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the trucking industry to use modern equipment with greater safety and greater economy for both the industry and the State of Connecticut, without increasing the weight allowed on axle loads. The owners of many commercial motor vehicles who violate the provisions as set forth by this bill shall be liable for any damage to a road or bridge that occurs by their vehicle. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill?

ALBERT CRETELLA, 99th District:

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, it allows the trucking industry to make use of modern equipment without additional excess weight on the highways by using axle weights. It is a benefit to the industry and still is protection for our state highways. I urge adoption of the bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks? If not, all those in favor indicate by saying aye, opposed? The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Next item, Calendar No. 1286, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 429, An Act Concerning the Retirement Salary of Certain Workmen's Compensation Commissioners, file 1008.

GERALD STEVENS, 122nd District:

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

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MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark?

GERALD STEVENS, 122nd District:

The Clerk has an amendment, it is rather lengthy, I request permission to summarize the amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Clerk would request you to summarize the amendment.

GERALD STEVENS, 122nd District:

In summarizing the amendment I must make reference to the substance of the bill also. The bill in your file adds a cost of living adjustment to the pensions which are now available for Unemployment Commissioners and Workmen's Compensation Commissioners in the State of Connecticut. The amendment relates to the pensions that are now available to Workmen's Compensation Commissioners in our state, under Section 31-283 of the Connecticut General Statutes Workmen's Compensation Commissioners are given pensions after 20 years of service, this pension is paid for out of the general fund. The amendment before us tonight would change this and make the pension for Workmen's Compensation Commissioners payable out of the Compensation Fund which is funded entirely through payments by insurance companies. This was the subject of a bill before Judiciary and the insurance carriers were in favor of it. It will save the state funds and at the same time it will establish a pension for Workmen's Compensation

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Commissioners that provide that they will obtain pensions after so many years service equal to $2/3$ of their salary. This will be paid out of the fund, the bill does two things, creates a more beneficial pension...the amendment does two things, creates a more beneficial pension system for Workmen's Compensation Commissioners and transfers the payment of it from the General Fund to the State of Connecticut to the Workmen's Compensation Fund, which means that it will not be paid by the state. It is a contributory fund, part paid by the commissioners, the other part by the Compensation Fund, I move adoption of the amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

Motion is on adoption of the amendment, will you remark further on Schedule "A"? If not, all those in favor indicate by saying aye, opposed? The amendment is adopted.

GERALD STEVENS, 122nd District:

Mr. Speaker, I would move adoption of the bill. The bill in our salary, as I indicated before, a cost of living index to pensions which are provided for Workmen's Compensation Commissioners and Unemployment Commissioners, the adjustment will be made in the same manner as is now provided in Section 5-162 of the Connecticut General Statutes. I move adoption of the bill, as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A".

MR. SPEAKER:

Motion is on acceptance and passage as amended by

amended by Schedule "A", will you remark further? If not, all those in favor indicate by saying aye, opposed? The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 1287, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 439, An Act Concerning Weight of Vehicles and Trailers Engaged in Construction Work, file 1309.

EDWARD TACINELLI, 108th District:

Mr. Speaker, this is the third weight bill we have here and I'm starting to feel the weight of them, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark?

EDWARD TACINELLI, 108th District:

Yes, Mr. Speaker. This bill repeals Section 14-269 of the 1969 supplement to the General Statutes and the following is substituted:

That provisions of Section 14-268 shall not apply to any four wheeled motor vehicle equipped with pneumatic tires which is engaged in construction project and which is operating upon a highway or bridge within 25 miles of such construction project. The gross vehicle weight of 40,000 pounds shall not apply to any four or more axle motor vehicle equipped with

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THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage of the bill as amended. Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor of passage, signify by saying aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it.

THE CLERK:

Page 3 of your Calendar. 688, File No. 1008. Substitute for Senate Bill No. 429. An Act Concerning Retirement Salary for Certain Workmen's Compensation Commissioners.

SENATOR SMITH:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark.

SENATOR SMITH:

Mr. President. This bill increases the retirement salary of workmen's compensation commissioners who retired prior to July 1, 1965 and also beginning on July 1, 1972 these retirees shall have their retirement salary adjusted annually to reflect the increases and decreases of the consumer price index.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage. Will you remark further?

If not, all those in favor of passage signify by saying aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

Senator Dowd, would you like to preside? Or not like to , would you be willing to.

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I believe thats it. I now move for suspension of the rules for consideration of all items that were not starred, or only single starred.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on suspension of the rules . Is there any objection? No objection. The rules are suspended. All the matters

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- Chr. Badolato: Thank you. Is there anyone else in opposition to this bill?
- D. Van Winkle: Mr. Chairman. My name is Dale Van Winkle of the United Aircraft Corporation. I won't repeat some of the points that have been mentioned already but Connecticut, of course, does tax business higher than other states. The costs of doing business here are higher. We already have close to, or the very highest benefits in Workmen's Compensation and other compensation fields. This is no time to be increasing those already high benefits and I oppose the increase to 66 2/3%. Thank you.
- Chr. Badolato: Is there anyone else in opposition? If not, then we will move on to the next bill but before I do, I want to welcome into the House our former Chairman of the Senate, Senator Anthony Miller. We will move on then to S. B. 429 (Sen. Lieberman of the 11th) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETIREMENT SALARY OF CERTAIN WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMISSIONERS. Is there anyone that wants to be heard in favor of this bill?
- H. E. Sneke: Mr. Chairman. I would like to get on the pro side of this. I think these men earn their money. Our Commissioner in Bridgeport, Mr. Zalinsky, is the hardest working man almost I know of and not knowing what his retirement basis is, I think he might merit to have a cost-of-living adjustment. I don't know but just so someone will say something kind, and properly so, for the Workmen's Compensation Commissioners.
- Chr. Badolato: Is there anyone else in favor?
- N. Zolet: Mr. Chairman. Norman Zolet speaking only for myself. Knowing the personnel involved in this case, I would certainly support this measure for these individuals who are affected by it. It is my personal position.
- Chr. Badolato: Thank you, sir. Is there anyone else in favor?
- B. Fecteau: Mr. Chairman. Bernard Fecteau supports it also, UAW.
- S. Patterson: Mr. Chairman. Samuel Patterson, United Steel Workers, Local #5623, Bridgeport. Now, that the Commissioner's name has been mentioned, I think he is a fine fellow and he deserves our support on this bill.
- Chr. Badolato: Thank you. Is there anyone else in favor? Alright, is there any opposition to this bill? Hearing none, we will move on to S. B. 708 (Sen. Ives of the 32nd) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE RATES. These in favor of S. B. 708.