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Rep. Howard Klebanoff: Presiding.

Rep. Addo Bonetti: (District 175 - Torrington)

I would like to speak in favor of HB6684. All this is is a technical change. On line 31 I would like to have it changed from "one month" to "35 days".

A great many boards have their regular meeting once a month, for example: the 2nd Monday of each month. But it frequently happens that from the 2nd Monday of one month to the 2nd Monday of the next month is greater than "one month",

i.e.: 3/8 to 4/12, 5/10 to 6/14, 8/9 to 9/13, etc.

This change would give the Board the opportunity to more thoroughly review the nominations of these most important positions.

This change would eliminate the need for a special meeting.

This change should also be in line 45. I would like this to take effect upon passage.

The second bill I would like to speak on is HB6696, An Act Concerning Candidates for Positions with Local Boards of Education.

The present subsection (a), lines 24 & 25, says "...shall submit to the board of education nominations for teachers...". This can be confusing - does it mean more than one nomination for one teaching position or does it mean only one nomination for each position?

The legislature made it clear in the January 1969 session that it meant multiple nominations for supervisory and administrative positions, line 33. This change would extend the same consideration to the board with respect to teachers.

The board has the duty to employ teachers. If it wishes it may delegate this duty to the superintendent. However, if it chooses not to delegate it is apparent that the board wishes to do the selecting itself. But this turns out to be virtually impossible if only one nomination is made.

This change would simply clarify the statement...or the statute and bring it in line with the present procedure for supervisory and administrative positions.

But most importantly this change would make it possible for the board to select the one person in the school system who has the most influence on the youngsters: the teacher.

I would like this to take effect upon passage.

Rep. Klebanoff: Senator Gunther.

Senator George L. Gunther: (21st District). I would like to speak in favor of SB308 which is actually a replacement to SB6. I don't happen to see it listed today.

The purpose of SB308 is to establish in lieu of the existing advisory board on state certifications of teachers, an autonomous state teachers' certification board comprised entirely of full-time practicing members of the teaching profession, and to transfer to such certification board, from the state board of education, the authority to establish and enforce teacher certification standards and regulations and to issue and revoke certificates to teach or to supervise in the public schools of the state.

The teaching profession has been a profession in name only long enough. It is time the teachers are recognized as a profession and given the right to govern themselves by establishing a certification board made up of members of their profession. SB308 will accomplish this by requiring them to establish the standards, conduct examinations, issue certifications, develop a code of ethics, and police their own profession. The only objection I have heard to this proposal is the question as to whether only teachers should be on the certification board. There are certain...or some people who feel that teachers are not able to govern and police their ranks. My only reaction to that is: As professional people if they can't do the job than our educational system in Connecticut is in bad shape. I know of no other profession licensed in our state that is governed by other than their own members. Certainly, we cannot have...we do not have laymen examining and policing medical doctors, non-medical doctors, dentists, lawyers, etc. I strongly recommend giving the teaching profession truly professional status in Connecticut by a favorable report of SB308.

Rep. Mary Griswold: (New Haven) May I ask the Senator a question? Do you consider the State Board of Education, which actually does the licensing and certifying - as laymen?

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MR. COLLINS (165th):

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Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might request that the vote on this bill be passed temporarily to give me a chance to talk to Frank McCarthy who had drafted this amendment and as I see the amendment which passed, there seems to be something lacking that we had discussed before and rather than hold things up, if we would pass this for just a brief moment, I think we might be able to resolve it.

THE SPEAKER:

The Clerk is in the possession of the second amendment too. I'm sure the gentleman is aware of that which was not offered by Representative Stevens. However, noting the presence of our former member and distinguished counsel, Mr. McCarthy, this item can be passed while we have a conference.

MR. COLLINS (165th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 725, Substitute for H.B. No. 6696, An Act Concerning Candidates for Positions with Local Boards of Education.

MR. MC NELLIS (85th):

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

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark?

MR. MC NELLIS (85th):

Mr. Speaker, this bill provides that more than one applicant for each teaching position must be presented to the local Board of Education by the Superintendent of Schools. Currently these provisions apply only to supervisory or administrative positions. The bill also gives local Boards

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thirty days, thirty-five days, excuse me, to act on an appointment instead of one month currently. I move passage of the bill. djh

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark further?

MR. KING (48th):

A question to the gentleman who introduced the bill. What happens if in certain specialized areas of teaching there is only one candidate? What would be the result of that situation under this bill?

THE SPEAKER:

Would the gentleman from the 85th care to respond?

MR. MC NELLIS (85th):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. The bill says may, not must.

MR. KING (48th):

Your answer is that if in that situation where only one properly qualified candidate for, was available and that the superintendent could recommend only one candidate, that it would in no way interfere with the hiring of that particular qualified individual. Is that correct?

THE SPEAKER:

Does the gentleman from the 85th care to respond?

MR. MC NELLIS (85th):

According to this, that would be my understanding if the Board accepted that.

THE SPEAKER:

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

THE CLERK:

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THE SPEAKER:

The gentleman from the 118th.

MR. AJELLO: (118th)

Directing the attention to a matter just received from the Senate as a Disagreeing Action. Substitute for H.B. 6696, File 701 and I would yield to the distinguished representative Guy LaGrotta who will explain the amendment and move its adoption.

MR. LAGROTTA: (170th)

Mr. Speaker, this amendment allows a school board, a school district or regional board to have an option where they will take state service or half the money and buy their own superintendent. It's a good bill and I urge its passage.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the amendment. Is that correct, Amendment A. All those in favor of Amendment A indicate by saying AYE. Opposed. Senate A is ADOPTED.

MR. PAPANDREA: (78th)

Mr. Speaker, I move the bill as amended by Senate Amendment A.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks. If not, all those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Opposed. THE BILL IS PASSED.

MR. PAPANDREA: (78th)

Before we return to the Ethics Bill, Mr. Speaker, I call Cal. 1635, Sub. for S.B. 1139, File 1702. AN ACT CONCERNING RELOCATION ASSISTANCE. It clarifies the existence of the re-

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THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 1359. Favorable report of the joint committee's favorable report on Appropriations. Senate Bill 1839. An Act Establishing the Time Limit For the Report of the Interim Commission to Study the Means of Providing Greater Opportunities for Non-college Bound Students and Providing For Occupational Training in Public Schools.

SENATOR HOULEY:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This act extends the study time for the non-college bound youth committee and leaves the unextended incumbent balance of 3412 dollars to carry this out. Such committee will report on or before January 15, 1972. I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage of the bill. Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". Bill is passed.

SENATOR HOULEY:

I move for suspension of the rules for immediate transmittal to the House.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing no objection, it is so ordered.

THE CLERK:

FOOT OF THE CALENDAR:

CAL. NO. 677. File No. 701. Favorable report of the joint committee on Education. Substitute for House Bill 6696. An Act Concerning Candidates for Positions with Local Boards of Education.

SENATOR IVES:

Mr. President, I move for acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Clerk has an amendment.

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THE CLERK:

SENATE AMENDMENT A offered by Senator Ives:

Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

Section 1, in the local board of education or any regional board of education, receiving supervisory service as provided for in Section 10-159 of the General Statutes, may elect in lieu of such service to receive a grant equal to one half of the total cost of operating such supervisory service, by the State of Connecticut as of June 30, 1970 in such local school districts or regional school districts. Local board of education or regional board of education must notify the State Board of Education, not later than September 1, of any year in which they wish to make the election.

Section 2, this act shall take effect upon passage.

SENATOR IVES:

Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the amendment. The amendment strikes out everything in the original bill and substitutes language that allows local towns to take an option of obtaining rural supervisory service or a grant in lieu thereof.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The ayes have it. You may remark on the bill, as amended.

SENATOR IVES:

Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the bill, as amended. The amendment is the bill.

THE CHAIR:

~~Will you remark further? Hearing none, all those in favor of passage~~

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of the bill, as amended, signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The ayes have it, the bill is passed.

SENATOR IVES:

Mr. President, I move for suspension of the rules for immediate transmittal to the House, On cal. 786, Cal. 1172 and Cal. 677.

THE CHAIR:

If there is no objection, it is so-ordered.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. President, by agreement of the Minority and the Majority parties, may we take up on a Consent Motion, the following matters: I move for the adoption of the joint committee's favorable reports and the passage of the bills: On page two of the Calendar, 987, File No. 1125, Substitute House Bill 6484. An Act Concerning Personal Property Liens in Favor of Municipality 1101, File 1288, Substitute House Bill 7869, An Act Concerning State Pilots and Pilotage. Page 4, of the Calendar, Cal. 1190, File 1103, Sub House Bill 6709, An Act Concerning An Establishment of a Five Mile River Commission. Cal. 1196, File 1373, Sub House Bill 8671, An Act Concerning Acquisition of Case Mountain for use of A State Park. Cal. 1210, File 1425, Sub House Bill 5760, An Act Authorizing the Treasurer to Replace Mutilated, Defaced, Destroyed, Stolen or Lost State Obligations. Page 5, Cal. 1221, File 787, Sub House Bill 8334, An Act Concerning the Number of Resident State Policemen. Cal. 1224, File 930, House Bill 8453, An Act Concerning Military Funerals for National Guardsmen. Cal. 1230, File 1375, Sub House Bill 7929, An Act Concerning Second Taxing District of Norwalk. Cal. 1241, File 1471, Sub House Bill 5046. An Act Concerning Holding and Sale of Bonds to the State and the Pension Fund of the Teachers Retirement System. Page 6, Cal. 1242, File 1481