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file 964.

Calendar 1426, substitute for Senate Bill 287, file 1007.

Page 30, Calendar 1443, Senate Joint Resolution 19, file 753.

Page 31, Calendar 1449, substitute for Senate Bill 1577, file 1182.

Calendar 1453, Senate Bill 1829, file 801.

I believe that concludes the list of bills included in the motion.

MR. SPEAKER:

At this point, following the practice that we have established with the consent calendar, first ask the gentleman from the 75th, are there any items that he would like removed from this list.

MR. GILLIES:

There are none that I wish to have removed.

MR. SPEAKER:

Gentleman from the 165th.

MR. COLLINS:

There are several items. Page 8, Calendar 570, House Bill 8082, file 780.

MR. SPEAKER:

Calendar 570, House Bill 8082, file 780. Your objection is noted, this item will not be considered on this list for adoption.

MR. COLLINS:

Page 11, Calendar 882, substitute for House Bill 5730,

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to either motion. Both will be so ordered.

Will you proceed?

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Yes Mr. President, I'll try and proceed slowly for the benefit of the members of the press. I move that the following reports of the joint committees be accepted. And the following bills passed by unanimous consent.

Cal. 569, Senate Joint Resolution 0019 File 753, Resolution providing for A Portrait of the Honorable Howard Wells Alcorn.

Cal. 614, S.B. 1090 File 863 Establishing A Bicentennial Commission of Connecticut.

Cal. 620, S.B. 1762 File 856 An Act Concerning Construction of Recreational Facilities In the Town of Stafford.

Cal. 652, File 964, S.B. 240 An Act Concerning the Compensation of Finance Advisory Committee Members.

Cal. 655, File 958, Substitute for S.B. 1266 An Act Concerning An Appropriation For the Greater Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center.

Cal. 687, File 1007, Substitute for S.B. 287 An Act Concerning State Payment of Instruction Costs for Blind Persons.

Cal. 757, File 778, H.B. 9081 An Act Concerning Distinguishing signs for All America Cities.

Cal. 761, File 1088, S.B. 283 An Act Concerning State Docks at Guilford and East Haddam.

Cal. 838, File 1182, Substitute for S.B. 1577 An Act Concerning Allowance of Credit in the State Retirement System for Prior Municipal Court Service.

Cal. No. 877, page 7, File 1251 Substitute for S.B. 211. An Act Concerning An Appropriation for Erosion Control in Fairfield.

Cal. 916, File 1270 Substitute for S.B. 1043 An Act Concerning the Provision of Academic and Vocational Instruction At the State Correctional Institutions and Centers.

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Sen. Mondani: together. We know that there are problems with each of the bills and we want to make sure that whatever is developed has the full approval of all the groups involved so that we do not hurt any one and we don't want to do anything but help them. Ann Switzer; Madelyn Neumann(both absent from hearing at this time) George Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I come in support of bill 5650, making a revolving board. I have been with rehabilitation of the blind for some 20 odd years, starting here in Connecticut in 1953. Since then I've been Nation wide. And accreditation for agencies serving the blind is a very, very important process. There are several things involved. This bill I believe will satisfy most all of the blind in Connecticut. To go further than that, it'll satisfy the National accreditation agency and we will not ever lose any of the matching funds which is an important part of rehabilitation of the blind. If we do not get accreditation in this area I can see the day when the matching funds maybe curtailed. Before we're threatened with that I hope that we bring our State agencies for the blind in line with those good practices which will give us all the support and at the same time give the blind representation which is new blood from time to time and permit the valuable rehabilitation for the blind to go forth. And I thank you.

Sen. Mondani: Mr. Patton.

Mr. Patton: My name is William Patton and I am the director of the board of education for services for the blind, and I'm speaking today on behalf of the board in favor of SB287 (Sen. Caldwell) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE PAYMENT OF INSTRUCTION COSTS FOR BLIND PERSONS which deals with increased payments for the education of blind, visually impaired and multi-handicapped blind children. Specifically this bill would change the General Statutes, Chapter 174, Section 2, 10-295 to increase educational payments that can be made for blind children from \$3400 to \$4000 annually and the educational payment that can be made for a blind child who is also deaf or has another severe handicap from \$6000 to \$7500. Now this increase is necessary to meet the tuition costs that we have had to do periodically over the past two years, to meet the increased tuition costs for blind children and multi-handicap