There is a greater need for separation between the two, between tail and stop signals. We use a single lamp, with one bulb emitting a low intensity light for tail lamp, and higher intensity light for both stop and turn. Now these conditions together with several other technical problems would present serious problems for us as well as members of the industry and, therefore, we are opposing this bill. Thank you.

Rep. O'Dea: Thank you Mr. Clynick. Any other opposition? The hearing is closed on 8246. H.B.8256 AN ACT CONCERNING FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES. Anyone in favor? Anyone opposed? Hearing is closed on 8256. 8286 AN ACT CONCERNING AMBULANCES, POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES TO HAVE RIGHT OF WAY. Anyone in favor?

Mr. Reynolds: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, Howard Reynolds to representing the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association, and also the Connecticut Firemens Association. This is an act that was worked out with Capt. Steckel from the Traffic Division of the State Police Department, which we believe clears up some grey areas, insofar as rights of way for emergency vehicles was concerned. Some of these were not spelled out in very much detail in the old act and did create some problems. This has the support of the Fire Service of Connecticut.

Rep. O'Dea: Thank you Mr. Reynolds, Anyone else in favor?

Mr. Clark: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, I'm Joseph Clark representing the Connecticut Ambulance Association. We're to go on record in favor of H.B. 8286. I wrote the statements just previously and the testimony of Chief Reynolds. Thank you.

Rep. O'Dea: Thank you Sir. Anyone else in favor?

Lt. Griffin: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, I'm Lt. Michael Griffin, of the Traffic Division of the State Police Department. We'd like to go on record as being in favor of H.B. 8286 concerning ambulances, police and fire department vehicles to have the right of way. This bill not only requires that the motoring public grant the right of way to ambulances,

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police and fire department vehicles under certain prescribed conditions, but it also places definite responsibilities upon the operators of these emergency vehicles. This bill also brings the Connecticut law into conformance with the Uniform Vehicle Code. Thank you Sir.

Rep. O'Dea: Thank you. Anyone else in favor?

Mr. Adint: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, my name is Bill Adint, representing the Connecticut Safety Commission. And I'd like to voice our commissions approval on H.B. 8286. One of the main reasons that we have long advocated greater acceptance of adoption of the Uniform Vehicle Code. Also that this bill will clarify many of the areas previously that were left up to chance. It will clarify the duties and rights and possibilities of both the driver of the emergency vehicle as well as motorists and drivers of other vehicles. Thank you.

Rep. O'Dea: Thank you Mr. Adint. Anyone else in favor? Anyone opposed? Hearing is closed on 8286. 6606 AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BURVILLE FIRE TRAINING CENTER.

Mr. Reynolds: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, Howard Reynold, representing the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association and the Connecticut State Firemens Association. We wish to go on record as being in favor of this bill, any fire fighter today isn't worth his salt being paid a volunteer unless he's continually trained to do the job, that he has set out to do. The Burville School is one such place where he may attempt to learn to develop these skills of fire fighting. Most of the trainees that attend this school are volunteers who are willing to give up their time and help them without any personal reiteration except for the satisfaction that performing a public service, with a high degree of profeciency. We urge the passage of this bill, so that the school may continue to provide regular service to the public that is has in the past.

Rep. O'Dea: Thank you Mr. Reynolds. Anyone else in favor?

Mr. Yanok: Mr. Chairman, Committee, I've been delegated by Litchfield County Fire Emergency Plan, Francis Yanok, training officer. I've been delegated here by a county plan which consists of some 47 firedepartments, and approximately 1,200 firemen. We have a good plan up there, as you notice on the bill here the amount was eliminated, but we do have our plans and specifications wready which total to \$15,000, and we want to keep the school up, the money is set aside for repairs and preserve what we have there. Thank you.

Rep. O'Dea: Thank you. Anyone else in favor? Any opposition?

Mr. Clement: Mr. Chairman, and the Committee, my name is Victor Clement. And I'm sticking for this bill 6606. I've spent my life in the building industry and I help out the Building Committee, with there building problems. Now, up there, you know we don't have a \_\_\_\_\_ so that if something fails, we have to come in and try to get money to repair it. Now some of these things are important; now for instance, they have an alarm system which is, haven't an emergency generator. Now this alarm works on the regular power, but it goes off, now chiefs and firemen both