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<u>Committee Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance 111-113 				<u>House Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4840-4842(consent) 	<u>Senate Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3242-3244(Consent)

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be removed also. Turning to Page 4 of today's Calendar, I move that Calendar No. 1353, Substitute for H.B. No. 9149, an Act concerning certification requirements, File No. 1448, be removed. Turning to Page 5, I move that Calendar No. 1364, Substitute for H.B. No. 6323, an Act concerning removal of grade crossings, File No. 1557, be removed. Those are the items which have to be removed at this time, Mr. Speaker.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Your objections are noted. I would suggest at this point forward in the case of double-starred items removed from the Consent Calendar, where possible, that they be taken up on the day that they're removed. Otherwise we'll have some items that simply won't be considered.

JOHN D. MAHANEY:

Very well, Mr. Speaker. At this time, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 48, I would like to move for the acceptance of the Joint Committees' favorable reports and passage of the following Bills on the Consent Calendar. Page 1 of today's Calendar, Calendar No. 1297, Substitute for H.B. No. 5046, an Act concerning holding and sale of bonds of the State for the Pension Fund of the Teachers' Retirement System, File No. 1471. Turning to Page 2 of today's Calendar, Calendar No. 1305, Substitute for H.B. No. 5609, an Act concerning the assessment of benefits by Sewer Authorities, File No. 1486. Calendar No. 1309, Substitute for H.B. No. 5920, an Act concerning traffic regulations in certain parking areas and commercial establishments, File No. 1487. Calendar No. 1310, Substitute for H.B. No. 5926, an Act

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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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 endar No. 1352, H.B. No. 9020, an Act concerning the waiving of
 proof of financial responsibility in the case of less serious
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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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the Majority and Minority leaders I move that we accept the joint committee Favorable reports. Acceptance and passage of the following bills:

On page two of the Calendar, Cal. 1105, File 1225, Substitute for H.B. 8672 An Act Repealing Provisions made Unnecessary by State Building Code.

On Page 3 of the Calendar, Cal. 1158, File 1651 Substitute for S.B. 463 An Act Concerning Participation by Savings Banks in the Provision of Housing for Connecticut Residents.

On page 4, Cal. 1188, File 1337 Substitute for H.B. 6333 An Act Concerning Payroll Deductions of Insurance Premiums by Public Service Companies.

Same page Cal. 1194, File 1403 H.B. 9253 An Act Validating As Timely the Notice Given by Helen Romanewicz and to That extent Granting Her Permission to Prosecute to Final Effect a Suit Against the Town of Colchester and the Borough of Colchester.

On Page 5, Cal. 1205, File 1715, Substitute for S.B. 41 An Act Concerning Conviction and Sentencing of Girls in Manifest Danger of Falling Into Habits of Vice.

Cal. 1215, File 739, H.B. 7302 An Act Concerning Fire Protection Service at the Southeastern Branch of the University of Connecticut.

Cal. 1216, File 1434 H.B. 7755 An Act Concerning Limitation of Reserve Fund for Fire Districts.

Cal. 1220, File 1424 H.B. 8269 An Concerning the Minimum Corporation Business Tax.

Page 6, Cal. 1227, File 1426 H.B. 8947 An Act Concerning Deferred Terms Regarding Zoning Officials.

Cal. 1243, File 1493 Substitute for H.B. 5408 An Act Concerning the Adoption of a Uniform Model State Administration Procedure Act.

Page 7, Cal. 1244, File 1486 Substitute for H.B. 5609 An Act Concerning the Assessment of Benefits by Sewer Authorities.

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Cal. 1254, File 1484, Substitute for H.B. 6573 An Act Concerning Erasure of Circuit Court Arrest and Conviction Records.

Cal. 1261, File 1465, H.B. 8127 An Act Concerning The Sessions of the Board of Admissions.

Page 8, Cal.1266, File 1462 H.B. 8690 An Act Concerning the Premium Receipts Tax on Unauthorized Insurers.

Page 21, Cal. 391, File 827, An Act Concerning Liability of Liquor Sellers for Damage by Intoxicated Persons. ~~HB 5375~~ 5375

Page 26, Cal. 619, File 860 Substitute for S.B. 1630 An Act Concerning Repossession.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Lieberman.

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Thank you Mr. President. I wonder if with the Majority Leader's permission we might leave that last bill on the Calendar because I have an amendment to it.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

All right that will remain in its place.

THE CHAIR:

Which one is that? I don't know which one your talking about.

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

The preceeding bill. S.B. 1630.

THE CHAIR:

Third from the top. Page 26. So ordered there being no objection.

Senator Caldwell had you finished?

SENATOR CALDWELL:

I move for suspension of the rules. If any of these items had been singled starred.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Buckley.

SENATOR BUCKLEY:

Mr. President, there was a bill under Disagreeing Actions

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concerning liquor sellers, Cal. 391, page 21, file 827. May I ask, the number of the bill is H.B. 5375, A Conference a moment ago with the Chairman of the Liquor Committee indicated that his intent and mine are, or request and mine was that this not be on the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Thats all right. Its agreeable Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Third from the top, page 21. By agreement will be eliminated from the Consent Calendar. Cal. 391.

Are you through Senator Caldwell with the recommendations?

SENATOR CALDWELL:

We will stand at ease for just a second while I confer with the Minority Senator Ives.

Senator Caldwell.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Its been called to my intention that two of the bills mentioned were Senate Bills. And I would like to move for suspension of the rules for immediate transmittal to the House.

THE CHAIR:

Well we haven't really passed them yet. Wait until we pass your motion. My logical mind would prefer that we ...

SENATOR CALDWELL:

I've already made the motion, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage of the bill as enumerated by the Majority Leader. Is there any objection? If not the bills are declared passed.

The question is on a motion for suspension of the rules, for immediate transmittal to the House, of all Senate Bills on said list. Is that correct Senator? If there is no objection it is so ordered.

Senator Caldwell.

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Rep. Violette: the committee. Hearing none. I call on Mr. A Snow, Manufacturers Association.

Harmon Smoke: Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I have been a lone voice in the -- for many years on the equalization of taxation on the various communities in the State. I'm going back to an experience back in the '20's and due to inflation and a lot of the states in other parts of the country went in for State Aid to Education, I think sort of a genesis that started that off and you have had it mentioned about the equalization between the poor towns and the other towns. Whether you are getting aid from the Federal Government or doing any other measure of study about opportunities for education or anything else, you need some kind of a common basis, this is emphasized to me on Monday at the meeting for the Committee on Education when Joe Murphy, State Vocational Education has some figures that they were talking about there, about how the towns valuations were in, "well he said he couldn't get any valuation, but the Federal Government required that he gave those figures. What did they do, well they did the best on a guess-estimate that they could do, the best they could." This is getting to be a thing where we have to go in for some scientific taxation almost in order to comply with anything from top to bottom in our governmental structure. As some mentioned here of tax effort, well under the original concept of that as promulgated by the government in Washington, for State Aid, State revenue sharing, that was to be on the basis, strictly on how much you did on an income tax, now, I don't know, I haven't read the latest thing on it, but they haven't modified it very much, I mean these things, you need to get some basis from community to community. As people live in one community and do business in another community, own property in several communities and various communities have different problems and if you get some common bench mark that they could valuation, it would be quite helpful. Another that would not be 100% as one of these bills 5609 says because the concept, going back in history has been to assess at the price you would get if you had to, if you had a distress sale, and that would be a 60-65% or probably in that neighborhood. But I think it would be a good thing to do. Another thing on bill 5653. my original remarks were originally addressed to 5047 and I have not seen this bill 5651 which was mentioned earlier. But, on bill 5653 you have to re-assess once every ten years. Bridgeport, Conn., which is the industrial

Harmon Smoke: capital of Connecticut, has finally had a Mayor who admitted that they haven't re-assessed the town since 1929. We have been trying to say this was outlawed for years and no one would listen and the Assessor down there when they finally said, "Harm you have trying for years to get us to do this and now they are going to do it". There equalized taxes is a little bit inneverous. In new construction since that time has always been put on the books as what it was worth, while the other property and particularly manufactures, while the other property was assessed for what it was, the manufacturers were re-assessed all the time becoming liquid. Your books . And we are up to date on figures and we are paying a **dis-proportionate** share, shall I say of our taxes, but it is important that you do these things, because when things get out of kilter - we have a big deficit down there and this refers to part of it, because there wasn't a base to raise the money on actually without getting an out and we now have a sharp increase in taxes, couse of our industries going from a fiscal year to a calender year, they are going to the State fiscal year which we want April-April now they are going to June-June and get an extra quarter in there, between that an the assessment that was taken off last year on the inventory tax, one company paid \$880,000. which it was not budgeted for and another one for \$660,000., another one I talked to yesterday has again, because we were just chatting about it, has \$200,000. that they had to pay which they never set-up for tax purposes - they had to pay that extra - even then part of the extra cost of the deficit was bonded, But, if you have a tax base that is solid and you can levi against that and keep it up to date, then you are not going to get the scap--- to come up and sock you and really hurt you. These things can happen and when you are in business and you budget money and you are trying to become competitive around the world and all of a sudden you're really socked with a bill like this, someplace you got to get it or it is going to hurt your getting new equipment, it's going to hurt other things you might need to do, so I would just suggest that the principal on these bills here is excellent. I got into this work back in 1925 and I'm beginning to think I'm awful old man here before long, but when the Legislature passed a bill then that all communities, taxing units in the State had to set a budget before they levied taxes, in those days they use to

Harmon Snoke: levi taxes not the money. I was hired by the Chamber of Commerce in Indianapolis as an accountant to go in and help them set-up these budgets and I've been acutely aware of these problems for over a long time and it seems to me that in New England here, just sort of gone like Topsy. It is time that we got awhole of ourselves and found out where we were, because we have tax problems. Thank you.

Rep. Violette: Any questions from members of the Committee.

Sen. Rimer: From the 26th. I was interested in your comment with respect to assessment ratio and the fact that historically it was established at roughly 60% basis, if I understood you correctly, on a concept of a forced sale. This is one phase of the tax law which has always bothered me and it seems to me that from all practical standpoints that it would make little difference if we had assessment of 100% throughout the state because really what you are talking about and arriving at the tax dollar, is the budget for the succeeding year and as that is related to the grand list, and I wonder if you would comment on my naive approach to the problem.

Harmon Snoke: No, many people for years have advocated 100% assessment. I mentioned that it was historically concept because it had been, maybe it is wrong, but this is what it has been to give some figure thatwouldn't put you right up to what you are now, because back in the depression or recession that could get out of line too, you know all of a sudden. There were times during the depression that I remember acutely when property wasn't worth much, I'll tell you that, you could buy a lot for nothing and in which case it would very unrealistic figure, however, if you have a deep recession or depression, property values didn't hold up you wouldn't be taxing people really at an unreal figure. I think you need probably a margin of error in their list, call it that or a margin of, course if you put it up to 100% you would help Mr. Georgia, you would tax all the underneath from it too, you know on all the property right up to date, maybe it is a good thing, maybe we should go back to Henry George in that case.

Rep. Violette: Any further questions from the committee. Hear none. Thank you sir. Our next speaker will be Raymond Snyder, Southington Connecticut Water Authority.