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Lt. Michael Griffin: Of the State Police Traffic Division, the State Police Department is opposed to this legislation concerning emblems on slow-moving vehicles. Most of the use for these emblems will be on farm machinery, which is by definition not in the class of motor vehicles. This means that they can be operated by persons under the age of sixteen years while engaged in farm work. Since this statute requires that one of these emblems be displayed, the failure to do so would constitute a violation. In this case, we ask? Who should be arrested - the operator who may be the farmer's son, and a juvenile? The owner, who may have installed the emblem and it has been broken off in the work of the machinery? We feel that the idea is excellent, but the enforcement of the statute would be practically impossible.

Chairman O'Dea: Thank you, sir. Anyone else opposed? The hearing is closed on 6234.

H. B. 6316 (Rep. Gregorzek) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES. Anyone in favor?

Mr. Edward Carroll: Representing the Dept. of Motor Vehicles, this bill is intended to simplify Connecticut's laws relative to the registration of commercial motor vehicles, by providing that any commercial vehicle that operates most frequently from Connecticut, must be registered here. By providing for the repeal of Section 14-32, it is eliminating a troublesome statute, which allows Connecticut truckers to register vehicles operating in interstate commerce, in other states other than Connecticut; when the trucker has offices in other jurisdictions. Thank you.

Rep. Ryan: Is the intent of this bill to provide that any commercial or fleet operator who has offices in Connecticut should - I know that we have several instances, now, where trucking outfits who have their main home in Connecticut - register vehicles outside of Connecticut, in order to avoid taxes. Is that correct?

Mr. Carroll: It may be correct. What it is designed to do is principally, is to get rid of this 14-32, which says that an operator of a commercial vehicle, who has terminals, within and without, the State of Connecticut; or offices outside the state. And the vehicle is engaged in interstate commerce, may register in another jurisdiction other than Connecticut. Now, there are a number of laws on the books that go to the registration of commercial vehicles. We believe that by removing this 14-30 and 14-32, this being the most troublesome; because we incorporate 14-30 in the bill, at a later point. That we then are left with 14-12 of the statutes; which the heart of that law is, as it stands now says: "any self-propelled motor vehicle other than a private passenger vehicle or any motor vehicle exempted under the provisions of Sections (and now) 14-30 and 14-32 or 14-34, shall be registered in this state, if it is most frequently garaged in this state, or, if not garaged in a fixed location; most frequently leaves from and returns to one or more points within the state in the normal course of operation". The attempt here is to just clarify the

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- Mr. Carroll(continued): law; that if that vehicle does most frequently leave from and return to points in Connecticut, it should be registered here. Did I answer your question, or did I go all around the barn?
- Rep. Ryan: Yes and No. I think, at least the way I understand it; that part of the intent is to prevent -----
- Mr. Carroll: It is. It is definitely intended to having a trucker that should be registered in Connecticut, registered in another jurisdiction, to avoid this. But, that is also the intent of the present law 14-12a that is on the book. We are enclosing, what may be a loophole in that law, but removing this provision, 14-32, from the Motor Vehicle Statutes.
- Rep. Ryan: I know that it is not very effective now, so.
- Mr. Carroll: There have been some reports to that effect, although I might add; largely with the cooperation of The Connecticut Transport Association, there has been a move afoot to secure a fair share of registration of these vehicles for Connecticut. In some cases it is questionable as to where they should be registered, because of the very nature of the operation. Thank you.
- Chairman O'Dea: Thank you, Mr. Carroll. Anyone else in favor of the bill? Anyone opposed? The hearing is closed on 6316.
H. B. 6230 (Rep. Gregorzek) AN ACT CONCERNING COPIES OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORTS. Anyone wish to speak in favor of this bill? Anyone opposed to the bill? The hearing is closed on 6230.
- H. B. 6325 (Rep. Sweeney) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISMANTLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY REPAIRERS OPERATING WRECKER SERVICE. Anyone in favor of the bill?
- Mr. Edward Carroll: The Motor Vehicle Department has received a number of reports of repairers wreckers towing disabled vehicles and disassembling them, to produce repair work. This bill would prohibit the dismantling of such vehicles, without written authorization. Thank you.
- Chairman O'Dea: Thank you, sir. Anyone else in favor? Anyone opposed?
- Mr. Richard Meek: Of the Connecticut Automotive Trade Association. I hesitate to appear against this bill because I don't wish to be in favor of taking advantage of motor vehicle operators. But I would just like to comment briefly. When you require a signature from the owner, you should remember that about 80% of these vehicles are subject to insurance. And, the usual practice in any shop repairing automobiles is not to touch a automobile until they have heard from an insurance appraiser. Now, if the automobile owner is from another state and gets in an accident here; it is towed into one of our shops. He will rely on his insurance appraiser to make the arrangements to have the car repaired. I think

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