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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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Co-Chairman William E. Strada presiding
with Co-Chairman Albert R. Webber
Members present: Senator Cashman
Representatives: Wenz, Ervin, Povinelli,
Holdsworth, Yedziniak, Hanzalek

Rep. Webber: Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my sad duty to report the passing of another one of our respected members of the General Law Committee, and of course a member of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Sabbath Nigro of Enfield. Although this was Representative Nigro's first term, in the very short time that he was able to serve, he impressed us as being most knowledgeable, very conscientious and dedicated. Although his service with our Committee was brief, he brought to our Committee a depth of insight, and in our opinion he has been a most valuable member of our Committee. Sam's warmth and humor won us all, and we're certainly going to miss him. Will you join me in rising for a moment of silence. Thank you very much.

We are meeting this morning on a variety of bills. It looks like a very hectic day for us so we would ask all of you, those of you who plan to testify, please be brief. We want everyone to be given an opportunity to make their positions known. I'm Representative Webber, the House Chairman of the Committee, to my right is Senator Strada, the Senate Chairman of the Committee. I would like to have you meet the members of the Committee starting on my right: Rep. Povinelli, Milford; Rep. Ervin, 143rd; Rep. Holdsworth, 125th; Rep. Wenz, 141st; Senator Cashman, 20th; Rep. Yedziniak, 5th. The hearings will be conducted by Senator Strada, and would you be kind enough to call on Senator Finney first? Thank you.

Senator Florence Finney, 36th District: Senator Strada, Rep. Webber, and members of the Committee, I just want to oppose a part of S.B. 475. This bill has to do with the licensing and otherwise of private ambulances. It seems to me that...I hope that it is in error, that you have formally when this bill went through, you exempted from it those non-profit ambulance services that were run by towns, firemen, etc. This bill puts them back under this bill. I hope it's a mistake, but I hope if it isn't that you take it out, and I'm representing the town of Greenwich here and the four ambulance services that we have in the town. I would also say that I am very much in favor of 8272 which has to do with the training of the people who run these things.

Rep. Webber: You do not object, Senator, to the volunteer...we've gone over this, you know, many many times, the volunteer people becoming a part of the overall training program?

Senator Finney: They are so trained now, Mr. Webber, really.

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Senator Strada: Thank you. Are there any other legislators?

Rep. Peter Locke, 49th District: I would like to speak in favor of Bill 7237 and I have testimony written by Attorney O'Connell who couldn't be here this morning because he had to be in court. Also 7239, by the town of Stafford for certain tax liens that were filed late, this would validate these tax liens, it was a mistake and they were overlooked. There will be further testimony on this by our First Selectman. Also, in favor of 7542, AN ACT VALIDATING SUBDIVISIONS IN THE TOWN OF ASHFORD CREATED BEFORE JULY 1, 1970. I have written testimony from the Planning and Zoning Commission of the town of Ashford for this bill. Also, I would like to speak against S.B. 475. I represent four small towns, two of which do have volunteer ambulance services, and this would be in jeopardy to them. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Rep. Eloise Green, 93rd District: Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I'll be very brief because I know there are many people here to speak on the subjects of the volunteer ambulance societies. I represent three towns, Roxbury, Middlebury and Southbury, and in those three towns, it involves four volunteer ambulance associations. It would cause a great hardship to these volunteer ambulance associations if they were to be put under the full jurisdictions of this act. I would be perfectly happy if you would just delete those brackets at the bottom of the first page and the first sentence on the second page. I don't know whether it was an error that it went in, there certainly was nothing in the description of the bill until you actually read the bill to indicate that this bill was as far-reaching as it is, and I would certainly hope that you would give the volunteer societies a chance. Very briefly, also, I would like to speak in favor of H.B. 8272. There is just a minor change in there to include the American Heart Association in the immunity bill that was passed a few years ago. Thank you very much.

Senator Strada: Thank you. Senator Ives?

Senator Alden Ives, 32nd District: Mr. Chairman, members of the General Law Committee...very briefly, I think you must have Ives Bill Day because you have five of my bills before you this morning. S.B. 1155 which calls for the incorporating of political committees. The way the bill is drawn, it may be too broad but my intent in the bill is to allow town committees, established town committees, to be incorporated and still be exempt under the political contribution law. There is a great hazard to any member who volunteers to serve on a political town committee because if something happens as a result of it or of an event, he can be personally liable, and because of the political contribution prohibition, no town committee in the state is incorporated, and so what we try to do in this

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financing law is directed against. Thank you very much for your attention.

Senator Strada: Mr. Hammer, did I understand you to say that you are rewriting the corrupt practices act?

Mr. Hammer: Well, we are in the process of drafting the campaign financing law.

Senator Strada: Are you taking into consideration this problem? Has it been considered at all?

Mr. Hammer: It hand't been until we found out about this bill. It was not incorporated in our present draft, but we certainly will take it into consideration in drafting it.

Senator Strada: Will you check with your office and let us know if you intend to consider it, if not, do you intend to do anything about it. It might save us time with this bill.

Mr. Hammer: I'll be very happy to, Senator, I will. Thank you.

Senator Strada: A. J. Flanagan?

Andrew Flanagan, representing the Connecticut State Firemen's Association: Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I am speaking in opposition to the manner in which S. B. 475 has been written and before you for consideration. As far as the Fire service is concerned, and this is your volunteer ambulance services and other non-profit organizations, the only additions in this bill, and we have no objections to, is their defining the manner between an ambulance and an invalid carrier. What we do object to is the matter of the elimination of the brackets" or the chapter shall not apply to any ambulance service which provides transportation for patients as a public service without profit." This sentence has been in this act since its inception back in 1965. We see no reason why the exemptions now should be denied to any volunteer group, and you have 127 volunteer groups or organizations that operate ambulances non-profit. This takes in your volunteer fire service, it takes in your civic clubs the Lions, it takes in your veterans organizations, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and it also involves all of your large industrial plants throughout the state. Therefore, I would like to have this Committee consider this opposition and report unfavorably on the bill as it is written at the present time, Mr. Chairman. If I may, speaking in favor of H. B. 8272, this is under the matter of liability for emergency medical assistance, or the good Samaritan bill. Only four words being added to the present bill, and this is on Programs or Courses that your ambulance

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Rep. Ervin: What time are they required to be filed by law?

Mr. Muzio: I believe they are required to be filed during the month of June, and one list of, I believe, thirty names was not filed in that period of time through misplacement. Thank you.

Mr. Howard Reynolds, Storrs: I'm representing the Connecticut Association of Fire Chiefs. We would like to go on record in favor of H.B. 8272. This is merely an updating of the terms of that bill by adding the words "American Heart Association" as has been previously explained. We are also going on record in objection to S.B. 475 as regards the inclusion of volunteer ambulance groups. We have no particular objection to the title of the bill if it did only that by distinguishing ambulances from invalid carriers. The previous speakers have mentioned the difficulties that fire departments are in financially and it would add another burden to them at this time by this \$100. registration plus \$3.00 per man would be a real injustice to them. Perhaps the Committee is not fully aware of all the financial difficulties that the departments may be in, but in this morning's Hartford Courant, you will find under the Willimantic news where three volunteer fire departments closed their doors at midnight last night because the Town of Windham refused to give them funding. This is the first time I have ever heard of this happening in the state of Connecticut. These departments that are operating ambulances have been called upon to pay about three times the amount of insurance for malpractice coverage which most of them do carry in the last four years, so they are in a real hard financial bind and we do urge you to consider removing them from the provisions of this bill. Thank you.

Rep. Yedziniak: Philip A. Dunn?

Mr. Philip R. Dunn: Members of the Committee, I represent Mr. Miguel R. Diaz. The subject matter of our request here is to validate notice to the City of Hartford. Actually the notice that was served was properly drawn and timely filed....#798...excuse me,...There happens to exist, unfortunately, an anachronism that Prospect Avenue is the dividing line between Hartford and West Hartford and that this accident happened on the West side of Prospect Avenue. All the people that live on that side of the street are residents of West Hartford, vote in West Hartford, but through a long standing agreement, the Town of Hartford, City of Hartford, has responsibility for the sidewalks. Notice was given to West Hartford because of the site of the fall and only after the statutory period had elapsed were we informed of this fact and so we immediately notified the City of Hartford. We don't feel they have been prejudiced as a result of this, and that it's rather unfortunate and rather singular that such a thing should