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Mr. Speaker, I would first, before calling the Consent Calendar, make reference to Calendar 155, on Page 2, of the Consent Calendar, for the notation that that matter be removed from the Consent Calendar and passed retaining its place.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Question's on removing from the Consent Calendar 155 and pass retaining, and if there are no objections, so moved.

ALBERT W. CRETELLA, JR.:

Now, on the Consent Calendar, Mr. Speaker, I would move that the following items be passed: Page 1, Calendar 148, H.B. 8074, File No. 151; Calendar 149, Substitute for H.B. 8140, File 157; Calendar 150, H.B. 8112, File 172; Calendar 151, Substitute for H.B. 8151, File 167; on Page 2, Calendar 153, H.B. 8207, File 164; Calendar 154, H.B. 8289, File 168; Calendar 158, Substitute for H.B. 8390, File 162; Calendar 164, H.B. 8801, File 160; Calendar 167, H.B. 8509, File 159; Calendar 169, H.B. 8721, File 150. Moving to Page 3, Calendar 174, H.B. 8638, File 179; Calendar 181, Substitute for H.B. 8529, File 174; Calendar 197, Substitute for S.B. 1591, File 77; and Calendar 198, S.B. 1609, File 80.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question's on the passage of all matters on the Consent Calendar. If there are no objections, all those in favor.

MARILYN PEARSON;

Mr. Speaker, I would like to remove and pass retaining Calendar 148, File 151, please.

MR. SPEAKER:

So ordered. I might compliment the lady from the 121st

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on her lovely soprano voice.

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ALBERT W. CRETELLA, JR.:

Motion is to pass.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question's on passage of all matters on the Consent Calendar with the exception of Calendar No. 148. All those in favor. Opposed. Bills are passed. Would the gentleman from the 87th please move that Calendar No. 148 be passed retaining, the matter that was just removed.

ALBERT W. CRETELLA, JR.:

Yes, Mr. Speaker. I thought that Representative Pearson had done so. I move it be passed retained.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question's on passing retaining Calendar No. 148, and if there is no objection, so ordered.

ROBERT J. VICINO:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to move the following items on today's Calendar to the Consent: all items are on Page 10; Calendar 208, H.B. 8370, File 202; Calendar 210, S.B. 1544, File 115; Calendar 211, S.B. 1621, File 81; Calendar 213, S.B. 1768, File 113. I move, Mr. Speaker, these items to the Consent Calendar.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question is placing these matters on the Consent Calendar and any objections? If not, so ordered.

BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR

THE CLERK:

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passed by the Legislature some two years ago should^{not}/have included the words five acres or more and this is merely an attempt to delete that provision and also to provide that a person who makes his land available but does not have to make all of it available but only has to make part of it available. I would also move, Mr. President, that this be transferred to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is to the Consent Calendar. Hearing no objection, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 29th, File 167. Substitute for House Bill 8151, AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY OF LANDOWNERS UPON WHOSE LAND ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES, SNOWMOBILES AND MOTORCYCLES ARE OPERATED. Favorable Report of the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Guidera.

SENATOR GUIDERA: (26th)

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark.

SENATOR GUIDERA:

Yes, Mr. President. The present law is that we limit the liability of any landowner over whom someone drives a snowmobile and that's all. We are adding to the language of

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this bill all terrain vehicles as defined in 14-379 and any motorcycle and we find that it shouldn't be limited to snowmobiles only, that there are many people who drive motorcycles and all terrain vehicles and it should be expanded to include those. I would also move, Mr. President, that it be transferred to the Consent Calendar.

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THE CHAIR:

Motion is to the Consent Calendar. Hearing no objection, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 293, File 164. House Bill 8207, AN ACT CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF JURORS FOR EACH TOWN. Favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Guidera.

SENATOR GUIDERA: (26th)

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark.

SENATOR GUIDERA:

Mr. President, the present law is that if a town has population of fifteen hundred people or less that they need only send to the courts of our State 30 jurors per year. We have some towns in this State that have less than 750 people

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An Act Concerning Retirement Election by New State Employees. roc

THE CHAIR:

Appropriations.

THE CLERK:

From Public Personnel and Military Affairs. H.B. 9022,
An Act Concerning Adjustments for Teachers Who Have Retired
Because of Disability.

THE CHAIR:

Appropriations.

THE CLERK:

From Public Personnel and Military Affairs. H.B. 9196,
An Act Concerning Disability Retirement of State Policemen,
Correctional Officers and Correctional Supervisors.

THE CHAIR:

Appropriations.

THE CLERK:

No further business on the Clerk's desk.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Rome.

SENATOR ROME:

Mr. President, I move for acceptance and passage of
the following matters on the Consent Calendar; Cal. 235, Cal.
239, Cal. 282, Cal. 283, Cal. 285, Cal. 288, Cal. 290, Cal. 291,
Cal. 293, Cal. 294, Cal. 295, Cal. 296, Cal. 297, Cal. 298,
Cal. 301, Cal. 316. Bills passed on the Consent Calendar ~~SB-1826, SB-1604~~
~~HB-8112, HB-8595, HB-8801, HB-8638, HB-8140, HB-8151, HB-8207, HB-8375, HB-8390,~~
~~HB-8040, HB-8208, HB-8289, HB-8529, HB-9001.~~

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THE CHAIR:

All those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay.
No objections. The Consent Calendar as enumerated by the
Majority Leader is adopted.

SENATOR ROME:

Mr. President, an announcement of a caucus, Republican
caucus, immediately after this session. And I would move,
unless there are other announcements, to adjourn until tomorrow
at 2:00 p.m.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Gunther.

SENATOR GUNTHER:

Mr. President, I rise for the purpose of an intro-
duction. I have two young ladies here from Milford, they are
watching government in action for the past two days. If the
Senate would give them their usual warm welcome.

SENATOR ROME:

I withhold my motion to adjourn. The Clerk has some
business, TO BE READ In.

THE CLERK:

Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on
Transportation, Substitute Senate Bill 1698, An Act Concerning
the Highway Construction Program.

THE CHAIR:

Tabled for the Calendar and Printing.

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JUDICIARY

TUESDAY

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DANIEL BRENNAN con't: in the morning and they decided what jobs they were going to get out that day. That goes on today. The courts spend three-quarters of an hour. Now they've got tremendous logistics problems. When you try to gather together all the people that have to be gathered for a trial, there is an enormous logistic problem. But I say, that kind of thing should be taken away from the judges, they should want it taken away. They should be there to hear the business that comes before them and what happens on what business before them on any given day ought to be handled professionally and ought to be handled by this administrative body established to take care of it.

REP. BINGHAM: Thank you Mr. Brennan. Mr. Donald Pittsley or before Mr. Pittsley, are there any other legislators that have come into the room that wish to speak? Mr. Pittsley.

DONALD PITTSLEY: Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, my name is Donald Pittsley and I am President of Connecticut Motorcycle Riders Association and Executive Secretary of the Motorcycle Dealers Association.

Both Associations would like to go on record in being in favor of Committee Bill 8140 and Committee Bill 8151. Bill 8140 would protect the landowner of fewer than five acres of land and also of the owner part of the land available to the public, we feel that this is a good bill.

The other bill 8151 would provide additional recreation land for use of all terrain vehicles and motorcycles. We would like to suggest that the words, 'minibike or minicycle' also be included to help clarify their operations on such land as proposed in House Bill 5142. Thank you.

REP. BINGHAM: Thank you. Are there any questions? Thank you Mr. Pittsley. Mr. Samuel Schoonmaker.

SAMUEL SCHOONMAKER: Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am appearing here this morning in connection with House Bill 8235, Concerning Revision and Reform of the Connecticut Laws relative to divorce. I am chairman of the Family Law section of the Connecticut Bar Association, which played a part in the drafting of this legislation, and I'm also appearing today, as it indicates today, that the Connecticut Bar Association has endorsed this bit of legislation.

The thrust of this legislation is to reconsider all aspects of the laws pertaining to divorce and legal separation in Connecticut. It was the feeling of the section that drafted this legislation that the current Connecticut Laws work substantial hardships in many instances on the parties to divorce and separation in proceedings and to their children and to the proper administration of justice and the bill has been drafted with those considerations in mind. Family Law Section is very concerned about the integrity of the family

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MR. GAUCHER con't: The other bill that I am going to address myself to is the House Bill #8247, AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Again this would be legislation of considerable importance and the Board of Governors of the State Bar Association has considered the merits of such an act being taken and it does not approve, the Board of Governors does approve having a separate department of Justice. I think its only fair to say that there is division within the bar as to the exactly how that should be brought about, whether it should be a separate division of Justice within the Judicial Department, whether it should be a division altogether, such as is contemplated for the public defender services and then of course, there is a proposal of having it under the Attorney General's Office.

I think that, insofar as the three various aspects that are being considered, the latter under the Attorney General, the minority view of the greater number of the bar. In any event it would be in favor of setting up a separate division of Justice query is whether it should be in the Judicial Department or on a separate independent altogether from the Judiciary and from the Attorney General's Office.

There are other bills that I'm just going to list them and indicate to you what the position of the organized bars is in regards to them.

First Bill 8151, AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY OF LAND OWNERS UPON WHOSE LAND OR TERRAIN VEHICLES, SNOWMOBILES AND MOTORCYCLES ARE OPERATED. The board is in favor of that legislation. I'm on the first page by the way.

House Bill 8160, AN ACT ADOPTING UNIFORM MINOR STUDENT CAPACITY TO BORROW ACT. The bar is in favor.

HOUSE BILL 8207, AN ACT CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF JURORS FOR EACH TOWN. The board approves of that legislation.

8140, AN ACT CONCERNING THE SELECTION AND SUMMONING OF JURORS. The board is in favor of that legislation.

House Bill 8239, AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATION OF FIREMEN COMING TO TESTIFY IN CIRCUIT OR JUVENILE COURT. The board approves of that legislation.

HOUSE BILL 8227, AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEFENDANT SERVICES COMMISSION. The board definitely approves of that legislation.

On page 2, House Bill 8140, AN ACT EXEMPTING PROPERTY OWNERS OF LAND AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC RECREATIONS FROM LIABILITY. The board approves.

House Bill 8204, AN ACT CONCERNING THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF WATERBURY, this act is designed to make certain technical