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fortunate enough to have broken even or had a surplus be permitted to have a testimonial fund raising affair in any event, particularly an incumbent. It would seem that the testimonial dinners could be permitted for incumbents but they should be subject throughout their term of office to a very detailed reporting requirement. In the case of an incumbent it's very much in the public interest to know who is buying tickets for these testimonials and what favors directly or indirectly are being offered in return for them.

Another problem that arose in the course of one of our congressional campaigns. Our statute is not clear as to whether or not a political committee is one that espouses a principal and if so what part in a campaign. There was a principal being espoused which was very closely connected with a candidate. I think you all know what I am referring to. When the principal in an election or primary is so closely identified with a candidate that it amounts to the promoting of his candidacy, or the opposing of his candidacy, that any such committee I don't care whether it's called the clean air or clean water committee, should be identified as a political committee and should be subject to all of their requirements of our reporting act. The fact that they stand for an issue where that issue is closely tied to one particular candidate, I don't think should exempt them from the provisions of reporting.

I am very much in favor of the centralizing of the responsibility with a single campaign treasurer. We have no limitation on campaign committees. One candidate in the past election set up 26 committees. A single campaign treasurer in the state would be helpful. This is the subject of SB351. It would mean he would be the person responsible for the civil or criminal penalties that might exist, he could ride herd on other campaign treasurers on local committees. This would make one person an agent for the candidate rather than permitting him to hide behind a number of treasurers.

With respect to SBL11- continuing disclosure, most of the speakers here today have stressed the importance of having pre-election disclosures of the expenditures. I would like to point out I can understand the problem, but if this bill is enacted, and if monthly reports are going to be required, that a separate division of the office of the secretary of the state will be required specifically to handle this pre-election reporting requirement. At the present time, the processing of reports under our present statute following election, takes from 2 to 3 months so I feel it will be necessary for us to

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Mr. Speaker, this is a typical validating act and the action was brought within the statute of limitations. It just corrects an insufficiency in the notice given because it was filed later than the statute technically allows.

THE SPEAKER:

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

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 1526, S. B. No. 351, An Act Concerning Coordination of Contributions and Expenditures and Filing of Reports by a Single Campaign Treasurer, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

MR. MAIOCCO (133rd):

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

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark?

MR. MAIOCCO (133rd):

Mr. Speaker, would the Clerk please read Senate Amendment "A"?

THE SPEAKER:

The Clerk will call Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule "A" adopted by the Senate on June 3rd.

In line 5, after the word "persons", insert a comma and the following: "organized or conducting its activities in or outside the state,".

In line 56, after the word "persons", insert a comma and the following: "organized or conducting its activities in or outside the state".

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MR. MAIOCCO (133rd):

Mr. Speaker, I move passage of the amendment.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark on the amendment?

MR. MAIOCCO (133rd):

Mr. Speaker, the amendment attempts to include within the jurisdiction of the laws related to reporting by political committees and treasurers, those political committees that are organized whether within or without the State of Connecticut. This would give us some way of knowing what is happening, where the committees are formed outside the state. It's a good amendment. I urge its passage.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks on Senate "A"? If not, all those in favor indicate by saying aye. Opposed? Senate "A" is ADOPTED.

MR. MAIOCCO (133rd):

Mr. Speaker, I now move for acceptance of the bill as amended by Senate "A".

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark?

MR. MAIOCCO (133rd):

Mr. Speaker, the bill attempts to bring within, to bring the responsibility of the filing with the Secretary of State's Office concerning the reports of treasurers of candidates within one treasurer. Now, this bill would provide that the various treasurers would report to one treasurer who was designated by the candidate and that treasurer would be responsible to report to report to the Secretary of State. It would coordinate a problem

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that the Secretary of State's Office has found in determining what the contributions are, who the treasurers are. This would facilitate matters and it's a very commendable bill. I urge its passage.

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THE SPEAKER:

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

MR. PAPANDREA (78th):

Mr. Speaker, may we then proceed to the first item on page 7, Calendar No. 1528?

THE CLERK:

On page 7, Calendar No. 1528, substitute for S.B. No. 480, An Act Concerning the Care of Certain Children by the Welfare Commissioner, File No. 1530.

MR. BROWN (148th):

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

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark?

MR. BROWN (148th):

Mr. Speaker, this bill would allow for a pilot project conducted by the Department of Welfare for the training and recruitment of twenty foster parents on a two year basis. The purpose of this training and recruitment and this pilot project is to provide services for troubled children who, they have to place them in homes where they can get special care. These would be children of twelve years old or less and these are children, Mr. Speaker, are those who cannot be cared for in a regular foster home. The rationale here

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of Members of the Commission of Pharmacy.

SENATOR HOULEY:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill provides that a member of the pharmacy commission shall be appointed from nominees submitted by the Connecticut Hospital Association. At the present time, six members are appointed from nominees submitted by the Connecticut Hospital Association. No extra appropriation is necessary. The money to cover the expenses for this additional commission is also included in the appropriation of pharmacy commission. I urge passage.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage. Will you remark further? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". Bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 834. File No. 1178. A Favorable report of the joint Committee on Elections. Substitute Senate Bill 351. An Act Concerning Coordination of Contributions and Expenditures and Filing of Reports by a Single Campaign Treasurer.

SENATOR DUPONT:

I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. I believe the clerk has an amendment.

THE CLERK:

SENATE AMENDMENT A, offered by Senator Jackson:

In line 5, after the word persons, insert a comma and the following:
organized or conducting its activities in or outside the state.

In line 56, after the word persons, insert a comma and the following organized

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or conducting its activities in or outside the state.

SENATOR JACKSON:

Mr. President, I move passage of the amendment. This is relatively self-explanatory amendment. It assures that any campaign organization whether it is organized within the state of Connecticut or outside the State of Connecticut and I'm giving particular reference to Washington, D.C., should also be included under this bill.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on the amendment, will you remark further? If not, all those in favor signify by saying, "aye", Opposed, "nay". The amendment is adopted. Senator Dupont on the bill, as amended.

SENATOR DUPONT:

I move passage of the bill, as amended. This bill strengthens Connecticut's corrupt practices act by placing the responsibility for filing a report of contributions and expenditures upon a campaign treasurer. I urge passage.

THE CHAIR:

Remark further on the bill? If not, all those in favor of passage, signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 837. File No. 1181. Favorable report of the joint committee on Appropriations. Substitute for Senate Bill 943. An Act Creating a Division of Consumer Education in the Cooperative Extension Service in the University of Connecticut.

SENATOR HOULEY:

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