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carried out by the Department of Mental Health to assist the volunteer organization in their efforts to take care of drug abuse. It calls for an appropriation of \$50,000 and I move for its passage.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill. If not, all those in favor indicate by saying AYE. Opposed. THE BILL IS PASSED.

THE CLERK:

Page 7, Cal. 1026, Sub. for H.B. 7889. AN ACT CONCERNING WAIVER OF COURT FEES AND COSTS PAYABLE TO INDIGENT PERSONS.

THE SPEAKER:

The gentleman from the 104th.

MR. OLIVER: (104th)

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark.

MR. OLIVER: (104th)

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Supreme Court's decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Bodie(?) against Connecticut. Basically it provides that as the Bodie Case held in view of the basic position of the marriage relationship in our society in the state monopolization of the means for dissolving that relationship. Due process of law prohibits the State from denying solely because of inability to pay court fees and costs. Access to its courts to indigents

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who in good faith seek judicial dissolution of their marriage. Mr. Speaker, if we don't pass this bill they are going to be able to get into courts anyway. If we do pass the bill, we can save some money because we can waive the sheriff's fees. This bill is the result of consultation between the Judiciary Committee and the Supreme Court of the State of Connecticut as pursuant to this statute the Judges will be issuing a rule to further implement it and require appropriate court hearings. It's a good bill and in support of the bill I yield to gentleman from the 130th who cooperated with us in drafting this bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Representative Sullivan of the 130th of Bridgeport.

MR. SULLIVAN: (130th)

Mr. Speaker, I don't really like the philosophy behind it, this bill, but I don't think we have any alternative but to pass this.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks before we vote. Rep. Bingham.

MR. BINGHAM: (157th)

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to wish you Good Morning. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill. Earlier in the session we enacted a bill whereby the Judiciary Committee and the Rules Committee of the Superior Court would meet and consult on rules. This is the first product of a joint meeting of these two committees. It's an excellent bill and I urge its passage.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill.

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MR. CAMP: (163rd)

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I oppose the bill. If it has to be done it has to be done anyway and the bill won't progress us at all. I can't see the State of Connecticut Legislature putting its stamp of approval on subsidizing divorces.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. All those in favor indicate by saying AYE. Opposed. THE BILL IS PASSED.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 1052, Sub. for H.B. 6930. File 1147.

THE SPEAKER:

Rep. Papandrea.

MR. PAPANDREA: (78th)

Mr. Speaker, I move that that matter be Recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

THE SPEAKER:

Motion is to Recommit H.B. 6930, AN ACT CONCERNING UNIFORM RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS MADE BY THE STATE TO HOUSING AUTHORITIES AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY OF MODERATE RENT PROJECTS. Will you remark. Is there objection. Hearing none, the item is Recommitted.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 1053. Sub. for H.B. 6966. AN ACT CONCERNING A COMMISSION TO STUDY TUITION IN THE PUBLIC SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

THE SPEAKER:

The gentleman from the 78th.

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