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Dr. Low:

inmates of correctional institutions do not have the possibility of paying fees. I think members of the staff of the correctional institutions will speak later to the point that inmates may possibly earn up to \$.73 a day, but this sum could not in anyway total the necessary tuition fees. I would like further to speak to this bill insofar as it presents an attempt at a solution of one of our social problems. It's an attempt which does not involve the development of a whole new bureaucracy. We have the facility of an organization to handle this kind of extension of educational opportunity and it is a bill which proposes an attempt at a solution to a social problem without a new appropriation. I would commend it to your support. The second bill I'd like to speak to is also introduced by Senator Blake, it is SB 356 (Sen. Blake-Rep. Klebanoff) AN ACT CONCERNING THE WAIVER OF TUITION FEES OF DESERVING STUDENTS AT THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE. This bill is essentially a revision of an existing statute, Section 10-38h of the '69 Supplement. The revision is the point of changing the wording so that the Board has authority to waive tuition fees in each term and that's changed from the Board's authority to remit tuition fees in each term. The point here I think, Mr. Chairman is that the authority to waive these tuition fees rather than remit after students have paid the fees is of benefit to those students who are not in a credit situation that would encourage them to borrow in anticipation of remission. A great many students in the minority groups are just not able to borrow the necessary funds to pay their fees in order to get admitted so that they may then have those fees remitted. I suppose that unless they would deal with loan sharks. Furthermore as a method of improving the financial aid package, available to all students and especially to minority group students this as one method of solution again would be easier to operate again it does not involve a new establishment of financial aid bureaucracy again I think this is in context of the general proposals by the Governor to increase public financial assistance to students. I would urge then your support for Senator Blake's bill 356 authorizing our Board of Trustees to waive tuition fees in accord with the existing statute from this point on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Rep. Klebanoff:

Thank you Dr. Low. Douglas Fellows was scheduled to be the next speaker and he had to leave so

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Miss Whitmire: out with the wash. You don't deal with the problem by dealing with symptoms, you deal with the disease. If there is dissent, there's a reason for it. And that was not created by any one individual, these problems run rampant throughout the entire American society. That's on bill 5014. Now on the aid to, financial aid to minority groups, I'd like to go on record as supporting that as well as being in favor of the SB357, SB358, SB356. Thank you.

Rep. Lebanoff: I'd just like to mention something here. The Committee is in a bit of a dilemma, we are actually on page three of our Speaker's List, however page two, we have not completed because we skipped over many of the college presidents who we asked to wait until 2:00 o'clock at which time we would take up the bill that they are very interested in, or some bills that they are very interested in. It is our intention certainly to come back and give everybody here an opportunity to speak. One of the things we were wondering however, is most of, at least many of the remaining speakers seem to be from Southern Connecticut, and we will try to go another, well until 2:30, which I have is another 8 minutes, and I'm wondering if perhaps if there is some spokesman who want to speak for some of the students, or student groups, otherwise we will just proceed down the list and at 2:30 go over to the college presidents who actually had signed up much earlier and then come back to you. The next person on the list is John Wojciechowski. Now I don't know whether there is a spokesman for a group.

Mr.

Wojciechowski: My name is John Wojciechowski, I'm a resident of New Haven, Connecticut and a student at South Central Community College. I'm here to express my concern over the proposed tuition increase at the community colleges in Connecticut. And also to speak on behalf of Bob Greenly, president of the student body at South Central Community College, and the other members of the student body, who are in sympathy with me on this bill. I'd like to about this time to read a statement made by the members of the student body. We the members of South Central Community College do hereby state our opposition to any increase in tuition cost for students attending state and community colleges in the state of Connecticut. Then I'd like to read a statement by Bob Greenly who couldn't be here

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Statement of Jan B. Rogow, New Haven Curriculum Committee

Bill SB356: An Act Concerning the Waiver of Tuition Fees of Deserving Students at the Regional Community Colleges

The Puerto Rican population of Connecticut cities is rapidly increasing. As the numbers grow in our schools, the need for more Spanish speaking teachers is critical.

Scholarship money to train Puerto Ricans who wish to become teachers is at present in short supply. I feel the waiver of fees is a creative solution or approach to the problem of offering financially deprived Hispanic students the opportunity to study without a fee.

I feel, however, Bill 356 should be changed to include all state institutions of higher education. Restricting the waiver of fees for deserving students who are financially deprived to community colleges is a form of segregation. A deserving student, considered so by certain standards, should be able to study in any college financed by the State of Connecticut.

Statement of Jessie G. Bradley, Principal of Horace Day School, New Haven, Connecticut.

Bills, 6344, 356, 5598, 5305, are highly approved of by me.

Statement of Frederick Brown, Youth of New Haven for Quality Education and Recreation

I feel that the community college tuition should stay as is, because it will help someone who is in a low or middle income bracket. It will also give these people a chance to move up in life. It would mean help to many of our unemployed and would help people help themselves. In addition to this, it would mean less expense to the taxpayer in the long run. More tuition would mean that most people would have to drop out of school and go back on the welfare role. This would just be an additional expense to the taxpayers. Raising tuition would also mean that veterans who have served our country well, would not be able to afford this type of education, many of whom attend the community colleges due to their system of open enrollment.

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SENATOR HOULEY:

Mr. President, point of information. How did the Chair rule on that, Sir?

THE CHAIR:

I said there was a tie vote, 16 to 16. I voted no. The bill is defeated.

SENATOR HOULEY:

Fine. May I just make an observation, that some of the Senators were sitting in an incorrect place. I don't know that, if under the rules that makes any difference.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, I don't believe that vote is fairly open to question. You could raise a question by almost all standing votes. If you so intend to do we should have a roll call vote. The Clerk took the count. I observed him take it. It was accurate. It was 16-16. I voted no. The bill is defeated. That is my ruling.

SENATOR HOULEY:

Very well, may I simply make a point that one of the Senators was seated in a different chair than his own. If it makes any difference, Mr. Chairman?

THE CHAIR:

Well, I think that the observation is out of order, at this time. Had you raised the point when the count was being made, it could have been considered.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 910. File No. 1243. Favorable report of the joint committee on Appropriations. Substitute Senate Bill 356. An Act Concerning the Waiver of Tuition Fees of Needy Students at the Regional Community & Technical Colleges

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SENATOR HOULEY:

Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill provides the Board of Trustees of the Regional Community Colleges will waive or refund during each fall or spring semester, or summer sessions the student fees of students enrolled therein, who are determined by such college authorities to be unable to pay such fees.

And again, Mr. President, it illustrates concern that the Connecticut citizens have and care for the availability of opportunity of higher education. And, I make that point in view of forthcoming legislation. I move passage.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage, will you remark further? If not, all those in favor signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 914. File No. 1265. Favorable report of the joint committee on Labor and Industrial Relations. SB 347

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. President, may that be passed retaining?

THE CHAIR:

Passed retaining, if there is no objection.

SENATOR IVES:

Mr. President, I reject the retaining. It was scheduled for action and I think we should take it.

THE CHAIR:

The motion has been made by the Majority Leader, that the bill be passed retaining. ~~Senator Ives has objected to being passed retaining. All those~~

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THE CHAIR:

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SENATOR JACKSON.

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Mr. President. I was wondering if I could just make a remark while the Clerk is tallying. I neglected to point out during my explanation of the last bill, that the \$45,000 saving would have been at the expense of the six Democratic appointments in that Tenant Representatives, and I was wondering if that would persuade anyone to change their mind.

THE CHAIR:

I don't think you could persuade them anyway.

The bill is not repassed. The veto is sustained.

THE CLERK:

Fourth item from the top on Page 4. Public Act 770, File No. 1243. Sub. Senate Bill No. 356. An Act Concerning the Waiver of Tuition Fees of Needy Students at the Regional Community and Technical Colleges.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Mondani.

SENATOR MONDANI:

Mr. President, I move for repassage of the act.

SENATOR MONDANI:

Mr. President, this act changed the language in the remedial tuition fees at State Technical Schools and Community Colleges. In the veto message it was pointed out that the act conflicts with the revenue act and I don't see how and why. The old law which would stay in effect says that the Board of Trustees for the Community Colleges or the Board of Trustees for the Technical Colleges may remit the tuition fee of deserving students. What we were trying to correct with this act was by adding that it may waive or refund in the beginning of the year because if one were to remit, it would mean that one it would mean that were to remit/one found that the students shouldn't have paid because they were deserving students. It would seem ridiculous to waive this at the end of the year, either after the student would have to had borrowed the money, work to raise it, that he wasn't supposed to pay it; so we are trying to get it at the beginning of the year. We also added language that would require the Trustees to determine the students who were unable to pay such a fee and it seems this language would again be deleted. I would refer, ladies and gentlemen of the Circle, to file 1243. The bill that we passed during the regular session. This language does nothing but make the law more workable, make it more practical. If the veto were allowed to stand it doesn't mean one more nickel. They will still be able to remit the tuition. They will still be allowed to do this for ten percent of the students, etc. What this does is allow them to make the judgement early in the year so a student doesn't have to pay it in to later have it sent back and it also adds a requirement which I think all of us would want. If we are not going to have them pay the tuition, that they are determined to be unable to pay the fees, before it just said deserving students, without any definition of

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SENATOR MONDANI:

deserving. It could mean that they lacked financial resources or they were exceptionally bright students and they deserved to have the tuition remitted. I would hope we would override this veto. I am sure that it has nothing to do with the appropriation act. I am sure it has nothing to do with tuition. It is a good law and I hope it would pass.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the repassage? Senator Hammer.

SENATOR HAMMER:

Mr. President, I rise to concur with the remarks of Senator Mondani. This ..There has been a mistake somewhere, because as he says the law does not change the monetary situation in any way. It is just a different way of handling and we thought when we produced this and think now that it is a better way. They do it in the State Colleges and I see no reason why this law isn't perfectly acceptable and in fact improve the situation.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? If not, an immediate roll call will be ordered.

Roll Call on P.A. 770. Sub. Senate Bill No. 356. An Act Concerning the Waiver of Tuition Fees of Needy Students at the Regional Community and Technical Colleges.

DISTRICT	1	SENATORS	Fauliso	Yea	Absent
	2		Smith	Yea	
	3		Burke	Yea	
	4		Odegard	Nay	
	5		Jackson	Yea	
	6		Pac	Yea	

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DISTRICT	7	SENATORS	Alfano	Yea
	8		Rome	Nay
	9		Eddy	Yea
	10		Ciarlone	Yea
	11		Lieberman	Yea
	12		Hammer	Yea
	13		Zajac	Absent
	14		Prete	Yes
	15		Cutillo	Yes
	16		Sullivan	Absent
	17		Buxkley	Yea
	18		Crafts	Nay
	19		Murphy	Yea
	20		Cashman	Nay
	21		Gunther	Nay
	22		Macauley	Nay
	23		Caldwell	Yea
	24		Petroni	Nay
	25		Dowd	Absent
	26		Rimer	Nay
	27		Strada	Yea
	28		Rudolf	Nay
	29		Dupont	Yea
	30		Power	Nay
	31		Dinielli	Yea
	32		Ives	Nay

DISTRICT	33	Mondani	Yea
	34	DeNardis	Yea
	35	Houley	Yea
	36	Finney	Nay

The following is the Yea and Nay Vote

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THE CHAIR:

The bill is not repassed. The veto is sustained.

THE CLERK:

Bottom of Page 4, Public Act 828, File No. 1517, Sub. Senate Bill No. 1565. An Act Requiring the Furnishing of Regular Monthly Financial Statements for the State's General and Highway Funds.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Cutillo.

SENATOR CUTILLO:

Mr. Chairman, I move for repassage of the bill..

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR CUTILLO:

Mr. President, this is one of these bills that has been discussed that will cost the state no money. In the Governor's Veto Message which consisted of two or three lines, he mentioned that the legislation that is now being

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page 5, Calendar No. 1323, substitute for H.B. No. 6523, File No. 1476, An Act
Concerning Expansion of Housing Resources and I move you sir that this mat-
ter be recommitted to the committee on State and Urban Development. djh

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark? Is there objection? Hearing none, the item in-
dicated is recommitted.

MR. PAPANDREA (78th):

Mr. Speaker, may we then proceed to page 6, the third item from the
top of the page, Calendar No. 1524?

THE SPEAKER:

The Clerk will call that item.

THE CLERK:

Page 6, Calendar No. 1524, substitute for S.B. No. 356, An Act Con-
cerning the Waiver of Tuition Fees of Needy Students at the Regional Community
and Technical Colleges.

MR. MOTTO (3rd):

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

THE SPEAKER:

Would you remark?

MR. MOTTO (3rd):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. This bill has to do with the waiver of tuition
fees of deserving students at regional community colleges and state technical
colleges. It allows the Board of Trustees to waive a refund tuition fees in-
stead of remitting them. This cuts down on considerable amount of paperwork.
It also clarifies what students get tuition back of those who need and the

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other, it allows the colleges to figure the percentage at 10% of all the students enrolled rather than the one that were originally taken from the number in a class. This makes it easier to determine the number of students that would come under the 10%. Our committee, the Education Committee, added the technical colleges to this bill so that all two year institutions would be served in the same way. Our committee also strongly favored the making sure that needy students get all the money involved. I urge passage of this bill.

MR. LA GROTTA (170th):

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this bill. I am in full agreement with Rep. Motto and I would like to indicate that we, on this side of the aisle, are interested in this bill particularly that it will, our hope is that it will not deny any student, because of financial, because of his financial position the right to go to a community college or a technical school. I think this is a fine bill and I urge its passage.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill?

MR. SHERER (159th):

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this bill. I like the wordology, the fact that it says all needy students. Therefore, it does not discriminate against anybody and I wholeheartedly support it.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill? If not, all those in favor indicate by saying aye. Opposed? The bill is PASSED.

MR. PAPANDREA (78th):

Mr. Speaker, would the Clerk please call the next two calendar items?

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 1525, on page 6, S.B. No. 383, An Act Concerning