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- Mr. Lostocco(continued): comment: the passage of the bill, as written, would have an adverse opinion on the revenues of some of the Connecticut bus operators. It is obvious that some revenue would be lost to the companies that operate on a regular route. On the other side of the coin, passage would provide additional bus service between points in Connecticut where interstate operators perform some service. This could be in the public interest. Perhaps the bill could be amended to provide for where bus services are not now available. Thank you.
- Chairman O'Dea: Thank you, Mr. Lostocco: Anyone else opposed to the bill?
- Atty. Frank Healy: From Waterbury, representing The Connecticut Motor Stage Asst., at the present time the interstate operators can apply to the PUC and receive the very same authority that is mentioned in the bill, if they find any desire to provide the service. The PUC knows the entire picture; controls the entire picture; and is able to protect the interest of both riding public and the carriers of both interstate and intrastate. And I think that the situation is adequately handled under the law, at present.
- Chairman O'Dea: Any other opposition? The hearing is closed on 6081. We now have H. B. 6322 (Rep. O'Dea) AN ACT CONCERNING CROWDED SEATS OVERLOADING, RIDERS ON OUTSIDE OF VEHICLE AISLE SEATS. Anyone in favor?
- Rep. Of Connecticut Safety Commission: I would like to voice our Commission's support of 6322. Currently, our law does provide for overcrowding by passengers but there is no mention of overcrowding a passenger vehicle, with building equipment and such things. In matter of fact, yeaterday I received a call where a person wanted to get a permit to transport a very heavy piece of machinery, weighing about 1500 pounds, in a station wagon. So, under the present law, this would be legal, but it would be very dangerous. Thank you.
- Chairman O'Dea: Anyone else in favor?
- Lt. Michael Griffin: The State Police Department wishes to go on record as being in favor of bill 6322, concerning overloading and etc., we are in favor in this Legislation. The present statute provides for overcrowding of an operator of a motor vehicle, but makes no provision for the overloading of a passenger vehicle. There have been a series of events that have received publicity regarding young people who load up a small car with as many as 15 or 20, and drive off with them in the car. Because the law does not provide for the prohibiting of this activity, which obviously overloads the car's use in these instances.
- Chairman O'Dea: Thank you, sir. Anyone else in favor? Any opposition to the bill? The hearing is closed on 6322.

 The next is H. B. 6420 (Rep. O'Dea) AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO MAKE REGULATIONS AND

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CERTIFY EQUIPMENT IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY. Anyone in favor?

- Mr. Edward Carroll: Speaking on behalf of the Dept. of Motor Vehicles, the authority of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to make regulations which would prohibit the use of devices that have been found to inhibit the safe operation of vehicles equiped with such devices, has recently been challenged. This measure is to clarify any doubts which may exist under the present wording of the law by clearly granting the Commissioner such authority. This, again, was the result of this ball joint action which was referred to earlier.
- Chairman O'Dea: Thank you, Mr. Carroll. Anyone else in favor? Anyone opposed to the bill? The hearing is closed on 6420. The next bill is H. B. 6425 () AN ACT CONCERNING SAFETY STANDARDS OF AUTOMOBILE ENERGY ABSORPTION SYSTEMS. Also, included is H. B. 8242 and 8366. Is anyone in favor of any of these bills? Anyone opposed to the bills?
- Mr. Richard Meek: Counsel for The Automotive Trade Asst., we wish to oppose these bills; not because we are opposing the principle involved; we are very much interested in improvement of the bumpers that are on the vehicle which we sell. However, we think that this is a matter properly in the various subject regulation of Federal regulation. The Dept. of Transportation is currently studying this problem and if the motor vehicles are not manufactured here, we would be reluctant to see requirements put in our law, here, which would make the vehicles, which are sold by our dealers, illegal in the state. With your permission, I have invited people - representatives of the manufacturers of these vehicles - to come here today and if you would care to take a few minutes, they would like to tell you what the current state of development is in the matter of bumper improvement. There have been considerable strides made and very shortly the new models will have these improvements on them. I would like to make comments on them. Thank you.

Chairman O'Dea: Thank you, Mr. Meek. We will be glad to hear them.

Mr. Charles Clynick: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee; I have with me today, Mr. Bob Mathews, a Senior Staff Administrative Engineer of our techincal engineering center in Warren, Michigan; who will speak briefly on some of the techinical and ecnomic considerations which you may be interested in. We appreciate the opportunity of expressing our views in this behalf. We would like to go on record as opposing these three bills, 8242, 6425 and 8366. Based on the fact that the Federal Government is already considering moves in this direction; and secondly that our 1973 models and 1974 models are going to be greatly improved in their engineering designs to withstand energy absorption which we feel will be in the best interest of the consumer. And our '75 model will certainly be in the best interest of the consumer.

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