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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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MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks.

ROBERT S. ORCUTT:

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Bill. I'd just like to make a comment that apparently the State and local political subdivisions will save money by not having to comply with the Fair Trade law. It's too bad we recommitted the Bill that would have repealed it...that really would have helped the consumer. Apparently it's all right for the consumer to pay these prices, but it's not all right for the State. I think we're being very inconsistent in these matters.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 1333, Substitute for H.B. No. 7048, an Act concerning payment of delinquent rents by the Welfare Department.

THOMAS H. DOOLEY:

Mr. Speaker, I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark.

THOMAS H. DOOLEY:

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an Amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Clerk will call Amendment Schedule "A".

THE CLERK:

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House Amendment Schedule "A", offered by Mr. Dooley, of the 47th. In Line 3, strike out everything after the colon. Strike out Lines 4 to 10, inclusive, and insert the following in lieu thereof: "The provisions of this Act shall include only direct payments made to landlords of recipients of public assistance when the total of such payments and all other vendor and protective payments to such recipients made by the State Welfare Department do not exceed matching payments under Federal law."

MR. SPEAKER:

Question's on adoption of Amendment Schedule "A".

THOMAS H. DOOLEY:

Mr. Speaker, I move for adoption of Schedule "A".

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark.

THOMAS H. DOOLEY:

Mr. Speaker, under present Connecticut law the Welfare Department may, under Section 17-2F, make payments directly to landlords in cases in which the welfare recipient has failed to make the rental payment and ten days has elapsed. Present law also requires that the landlord provide the Welfare Department with an affidavit that the rent is due and owing, that he has made a bonafide effort to collect same, and that the nonpayment of rent is through no fault of such landlord. It is the purpose of this Amendment and the Bill itself to provide that in no event would the payment by the Welfare Commissioner exceed matching payments made under Federal law. Now the Bill that's in the file was requested by the Welfare Department. However, after reviewing the

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language, they thought that their legislative counsel could come up EFH with more appropriate language to make it absolutely clear that in no case would the payment exceed matching grants and in no case would Connecticut be required, because of this law, to make a payment in excess of that required if they were making the payment directly to the welfare recipient. Again, Mr. Speaker, I think it's important to note that this is requested by the Welfare Department. It's in the best interest of not only the people of the State of Connecticut but to the recipients themselves, and I would urge adoption of the Amendment.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on Amendment Schedule "A". If not, all those in favor of Amendment Schedule "A" indicate by saying "aye". Opposed. House "A" is adopted. Remark on the Bill as amended.

THOMAS H. DOOLEY:

Mr. Speaker, I think I explained it in its entirety. As I said, the purpose of the Amendment was merely to clear up the language of the Bill itself, and I would now move for passage of the Bill as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A".

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the Bill as amended.

OTHA N. BROWN, JR.:

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Bill. This Bill first was in the Welfare Committee, but we, in our wisdom, recognizing the superior legal knowledge of the Judiciary, felt disposed to cross reference or change of reference the Bill to Judiciary, and I must say that our faith in them will still prevail for

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they did a very fine job. We support the Bill, and we support the Department in its contention of desiring this Bill. EFH

MR. SPEAKER:

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

THE CLERK:

Page 19, Calendar No. 1344, Substitute for H.B. No. 8475, an Act concerning State grants for District or Multi-Town purposes.

JAMES J. CLYNES:

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark.

JAMES J. CLYNES:

Mr. Speaker, this Bill will allow any two or more municipalities who jointly operate any project or program under a formal...informal agreement, or any other arrangement, to qualify for State grants and aid on the same basis as a District and a Regional Authority. That would be with the exception of State aid and grants to education. It's a good Bill, Mr. Speaker, and it should pass.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the Bill.

MARILYN PEARSON:

Mr. Speaker, I had a question.

MR. SPEAKER: