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MR. SPEAKER:

Is there objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

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6138. An Act Concerning State Grants-In-Aid for Harbor Improvement Projects. File number 126.

FRANCIS J. MAHONEY, 19th District:

Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

Motion is on acceptance and passage, will you remark? FRANCIS J. MAHONEY, 19th District:

Mr. Speaker, the purpose of the bill is to transfer jurisdiction over state aid and for harbor improvement projects from the Community Affairs Department to the Connecticut Development Commission.

MR. SPEAKER:

Are there further remarks on the bill? If not, all those in favor indicate by saying aye, those opposed? The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 154. Substitute for Senate Bill No. 100. An Act Concerning the Funding and Powers of Lake Authorities. (As amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

EDWARD L. IWANICKI, 79th District:

Mr. Speaker, I move for the acceptance of the committee's

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a 1926 Ford for instance, could be all over the garage floor and the assessment would have the individual owning that automobile paying far above the 100 dollar maximum. So this would put a maximum on the amount that they would be taxed.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage. Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor say, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The ayes have it. The bill is passed. THE CLERK:

Cal. No. 156. File No. 126. Favorabe report of the joint standing committee on State and Urban Development. House Bill No. 6138. An Act Concerning State Grants-in-Aid for Harbor Improvements Projects.

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President, this bill transfers jurisdiction of the State Grant-in-Aid programfor Harbor improvements from the Department of Community Affairs to the Connecticut Development Commission where, our committee felt it properly belonged. This is a program that, the Development Commission is quite interested in and quite frankly, the Department of Community Affairs seems willing to have its administration moved over. So I'm moving for acceptance of the report and passage of the bill.

SENATOR DOWD:

Mr. President, an inquiry through you, sir, to the distinguished Senator

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from the 11th.

THE CHAIR:

You may proceed.

SENATOR DOWD:

Mr. President, I would inquiry of the gentleman, whether there are personnel involved and whether this bill takes care of the transfer of any personnel who might be involved in these duties from DCA to the Development Commission?

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President, thank you, it's a good question. Our understanding in considering the bill, that it would not be necessary to make any transfers of personnel on either side. That is, there was adequate personnel at the Development Commission to administer the program and there were sufficient duties that the Department of Community Affairs for those that had been involved. Frankly, it's been a relatively dormant program at the DCA.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage. Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Cal. No. 157. File No. 129. Favorable report of the joint standing committee on Rules. Substitute for House Bill No. 6225. An Act Concerning Distribution of Revised Statutes, Supplements and Special Acts.

SENATOR BURKE:

Mr. President, I move the passage of the committee's joint favorable report and passage of the bill.

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to see... and I think the time has come, or we feel that the time has come.. for a new type of facility, such as the old Griswall that recently went out of existance. People travel extensively..they are traveling today, and we feel the affluent person in New York perhaps would like a place to put his family for two or three months. We don't have thosekind of places today, and we feel this is a way to promote long-range vacation travel in the State of Connecticut, so we're asking for the opportunity to help develop. We have 3 sites in mind presently.. one on the Northwest, one on Long Island Sound, and one we're looking at that's in the Eastern part of the State. And we feel here a complex could be developed. There would be hotels, golf courses, nearly yearround, but not all of them could be because they don't all have skiing perhaps, but we think that this type of complete facility would create some real vacation travel in the State of Connecticut, and this is what we're looking to develop, and that's why we'd like to have this bill passed.

Representative Tudan: Anyone else? Any opposition? 6138. STATE GRANTS IN AID FOR HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

Mark Feinberg: My name is Mark Feinberg, Planning Director of the State Development Commission. This is one of two functions which we are asking to transfer from the Department of Community Affairs to the Development Commission. On the basis that we have the expertise and that they are part of the primary function of the Development Commission to generate business and jobs. Connecticut's harbors generate a cost benefit of about 80 million dollars to the State's economy a year. Bridgeport, New Haven and New London. And we don't feel that harbor improvement should necessarily be part of planning to solve social problems. We feel it has more of a business base to it, and this is why we're asking that this function be transferred to the Development Commission.

Representative Tudan: Have you spoken with the people at DCA in regards to this matter?

Mr. Feinberg: I did speak to the former commissioner, and he agreed that there should be something done. He did not say okay, you can go ahead and transfer it, but I have not talked to the recently-appointed commissioner and I will.

Representative Tudan: Would you please, to satisfy this?

Mr. Feinberg: Yes, I will.

Representative Edwards: The development..would it be strictly industrial?

Mr. Feinberg: The purpose of development would be to generate money and jobs for the State's economy, and now this could be in the form

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of increased shipping activity.

Representative Edwards: But not, for instance, beaches or ...

- Mr. Feinberg: It's a very broad program as we understand it. It could be the development of marinas. We're working at the present time ..our marine expert, for example, is working with the City of Norwich, to reclaim that waterfront at the head of the river, and redevelop it into a modern marina. It fits there, because it won't interfere with any conservation or ecological considerations, and it has been a rather dismal looking waterfront in the past. If that program goes ahead, they will be applying under present circumstances, to DCA for the funds to help them. We think that more logically, it should be the Development Commission, which can continue the activity.
- Representative Edwards: Does the municipality ask for your help?
 Or how is it generated?
- Mr. Feinberg: Yes, it's usually generated by a request or by them telling us that they have something like this in mind, and we'll offer to use our professional staff to help them. In this case, our man has been serving as a consultant at no cost to the community. He's one of the best in the country in this business.

Representative Tudan: They've been going to you, not DCA?

- Mr. Feinberg: Yes, sir, because we have a professional man that can handle it. They are involved with DCA I'm sure, in an overall way, and under the present statutes they would apply to DCA for the funds to make this project a reality. It could apply to anything that meets the requirements of the law.
- Representative Tudan: Anyone else on 6138? Any opposition? 6228. Now this is a statement of purpose bill, so that will be held over. We have another statement of purpose bill, and that will be held over. Mr. Feinberg, you have two or three statement of purpose bills in here. In addition to that, there are a few things you're going to check with us. If you can get back to us as soon as possible, then I can move them along. 6411. AN ACT CONCERNING OPEN SPACE GRANT IN AID PROGRAM TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES IN THE ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION LAND. Any one care to speak in behalf of the Bill? Any opposition? Declare the hearing closed. 6412.
- Mr. Mark Feinberg: Mr. Chairman, my name is Mark Feinberg, Managing Director of the StateDevelopment Commission. I'm appearingon HB 6412. This is one of the bills which we were to report back to the committee concerning status. The bill was filed originally because we did not know whether funds to continue to operate the Connedcticut Building at the Eastern States Exposition, would be included in our budget. It also calls for 30 thousand dollars because we're on a biennial basis at the time this was filed.