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On page 8, Calendar No. 1084, in your files 1204, Substitute for House Bill No. 6596, An Act Providing for Modernization of the General Assembly. Report of the Committee on Rules.

FRANCIS J. COLLINS, 165th District:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage, will you remark?

FRANCIS J. COLLINS, 165th District:

Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to yield to the gentleman from 130th for the purposes of an amendment.

DAVID SULLIVAN, 130th District:

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will the Clerk please read House Amendment Schedule "A"?

ASST. CLERK:

This is House Amendment Schedule "A" offered by Mr. Stevens of the 122nd and Mr. Papandrea of the 78th.

In lines 9, 11, 16 and 17, delete the brackets.

In lines 11 through 15, inclusive, and lines 17 through 22, inclusive, delete the proposed new amendatory language.

DAVID SULLIVAN, 130th District:

Mr. Speaker, after examination of the bill as it appears in the file, both sides of the aisle agreed that there were

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serious legal problems in changing the method by which the legislature can call itself back into session after it has adjourned under its constitutional mandate, therefore, it was felt that in order to achieve the other good purposes of this bill, that the proposed changes should be deleted and we should remain with the present session, excuse me, the present method of recalling ourselves back into session wherein a simple majority of the House or Senate can call itself back into session. I move acceptance of the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on House Amendment Schedule "A"?

CARL R. AJELLO, 118th District:

Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to echo the comments of the gentleman. I think that this does remove a problem from the bill and we're happy to support it.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on House Amendment "A"? All those in favor will indicate by saying aye, opposed? The amendment is adopted. The Chair rules that it is technical.

FRANCIS J. COLLINS, 165th District:

Mr. Speaker, the bill, as amended, in addition to leaving the statutory language as it presently exists, makes several other statutory changes regarding the advent of annual sessions. One, for example, it changes the legislative pay to

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be paid over a period of one year rather than two on an option. It empowers the legislative management committee to employ stenographers, recorders and provide copies of bill, and so on, rather than the Comptroller and Clerk of the House, who are presently authorized under law to do it. It provides for certain deadlines on unfavorable reports, to the legislative commissioner's office and the Clerk's office and puts control for data processing used in the legislative branch of government into the legislative management committee rather than the Comptroller. It's a good bill, Mr. Speaker, and it ought to pass.

CARL R. AJELLO, 118th District:

Mr. Speaker, only to add that is quite logical and consistent to place these functions with the committee on legislative management which has, by virtue of other laws, of course, the appropriation granted to it to pay the cost of all of these functions so that we are really doing some house-keeping in this matter.

GEORGE W. HANNON, 16th District:

Mr. Speaker, this is yet another example of modernizing the General Assembly. This bill is before us today through the combined efforts of those people on both sides of the aisle who serve on the legislative management committee and are continual proxies thereto, it's most logical that if we are to be the branch of government that is self-sustaining,

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and we should run our own affairs and it is to this end that the bill addresses itself.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill, as amended. If not, the question is on acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill, as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A". All those in favor will indicate by saying aye, opposed? The bill is pass.

THE CLERK:

Page 10, Calendar No. 1122, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1129, An Act Eliminating Residency Requirements for Municipal Housing Projects, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

JOHN MAHANEY, 92nd District:

Mr. Speaker, I move that Calendar No. 1122 be passed retaining its place on the calendar.

MR. SPEAKER:

If no objection, the matter is retained.

THE CLERK:

Page 9, top of page 9, Calendar No. 1106, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 0458....

JOHN MAHANEY, 92nd District:

Mr. Speaker, I move that Calendar No. 1106 be passed retaining its place on the calendar.

MR. SPEAKER:

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Schedule 'A' and House Amendment Schedule "A".

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THE SPEAKER:

My calendar indicates on page 30, it's 1084, substitute for H.B.No. 6596, in your files as No. 1438, An Act Providing for Modernization of the General Assembly, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

THE CLERK:

And House Amendment Schedule "A". There's an error in the calendar.

MR. GILLIES (75th):

Mr. Speaker, are we on calendar No. 1084, Mr. Speaker?

THE SPEAKER:

No. 1084.

MR. GILLIES (75th):

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Senate amendment.

THE SPEAKER:

Would the gentleman outline Senate Amendment Schedule "A"?

MR. GILLIES (75th):

Yes, Mr. Speaker, this simply deletes section 6 in the bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks on Senate "A"? If not, all those in favor indicate by saying aye. Opposed? Senate "A" is ADOPTED. Question is on acceptance and passage as amended by House "A" and Senate "A". Will you remark further?

MR. GILLIES (75th):

I think we've discussed the bill before. It's a good bill. I urge its passage.

THE SPEAKER:

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