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THE CLERK:

Page 12,....will Mr. Mahaney return the resolution, please....page 12, second from the bottom, Calendar No. 1442, Substitute Senate Bill No. 1173, An Act Concerning Reimbursement to Schools of Transportation Expenses, as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

BERNARD AVCOLLIE, 94th District:

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark?

BERNARD AVCOLLIE, 94th District:

The Clerk has Senate Amendment Schedule "A", which I would summarize, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will the gentleman please outline Senate Amendment Schedule "A" after the Clerk calls it.

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule "A" adopted by the Senate on June 1st.

BERNARD AVCOLLIE 94th District:

Mr. Speaker, in order to explain the amendment I'd have to note with regard to the primary bill, Mr. Speaker, that the bill, itself, would permit schools, towns or districts, that do not have high schools and junior high schools within its

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boundaries to transport to private schools within the towns to which they are transporting to public schools and to towns adjacent to them. The Senate Amendment would permit them a little more latitude in providing for the transportation of students to towns adjacent to the towns in which the public schools are located. It is a rather technical amendment which does broaden the scope of the bill itself, Mr. Speaker, and I would urge its passage.

MR. SPEAKER:

Are there further remarks on the amendment? All those in favor indicate by saying aye, opposed? Amendment "A" is adopted.

BERNARD AVCOLLIE, 94th District:

Mr. Speaker, the bill before you is another transportation bill to non-public schools but in effect it seeks to correct a deletion which we made in the statutes in 1969 and found much to our dismay we had a number of non-public school students off busses that they had been riding for a number of years. This bill returns the language to the act which we deleted in 1969 and in addition it adds the last section of the file which provides that any town or school district, regional school district, may, at its own discretion, transport students to non-public schools in the same manner as the transportation they are affording the students to public schools, in cases where the regional school district or the town does not have a high school within its boundaries. The bill provides that

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these towns or regional school districts may provide the transportation at their discretion. It is, in a sense, local option with regard to the school board but if they do decide to provide the transportation then, in that event, they may apply for the similar reimbursements that they applied for when providing transportation to public school students. It's a good bill, Mr. Speaker, it does not effect many towns, it perhaps effects 2 or 3 regional school districts, one of them with which members on both sides of the aisle are quite interested and I would urge passage and at this time, yield to Rep. Dice, who also has an interest in this bill.

RICHARD DICE, 83rd District:

Mr. Speaker, I also support this bill. I think Mr. Avcollie has put it well. I add nothing to it so we can get onto the business of the day but it is a good bill and it should pass. Thank you.

MR. 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:

Page 11, Calendar No. 1420, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 211, An Act Concerning an Appropriation for Erosion Control in Fairfield.

JOHN GROPPA, 176th District:

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Mondani.

SENATOR MONDANI:

Mr. President, I wish this to be passed retaining its place.

THE CHAIR:

So Ordered. There being no objection.

THE CLERK:

Page 15 Cal. 997, File 1396 Favorable substitute report of the joint standing committee on Appropriations on Substitute S.B. 1173 An Act Concerning Reimbursement to Schools of Transportation Expenses. The Clerk has an amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Houley.

SENATOR HOULEY:

Mr. President, I move the adoption of the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

First you move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report.

SENATOR HOULEY:

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

I move adoption of the amendment. Would the Clerk please read the amendment?

THE CLERK:

Amendment offered by Senator Murphy of the 19th Dist. In line 62 after the word district delete the period and insert a comma. And add the following language "or to a town adjacent to the town in which is located the public high school or junior high school to which the student are transported."

THE CHAIR:

Senator HOULEY ON the amendment.

SENATOR HOULEY:

May I yield to the Senator from the 19th with reference to the amendment.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Murphy on the amendment.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, the bill as a whole in this last part that is amended, it deals with towns that do not have high schools of their own. And have to transport students to a high school outside of their town. And it merely authorizes on a discretionary basis those towns to transport pupils to non-public high schools. And it would allow them to transport to schools located in towns adjacent to the town doing the transporting. Or to a town where they transport to a public high school. Or a town adjacent thereto. I move adoption of the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on the amendment. Will you remark further? If not all those in favor of passage of the amendment signify by saying aye. AYE. Opposed nay? The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Senator Houley you may remark on the bill as amended. The amendment is ruled technical.

SENATOR HOULEY:

Thank you Mr. President. Mr. President, the Senator from the 19th explained the bill very well. I may add however, that it calls for a twenty five thousand dollar appropriation. And in effect if passed, this bill provides regional school districts that do not maintain their own high school, would pay reasonable necessary transportation costs. And provide transportation. I urge the passage.

THE CHAIR:

The passage is on passage on the bill as amended. Senator Hammer.

SENATOR HAMMER:

Mr. President, I'd like to ask a question from the Senator from the 35th District. Through you. I don't know how anyone came to the figure of twenty five thousand dollars. Does the Appropriations Committee think this will be sufficient? I'd

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like to ask Senator Houley.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Houley.

SENATOR HOULEY:

Through you Mr. President, the twenty-five thousand dollars calculation was arrived at considering the districts that might be effected in the state of Connecticut. And on that basis the total amount of students that also might be effected and arrived at a figure of approximately twenty-five thousand dollars. It could very well be twenty-three thousand, nine. It could very well be twenty-six, one.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

The question is on passage of the bill as amended. All those in favor of passage of the bill signify by saying aye. Aye. Opposed nay? The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Page 15, Cal. 1002, File 1169 Favorable report of the joint standing committee on Elections. House Bill 5393 An Act Concerning The Order of Offices on Ballot Labels For State Elections.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Dupont.

SENATOR DUPONT:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR DUPONT:

Mr. President there is a House Amendment Sch. A. and at this time I would like to move to reject House Amendment Sch. A.

THE CHAIR:

Will you explain and remark on your motion?