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Mr. Carroll(continued): is on appeal, but it may be of interest.

Chairman O'Dea: You may leave it, sir. The hearing is closed on 631. We will now hear H. B. 6423 (Rep. Gregorzek, Sen. Burke) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF GENERAL DISTINGUISHING MOTOR VEHICLE MARKER PLATES. Anyone in favor of this bill? Anyone opposed to the bill? The hearing is closed on 6423.

The next bill is 6433 (Rep. O'Dea) AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR TRANSCRIPTS OF VEHICLE DEPARTMENT HEARINGS. Anyone in favor?

Mr. Edward Carroll: The Motor Vehicle Department currently charges a fee of 60¢ per page for transcripts of department hearings. This bill would provide for a fee of \$1.00 per page for such a transcript. Thank you.

Chairman O'Dea: Thank you. Anyone else in favor? Anyone opposed? The hearing is closed on 6433.

H. B. 6438 (Rep. O'Dea) AN ACT CONCERNING EXPIRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS. Anyone in favor of the bill?

Mr. Edward Carroll: This bill was intended to aid the public. When a registration expires on a week-end, would remain valid until midnight of the next state business day. Thank you.

Rep. Holdsworth: Mr. Chairman; mind if I ask Mr. Carroll a question relative to the previous 6433? You are changing it from 60¢ to a dollar a page, but I notice in this new change there is also a minimum of four dollars. Basically, are these transcripts four pages long?

Mr. Carroll: I couldn't answer that. I honestly don't know. I assume that they - well obviously they wouldn't go for the four dollars unless they had some less than that, I would say. But how many, I don't know.

Chairman O'Dea: Anyone else to speak on 6438? The hearing is closed. H. B. 6439 () AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT COLLECTION FEES. Anyone in favor? Anyone opposed?

Mr. John Blasko: Executive Vice President of the Motor Transport Asst. in opposition to 6439. It does not provide for exceptions where fault on a uncollectable check if it is someone other than the writer of the check. Banks also make mistakes, and quite frequently. The penalty of 10% is excessive. In the case of fleet registrations of either passenger cars, trucks or busses; it would run into many thousands of dollars. And because some honest errors do occur; penalties should be reasonable and should be discretionary on the part of the Commissioner. Thank you.

Chairman O'Dea: Thank you, Mr. Blasko. Anyone else opposed? The hearing is closed on 6349.

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for special education grants for school districts.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question on adoption of Amendment Schedule A.

MR. METTLER:

A question to the Clerk. There should be more to the amendment or else we have the wrong amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

I suggest this item be passed temporarily.

CLERK:

Page 22, Calendar 1320, Substitute for House Bill 6423 - An Act Concerning the Use of General Distinguishing Motor Vehicle Marker Plates.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Reinhold of the 171st.

MR. REINHOLD:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark.

MR. REINHOLD:

The Clerk has an amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Clerk will call Amendment Schedule A.

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule A, offered by Mr. Ajello of the 118th, Mr. Stevens of the 122nd.

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MR. SPEAKER:

The gentleman outline the amendment.

MR. REINHOLD:

This amendment will probably be acceptable to each member of this House. It authorizes the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to issue to each member of the General Assembly, a second set of marking plates for his car, legislative plates, which can be used on a second automobile. This would be done on an application which for this particular session would have to be made by July 15th and the plates could be issued before September 1st. I recommend passage of the amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

Questions on adoption of Amendment Schedule A. Will you remark further. If not, all those in favor indicate by saying Aye.

MRS. PEARSON:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Pearson.

MRS. PEARSON:

I would just like to object to this particular amendment. I see no need for the legislators to have a second set and I think one set is sufficient. The legislator can use it and there is no reason why any other member of the family should use it or any friend or anyone else in the State of Connecticut and I feel only legislators should have legislative plates.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Thornton.

MRS. THORNTON:

I too, agree with Mrs. Pearson. I think it is a dreadful waste of our money and we can't drive but one car at a time. I think one set of plates is sufficient.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the amendment. If not, all those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Opposed. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Opposed. The Chair is in doubt.

Gentleman from the 118th.

MR. AJELLO:

I move that when the vote is taken, it be taken by roll call.

MR. SPEAKER:

Questions on a roll call. All those in favor indicate by saying Aye. A roll call will be ordered.

The Clerk has some business to read in .

CLERK:

With emergency certification, two favorable reports. First from Environment. House Bill 5936, Bridal paths, pedestrian walks, bicycle paths Linear Parks.

MR. SPEAKER:

Tabled for the calendar and printing.

CLERK:

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Final Judgment a Suit Against the City of Bridgeport.

MR. SPEAKER:

Tabled for the calendar and printing.

Gentleman from the 75th.

MR. GILLIES:

During the pendency of this vote, I was wondering if it would be possible if we could interrupt for just a moment and refer to page 22, Calendar 1334, Substitute for House Bill 7238 - An Act Concerning a Commission on Special Revenue, refer that matter to appropriations.

MR. SPEAKER:

It's been done with the agreement of the leaders on both sides of the aisle. Page 22, Calendar 1334, Substitute for House Bill 7238, motion is to refer to the committee on Appropriations. Is there objection. Hearing none, so ordered.

The question pending before us is on Calendar 1320, page 22. Representative Ajello.

MR. AJELLO:

I rise in support of this amendment, but some members have expressed their desire to have this as a convenience and I support it for that reason. In order to save time, I would like to withdraw my motion for a roll call.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Stevens.

MR. STEVENS:

I would joint with the Majority Leader in supporting this

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measure. As for the argument of costs, as every member in this House knows, you pay extra for the license plates and registration which you receive for the vehicle upon which you have the legislative plates. There have been occasions when members have had problems coming into the Assembly because they have two vehicles and the car which has their license plates on it was disabled for some reason or in a garage. I think it is a good amendment and I urge its passage.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Pearson of the 128th speaking for the second time.

MRS. PEARSON:

I feel that congressmen travel interstate, we only travel throughout the state of Connecticut, so there is no need for us to have the two sets. I feel very strongly that one set is sufficient. I don't think that we should legislate another set of marker plates.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Webber.

MR. WEBBER:

I would assume that your accepting a second plate is not mandatory. If the previous speaker feels that she does not want a second plate, than she just doesn't have to accept it. But I have found myself in the same kind of problem that Representative Stevens described, where my car was disabled and I did have some difficulty getting into the Capitol grounds. I think it is a

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good amendment and I think it does no harm.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Clark.

MRS. CLARK:

I am opposed to this amendment. I have had to borrow my husband's car on occasion and I never had any trouble getting into the Capitol grounds. I really think this is a man's bill and very unnecessary.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Rose.

MR. ROSE:

A question to Representative Stevens. If this amendment is adopted, will it be possible for me to get special plates for my motorcycle in addition to my car. This is a serious question.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Stolberg.

MR. STOLBERG:

Our identification cards have increased a great deal this year. I don't think anyone would have difficulty getting in here if he is carrying his identification card. I think doubling the number of license plates is really doubling the number of parking permits for the lot outside could create a great difficulty and therefore I oppose the amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

Representative Frazier.

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MR. FRAZIER:

Since we are paying for these plates. We pay for the plates, it is not mandatory that we get the plates. I think it is a good bill, amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on Amendment Schedule A. All those in favor of Amendment Schedule A, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it. Further remarks on the bill as amended. Representative Reinhold.

MR. REINHOLD:

To go back to the original bill which is quite different from the amendment. The original bill is one which was requested by the Motor Vehicle Department and it applies primarily to automobile dealers, repairers and those who operate automobile junkyards. These people, by application for sets of special plates have been supplied with sets. Some of these dealers have seen fit to split up the sets of plates, using one on each of their vehicles, making one set do the work of two. The bill requires that as they make application in the future, they will be supplied with one plate only, at the same cost that they previously paid for two. This is a protection item and I recommend its passage.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill as amended. If not, all those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Opposed. The bill is passed.

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