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disciplinary hearing by the Board of Examiners required a unanimous vote of the Board after hearing. Now since then and I believe if my memory serves me right because I've been on the Board of Examiners since 1937, the Healing Arts Board were changed from a unanimous vote to a majority vote about twenty years ago. We never sought to have a change and we have abided by the majority vote - ah, by the unanimous vote for disciplinary hearings and I must say it really hasn't been a problem because we had a remarkable unanimity on the part of the Board on any finding that we have had. But since there are no other Boards, no other licensing boards in the state that require a unanimous vote, they all require a majority vote, I thought at this time it might be well for us to amend our laws so as to make it to conform with all the other boards having disciplinary powers.

It's Chapter 374 of the Healing Arts, State Healing Arts Chapter governing all the Healing Arts, all of them, dentistry, and podiatry and so forth.

On H.B. 7438 (AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PODIATRY), the statement of purpose is to restructure the board of examiners from its present personnel structure, and this is found from line 25 to line 29 on the bill.

The, as I said previously, the board of examiners in podiatry was first appointed or first authorized by the 1915 legislature, and it composed at that time of one physician, an M.D., one podiatrist and one, the Health Commissioner ex officio, that's three a, I've just mentioned, made up the board of examiners. That was from 1915 to 1937 when the legislature in 1937 restructured the board then to give it its present structure of three podiatrists and the Health Commissioner ex officio.

Now we had, I want to make it clear that it recommending this change which would make it a board of five podiatrists, straight board of five podiatrists and without the Commissioner of Health ex officio, there's no effort, no dissatisfaction on our part with having the State Health Commissioner attached to the board or on the board because we have functioned under that setup, under Dr. Osbourne and Dr. Foote. We have no personal animosities or any reason other than we wanted to get a straight board of five members of podiatrists because podiatry has expanded over the years since 1937 and the board of examiners is finding itself now with a larger number of applicants and we have had in mind for several years to, there's another bill which I will speak on will point out we wanted to expand the board's activities to give a practical examination as well as written examinations.

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Now I'd like, in state boards in Connecticut, the boards, medical board, osteopathy, physical therapist, nursing, dentistry, optometry, opticians, pharmacy, psychologists, veterinary medicine, embalmers and funeral directors, hypertrichologists, professional engineers and land surveyors, real estate brokers and several other occupational licensing boards are all made up of five members out of the professions that they represent.

So I don't want to take the committee's time, but briefly this is what this bill would achieve if it is favored, and we are asking that if it is favored that it be made effective upon passage so as to meet the October 1st appointment date, which is usual when a board of examiners in podiatry.

Rep. Cohen: Does the governor appoint based on a list you give him?

Dr. Walker: The list is submitted by the State Association of Podiatrists. But the date for that appointment is October 1st annually.

On H.B. 7439 (AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF PODIATRISTS WITHOUT EXAMINATION), it doesn't mention it in the bill here but it is amending section 20-57 of the 1958 revision of the State Statutes, and the pertinent amendment is from line 21 to line 23 inclusive, which would in the case of applicants who have been certified by the National Board of Podiatry Examiners or come into the state, and reciprocity with any state. Heretofore, in 1965 I believe, we changed it, we changed the law so it, to enable us to - it was in 1963 that we changed the law to permit us to accept certificates from the National Board of Podiatry Examiners in lieu of the examination conducted by the Connecticut board. And now, there has been a tendency in the country in podiatry examinations and I know in Connecticut here that the Dental Commission required a practical examination of dentists who have come in under reciprocity, and it is our purpose in this bill to exempt by rule of the written portion of the examination. But the applicants, but the board in addition may require the applicant to pass an oral and practical examination.

Briefly that's the statement of purpose and that's the intent.

Dr. Cohen: Who's for that bill?

Dr. Walker: I'm for that bill. I am for the bills I've already enumerated.

And H.B. 7440 (AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFICATIONS FOR PRACTICE OF PODIATRY), and this would amend the qualifications for licensure in Connecticut, podiatrists, to update the requirements to what has already been in existence and in effect.

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would indicate that many of these bills are meritorious. However, I think it is wrong for us to take up the items without a total budget package being arrived at. I have agreed that we could take these up, that my objection to this particular bill will stand on all the succeeding items, strictly in the interest of the convenience of this assembly, so that we would not have to spend several hours on each individual item with statements and with votes.

MR. SPEAKER:

First, we thank the gentleman of the 165th, it is to the benefit of all the members that when we consider the budget that we have before us the major document and when we consider the tax program, it also is not cluttered by a number of individual bills.

CLERK:

Mr. Speaker, I am now going to read the calendar numbers, bill numbers and the file numbers of 62 bills.

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