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Calendar 255 be passed temporarily. The gentleman of the 16th has called the Chamber's attention to page 4, Calendar 272.

REPRESENTATIVE HANNON:

I would move at this time that reconsideration of Calendar 272 File 215.

MR. SPEAKER:

Motion is for reconsideration of Calendar 272. Will you remark on the motion for reconsideration. If not, all those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed. Motion is carried and the Clerk will please reread the Calendar item.

CLERK:

Page 4, Calendar 272, Substitute for House Bill 8682 - An Act Concerning Offices and Facilities for State Agencies and Institutions.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Gillies.

REPRESENTATIVE GILLIES:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark further.

REPRESENTATIVE GILLIES:

This simply provides that the Public Works Department shall assign office space and provide necessary accommodations in state institutions in with the concurrence of the Attorney General and

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the Commissioner of Finance and Control or any such space that they may require. It also provides further that when such space is provided it shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees where institutions are involved which are governed by such Boards.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill. Questions 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.

CLERK:

The Clerk now has the amendment on Calendar 255.

MR. SPEAKER:

Is the Majority Leader prepared to advance on Calendar 255 at this time.

REPRESENTATIVE HANNON:

We find ourselves in the position of having to ask this matter be passed retaining.

MR. SPEAKER:

Is there objection to the matter be retained. Hearing none, so ordered.

CLERK:

Page 8, Calendar 813, Substitute for Senate Bill 492 - An Act Concerning Regulating Activity Involving Explosives as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule A.

MR. SPEAKER:

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THE CLERK:

The following bills were passed on a Consent Motion by Senator Caldwell with the approval of the Minority Leader;

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY: Substitute House Bill 8682. House Bill 5854. JUDICIARY: Substitute House Bill 7495. House Bill 5662; Substitute House Bill 851. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY: Senate Bill 652; Senate Bill 1145; JUDICIARY Senate Bill 1788; Senate Bill 805; Substitute Senate Bill 1093; Substitute Senate Bill 868; Substitute Senate Bill 1441; BANKS AND REGULATED ACTIVITIES: Substitute Senate Bill 467; GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY: Senate Bill 1833; JUDICIARY Substitute Senate Bill 1296; TRANSPORTATION: Senate Bill 1115; Substitute Senate Bill 255; ELECTIONS: Substitute Senate Bill 508; JUDICIARY: Substitute Senate Bill 1022; Substitute Senate Bill 1543; TRANSPORTATION: Substitute Senate Bill 1807; JUDICIARY Substitute Senate Bill 550; substitute senate bill 823; JUDICIARY: Senate Bill 898. TRANSPORTATION Substitute Senate Bill 807; FINANCE: Substitute Senate Bill 1576; Senate Bill 1570; Substitute Senate Bill 1572; Substitute Senate Bill 1549; Substitute Senate Bill 1549; Substitute Senate Bill 1625; Substitute Senate Bill 1045; TRANSPORTATION: Substitute Senate Bill 815; EDUCATION: Substitute Senate Bill 1840; GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY: House Bill 6870; House Bill 9249; INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE: House Bill 6995; GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY: House Bill 9242.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to the passage of the bills, as called by the Clerk? If not, Senator Fauliso, do you move the passage of all said bills?

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Milton Stocking: Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, my name is Milton Stocking and I'm Executive Secretary for the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact and in the interest of saving time I would like to state that I'm wholeheartedly in favor of the statement that was made earlier by Mr. McKusick, present State Forester and also Chairman of the Compact and also just made by Mr. Hibbard. I believe that the state is getting a great deal for the small amount of money that goes into it in the matter of possible protection as well as for training.

Sen. Crafts: Thank you very much. Mr. Brindamour.

Mr. Brindamour: Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I'm here on behalf of the City of Hartford to speak against bills #841, #872 & #873. The City of Hartford has not had enough time to study the impact of withdrawing from these and I feel that particularly S.B. 841 would be repudiating an agreement that was entered into about 30 years ago. Hartford, Conn. has an obligation to stay in here and compensate the upstream property owners who were deprived of their properties for Hartford's benefit and East Hartford's. As you know Hartford is very much dependent on flood control - it's a very big thing with Hartford, they just have to have it, and as Mr. Fisher stated before, right now the Town Engineers Comprehensive River Basins Plan is of concern to Hartford but what they need is more cooperation with our upstream neighbors, not less. To repudiate our agreement of long standing might be a hindrance to getting future agreements with our upstream neighbors which we will probably need very shortly and I say I haven't had enough time to study this completely, but offhand I'm against withdrawal from this compact. Thank you very much.

Sen. Crafts: Mr. Janusky:

Chester Janusky: My name is Chester Janusky, I'm chief of the leasing division in the Dept. of Public Works and I'm here to speak in favor of H.B. 8682. This particular bill intends to re-write the leasing authority of the Public Works Commissioner. Basically the bill will provide for the Public Works Commissioner the same leasing authority that is now in existence for agencies and institutions without taking away any of the authority that other agencies and institutions have. It's an attempt to provide all of the different kinds of leasing authority in one place. In addition to this it gives the Commissioner some legal authority which he expressly has not had by statute and that it, to release state owned land to private individuals for the production of income or as may otherwise serve the state interests and this

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- C. Janusky: would involve those properties that may have been purchased by the Public Works Commissioner for a specific project but which property might otherwise lie idle before it is specifically committed to a particular project. It would also give the Commissioner authority to lease out idle buildings or properties which are owned by institutions that may be obsolete functionally for one reason or another and could conceivably be converted for the production of income. There is one important section here in this bill, and that is Section #4. The leasing authority here would permit leases to have options to buy where these options to buy - where the purchase price can be paid in installments over a period of years. There are some advantages that can accrue to the state by being able to affect an installment purchase because it is a way of now using rent monies to acquire equity in properties where there is a long term, long range, need.
- Sen. Hammer: In this section 4 you're speaking of there's no () language. Is the whole section there?
- C. Janusky: The entire section is new.
- Sen. Hammer: What, number 4?
- C. Janusky: No, the entire bill here is all new language for section 4-128. This bill would repeal the present language and substitute in its place all of the language that's in this bill.
- Sen. Hammer: The new language is always in capitals, and we can see quickly what it is, but this section 4 though it's new and yet it is not marked like as though it's new.
- C. Janusky: This entire bill is new, Senator Hammer.
- Sen. Hammer: But it isn't really because it says the following substitute sections (inaudible) then it goes on, it takes out some of the old language but not all of it.
- Sen. Crafts: Yes, Sen. Hammer makes a very good point but perhaps we need the statutes before us before we can debate the issue.
- C. Janusky: I believe all sections after Section 1 would all be new language that should appear in caps. Thank you. Any other questions?
- Sen. Hammer: Oh, I see. I would just like an example of leasing situation. What kind of lease are you referring to when you talk about being able to lease like other agencies?

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Sen. Crafts: Very brief; two minutes.

Mr. Janusky: All right. The leasing authority of the Public Works Commissioner now is for agencies only. He does not have statutory authority to lease anything to institutions. We use their authority. Now there is one important part of this bill and that is Section 4 part; we have a contract currently in effect with National Homes for Mattatuck Community College. If this bill is passed before that work is finished, National Homes is willing to amend their contract to conform to these statutory requirements which on that contract alone will affect a savings of \$78,000. so I would urge that this bill be amended to take effect from passage so that we can take advantage of the contract in effect.

Sen. Crafts: Amended to take effect on passage, then what happens?

Mr. Janusky: This wouldn't become effective until when, Oct. ordinarily? But the date is important to us to effect the savings on the contract in Waterbury.

Sen. Crafts: Are there any other persons wishing to be heard?

William Wise: My name is William Wise of West Hartford, I was former Director of the Water Resources Commission. I've been asked to appear to possibly clarify several bills and the first one is 842. the Thames River Valley Flood Control Compact, of which I am a member. Here is one Commission which doesn't cost the state of Conn. a nickel to run. The cost of it of course is the cost of the loss in taxes due to the construction of reservoirs in the Thames River Valley. However, the Commission has not asked for any funds to run it in the last 8 or 10 years. However, if this Commission is abandoned, some method will have to be set up to determine the tax losses that result in the state of Mass. because of the construction of 4 Reservoirs in the Thames River Valley which protect the people along the Quinebaug River in Conn. and that's the reason that the Compact was drawn. Conn. benefits and the people of Mass. do not benefit - well, to a limited extent, but the people who have to give up their land in the fertile river valleys are the ones that suffer, so Conn. says we are willing to pay for the tax losses because we get the benefit so that if you abandon it, then some set up has to be made; the river state has to pay a lump sum in lieu of annual cost and I think in 1939 the state had to pay \$39,000. as tax losses. Now the Compact permits the state to pay a lump sum-to make an agreement with Mass. to pay a lump sum in lieu of annual payments; well something has to be done to that extent, so that - and but however the duties of this commission are very minimum, no more reservoirs are going to be built and they are interested in pollution control which of course we have an interstate compact for that; so from the stand-