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THE CHAIR:

Will you remark.

SENATOR PAGE:

This bill amends Special Act No. 55 of the 1972 General Assembly which provides that the treasurer, with the consent of the Board of Trustees of regional community colleges is authorized to convey certain land of which a legal description is contained in the bill to the Town of Manchester. This is just to correct a deformity in past sessions and I move acceptance of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? All those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it. THE BILL IS PASSED.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 146, File 116. Substitute for Senate Bill 1825.

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE ODD FELLOWS HOME OF CONNECTICUT.

Favorable Report of the Committee on General Law.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Page.

SENATOR PAGE:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark.

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MR. SPEAKER:

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Are you prepared to vote? Members will return to their seats. Machine will be open. (Please do not vote until the machine gets cleared) (Would you please stop playing with your buzzers until we---) Has everyone voted? Machine will be closed and the Clerk please take a tally.

ASS'T. CLERK:

Tally on Senate Bill No. 1630:

Total Number Voting.....	131
Necessary for Passage.....	66
Those voting Yea.....	131
Those voting Nay.....	0
Absent and Not Voting.....	20

MR. SPEAKER:

The Joint Committee's favorable report is accepted and the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Business on the Calendar. Cal. No. 215, File No. 116, Sub. for S.B. No. 1825. AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE ODD FELLOWS HOME OF CONNECTICUT.

Favorable report of the Committee on General Law.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The gentleman from the 137th.

REP. NEWMAN: (137th)

Mr. Speaker, I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark. hw

REP. NEWMAN: (137th)

Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut is an especially chartered corporation. Under its charter it's presently entitled under special act No. 243 of the 1953 Legislature to hold property up to a value of one and a half million dollars exempt from taxation. This bill would increase the value of property exempt from taxation to two million dollars reflecting inflationary factors and accomodation for eighty additional---

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Would ask that you please be quiet.

REP. NEWMAN: (137th)

----and reflect the accomodations for eighty additional inmates or guests to the home.

The original charter was granted in 1893 by special act No. 119 and the home is a non-profit charitable organization. I imagine the same as the homes of the Masons and the Knights of Columbus and so on.

I urge passage of this validating act.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Gentleman from the 1st.

REP. KENNELLY: (1st)

Through you a question to the gentleman who brought out the bill.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The gentleman from the 137th care to respond?

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REP. NEWMAN: (137th)

Well I haven't heard the question---

REP. KENNELLY: (1st)

I will pose the question first, Mr. Speaker. (Forgot my question) (That's a good question)

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman may have indicated the location of the town in which the home is located in his principal remarks. I'd be grateful to him if he did so, if he would repeat it, failing that, would he tell me where the home is located.

REP. NEWMAN: (137th)

I don't know the exact location of it sir.

REP. KENNELLY: (1st)

Well that makes my--response to my next question---

Through you Mr. Speaker, I'll inquire of anybody in the chamber if they can tell me where the home is located.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Is there anyone in the chamber who can answer the question?

Rep. McGill.

REP. MCGILL: (40th)

Yes Mr. Speaker. It's in the Town of Groton.

REP. KENNELLY: (1st)

Through you Mr. Speaker to Rep. McGill or Rep. Newman, what is the position of the Town of Groton as far as this bill is concerned.

REP. NEWMAN: (137th)

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I'll defer to Rep. McGill. I don't come from Groton.

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THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Rep. McGill, would you care to answer the question?

REP. MCGILL: (40th)

The town supports the home rule principle entirely but as far as I know there is no official position from the town.

REP. KENNELLY: (1st)

Well, am I to understand that the town has taken no position on this bill, through you Mr. Speaker, to Rep. McGill.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The gentleman from Groton.

REP. MCGILL: (40th)

As far as I know, yes.

REP. KENNELLY: (1st)

Thank you sir.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The gentleman from the 29th.

REP. KABLIK: (29th)

Very briefly, Mr. Speaker, the assets at this point of the Odd Fellows exceeds two and one-half million so it's actually just a corrective statute acknowledging what in fact is two and one-half times the legal limit at this point and allowing for future expansion.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Gentleman from the 34th, Rep. O'Neill.

REP. O'NEILL: (34th)

Mr. Speaker, through you a question to the gentleman

reporting out the bill. I believe he said it's increasing their amount from a million and one-half to two million but I see in the file it said six. Maybe I didn't hear you correctly. hw

REP. NEWMAN: (137th)

Not to amount to more than six million, provides for future expansion.

REP. O'NEILL: (34th)

I thought you had said two million rather than six million.

REP. NEWMAN: (137th)

I may have.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Would you please address the Chair in a proper manner.

REP. O'NEILL: (34th)

Excuse me Mr. Speaker. I thought the gentleman, through you sir, I thought you had said-----

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

I am not reprimanding my friend from the 34th. It's the gentleman from Norwalk.

REP. O'NEILL: (34th)

(He's a friend too, isn't he?)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Gentleman from the 70th.

REP. AVCOLLIE: (70th)

Mr. Speaker, I don't know if the Republican House Chairman of the Committee on Finance is in the Hall but if he is, through you, I would like to ask a question. Oh, yes, there he is, he's sleeping in the back.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

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Did you answer your own question?

REP. AVCOLLIE: (70th)

No. Mr. Speaker, I knew if he was in the House he was sleeping but I still would like to ask him a question.

Through you a question to Rep. Camp, doesn't this type of bill which deals with tax exemption which of course affects the revenue in the municipality, doesn't this type of bill normally go through the Finance Committee?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Summon the gentleman from the 111th.

REP. AVCOLLIE: (70th)

He waved to me Mr. Speaker, I don't know if he means yes or no.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

He's not asleep then.

REP. AVCOLLIE:

Mr. Speaker, I certainly can't object to the content of the bill or to the intent and I don't think anyone in the House could but I would think that we would be entitled to No. 1, know what the procedure is if there's any question and I did serve on the Finance Committee for six years and it was my understanding that this type of bill wherever it originated it ends up in Finance and I believe in this instance it's come out of the wrong committee and I would respectfully suggest that, Mr. Speaker, if I'm correct, it be referred to Finance and come back to this body in proper fashion.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Are you putting that to a motion, Rep. Avcollie?

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REP. AVCOLLIE: (70th)

Not at this time because I'm hopeful that perhaps someone from the Finance Committee might enlighten us.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Maybe one of the members of that organization will answer. I know if the title they're "Odd Fellows".

REP. AVCOLLIE: (70th)

Mr. Speaker, in the absence or the inability of the chairman to answer perhaps someone would perform his duties.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The gentleman from the 87th.

REP. CRETELLA: (87th)

Mr. Speaker, I am not on the Finance Committee but I did inquire of Senator Truex who had introduced this bill in the Senate as to some of the implications and also with reference to the question of the Finance Committee having been appraised of that question by Rep. Avcollie prior to it coming to the floor and I was advised that No. 1, the Odd Fellows at this particular time are in the midst of an expansion program of their home which is used to house members of the Odd Fellows' elderly, and that is one of the reasons that they need the additional tax exemption and secondly, that the financial implications have nothing to do with the state because it will not affect dollars flowing to the state but does have the only implication on the local real estate taxes.

If that is of any help to Rep. Avcollie.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

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Gentleman from the 10th. Gentleman from the 10th to wave "no".

Does anyone else care to remark. If not, will everyone please take their seats and clear the aisle and will the Clerk please make an announcement on the outside-----

REP. BLUMENTHAL: (50th)

Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of an announcement.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

You may make the announcement.

REP. BLUMENTHAL: (50th)

Thank you Mr. Speaker. Immediately after this roll call there will be a very important but short meeting of the State and Urban Development Committee. It was originally set for 3:30 but we're going to try it at about 5:00 o'clock, the Lord willing.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

(Tape #12) Is everyone in their seats? Question is on the acceptance and passage in concurrence with the Senate. Now open the machine. Has everyone voted? We'll relax a little bit until the Environment Committee arrives. Has everyone voted? Machine will be locked.

ASS'T. CLERK:

Tally on S.B. No. 1825:

Total Number Voting.....	141
Necessary for Passage.....	71
Those voting Yea.....	141
Those voting Nay.....	0

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THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The bill is accepted and passed in concurrence with the Senate.

The gentleman from the 119th.

REP. STEVENS: (119th)

Mr. Speaker, may we now return to page 2 and request that through you sir that the Clerk call Calendar No. 180, Sub. for H.B. No. 8288, your File No. 175.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

So ordered.

I would like to note that the Speaker and the Minority Leader-at-large are leaving for Washington and I wish that to be recorded in the record.

The gentleman from the 66th was in the Environmental Committee chamber and was unable to be here for the vote and I would like that recorded in the Journal.

Gentleman from the 66th.

REP. HARLOW: (66th)

Mr. Speaker, there's an additional list of names if you'll check with our Assistant Clerk, Sherry Castiglioni, perhaps we could read that into the Journal also. Some of them may have made it down here to vote but others did not.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Did Rep. Ciampi vote? Did Rep. Churchill vote?

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THURSDAY

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However, I wish to publicly go on record for the committee in favor of Committee Bill 8528. An Act concerning referenda on the establishment of race tracks. You heard already from Rep. Curtis, you will hear later I believe from other Senators and Representatives. I would just like to indicate that it is a... retains if you wish all the local autonomy that we are trying to perfect. What you have to bear in mind ~~and~~ this is one thing I want to stress, is that a developer interested in something like this has literally hundreds of thousands of dollars at his disposal for his research and development and so forth. Unfortunately the citizens faced with a proposal like this have limited resources, limited time. The developer takes his time and builds his program then springs it, if you wish, on the Planning and Zoning Commission. It usually is a very complex item that requires much study and this provides for a last veto, if you wish, by the towns people of the particular track. If in fact it turns out something has not been discovered, if you wish, or really thoughtfully considered until very late in the game. The only other comment is in reference to any amendment to this Act. As I understand the referendum in Stratford is scheduled for April 3rd, and just looking at the mechanics of it the chances of this bill being acted upon favorably and reaching the floor look minimal probably by April 3rd. I would suggest that if perhaps the committee could hold, if they are interested in that kind of an amendment, hold it in obeisance and introduce it at such time that it might be appropriate rather than tacking in right into the bill at this point. Are there any questions that is all I have to say at this time? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN NEWMAN: Thank you. Senator Truex...

SENATOR TRUEX: Thank you Senator Page, Representative Newman and members of the committee. I am Senator Ruth Truex from the 9th District. I am speaking in support of committee bill 8528. An Act concerning referenda on the establishment of race tracks. As has already been indicated this bill will guarantee the autonomy of the individual legislative bodies in the towns. Provides for a normal progression of activities, legislative activities in any community. Merely gives the people in the event of the introduction of a race track or similar kind of insulation the final word on this particular issue. It seems to me that when an issue of this magnitude affect a town that rightfully the final decision does belong on the part of the towns people who, live in that town. I would hope actually that they would have made themselves...their feelings so well known through the course of events that a referenda would not be necessary. That the legislative bodies would be responsive to the needs of the town and the wishes of the town. That this is a last veto and has been said before which enables towns people to express their points of view and I urge your consideration.

Just very briefly, I would like to go on record in support of substitute bill 1825 and there will be someone here, I think, from the Odd Fellows Association who will explain this in more detail. Thank you very much.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

MONDAY

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_____ : If nothing else we're putting Nut Plains on the map these days aren't we?

_____ : I guess so.

REPRESENTATIVE NEWMAN: Which would cost the consumer less, if they got the water through your company or Nut Plains?

WILLIAM GUILLAUME: It's like comparing apples and oranges. The type of system that is there now, without fire protection, and without large storage facilities, will cost the consumer less than putting in a system attaching to ours which has the back up and the fire protection available.

SENATOR LYONS: Senator Lyons, the 25th. What is the philosophy that your company follows on supplying water to the homes along your route? Do they just tap into your line, I assume, and then you charge them so much.

WILLIAM GUILLAUME: Well, the main extension is made at the cost of the developer.

SENATOR LYONS: I'm not talking about a developer now. I'm talking about the individual homes being built along the road.

WILLIAM GUILLAUME: Well, if someone were to build a home along the road and attach to the main, attach to this main say, they would then refund an equitable amount of money to us, which we in turn we return to the developer. And hence he would benefit over a fifteen year period, which is the life of our normal agreement. Other people making use of this main, refunds would go to this same developer that paid the extension of the main.

SENATOR LYONS: Do you charge tapping fees to a regular customer to a line that you have already installed?

WILLIAM GUILLAUME: No sir. No sir. He pays what it actually costs to make the tap. There's is no tapping charge, no flat rate or fee such as you describe.

SENATOR LYONS: Alright, now if the house was--, suppose you have a main along a road that is already developed, and somebody buys a piece of property and puts a house in, does that home owner pay a share of the cost of your main line?

WILLIAM GUILLAUME: Yes.

REPRESENTATIVE DZIALO: Representative Dzialo from the 33rd Middletown. An