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wasn't aware of it, I am sure its through no one's fault perhaps other than my own. As I read the amendment what it does it not only takes care of a specific individual. But it would apply to anybody, anyone and reduce the requirements for any particular individual who might want to qualify for this particular position. I think this is an important enough amendment that I would like to have the opportunity to caucus on it. So I would ask that the matter be held over until tomorrow when we have more opportunity to discuss it. I so move.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection Senator Ives?

SENATOR IVES:

No objection.

THE CHAIR:

The matter will be held over until tomorrow.

THE CLERK:

Turn to page 3 please. Cal. No. 502, File 655. S.B.896. Favorable report of the Senate Committee on Judiciary on S.B. 896 An Act Concerning Sterilization and Consent Thereto.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Jackson.

SENATOR JACKSON.

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the committee's report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

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SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President, this bill requires that medical and surgical sterilization procedures to prevent human procreation shall be performed only by a duly licensed doctor of medicine. And only after legal consent for such a procedure has been obtained. As it is spelled out to applicable statutes.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage of the bill. Will you remark further? If not all those in favor signify by saying aye. AYE. Opposed nay? The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 510, File 680. Favorable report of the joint standing committee on Banks and regulated Activities..S.B.1408 An Act Concerning Corrections, Clarifications and Conforming Changes in the Connecticut Bank Holding and Bank Acquisition Act.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Buckley.

SENATOR BUCKLEY:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR BUCKLEY:

Mr. President, the bill cle cleans up a lot of language

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MR. SPEAKER:

Question's on acceptance and passage. All those in favor indicate by saying "aye".

AUDREY P. BECK:

Mr. Speaker, I just did want the record to note that Representative Avcollie has spent the entire Session with this Committee working on this Bill, and we, who have watched this development, are very grateful to him.

MR. SPEAKER:

Those opposed. The Bill is passed.

BERNARD L. AVCOLLIE:

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire whether there's agreement for a suspension of the rules on this Bill.

FRANCIS J. COLLINS:

No agreement.

BERNARD L. AVCOLLIE:

The Bill's no good.

MR. SPEAKER:

Does the gentleman from the 111th have further business to call to our attention?

BRUCE L. MORRIS:

Yes, sir, Mr. Speaker. On Page 12, Mr. Speaker, Calendar No. 1610.

THE CLERK:

S.B. No. 896, an Act concerning sterilization and consent thereto.

AGNES C. SIMONS:

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Mr. Speaker, I move for the acceptance of the Joint Com- EFH
mittee's favorable report and acceptance of the Bill in concurrence
with the Senate.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark.

AGNES C. SIMONS:

Mr. Speaker, this Bill requires...

MR. SPEAKER:

Will the Members give their attention to the gracious
lady from Bridgeport.

AGNES C. SIMONS:

Mr. Speaker, thank you. This Bill requires that medical
and surgical sterilization procedures to prevent human growth and
creation shall be performed only by licensed doctors of medicine
and only after legal consent to such a procedure has been obtained
as spelled out according to applicable statutes. I move for the
acceptance of the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the Bill. If not, all those in favor
indicate by saying "aye". Opposed. The Bill is passed.

BRUCE L. MORRIS:

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to draw the Clerk's attention to
Page 13, Calendar No. 1634.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 1634, Substitute for S.B. No. 1049, an Act
concerning Amendments to the Mechanics Lien Statutes. As amended
by Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

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Ms. Spalding: My name is Elizabeth Spalding, I am a resident of Connecticut and I would like to speak on Bill #6502.

H.B. #6502 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE.

I am presently involved in marital litigation in two States Connecticut and California with related collateral legal matters in Illinois, New York, and Nevada, a total of five States.

After reading #6502, I would like to present these thoughts to the Committee, Bill #6502 does not allow the Connecticut Court to subpoena effectively outside this State, and information of any nature it considers important or relevant to the divorce custody and support proceedings as outlined in the Bill in Sections 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24 and 25. It does not designate in what matter such out-of-state information can be effectively obtained and brought into the Courts of this State.

And, further, Bill #6502 does not specifically recommend or designate the proper forum for bi-state or multi-state marital litigation.

Sen. Rome: I think you should be aware of one of your counselors in the five States ought to discuss the matter of jurisdictional problems under which we cannot operate. These are Federal matters - Constitutional matters that you are bringing up.

Ms. Spalding: That is the problem that the area wants to get

Sen. Rome: Bill #6502 cannot aim at that problem.

Ms. Spalding: But there is no other Bill in the State that can either.

Sen. Rome: No Bill in this State, this would not have to be by another forum and not within this state.

Ms. Spalding: But that is what I am trying to find is what is the forum.

Sen. Rome: I think you ought to consult with your counsel, but it cannot be done by State Law, in my opinion.

Rep. Carrozzella: Ray Lyddy to be followed by Norman Tasker.

Mr. Lyddy: Thank you Mr. Chairman, my name is Raymond Lyddy from Bridgeport representing the Connecticut State Medical Society and I would like to call the Committee's attention to two Bills S.B. #896 and #897, both of which the Connecticut State Medical Society are 100% in favor of.

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S.B. #896 - AN ACT CONCERNING STERILIZATION AND CONSENT THERETO.

I was hopeful that Doctor Wardner would be here, I am not sure that he may be hear yet, but he was to direct detailed remarks toward this because of his knowledge in that area. Briefly, I might say this, that the criminal code, when it comes into effect in October, leaves the question of sterilization yes or no completely blank. There will be nothing in our law concerning whether or not sterilization would be legal, illegal or whatever.

The medical society felt there should be some law indicating that a sterilization procedure should be performed only by doctors of medicine and duly licensed under the Chapter of the Statutes and only after legal consent to such procedures has been obtained.

In other words, they do not just want sterilization procedure to be able to be performed by anyone and I think this should be taken deep consideration by the Committee.

We would also like to reserve the right to present a more detailed position in writing to the Committee by people more knowledgeable in this area than myself.

S.B. #897 - AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR UNCOMPENSATED SERVICE OF HOSPITAL UTILIZATION REVIEW COMMITTEES.

This is a Bill which was presented previously by Senator Finney. This has to do with Hospital Review Committees. They are committees set up in hospitals asking the doctors to serve on them so that they can best utilize the facilities of the hospital. Question of suggestion, of helpfulness, in best serving the public. Doctors are very reluctant to serve on these committees because in three States, there have been suits brought against doctors - members of these committees and they serve without compensation.

We feel that it would be extremely helpful if a law could be enacted giving the doctors who serve on this committee, immunity from any suit because of their service on that committee and really, it is for the benefit of the public and certainly we should extend this courtesy and this protection to the doctors. I appreciate this opportunity, thank you.

Rep. Carrozzella: Thank you. Norman Tasker to be followed by Lt. Sullivan. Norman Tasker - Lt. Sullivan.

Lt. Sullivan: Mr, Chairman, Members of the Committee, I am here to speak in favor of H.B. #6113 which has to do with changing the status of municipal employees from a licensee to an invitee.

Finally, I would like to make a brief comment on Bill #896 that was referred to earlier in reference to male sterilization bill.

S.B. #896 - AN ACT CONCERNING STERILIZATION AND CONSENT THERETO,

I regret Doctor Leroy Wardner is not here because I know him well and he could have given expert testimony. I would want to point out that the Bill as now drafted suggests that these sterilization procedures be performed only by doctors of medicine. The operation of casectomy - the cutting of the male vasdeferens - is increasing in quantity all over the State of Connecticut, all over the country and around the world. In many parts of the world, this is being performed by what is commonly called paramedical personnel. It is not a complicated procedure, it takes only about 15 to 30 minutes in a doctor's office and we anticipate that in due time, more and more operations in the United States will be performed by paramedical personnel. I would therefore urge you to consider rewording that Bill as presented that these operations shall be performed only by or under the direction of doctors of medicine because I think personnel such as nurses and other people could be qualified to do so. This would permit lowering the cost of this procedure making it available to poor people as well as middle and upper income. Thank you.

Sen. Jackson: Walter O'Conner

Mr. O'Conner: Walter O'Conner, President of the Uniform Fire Fighters of Connecticut. We would like to go on record in support of #6113.

H.B. #6113 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGAL STATUS OF POLICEMEN, FIREMEN, AND OTHER MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY IN PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY.

We feel that there is a need for this bill for the professional firefighter and the policeman.

S.B. #538 - AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT OF WITNESS FEES TO POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN IN CIVIL ACTIONS.

On Bill #538 which we support, I was wondering if down on the first, second, third, fourth and fifth paragraph you include regular or supernumerary policemen but you don't include any regular or substitute firefighters in that language is just omitted there. I was wondering if the Committee would be kind enough to inject that, I don't know how important it is but it is covered down below but for technical reasons. I would appreciate it very much. Thank you very much.

Also, I would like to support Representative Badolato's Bill, is it #980? Thank you.