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THE CLERK:

Page 3, calendar 322, file 307, favorable report of the Committee on General Law on Sub. HB 5135, An Act concerning the Licensing of Hearing Aid Dealers.

SENATOR STRADA:

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

THE CLERK:

The Clerk has an amendment.

SENATOR STRADA:

I move that the reading be waived and I will explain the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Is there objection? You may proceed.

SENATOR STRADA:

I move adoption of the amendment. This amendment is the result of some of the objections by several members of the circle to the bill. For the past several days we have attempted to compromise it and we have. The amendment basically adds to the commission that will be set up under the hearing aid regulation two members of the public. The original bill called for hearing aid dealers and doctors and we are now adding two members of the public. Section four provides that anyone who has a history of an ear infection or discharge of the ear, dizziness, or unilateral loss or ear deformity within the previous sixty days shall be advised by the hearing aid dealer to consult a physician. I move adoption of the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Further remarks? If not, all in favor of adoption of the amendment

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signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay? The AYES have it. THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED. The Chair declares it a technical amendment. You may proceed with the bill.

SENATOR STRADA:

This bill brings into the realm of public regulation an occupational area which is still imperiled by unethical operators who can do irreparable harm to their unsuspecting clientele. The bill establishes ethical practices, it sets up professional qualifications, it provides for the licensing of hearing aid dealers. It is a product of a great many months of deliberations by representatives of dealers, but also of the medical profession. In other words, it is not a vested interest bill. It has undergone critical study by and gained the approval of independent professions with no financial or other ties to the hearing aid industry. By providing for the licensing of dealers, we assure that the public cannot fall prey to operators whose qualifications are dubious and do not face the scrutiny of a public agency. The provisions of the bill include audiologists who are engaged in commercial practice. Existing practitioners in the field are exempted but only temporarily. They must take and pass an examination within the next five years. Enforcement of the bill is placed in the hands of the commissioner of health who is authorized to issue licenses, administer examinations, and suspend or revoke licenses.

The bill contains strong safeguards against unethical conduct including sales by fraud or misrepresentation, misleading advertising and the use of unqualified personnel. Mr. President, by enacting this bill, we will be safeguarding the people of Conn. in an area where at present any person who represents himself as a hearing aid specialist may profiteer at the

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expense of an unknowing public. As we all know, the loss of hearing is one of the most serious of all disabilities. It is horrible to contemplate the notion that unethical sales organizations would exploit the victims of this tragedy. Yet this is happening and will happen continually in the future unless we take action. The committee believes this is a good bill, and I urge its passage.

SENATOR BUCKLEY:

Mr. President, I won't tax the ears of the members of the circle very long. I have been consistently opposed to licensing which extends itself into areas where no demonstrated need for licensing exists. In my humble opinion, this is one of those areas. Licensing bills such as this come to us because of the enlightened self interest of those people who are involved in the occupation to seek licensing. Their simple and distinct purpose is to build themselves into a licensing category of an occupation, licensed occupation and then try and build up from there, getting their foot in the door to the disadvantage of the public. If this bill provided that these people could only sell hearing aids on the prescription of a doctor of medicine who is qualified to give prescriptions, I could gladly vote for it. I didn't know it was coming up tonight; otherwise I would have had such an amendment myself. I believe that the interests of the people who are sponsoring this bill are self seeking. I believe it will not benefit the members of the general public. Therefore, I will vote against it.

SENATOR CASHMAN:

Very briefly, Mr. President, Senator Buckley has said it all.

THE CHAIR:

Further remarks? If not, the question is on passage of the bill as

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amended. All in favor indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay? The Chair is in doubt.

SENATOR STRADA:

I move that when the vote be taken, it be by roll call.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Strada, since the vote has been called already, it will have to be by a standing vote.

SENATOR STRADA:

All right. Then I question the vote and ask that it be taken by standing vote.

THE CHAIR:

The vote has been questioned. Will the Senators take their seats. Will the Senators in the caucus rooms return to the chamber.

All those in favor of passage of the bill, please stand.

Opposed, please stand. The vote is 22 to 7. THE BILL IS PASSED AS AMENDED.

Senator Strada.

SENATOR STRADA:

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

THE CHAIR:

Is there objection to suspension? If not, the rules are suspended. The bill may be transmitted to the House immediately.

THE CLERK:

Page 4, calendar 357, file 398, favorable report of the Committee on Environment, Sub HB 5168, An Act concerning Bridle Paths, Pedestrian Walks, Bicycle Paths and Linear Parks.

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by the Governor. The Favorable Report Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations. S.H.B. 5371. AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE. The Governor's veto has been over ridden by the House.

CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease a moment.

Frankly the Chairman did not understand this was coming up immediately and ----- May I have your attention please? The Chair did not understand this was coming up immediately and was not alerted to check out the details. It would have helped. I will do it while they are taking up another bill, if there is no objection. That is checking out the technical details of how we handle a veto.

If any of my parliamentary assistants wish to help, I would appreciate it. It is my recollection it is a two-thirds vote. Can it come up immediately and in what rule do we find and in what procedure do we find if any to go ahead on a veto?

Senator Caldwell is it agreeable to you that Senator Strada take up a bill that he wishes if passed here to go immediately to the House?

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Yes Mr. President.

CHAIR:

Will you identify the bill or shall we have Senator Strada do it?

SENATOR CALDWELL:

I believe it is H.B. 5135.

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CHAIR:

What page? Apparently that is incorrect the Clerk notifies me.

CLERK:

Clerk has a Senate Joint Resolution on recall, recalling S.H.B. 5135 from the Legislative Commissioner's office.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

I move for suspension of the rules for immediate consideration.

CHAIR:

If there is no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

I now move for adoption of the resolution.

CHAIR:

Senator Strada.

SENATOR STRADA:

Mr. President if the resolution has been adopted I would move for adoption of the amendment.

CHAIR:

Will you remark? Senator Strada.

SENATOR STRADA:

Mr. President I don't believe the resolution was passed. I don't believe you called for a vote on the resolution.

CHAIR:

Question is on adoption of the resolution for recall. Will you remark further? Hearing none all those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it the resolution on recall is adopted.

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CHAIR:

Just a minute Senator Houley please.

SENATOR STRADA:

Mr. President may we pass now we have to wait till the bill goes down stairs.

CHAIR:

I didn't hear you sir.

SENATOR STRADA:

Under suspension of the rules. I move for suspension of the rules to send the resolution down stairs.

CHAIR:

Senator Houley do you wish to be heard on this?

SENATOR HOULEY:

Yes, a point of information Mr. President could we have the title of the bill please?

CHAIR:

I think that is the least to which you are entitled.

SENATOR STRADA:

This is THE LICENSING OF HEARING AID DEALERS.

CHAIR:

The Licensing of Hearing Aid Dealers. Senator Houley further remarks? Senator Strada your remarks now are directed to motion to suspend the rules for immediate transmittal to the House. Any objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

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CLERK:

Clerk is ready with the Calendar.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. President I noticed that some of the people involved with several of the bills we are going to take up are not here, but there are some that I believe we can take up.

On page 3. we have two Finance bills. Senator Cutillo is ready to report them. Cal. 482. and Cal. 488.

CHAIR:

Senator Cutillo. Yielding to Senator Rimer. Do we have a Senator on this?

CLERK:

Please turn to page 3. Cal. 482. File 539. Favorable Report Joint Standing Committee on Finance. S.H.B. 5190. AN ACT CONCERNING SUCCESSION AND TRANSFER TAXES AND PROVIDING FOR THE TAXATION THEREUNDER OF PROPERTY TRANSFERRED BY EXERCISE OR NONEXERCISE OF A GENERAL POWER OF APPOINTMENT.

CHAIR:

Senator Rimer.

SENATOR RIMER:

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

CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR RIMER:

Mr. President this bill will eliminate the taxation of special powers

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CHAIR:

Yes perhaps it is a good chance to put them all together in a package.
If there is no objection it is so ordered.

CLERK:

Clerk would like to note that he has received back from the Committee on Recall, Senate Resolution 39, Recalling Substitute House Bill 5135.
AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF HEARING AID DEALERS. The bill is now back in the Clerk's possession.

CHAIR:

Senator Strada.

SENATOR STRADA:

Mr. President I move for suspension of the rules for immediate consideration.

CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR STRADA:

I move for acceptance to the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill. I believe the Clerk has an amendment.

CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule A. as offered by Senator Strada.
In Section 2. C. Line 45. Strike out "one" and insert "three".

SENATOR STRADA:

Mr. President I move adoption of the amendment.

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Will you remark on the amendment ?

SENATOR STRADA:

Mr. President, last week we passed a Bill licensing hearing aid dealer. The Bill was amended to change the composition of the Hearing Board from one to three. This was inserted in one paragraph and inadvertently omitted in the final paragraph. It is purely a technical change to conform with the Board and I urge its adoption.

CHAIR:

Questions on adoption of the amendment ? Hearing none all those in favor of adoption of the amendment signify by saying yea, those opposed nay. The yeas have it the amendment is adopted. The question is now on the Bill as amended. Will you remark ? Hearing none all those in favor of passage of the Bill as amended signify by saying yea, those opposed nay. The yeas have it. The Bill is passed as amended.

CLERK:

Clerk would make a correction. That is Senate amendment B. It was previously stated as Senate A and House A.

CHAIR:

So ordered. Senator Strada.

SENATOR STRADA:

Mr. President, I now move for suspension of the rules for immediate transmittal to the House.

CHAIR:

If there is no objection, it is so ordered. Senator Caldwell.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

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MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill. If not, the question is on acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. All those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed. The bill is passed.

CLERK:

Calendar 253, from General Law. Substitute for House Bill 5135 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF HEARING AID DEALERS.

MR. SPEAKER:

Gentleman from the 113th.

MR. WEBBER (113):

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark.

MR. WEBBER:

It is a happy day for those of us of the General Law Committee to note this bill finally on the calendar. We had it in our committee for the last three terms and just couldn't get around to coming up with a bill that satisfied all of the people involved. This bill brings into the realm of public regulation and occupational area which is still imperilled by unethical operators who can do irreparable harm to their unsuspecting clientele. The bill establishes ethical practices, sets up professional clarifications and provides for the licensing of hearing aid dealers. This bill is a product of a great many

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months of deliberations by representatives of dealers and also the medical profession. In other words, this is not a (inaudible) interest bill. It has undergone critical study and indeed the approval of independent professionals with no financial or (inaudible) of the hearing aid industry and providing for the licensing of dealers we insure that the public cannot fall prey to operators whose qualifications are dubious and have neither (inaudible) of a public agency. The provisions of this bill will include (inaudible) who also engage in commercial practices. Existing, those who are in the practice today are exempted, but only temporarily. They must take and pass an examination within the next five years. Enforcement of this bill is placed in the hands of the Commissioner of Health who is authorized to issue licenses, administer examinations and suspend or revoke licenses. The bill contains strong safeguards against unethical conduct including sales by fraud or misrepresentation, misleading advertising and the use of unqualified personnel. By enacting this bill we will be safeguarding the people of Connecticut in an area where at present, any person who represents himself as a hearing aid specialist may profiteer the expense of an unwilling public. As we all know, the loss of hearing is one of the most serious of all disabilities. It is horrible to contemplate the notion that unethical sales organizations would exploit the victims of this tragedy and yet this is happening and it will happen continually in the future unless we take this action. This is a good bill and I hope

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it passes.

MR. SPEAKER:

Gentleman from the 92nd.

MR. MAHANEY (92):

The Clerk has an amendment.

CLERK:

House A, offered by Mr. Mahaney of the 92nd.

Delete Section 12, renumber Section 13 as Section 12.

MR. MAHANEY:

What this amendment does is merely as stated, deletes Section 12 which had direction as to what the fees, where the fees, rather, were to go and what was to be done with them. There was some objection to it because apparently it is an unusual provision for any statute and with agreement of the minority side, it was felt best that this section be deleted in its entirety and that the fees go into the general fund of the State of Connecticut. It is a good amendment and I urge its adoption.

MR. SPEAKER:

Gentleman of the 113th.

MR. WEBBER (113):

I do not object to the amendment. As a matter of fact I shall support it. I just want the bill to pass.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on House A. If not, the question on its adoption. All those in favor will indicate by saying

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Aye. Opposed. House A is adopted and ruled technical. Will you remark further on the bill as amended. Gentleman from the 141st.

MR. WENZ (141):

In Connecticut today, the person who has the great misfortune to suffer from serious hearing loss is at the mercy of anyone who sets himself up in business as a dealer in hearing aids. At present there are no regulations protecting the public interest of this important field. This situation is intolerable. We cannot condone operations by operators who exploit the tragic handicapped, yet are unable to meet minimum standards of ethics and professional qualifications. What this bill, replace regulation of the hearing aid occupation in the hands of the Commissioner of Health. It would empower the Commissioner to suspend or revoke licenses in the cases of fraud, unethical conduct or felony convictions. This bill would go far to curb such practices as misleading or paid advertising and would bar the incompetent from this field. This is an excellent bill, protecting the public interest and I hope it passes.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill as amended. If not, the question is on the acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill as amended by House Amendment Schedule A. All those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed. The bill is passed.

CLERK:

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to the enumerated towns in which they can buy water. Weston is the town that the City of Norwalk wishes to buy water. This taxing district as I indicated before is where the Norwalk Hospital located. This amendment in the Senate meets with the approval of the City of Norwalk and the Norwalk Hospital.

I move its adoption.

MR. SPEAKER:

Chair would observe that we should first then adopt Senate "A" since no action was taken on it. Would you remark further on Senate "A".

If not, the question is on adoption of Senate "A".

All those in favor indicate by saying "aye." Opposed.

Senate "A" is adopted and ruled technical.

Would you remark further on the bill as twice amended.

Rep. Neiditz.

REP. NEIDITZ: (12th)

I move adoption of the bill as twice amended.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks. If not, the question is on acceptance and passage as amended.

All those in favor indicate by saying "aye." Opposed.

Bill as amended is passed.

The Clerk will continue with the call of Disagreeing Actions.

THE CLERK:

Cal. No. 253, sub. for H.B. No. 5135. AN ACT CONCERNING

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Favorable report of the Committee on General Law.

MR. SPEAKER:

Rep. Webber, Chairman of the Committee on General Law.

REP. WEBBER: (113th)

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance of the bill as amended and would ask the Clerk to please read the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Clerk will then call Senate "A", House "A" having been adopted already. Clerk will call Senate "A".

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule "A" which was offered by Sen. Caldwell of the 23rd bearing LCO No. 2093.

MR. SPEAKER:

Gentleman wish to outline the amendment for the benefit of the members?

REP. WEBBER: (113th)

I would prefer, Mr. Speaker, that the Clerk read it. I do not have a copy of the amendment here. I just glanced at it a minute ago.

MR. SPEAKER:

Gentleman wish more time to review it or do you wish the Clerk to read it?

REP. WEBBER: (113th)

I would like the Clerk to read it, Mr. Speaker. It's a

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short amendment.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Clerk will read Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule "A":

In line 37, before the word "was" strike out the word "and" and insert a comma in lieu thereof.

In line 38, after the comma before the word "all" insert the following: "and two members of the public,

Delete section 4 and substitute in lieu thereof the following: Section 4, anyone who has a history of ear infection, discharge of the ear, dizziness, unilateral loss, or ear deformity, within the previous 60 days shall be advised by the hearing aid dealer as defined herein to consult a physician or an (inaudible) as defined herein prior to fitting of the hearing aid. A written statement stating that consumer has been advised of such shall accompany any sale of a hearing aid.

In line 294, strike out the word "fourteen" and insert the word "sixteen" in lieu thereof.

In line 298, insert through section 7 as follows:

Section 7, fitting or selling a hearing aid to anyone who has a history of ear infection within the previous 60 days without requiring an examination by an otorinolaryngologist.

Re-number Section 7 as Section 8.

In line 45, after the comma delete the word "one" and substitute therefor the word "three" to provide for the two members of the public.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Anyone wish it reread?

REP. WEBBER: (113th)

I move adoption of Senate Amendment "A", Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Would you remark on Senate "A".

REP. WEBBER: (113th)

Yes Mr. Speaker. All this does is strengthen the bill that we passed here last week. I think the amendment is a good one. It changes the makeup of the Commission taking the majority of these members away from hearing aid dealers to that of the general public and also increases the age from 14 to 16 wherein a medical certificate would be required.

I move passage of Senate Amendment "A" (or "B").

MR. SPEAKER:

Would you remark further on Senate "A". If not, the question is on adoption of Senate "A".

All those in favor indicate by saying "aye." Opposed.
Senate "A" is adopted and ruled technical.

Would you remark further on the bill as twice amended.

Rep. Webber.

REP. WEBBER: (113th)

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think this bill was fully aired last week, no opposition to this measure when we came upon the floor at that time, I'm sure there's none now.

It's a good bill. It's a bill we need. I move its adoption.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on the bill as amended. If not, the question is on acceptance and passage as amended.

All those in favor indicate by saying "aye." Opposed.

Bill as amended is passed.

THE CLERK:

Cal. No. 257, H.B. No. 5352. AN ACT CONCERNING THE TESTING OF CLINICAL THERMOMETERS. (As amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A").

Favorable report of the Committee on Government Administration and Policy. File No. 311.

MR. SPEAKER:

Chair recognizes our expert on clinical thermometers, Rep. Neiditz of the 12th in West Hartford.

REP. NEIDITZ: (12th)

I'll be oral today, Mr. Speaker. (MR. SPEAKER: Be careful)

I move adoption and passage, Mr. Speaker, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

MR. SPEAKER:

Clerk will call Senate "A". (REP. NEIDITZ: Mr. Speaker, may I summarize Senate "A"?) Once the Clerk has called it.

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule "A" which was offered by Sen. Jackson of the 5th, bearing LCO No. 1869.

MR. SPEAKER:

Is there objection to the gentleman outlining the amendment? Please proceed.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Will the Clerk call the Amendment.

THE CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "A", offered by Mr. Stolberg, of the 112th, Mrs. Griswold, of the 109th, Mr. Morris, of the 111th, Mr. O'Dea, of the 105th, Mr. Tacinelli, of the 108th, Mr. Webber, of the 113th, Mr. Gudelski, of the 110th, Mr. Oliver, of the 104th, and Mrs. Taneszlo, of the 107th.

IRVING STOLBERG:

Mr. Speaker, there are copies of the Amendment on the desks of all of the Members. I would ask under Rule 10 it be printed in the Journal.

MR. SPEAKER:

So ordered. The Chair at this time would refer the original Resolution and the Amendment to the Committee on Government Administration and Policy. The Chair thanks the gentleman from the 46th.

THOMAS J. DONNELLY:

Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Does the Clerk have further business? Does the gentleman from the 118th wish the recall Resolution called at this time?

THE CLERK:

S.J.R. No. 39, recalling Substitute for House Bill 5135
from the Legislative Commissioners' office. This is business
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CARL R. AJELLO, JR.:

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Mr. Speaker, I move suspension of the rules for immediate consideration of the Resolution.

MR. SPEAKER:

Hearing no objection, so ordered. Do you wish the Resolution read?

CARL R. AJELLO, JR.:

Yes, Mr. Speaker.

THE CLERK:

Resolved by this Assembly, that a Committee of one Senator and two Representatives be appointed to request the Legislative Commissioners to return Substitute for House Bill 5135 for further consideration by this General Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question's on adoption of the Resolution. Will you remark.

CARL R. AJELLO, JR.:

Mr. Speaker, there is apparently a mechanical problem with this...with the Bill which was passed in that there was a certain Amendment which was adopted in proper order. However, it was not properly printed, so that neither the Journal nor the computer reflects this as a content of the Bill. The purpose of recalling it is simply to repass it in the exact form which it was intended to be passed, but with this clearly in the Bill and in the computer and all of the other marvelous mechanical devices that make it so easy for us here these days.

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Will you remark further on the Resolution. If not, the question's on adoption of the Resolution. All those in favor indicate by saying "aye". Opposed. The Resolution is adopted. Is there objection to suspension or transmittal? Hearing none, so ordered, Subject to approval by the Senate, the Chair, at this point, would name as the House Members to the Recall Committee the Chairman of the Committee on General Law, Representative Albert R. Webber, from the 113th, in New Haven, and Representative Spiegel, from the 126th, in Trumbull, and if they would accompany the Legislative Commissioners to the Senate, maybe they can take care of this this afternoon. The Chair is informed that the Senate has acted already, so transmittal was not necessary. Would Representative Webber step down to the well and accompany Mr. Lewis and Mr. Goldberg. Does the Clerk have further business? The House will stand at ease, while we attempt to ascertain if the Members to report out four Resolutions are present and are ready to proceed. Would Representative O'Neill come to the rostrum. The Clerk will call the Resolution in his possession.

THE CLERK:

BUSINESS FROM THE SENATE

Already adopted by the Senate here under suspension of the rules, S.J.R. No. 32. Resolution concerning information pertaining to the State Budget.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from the 52nd for purposes of moving adoption of the Resolution.

WILLIAM A. O'NEILL:

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Mr. Speaker, it is with great reluctance that I rise to say that I will not oppose recommitment. This Bill which seeks to preserve our open space land in Connecticut was supported by the nature of conservancy throughout Connecticut. It was raised by the Environment Committee at my request, and after it was referred by that Committee to the Finance Committee, I was very pleased to see that the Finance Committee wished to report it out favorably. I realize that it would be futile to oppose recommitment. I understand the problem with the Bill is the ambiguity concerning its possible financial impact. But I do congratulate the Finance Committee on what they have done with this Bill and hopefully something similar can be done in the next Session. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Unless there is further objection, the item will be recommitted. Is there further objection? Hearing none, the item indicated is recommitted.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 581. S.B. No. 284. An Act concerning the State Budget document. File No. 437.

JOHN F. PAPANDRIA:

Mr. Speaker, may this item be passed temporarily.

MR. SPEAKER:

So ordered.

THE CLERK:

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ALBERT R. WEBBER:

Mr. Speaker, I move adoption of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

MR. SPEAKER:

Does the gentleman wish to move adoption of the Senate Amendments.

ALBERT R. WEBBER:

Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Will the Clerk please call both Senate Amendments that have not heretofore been adopted in this Chamber. For the benefit of the Members again the Disagreeing Action on Page 2 has been called.

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule B adopted by the Senate on May 2nd, L.C.O. No. 967. Section 2C, Line 45, strike out "one" and insert "three".

MR. SPEAKER:

Will the Clerk call that again. It's a short Amendment, and I think it would be beneficial to have it read again. The new Senate Amendment is Senate B, and the Clerk will read it again.

THE CLERK:

Section 2C, Line 45, strike out "one" and insert "three".

MR. SPEAKER:

Question's on adoption of Senate B. Will you remark on

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Senate B.

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ALBERT R. WEBBER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Actually, we adopted this Bill as amended not too long ago. However, due to a technical error, it's back before us in that the Amendment when it came to us was hand-written on the Bill as opposed to its regular and usual form and, of course, did not appear through the computer in our file. It merely increases the public members of the Advisory Council from one to three and provides the term for same. What we are now doing, as I said before, we've already done, and the Governor will not approve this Bill in its present form, and it must and should be technically correct. I move acceptance, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Further remarks on Senate B. If not, the question's on adoption of Senate B. All those in favor indicate by saying "aye". Opposed. Senate B is adopted and ruled technical. Will you remark further on the Bill as amended. If not, the question's on acceptance and passage as amended. All those in favor indicate by saying "aye". Opposed. The Bill as amended is passed.

THE CLERK:

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

With emergency certification, H.B. No. 5522. An Act concerning the redistricting of Connecticut's Congressional Districts. For reference to the Committee on Elections.

MR. SPEAKER:

So ordered.

JOHN P. MAIOCCO, JR.: