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Mr. Carroll(continued): the reason that our Department was chosen.

Chairman O'Dea: Thank you, Mr. Carroll. Anyone else opposed to any of these bills? The hearing is closed on S. B. 1111, H. B. 5592, 7913, 7041, 7360, 7703 and 7849.

The next bill we will hear is S. B. 1434 (Sen. Dupont) AN ACT CONCERNING LIGHTS ON SCHOOL BUSES. Is there anyone in favor of this bill?

Mr. W. J. Sheehan: Mr. Chairman, I am speaking for the Connecticut Education Association and the teachers are interested; and all of us in education, on all concepts of improving safety for school busses. And we think that 1434, although it is rather a minor amendment, is worthy of support. By the some token, if I may say very quickly; I believe the purpose of 7455. to improve school bus tire standards is worth of consideration by a committee. But it is a little vague in the report. I appreciate that you are going to bring in a more definitive bill, but we would like to be recorded as supporting the concepts, sir. O. K? Quickly, on 8065; this is rather confusing and with all due to the respects to the practical matter of ( ) school busses, we think that if it is going to be used as a school bus, it should be mandatory that it have all of the equipment. You must have safety devices on regular school busses. Why then have part-time busses that may or may not have them? I think that your Committee might want to think that through. We would, in effect, not support the present form of 8065.

Chairman O'Dea: Anyone else in favor of S. B. 1434?

Mrs. Barbara Kenny: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee; I am representing the Parent-Teachers Association of Connecticut. I would speak in favor of bill 1434; that it is a sensible bill. Any of us who have had the opportunity of driving behind a school bus, and never knowing quite when they are going to stop, makes for a most nervous situation. And many drivers of cars are not patient. And, I think that this might help the safety problem. May I also speak to the other bus bills?

On H. B. 8065, concerning the marking of vehicles transporting school children. At the hearing on March 3rd., the Parent Teacher Association of Conn., made their thoughts known that we felt that there are no "part-time" children. And, that children deserving the safety of a regular school bus; it should not be decided that some deserve it and some do not. If I may quote one sentence from that statement - "if the state continues to allow vehicles that are not registered school busses to be used as school busses, then the children being transported in such vehicles have the same rights to be protected by all known safety precautions and devices as the children being transported in registered and regular school busses". I would bring to the

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Chairman O'Dea: The next bill is H. B. 6440 (Rep. ODea) AN ACT CONCERNING THE OBSTRUCTING THE VIEW OF THE INTERIOR OF PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES. Anyone in favor?

Lt. Michael Griffin: Mr. Chairman; The State Police Dept. is in favor of H. B. 6440; there are two reasons for these support. Number 1, some of the vehicles have had the windows and windshield coated with a dark and translucent film, which obscures vision, through the glass - presenting a safety hazard to other users of the highway. Number 2, the same darkened glass prevents a police officer from seeing inside the vehicle when he approaches it, especially at night. This would allow for a person inside to hide his actions while a police officer is approaching. It could present a hazardous situation to the officers. Thank you.

Chairman O'Dea: Thank you, sir. Anyone else in favor? Anyone opposed? The next bill is H. B. 6441 (Rep. ODea) AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DRIVING SCHOOL MOTOR VEHICLES. Anyone in favor?

Mr. Edward Carroll: This bill would insure that the Motor Vehicle Department was notified upon cancelation of insurance policies covering automobiles operated by licensed driving schools.

Chairman O'Dea: Thank you, Mr. Carroll. Anyone else to speak on the bill? The hearing is closed.  
The next bill is 6444 (Rep. O'Dea) AN ACT CONCERNING APPROVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT. Anyone in favor?

Mr. Edward Carroll: This bill would authorize the Commissioner to accept equipment approval under The Equipment Approval Program of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. There is no cost to join this program. I think that 30-35 states currently belong to this equipment approval program. And it would promote uniformity among the states in regards to their standards for vehicle equipment. Thank you.

Chairman O'Dea: Anyone else to comment on the bill? The hearing is closed on this bill? The next bill is 7455 (Rep. Ryan) AN ACT CONCERNING STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL BUS TIRES. Anyone in favor? It is just a statement to provide for the up-dating of the standards for school bus tires. Anyone want to comment?

Mr. John Blasko: This bill represents a - I am speaking in opposition to 7455, the proposal merely presents a statement of purpose. We don't know what it is and therefore it must be determined to be ambiguous and certainly now the Commissioner has adequate authority to prescribe regulations for school bus tires; and does.

Chairman O'Dea: Thank you, Mr. Blasko. Anyone else to speak on this? We will now hear H. B. 7511 (Rep. Auger) AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ZIP CODE TO APPEAR ON THE FACE OF MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS. Anyone in favor? Anyone opposed?

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committee's favorable report and passage of the following bills.

Page 8, Calendar 548, Senate Bill 482, file 1059.

Page 15, Calendar 1130, House Bill 7455, file 1256.

MR. SPEAKER:

This particular instance, the previous motion for passage retaining is withdrawn. Is there objection. Hearing none, please proceed.

MR. O'NEILL:

Page 16, Calendar 1157, House Bill 5577, file 1289.

MR. SPEAKER:

Again, is there objection to withdrawal on the motion to pass retaining. If no objection, so ordered.

MR. O'NEILL:

Page 16, Calendar 1158, House Bill 5958, file 1299.

MR. SPEAKER:

Is there objection to the withdrawal of the motion to pass retaining. If no objection, so ordered.

MR. O'NEILL:

I move the adoption and passage of those four particular bills.

MR. SPEAKER:

Following the earlier procedure, is there objection to consideration of any of these four items in the motion. If not, the question is on acceptance and passage of the four bills indicated. All those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed. The bills are passed.

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## THE SENATE AT 10:35 P.M., RECESSED

## AFTER RECESS

The Senate was called to order at 10:58 P.M., Senator DeNardis in the Chair.

## THE CHAIR:

If I may make this announcement, Senator Caldwell is about to list a long number of bills, by number. And it is extremely important that we have quiet in the Chamber, so there is no confusion as to the bills that he will list. I ask your cooperation.

## SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. President, I have a list of bills by numbers, to read. I move that we accept the joint committees favorable reports and acceptance of the bills, as follows: Cal. No. 1326, House Bill 7455, File 1256; File No. 1327, House Bill 7686, File 1349; Cal 1328, House Bill 7710, File 820; Cal 1329, House Bill 7744, File 1573, Cal. 1331, House Bill 7903, File 1284; C l. 1332, House Bill 7959, File 1292; Cal 1333, House Bill 7974, File 1382; Cal 1334, House Bill 8033, File 931; Cal 1335, House Bill 8182, File 979; C<sup>a</sup>l. 1336, House Bill 8228, File 1294; Cal. 1337, House Bill 8284, File 899; C l 1338, House Bill 8683, File 591; CAL. 1340, House Bill 8931 File 123; CAL. 1341, House Bill 8936, File 832; Cal. 1342, House Bill 8967, File 1072; Cal. 1343, House Bill 9025, File 953; Cal. 1345, House Bill 9229, File 1576; Cal. 1346, House Bill 9231, File 1451; CAL. 1347, House Bill 9327; File 704; Cal. 1348, House Bill 9251, File 1574, Cal. 1349, Senate Bill 825; C<sub>2</sub>l. 259, Senate Bill 989, File 291; Cal. 695, Senate Bill 1700, File 990; C l. 732, Senate Bill 458, File 1052; CAL. 139, House Bill 7447, File 104; CAL. 166, House Bill 6409, File 136; Cal. 1363, House Bill 9194, File 1634; C<sup>a</sup>l. 1364, House Bill 5231