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Calendar 569, substitute for House Bill 5567, file 1450.

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Calendar 642, House Bill 8683, file 591.

Calendar 727, substitute for House Bill 6904, file 1582.

Calendar 733.

MR. SPEAKER:

For the benefit of the Clerk, item item that was just called was passed retaining earlier this afternoon. I suggest that, was there opposition to withdrawing the motion to pass retaining.

MR. GILLIES:

No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Hearing none, the earlier motion to pass retaining is withdrawn, this item will be included on the list.

MR. GILLIES:

Might I suggest that any items that are now called that had the marking, pass, retaining, that I would move that that be removed and we simply proceed.

MR. SPEAKER:

Unless there is objection, so ordered.

CLERK:

Page 9, Calendar 733, House Bill 9237.

Calendar 737, House Bill 5036, file 746.

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File 1172; Cal. 1041, House Bill 9196, File 1232.

Mr. President, I move for the adoption of all those bills, I move for suspension of the rules, first of all, for consideration of those which were not single starred or were not double starred rather.

THE CHAIR:

All those in favor of suspension of the rules indicate by saying, "aye"  
All those opposed? Suspension is granted.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

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I also wish to speak in favor of bill 6126 (AN ACT CONCERNING THE REORGANIZING AND FUNDING OF LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES), which is an act relating to state grants to full time health departments and district health departments.

I have some other material which you might like to get.

Sen. Pac: Any questions? Thank you, ma'am. Any legislators wishing to speak?

Rep. Guidara: Excuse me for being late, gentlemen. I thought it was ten o'clock for the legislators and apparently it was nine-thirty. I just want to speak briefly in favor of House Bill 8033, which is a bill to make an appropriation for the establishment of a fire training school in Fairfield, Connecticut that would serve Fairfield County.

It is my understanding from the local volunteer fire departments in my area of the state that to get training, they presently have to go up around the Hartford area and it's quite tedious and they would like to have a fire training station in their own area. I have a letter here from the fire chief of the Weston Volunteer Fire Department and I know the Wilton Volunteer Fire Department feels the same way about it.

I think when you're talking about an appropriation as low as this, \$12,500, for a group of individuals who give of their time very liberally, who do a tremendous service for their small communities at a very low cost, that this is certainly a bill that you should report out favorably. And I hope you will do so. Thank you.

Sen. Pac: Thank you. Ann Switzer? Marilyn Gravink next.

Ann.Switzer: Mr. Chairmen, members of the committee, I am Ann Switzer Executive Director of the Conn. Association for Retarded Children. I wish to speak in favor of H.B. 6904 (AN ACT CONCERNING PROGRAMS FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN AND ADULTS) and, more or less duplicate bills, 7951 (AN ACT CONCERNING PROGRAMS FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN AND ADULTS), and 7950 (AN ACT CONCERNING ADMISSION TO STATE FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY RESIDENCES FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED).

I won't take much time on the technical aspects because Miss Gravink following me from the Office of Mental Retardation could answer your questions. Basically these are housekeeping bills for the Office of Mental Retardation. And I wanted to explain that last session we put these two bills in and the two that have to do for programs for the mentally retarded

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relate to the grant-in-aid program. And no new money is asked for here, but more flexibility in spending money. The Governor's budget recommends a grant-in-aid program of \$120,000 for day care, so that this is not even in opposition to the Governor's budget this year.

I think that 6904 has, somehow or other the Legislative Commissioner's Office, Dr. Cohen, must have picked up these two bills and put in the changes. I think I personally like the statement of purpose of 6904 better than 7951. It's just, it has a slightly different connotation.

We have found that with the public schools getting into the pre-school program that our parent associations providing these programs and selling services to the school department has opened up an opportunity for some innovations and flexibility in the program that this bill, either one of these bills would be good.

I'd like to say that 7950 is a duplicate of H.B. 6905 heard before this committee March 3rd. And again, this was originally recommended by the attorney general to tighten up voluntary admission, and certain protection aspects are included in the bill and I'm going to allow Miss Gravink to speak to that.

House Bill 7948 (AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CENTER FACILITIES FOR THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CENTER). I imagine, though I'm not quite sure where the bill originally came from but it is asking approval for continuation of the regional program in Litchfield County. And I imagine the bill would have to be transferred to the Finance Committee if you were to approve the philosophy behind this. Money already has been appropriated but not enough to continue the building program.

Sen. Pac: Any question? Thank you. Marilyn Gravink. Dr. Bellizzi next.

Marilyn Gravink, Director of Program Services for the Office of Mental Retardation: Good Morning. As Miss Switzer mentioned I would like to recommend favorable action on the bills that are listed here. 6905 is not being heard but was heard previously, is a duplicate of 7950 and it has to do with admission to our programs. It clarifies some of the responsibility of the superintendent and, which was an area that was hazy in the earlier legislation, but most important in this is that it would allow for an emergency or a diagnostic admission to our centers. It simplifies the procedure for such an action. And we have found that it's a very essential kind of thing that emergencies do happen and that if we can act when they happen we can perhaps prevent a long term kind of situation later.



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The other bills which Miss Switzer mentioned were identical also, 7951 and 6904, have to do as she said, with expanding the way that the grant-in-aid funds can be used. There are a number of voluntary agencies that are using the small funds that we allocate and that, and they use them, they were originally used pretty much for programs that are now being provided by the public schools, and this would allow us to let the voluntary organizations use some of these funds for adult retardates who are living in the community, for some summer recreation programs, and in fact the bill spells out quite specifically what should be included in these programs.

We would recommend approval of the two, two bills that are different.

Sen. Pac: Any question? Thank you. Dr. Bellizzi. Edward A. Lehan next.

Dr. Joseph Bellizzi, the present Supervising Physician for the Hartford Public Schools: I am here actually in opposition to public bill 6506. I'd like to preface my remarks though with just a few comments if I may, in regard to the problem of school health services.

During the past twenty years I have been more or less directly or indirectly related to the school health programs in our, in our city, and have found a rather remarkable change occurring into the health needs of our schools today as compared to let's say twenty years ago. A few years back there our main interest was mostly in case finding and identifying defects in youngsters. And the trend nowadays has been more towards identifying problems of children, or rather identifying children with problems of learning. The emphasis is more and more on this total aspect of the child rather than a specific aspect of child growth and development.

I'd like to read off the reasons for being opposed to bill number 6506. 1. The needs of our school children are more and more, related to their job of learning rather than to specific health or social problems. A well-integrated, team effort is required to meet these needs successfully. 2. Child oriented, not program oriented approaches are necessary. And just a brief explanation of this to show what I mean. Very often in the past programs were (not clear) in our school just because this was the thing to do. Routine period examinations were done on our youngsters every three years whether they needed it or not. It's just that it had to be done. We are more interested in working with those children that specifically need our help to help them get the most out of the school experience. 3. Passage of Bill No. 6506 will