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concerning open air theaters, shopping centers on State highways, File No. 1492. Calendar No. 1315, Substitute for H.B. No. 6260, an Act concerning proposed Amendments to the Constitution, File No. 1496. Calendar No. 1317, Substitute for H.B. No. 6316, an Act concerning the registration of commercial motor vehicles, File No. 1483. Calendar No. 1319, Substitute for H.B. No. 6420, an Act concerning the authority of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to make regulations and certify equipment in the interest of public safety, File No. 1498. Turning to Page 3, Calendar No. 1321, Substitute for H.B. No. 6444, an act concerning approval of motor vehicle equipment, File No. 1460. Calendar No. 1326, H.B. No. 6564, an Act concerning the classification of forest land, File No. 1491. Calendar No. 1327, Substitute for H.B. No. 6573, an Act concerning erasure of Circuit Court arrest and conviction records, File No. 1484. Calendar No. 1335, H.B. No. 7321, an Act concerning payment for preparation of preliminary school building plans, File No. 1490. Calendar No. 1336, Substitute for H.B. No. 7596, an Act concerning license plates on motorcycles, File No. 1454. Calendar No. 1340, H.B. No. 8127, an Act concerning the sessions of the Board of Admissions, File No. 1465. Turning to Page 4, Calendar No. 1342, Substitute for H.B. No. 8271, an Act imposing an interim tax on motor vehicles registered between assessment dates, File No. 1474. Calendar No. 1343, Substitute for H.B. No. 8467, an Act concerning real estate licenses, File No. 1443. Calendar No. 1345, H.B. No. 8612, an Act permitting Constables in small towns to make arrests outside their jurisdiction in fresh pursuit cases, File No. 1472. Calendar No. 1346, H.B. No. 8690, an Act concerning the

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Premium Receipts Tax on unauthorized insurers, File No. 1462. Cal- EFH
 endar No. 1352, H.B. No. 9020, an Act concerning the waiving of
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stitute for H.B. No. 9217, an Act concerning substitution for re-
 tainage, File No. 1489. Calendar No. 1356, H.B. No. 9255, an Act
 concerning amending the Charter of Bacon Academy, File No. 1473.
 Unless there's objection to any of these Bills, I now move for the
 acceptance of the Joint Committees' favorable reports and passage
 of the same.

MR. SPEAKER:

Unless there is further individual objection, the ques-
 tion is on acceptance and passage. All those in favor indicate by
 saying "aye". Opposed. Bills are passed.

JOHN D. MAHANEY:

Mr. Speaker, at this time, pursuant to House Joint Rule
 No. 48, I'd like to direct the House's attention to Page 6 of to-
 day's Calendar for the consent Resolutions.

MR. SPEAKER:

Please proceed.

JOHN D. MAHANEY:

At this time, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to move for suspen-
 sion of the rules for immediate consideration of the following
 Joint Resolutions.

MR. SPEAKER:

Hearing no objection, so ordered.

JOHN D. MAHANEY:

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SENATOR IVES:

Mr. President, I wish to re-echo the words of the Senator from the 9th. And looking in the file under the Budget which we're going to take up later. Under the Democratic Budget. There is a total of \$899,000 appropriated to the Connecticut Development Commission. And in the amendment which we will offer to that budget there is a total of \$899,000. So what we're saying is the same amount of money is going to be spent by the development commission under either budget. What we're really saying to you is leave the tax where it is. And let the money go into the General Fund. And stop messing around with special funds.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage. Will you remark further? If not a roll call is ordered in the Senate. Have you announced it Mr. Clerk? I was out of the room. Three times, thank you. If there is no objection it would be proper to proceed at this time with the roll call.

Results of the roll call on H.B. 6408.

Whole number voting 35
 Necessary for Passage 18
 Those voting yea 18
 Those voting nay 17
 Those absent and not voting 0

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

H.B. 6564

Cal. 1253, File 1491 Favorable report of the joint standing committee on Finance An Act Concerning the Classification of Forest Land.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Cutillo.

SENATOR CUTILLO:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

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SENATOR CUTILLO:

This bill will allow the owners of land classified as Forest Land under 12-96 to 12-98 inclusive to convert to a classification under 12-107 D which does not impose a yield tax on trees which are removed from the property. In place of a yields tax 12-107D provides for a periodic examination of land by the State Forester to see if it still qualifies as forest land.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage. Will you remark further? Hearing none. All those in favor signify by saying aye. AYE. Opposed nay? The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 1255, File No. 1470 Favorable report joint standing committee on General Law Substitute for House Bill 6723 An Act Concerning Technical Amendments to the Planning and Zoning Statutes with Respect to Hearings.

THE CHAIR:

In the absence of Senator Strada who is temporarily out of the Chamber. Is there someone to report this bill?

Otherwise we will pass retaining.

THE CLERK:

Please turn to page 14. Cal. 1360 File 1227 Favorable report of the joint standing committee on Appropriations Substitute H.B. 6188 An Act Concerning Appropriations for the Expenses of the State for the Fiscal Period ending June 30, 1972.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Houley.

SENATOR HOULEY:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR HOULEY:

Mr. President, I believe the Clerk has amendments.

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pressure development in the Farmington with some open land so close to the Capitol city here, we have had this pressure for some time. When this land does not sell for two thousand or three thousand an acre we will knowthe state pays 4200 dollars per one hundred acres in Farmington. Some years ago, looking back on it now, is one of the biggest bargains they got. When they sell it for 15 to 25 thousand dollars per acre I don't know if this is worse or what the farmer is saving by not having to pay the taxes and then whatever he sells it for, and chances are if it is in the flood plain around the mountain maybe some of this land is available for other uses. I would point out too, that in some many farms , these farms are included in the open space, future open space, plan of development of the community and the region. In that respect these properties are not necessarily going to be sold for industrial real estate developments. But, we must look to preserve it, and every year that we preserve it, or every ten years that we preserve it, will be of benefit to the future of the state and its people. I think the town and the people in the Capitol area and this is the Capitol region of the state, as populated as any. Now Farmington sits between New Britain, Bristol and Hartford heavily populated area(not legible)..... three places it is referred to I did not talk to George before this, I could read these paragraphs I won't take much time. Page 21...effective societal functions on environments unless we decide wisely now these pleasure and these satisfactionscould and no doubt will vanish. Further agriculture is the steward of the soil which man has used as the beginning of time..... I would just refer to one other thing, and that is something that concerned the Town Council as I am before the Finance Committee I am taking too much time, I realize, and that is the state program if we are interested in relieving some of the burden of the property tax on the community. I think last session the 69 session through the fine efforts of this Committee new tax formula was adopted and then was sufficientlyI urge the Finance Committee not to change the P.A. 490 in any of its context. Thank you.

Rep. Clynes: Thank you, I would like to state sir, that at any time this Finance Committee we will receive documents from you or your organization or from any other organization, that our representatives will receive documents of bills that will be heard before this Committee. True some of them are not printed yet, at any time that you have documents.

Karen Karr, Zoning Commission the Town of Simsbury: I have here a letter from the Conservation Commission, and just briefly the position taken there is the recapture of taxes with aiding and preserving open space rather than the other way around. I have just one point that hits home. The suburban towns that are growing fast, this concept of recapturing taxes might be possibly

an incentive to large developers to leave some of his land open. This concept planners are urging metropolitan areas all the time.

This letter addressed to Rep. Spain (mentioned in the message above) Dear Representative Spain, I understand that the Finance Committee will be hearing the following bills on February 10th....5665, 6555, H 6556 H 6564, H 5218 and H 5699. I would like to indicate my fullest support of the House Bills mentioned. Since at this writing, one rather the bills are apparently not yet printed, it is difficult to be specific...but relative to 5665. I strongly urge that there be some method of recapturing taxes on land no longer kept as open space. I would like to question whether the 10 percent tax on what's been deferred shouldn't be a much larger percentage. I hope that you will consider this. Sincerely R.G. Worcester, Chairman Simsbury Conservation Commission.

Rep. Clynes: Thank you.

Ralph Engels, representing the Connecticut State Grange: I think everything has been said here today, so I won't try to go into a lot of extra detail, but, we would prefer to see 490 kept the way it is. But if there are inequities in this law, we hope that they can be corrected as simply as possible without losing the services of Public Act 490. We have looked over Commissioner Gills recommendations and bills applying to them, we find, them acceptable to us and urge your favorable consideration to these bills. Thank you.

Rep. Clynes: Thank you.

John Tarrant, of the Tax Department: One of the items in the preamble of 490 when it was first enacted in 1963. Mentioned that the law was to prevent the transfer of farm land to more intensive uses. I submit to you this has not been the fact. Public Act 490 has not preventive the transfer to more intensive uses when the price is right. So, we need a rollback. I stand before you in favor of the rollback bills that are before you today. I would prefer that we have a complete rollback, for five years and after five years leave the owner do what he wants with the land. Even these bills that require the increase transfer tax I think should get it over with in five years. Take the 10 percent and put it there over five years, rather than stretch it out to ten. I think that there is no question on the need for rollback and for the first time I see people even in the farm industry advocating some sort of rollback. Even Dr. White who was the obstetrician at the birth of this idea back in 1963 he favored a rollback and he has favored it since and he has written books on it, and I have my own ad hoc committee report which describes Dr. White's position, on these various things and here is one of the items that he says. He admits that many landowners