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Clerk has an amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Petroni. If you move the bill then we can move to the amendment.

SENATOR PETRONI:

Can this be passed temporarily?

THE CHAIR:

Yes

THE CLERK:

Turning to Page 3 of the Calendar, Calendar No. 280, File No. 212, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 377. AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL IN THE CAPITAL AREA HEALTH CONSORTIUM, INC. with a favorable report of the Committee on Education.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Truex

SENATOR TRUEX:

Thank you Mr. President, I move for consideration of the Joint Committees, favorable consideration of the Joint Committees report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR TRUEX:

Thank you. The bill would enable the University of Connecticut to commit the University Hospital at Farmington to become a member of a consortium being developed for the greater Hartford

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area and involving seven hospitals. The hospitals are Hartford, Mt. Sinai, New Britain General, St. Francis, The Institute of Living, Manchester and Newington Children's Hospital. The basic objective is to join the hospitals together to prevent duplication and promote efficiency. The Consortium agreement is expected to enhance opportunities, provide educational experiences for medical students and a wide variety of other health professions. The bill is necessary in order to join a public institution with a private institution as the consortium is developed. The state agency may not delegate its statutorially assigned responsibilities without a specific legislative mandate. The legislation would enable the University of Connecticut to permit the University Hospital at Farmington to become part of this consortium being developed for the greater Hartford area.

The main objective is to join the hospitals together to prevent duplication and to promote efficiency. This has proved to be an effective way to maximize services and contain costs in other cities. It has been done effectively in Detroit, Michigan, I understand, it would cover some (inaudible) general and specialized hospital beds at the end (inaudible) the seven institutions that I mentioned earlier and would provide enormous opportunity for expanding teaching opportunities to students, the medical and dental students at the University of Connecticut Medical School. The proposed legislation has been endorsed by the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees and I would like to read to you just briefly from another endorsement that I had

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which comes from one of the possible members of the consortium. The Consortium began as a development in early January of 1973. It was conceived to bring close together the hospitals of the area with a goal of providing the highest possible quality of medical services at the lowest practicalable costs to all persons needing such services. To provide the most advanced coordinated program possible in the areas of preventive care and research and the greatest possible integration of educational programs in medicine, dentistry, nursing and allied health. It is provided to eliminate the greatest possible degree of both unnecessary duplication and incomplete coverage in the providing services and facilities and will enable the education of the public as to the health care needs in the community and the goals of the corporation with regard thereto to be enormously improved.

It is important that the University of Connecticut Medical Center be a part of this consortium which is being established for the greater Hartford area as a means of providing more economical service, prevent duplication and expanding the general field of health care. There would be no financial costs, as I understand it, to the state and would in fact ultimately result in more efficient use and reduced costs. I urge the passage of the bill and would suggest it be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to placing the bill on the Consent Calendar? Senator Lenge.

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SENATOR LENGE:

Mr. President, through you a question to Senator Truex. Senator in view of the fact that this section, Section 1 of the bill would authorize contracts for a long term, could it be construed then as indirect authorization to the University to make financial commitments beyond its appropriations in the budget or in effect commit the state to financial commitments in the future budgets?

SENATOR TRUEX:

Not so far as I understand the bill Senator Lenge, we have a fiscal analysis which indicates there would be no estimated cost and I assume that this would be correct. There is nothing in the provision other than as I indicated where they would collaborate without financial implication.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to placing the bill on the Consent Calendar? Hearing none, so ordered. Senator Zisk.

SENATOR ZISK:

I rise for the purpose of an introduction at this time.

THE CHAIR:

Proceed.

SENATOR ZISK:

Thank you Mr. President. Mr. President and members of the circle, today we are favored I think with a very large contingent of young people from New Britain, The Stanely Holmes School, I believe the fifth grade classes together with their teachers

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to be read by the gentleman from the 87th.

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REP. CRETELLA: (87th)

Page 1, Cal. No. 126, Sub. for H.B. No. 5117
 " Cal. No. 443, Sub. for H.B. No. 5620
 " Cal. No. 459, Sub. for H.B. No. 5796
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 " Cal. No. 482, Sub. for S.B. No. 376
 " Cal. No. 485, Sub. for S.B. No. 428
 " Cal. No. 486, Sub. for S.B. No. 430
 " 4, Cal. No. 487, S.B. No. 296
 " Cal. No. 488, Sub. for S.B. No. 348

I move acceptance and passage.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage of the consent items.

Gentleman from the 17th.

REP. COHEN: (17th)

Mr. Speaker, could Cal. No. 482, Sub. for S.B. No. 376 not
 be put on the consent.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

In accordance with the rules this matter will be removed from
 the Consent Calendar and placed on the Calendar passed retaining.

All those in favor of passage of the consent items read will
 signify by saying AYE. Opposed. The items are passed as read.

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JOHN PATTERSON CONTINUED: Hospital to the new University Hospital in Farmington. This is merely a change so that the existing legislation will apply as a new clinical activities are started in Farmington. 376

The second bill again does not have a number at this time. But it is an enabling bill to allow the Board of Trustees of the University to have the University Hospital participate as a member of the Hospital Consortium which is developing in the Hartford region. The consortium involves some 7 institutions other than the University. It is designed to develop more effective cooperative arrangements among these institutions. And we feel that it would be important from our standpoint and from the standpoint of the consortiums if the University Hospital could also participate in this regional development. It will provide from the University standpoint an important clinical base for educational activities not only at the doctoral level but also at the baccalaureate level and will be involved in associate degree programs with the University or with other institutions of higher education. 377

I'd be very happy to try to answer any questions Madam Chairman on either of these two bills.

SEN. TRUEX: Thank you very much Dr. Patterson. The Committee has a lot of material when we were discussing these and I think that at the moment we have no further questions. Thank you. Mr. Orr.

WILLIAM C. ORR: Sen. Truex, Rep. Rose, Members of the Committee, my name is William C. Orr. And I'm Associate Provost of the University of Connecticut. I'd like to speak in favor of two bills, the first one number 5726 concerns purchase of out of State service credit.

The University of Connecticut is very much interested in the passage of this bill 5726. It was raised by the Education Committee at the request of the Commission for Higher Education and contains additions affecting several of the constituent units of higher education. The University is interested in the addition of the words on line 29 the addition of which will make it easier for the University to attract to its faculty certain professors who have taught for an extended period at independent colleges or universities in the United States or in comparable institutions abroad.