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Mr. Cooper(continued): there would have to be at least three different stop lights in the area. And there are a lot of young children in the area, who would be playing, and would be tempted by this street. And, it would also probably increase speeders, up and down through the community. That is why I am in support of the East-West Highway; speaking for most of the people in the community.

Chairman DeBaise: Do you live in that development, sir?

Mr. Cooper: Yes, I do.

Chairman DeBaise: Thank you, sir. Is there anyone else to speak in favor of 7917? Does the highway department have any comments on this bill?

Mr. John Bentley: State Department of Transportation. The department cannot support this bill, and it cannot support increasing the bond authorizations at this time. The improvement described in this bill would provide a relocation rather than a realignment and can be termed a by-pass of the route 1. I-95 currently provides a parallel facility which serves a bypass of route 1 for through traffic.

At present, Route 1 is serving primarily local traffic that is being generated by development of adjacent commercial facilities which the town has encouraged. The department considers that traffic within the section to be basically terminal; that is, it may originate from several miles away, but most of it is going to facilities within the area or returning from them. This does not represent through traffic. In the past, representatives of the department had met with representatives of the town to discuss a request by the town to consider a route 1 by-pass. At that time, it was stated that if the town desired to finance construction of a limited access route 1 by-pass, the department would consider maintaining that facility after completion of construction provided that the town maintained the section of route 1 which would be superseded.

The town of Groton has proposed the routing described in this bill, as an alternate route to serve Bluff Point State Park. In response, the Bureau of Planning has studied the proposal and finds that it would result in unacceptable operational problems at the proposed connection with the Defense Access Highway. Bluff Point bound traffic from the eastern section of Groton can use I-95 and route 117 for access to the park. The Department supports the more direct route to the park via the proposed extension of route 117.

Rep. Reinhold: Just one question, Mr. Bentley. Have you put a dollar figure on this bill 7917?

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Mr. Bentley: We can come up with a very good estimate at this time with the line we estimate could be about 3.3 miles. The Bluff Point Connector as proposed is 1.8 miles. So, it would roughly double the mileage. The cost we have on the Bluff Point Connector is in the vicinity of four and one half million. So, we estimate that this relocation of the route 1, would be in the neighborhood of seven to eight million dollars. It would be just about double the cost of the proposed connector.

Chairman DeBaise: Any more questions? Anyone else to speak in opposition to this bill? If not, we will close the hearing on H. B. 7917. And we would authorize anyone who has come here in view of some errors in our bulletin - if they would like to speak on any bill, that they think is being heard today - we would welcome them to come in and speak.

Hearing none, we will close the hearing of the Transportation Committee.

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## THE CLERK:

The following bills were passed on a Consent Motion by Senator Caldwell with the approval of the Minority Leader;

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY: Substitute House Bill 8682. House Bill 5854. JUDICIARY: Substitute House Bill 7495. House Bill 5662; Substitute House Bill 851. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY: Senate Bill 652; Senate Bill 1145; JUDICIARY Senate Bill 1788; Senate Bill 805; Substitute Senate Bill 1093; Substitute Senate Bill 868; Substitute Senate Bill 1441; BANKS AND REGULATED ACTIVITIES: Substitute Senate Bill 467; GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY: Senate Bill 1833; JUDICIARY Substitute Senate Bill 1296; TRANSPORTATION: Senate Bill 1115; Substitute Senate Bill 255; ELECTIONS: Substitute Senate Bill 508; JUDICIARY: Substitute Senate Bill 1022; Substitute Senate Bill 1543; TRANSPORTATION: Substitute Senate Bill 1807; JUDICIARY Substitute Senate Bill 550; substitute senate bill 823; JUDICIARY: Senate Bill 898. TRANSPORTATION Substitute Senate Bill 807; FINANCE: Substitute Senate Bill 1576; Senate Bill 1570; Substitute Senate Bill 1572; Substitute Senate Bill 1549; Substitute Senate Bill 1549; Substitute Senate Bill 1625; Substitute Senate Bill 1045; TRANSPORTATION: Substitute Senate Bill 815; EDUCATION: Substitute Senate Bill 1840; GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY: House Bill 6870; House Bill 9249; INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE: House Bill 6995; GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY: House Bill 9242.

## THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to the passage of the bills, as called by the Clerk? If not, Senator Fauliso, do you move the passage of all said bills?