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MR. PAPANDREA (78th):

On page 17, Mr. Speaker, the middle of the page, item, calendar No. 1536, substitute for S.B. No. 1057, File No. 1507.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Will the Clerk please call that calendar item?

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 1536, substitute for S.B. No. 1057, An Act Concerning Voting in State and District Primaries Upon Moving from One Town in the State or District to Another.

MR. TACINELLI (108th):

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage in concurrence. Will you remark?

MR. TACINELLI (108th):

Yes, Mr. Speaker, thank you. Mr. Speaker, this bill would permit those individuals who move from one town in the state to another or from one town in the district to another during the period of six months before a state or district primary and who request a continuance of their enrollment to vote in the primary. Thus, the reference in H.B. No. 5697 should be in S.B. No. 1057 which is the bill we are speaking of. And this right will be created if it is enacted and not in 9-40 which applies only to elections. We have been asked the effect of this provision in the event that S.B. No. 1057 is not enacted. If this bill is not enacted, this provision will be inoperable but all the other grounds for voting by absentee ballot in primaries will be as set forth in substitute for H.B. No. 5697. Since we have tried to approximate

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the right of absentee voting in primaries as closely as we can to the right of ad
absentee voting in elections, it is the feeling of this committee that this can
only be achieved if we include among the grounds the right to vote by absentee
ballot in the circumstances outlined by this bill.

Mr. Speaker, if I succeeded in confusing anyone, it was not my intent.
It is a good bill and it should pass.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill? If not, the question is on
acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill
in concurrence. All those in favor will indicate by saying aye. Opposed?

The bill is PASSED.

MR. PAPANDREA (78th):

Mr. Speaker, may we go back to page 15, in the middle of the page,
Calendar No. 1520, S. B. No. 266, File No. 883.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Will the Clerk please call the calendar item?

THE CLERK:

Page 15, calendar No. 1520, S. B. No. 266, An Act Making an Appropria-
tion to the Hartford County Bar Library Association, as amended by Senate
Amendment Schedule "A".

MR. CRETELLA (99th):

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has Senate Amendment Schedule "A". I'll
briefly summarize it.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The question is on acceptance and passage. Will the Clerk please, in
lieu of calling Senate "A", the gentleman from the 99th for the purpose of

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THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 1083. File No. 1507. Favorable report of the joint committee on Elections. Substitute Senate Bill 1057. An Act Concerning Voting in State and District Primaries Upon Moving From one Town in the State to Another.

SENATOR DUPONT:

Mr. President, I wonder, if that bill and another Election bill on page 21, if there is no objection, if those two bills could be added to the Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Would you just move their passage, right now, by Calendar Number and File Number?

SENATOR DUPONT:

I move passage of Cal. No. 1083. File No. 1507; and also passage of Cal. No. 1108, File No. 1549 on page 21. SB 1057

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to the passage of those two bills? If not, the bills are passed. Thank you, Senator.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 1085. File No. Clerk is in error. We did that page.

SENATOR HAMMER:

These two bills that were just put on the Consent Calendar, what were the numbers of them?

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 340. File No. 594. Favorable report of the joint committee on General Law. Substitute for Senate Bill 1531.

Clerk has an amendment.

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secure) the collecting and spending of money in accord with the public interest. No person or group of persons should own a representative or a senator or any elected official on the national state or local level.

No candidate should buy his way into office.

Election campaigns should not be allowed to become mere spending contests. Widespread public knowledge of precisely what happens with money in political campaigns offers the fullest, most economical insurance that money will not buy elections.

I think there is no substitute for the cleansing searchlight of public scrutiny.

I would like to introduce to the committee, Professor David Adamany of Wesleyan University who is here as an independent person and we are truly fortunate to have a man of his national reputation - a true expert in issues such as primaries and campaign expenditures. I know he wants to testify before you, not voicing any opinions which reflect mine but strictly his own. I hope you will take his counsel very seriously.

Mrs. Benjamin Nelson, Branford: I'm speaking in behalf of the League of Women Voters of Connecticut. We should like to speak to the following bills concerning the nomination of candidates and primaries: SB92, 430, 1027, 1058 and HB5032, 5395 and 5697.

We strongly support SB92, 430, 1027 and 1058, HB5395 and 5697 which would provide for voting in primaries by absentee ballot. Participation in the choice of party candidates for an office is surely as important as the vote upon the office itself. The timing of statewide primaries, in the summer when more people are away from home than at any other time of the year gives particular urgency to the need for applying the absentee ballot privilege to primary elections.

We also support, in order to avoid the disenfranchisement of another group of people, SB1057 which would permit an enrolled party member whom moves from one Connecticut town to another within six months before a statewide primary, to vote by absentee ballot in the town from which he has moved.

Finally, we oppose HB5032. This bill requires a candidate for state office to poll 30% of the convention vote in order to file for a challenge primary. The present law, which calls for 20%, has been on the books for 15 years and yet it was only

The newspapers oppose in principle any curb on advertising. However, in reviewing these two bills the association feels they can live with the reasonable limitation. You are all aware of the fact that newspapers rely on heavily as far as their operating costs go, on the revenues that are derived from advertising. The association that HB5018 which embodies a restraint specifically reference to September 15th preceding the election year, as the cut-off date we feel that is a reasonable period or perhaps a period of six weeks. With respect to HB7470 that the thirty day period is unreasonable. In comparing these two bills, one bill appears to provide for advertising with respect to primaries while HB5018 seems to be limited to the election day and doesn't seem to take account of advertising that may be involved in primaries. I would hope in considering this your committee would try to, if you elect to report favorably on the principle embodied in these bills, to combine the best features of the two bills. Thank you.

Rep. Thornton, 21st District: I have a bill that has not been written yet having to do with committees that are set up during a campaign and they are listed as the committee for good government and it gives one name, the treasurers. I believe when you're campaigning yourself, you're fighting a shadow. We are entitled to know who is serving on these committees, therefore my bill says these committees will have to list their membership with the secretary of state's office so it will be public knowledge particularly for the poor soul who is running so they will know who their opponent is. It's being written for two months and should be with you soon. Thank you.

Richard Norling: I am from New Haven and I have a statement which is testimony that I gave last spring to the commission revising the election laws that I would like to submit which will avoid my making most of my testimony here orally. I would like to single out SB1146 which would reduce filing fees for running delegates in town committees and 1057 which would allow people who have recently moved from one town to another to vote in primaries, HB5214 which would change the rules on testimonial affairs after an election.

I support many of the fine bills you have before you. One matter which was indicated as a subject matter to be under discussion today was party rules, although I see no bills submitted. I recommend the committee consider raising a bill on the subject of party rules the purpose being that right now, local party rules and state party rules are merely filed in the secretary of state's office. There is no authority in the state which may rule on whether those rules comply with the provisions of state law or not.