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MR. SPEAKER:

So ordered.

CLERK:

Calendar 187. Substitute for House Bill 5831. An Act Concerning a Day of Recognition For Elderly Citizens, File 155.

REPRESENTATIVE OLIVER:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Will you remark.

REPRESENTATIVE OLIVER:

Mr. Speaker, I believe the statistics of the 1970 census show increasingly the development in our society in the state of Connecticut we are developing two societies. One, an increasing number of young people and two, an increasing number of elderly. It's very important for us to come to grips of the needs of the elderly. The bill before me today, before this House, adds to those days that we give special recognition to a day for the recognition of the elderly citizens. That's to show that their contribution to the state, the enrichment of lives of all the citizens, including their own. And what this would do, would designate the second, the first Sunday in February each day by proclamation of the Governor. It would not create a state holiday as such, but a day of recognition. I think it certainly

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ought to pass.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill. Representative Collins.

REPRESENTATIVE COLLINS:

Mr. Speaker, I would like just to respond to the question raised by the gentleman from New Haven. I think I was very indulgent in letting him go on, but I would just indicate to him that the Commissioner to which he was referring was effective October 1, 1969, some year and a half ago. So his comments I think are not well taken about the Governor appointing someone now.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill. Representative Fabrizio of the 147th.

REPRESENTATIVE FABRIZIO:

Mr. Speaker, House Bill 5831 makes a simple request which I can envision no-one in this House opposing. It asks us to take a long overdue step of directing the Governor to issue a proclamation designating an elderly citizen's day. The proclamation would pay tribute to the continued contribution of Connecticut senior citizens to the state and to the enrichment of the lives of all our people. But this day of recognition would do more than that. It would serve as a reminder that we still have many miles to go in the provisions that we, as a state and a society make for our older people. An elderly citizen's day would serve to remind us that we have barely begun to create opportunities for

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senior citizens to contribute their talents, skills and devotions to a building of a better state. This is a good and much needed bill and I urge that this House approve it unanimously.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill. Representative Ajello of the 118th.

REPRESENTATIVE AJELLO:

Mr. Speaker, as a sponsor of the bill creating a department originally and as a member of the Advisory Commission, I have been astounded to learn the numbers and kinds of skills and enthusiasm of our elderly citizens and at the same time, however it is apparent that there is a growing feeling of alienation among them, a feeling that the rest of us have forgotten them. And many of us are dedicated to the proposition that we have not done so and that we hope to do more for them in the near future and with that in mind, I heartedly endorse this particular bill and the many more things that we hope will come out of this session to show them of our concern and our genuine affection for them as a group.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill. If not, the question is on acceptance of the Joint Standing Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. All those in favor indicate by saying "Aye". Those opposed. The bill is passed.

CLERK:

Calendar 188. Substitute for House Bill No. 7358. An

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very little of sponsors of promotional games and contests. It merely provides that the ticket or token of participation state the actual number and dollar amount of gifts or prizes. And the number of winners per 1,000 or tokens issued. The unfortunate fact is that some contests promoters who are known all too well, have misrepresented the number in the amount of prizes and dollars awarded. These misrepresentations are documented in the file of the Federal Trade Commission. It is a minimum requirement that the Committee feels to ask that a promoter simply disclose the facts for the benefit of the consumer public. It is a good bill and I urge its passage.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

Page 4 please top of the page. Cal. No. 191, File No. 155. Favorable report Joint Standing Committee on General Law, Substitute House Bill 5831 An Act Concerning a Day of Recognition For Elderly Citizens.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Strada.

SENATOR STRADA:

Mr. President, I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR STRADA:

This bill calls for a day of recognition for the elderly. It

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provides that the Governor shall proclaim the First Sunday in February in each year as Elderly Citizens Day. This is in honor of the elderly citizens of the state. In recognition of their continued contribution to the state and the enrichment of the lives of all its citizens.

Now this does not call for the closing of schools or offices. Its merely a day proclamation. I urge its adoption.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage of the bill. Will you remark further?

Senator Fauliso.

SENATOR FAULISO:

Mr. President, I would ask why the committee chose the first Sunday in February. Is there any special reason?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Strada. Why did they chose a day in February?

SENATOR STRADA:

Its very close to Valentine's Day, Mr. President. We thought it was very significant.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Burke.

SENATOR BURKE:

What was the day?

SENATOR STRADA:

Its the first Sunday in February, which we understand is Senator Burke's birthday. Is that correct?

THE CHAIR:

The first Sunday in February. Senator Burke you wish to remark?

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SENATOR BURKE:

No its not my birthday. But I wish you would move it up because time seems to be getting short around here. And I may not be around next February.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Burke its devoutely wished that you will be here many Februarys.

Are there any other of those beyond 50 who wish to comment?

If not all those in favor of passage of the bill signify by saying aye. AYE. Opposed nay. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Page 11, Foot of the Calendar under matters removed from the Foot. Cal. No. 130, File 88. Favorable Report Joint Standing Committee on Finance Substitute H.B. 5039 An Act Concerning Reports of Tax Collectors.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Cutillo.

SENATOR CUTILLO:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the bill. Acceptance of the Joint Committee's report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR CUTILLO:

The purpose of the bill is to relieve tax collectors of municipal-  
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ities of the burden and cost/including each year in the annual municipal  
report the schedule of corrections and rate bills required in sub-division  
5 by permitting the alternate method of filing the schedule in the office

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MR. HOLSTEN: homeowners.  
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REP. WEBBER: This particular bill is not scheduled for this committee. It is scheduled for the committee on Finance.

SENATOR STRADA: Are there any legislators here who would like to testify at this time?

REP. JOHN A.  
FABRIZIO:

I'm from the 147th district, Norwalk, Conn. Mr. Chairman, members of the General Law Committee. I would like to speak in favor of H.B. 5831 which I have submitted. This bill provides for proclamation by the governor of an Elderly Citizens Day in honor of the elderly citizens of the state and their continued contributions to the state and its citizens. Most of our senior citizens live in urban senior citizen courts and very seldom see anyone except other senior citizens who live in the same senior citizen courts. By having a day of recognition, everyone would at least go to see them and perhaps do something for them on this day. We all respect our senior citizens and the very least we can do is to honor them during the last few years of their life. I strongly support this bill and urge its passage. Thank you very much.

SENATOR STRADA: Are there any other legislators?

REP. RUTH H.  
CLARK

I'm from the 101st district and I would like to speak in support of SB 85 - an act concerning the jurisdiction of Fair Rent Commissions over mobile homes and mobile home parks. Because zoning restrictions in the towns of Connecticut have either prohibited or prevented the expansion of mobile home spaces, a virtual monopoly of the present park owners as well as the increased property taxes in this period of inflation, have caused a lot of rentals to zoom to excessive levels in many places. This bill, which is the same as H.B. 5409 which was referred to the Human Rights and Opportunities Committee and heard by them, would do something to correct this situation. I hope you will report favorably upon it.

I would also like to support H.B. 6010 - an act

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MRS. GREGAN:  
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rent is withheld by the landlord without any restrictions as to its use. This money, so held may be used for investment by the landlords and yet no interest is paid over a period of years to the tenant. With this bill, the money would be held in an escrow account where it would accrue interest which would be eventually be paid back to the tenant when he vacated the apartment, less 1% for costs and services. This bill would safeguard the tenant and take the profit out of escrow payments which has been sadly abused in the past. I wish to register in favor of H.B. 7649-7650.

I would also like to speak on H.B. 6205.

REP. WEBBER:

Could I see a copy of that bill please?

PAUL KURMAY:

This has been referred to the Committee on Human Rights and Opportunities.

MRS. GREGAN:

I see they were all given to me as being before the committee on General Law. I'm sorry. On H.B. 5831 to proclame a day of recognition for elderly citizens. The older citizens have made their contribution to the development of our State for sixty five plus years. They are the taxpayers of yesteryear and the taxpayers of today. They supported the government of our State through good and bad times and it is fitting and proper that a day be set aside to honor them. I wish to register in favor of H.B. 5831.

REP. WEBBER:

When you say that a day be set aside for them, would your organizations be satisfied with a proclamation? You don't want a holiday where we have to close the schools, etc.?

MRS. GREGAN:

No, no indeed, what we want is a proclamation. Thank you very much.

REP. WEBBER:

We have just had a very quick executive session and the committee is in favor of a proclamation.

ROBERT BURNS:

I am legislative chairman for the New England Mobile Home Association, and a licensed mobile home dealer and I am also a mobile park operator. According to the listing I received, I did not know that S.B.85 was going to be listed before your committee. I appeared last Wednesday evening on H.B. 5409 which is a word for word bill dealing with rent control

MR. GALLOSSO:  
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barber shops in those communities could open on Monday because now we celebrate Washington's Birthday on a Monday. This is why we oppose the bill. The idea is no matter when Washington's Birthday comes, we'd like to be closed. If tomorrow the law changes and we were to celebrate it on the 22nd, there would be no question. You're trying to tie it in with a Monday. It's not true that the state of Connecticut closes on Monday. The Stamford area which embraces from Greenwich and New Canaan closes on Wednesday. Then you bypass Norwalk and from Fairfield on, up to your line including New Haven, is all Wednesday closing. The Danbury area is all Wednesday closing. We have a mixed day off. If it was all Monday, there would be no problem but it's not so, therefore, if this bill was to be passed, those of us who are closed on Wednesday could open on that Monday.

REP. WEBBER:

Why don't you all close on the same day?

MR. GALLOSSO:

Because it is local option. Every area decides for themselves as to what day they want to close. If we had a statewide day of closing and I wish the day will come where we all close on Mondays, it would be good. But each local has to vote on it. It's local option under the contract.

SENATOR STRADA: We will now hear H.B. 5831

H.B. 5831 AN ACT CONCERNING A DAY OF RECOGNITION FOR ELDERLY CITIZENS.

Is there anyone here to testify on this bill?

H.B. 6489 AN ACT MAKING MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY A LEGAL HOLIDAY

Is there anyone here to testify on this bill?

H.B. 7325 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUNDAY CLOSING LAWS.

Is there anyone here to testify on this bill?

JOSEPH C. BOBER: I wish to speak in opposition to eliminating Sunday closing laws. Actually, what we need now, the law requires mercantile establishments to be closed on Sunday with the exception of some products that can be sold. There is another bill in the Judiciary Committee and a hearing will be held relative to the same subject, typing the provisions of the Sunday closing laws. I do want to point to this committee, however, that the prob-