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Then the next section. There is four in property. The first one is 5621, which is An Act Concerning Property Rights of the Surviving Spouse in an Insolvent Estate. And this has to do with the assets of any deceased person. The assumption is made in the Act that it would always be a widow here. We are asking it to be changed to surviving spouse an allowance for such support of such spouse and so on. This is simply a sex neutralization statute, so that the individual may be a male or female to extend the same benefits to the surviving husband or wife when the person is insolvent.

The second one of this series is 5664, An Act Concerning the Right of a Spouse of an Alien to Inherit Real Estate. Again its a sex neutralization statute permitting, in this case, the spouse of an alien or citizen to take and hold real estate as a result of the death of a spouse rather than a husband so its to allow the wife as well as the husband of deceased alien to inherit real property. Again its sex neutralization.

The third one of this set is 5671, An Act Exempting Certain Property from Attachment or Execution. This is a very interesting one and I would recommend it for your reading when you have time because it contains some very interesting language which goes back into history. Many of our statutes do. As to what may be exempt in terms of property. But the property that is exempt and not likely to be taken by warrants is again a sex neutralization situation, and we want to make sure that the husband has an opportunity, we should say the surviving husband has an opportunity to keep the two tons of coal, two swine, any number of sheep and so on. But again its a sex neutralization statute and its a kind of an interesting one that I think you might read for fun later on.

Then the next one that has to do with property is 5634 and this is entitled An Act Concerning Guardianship over the Property of a Minor Spouse. The purpose of this, I think if you turn to the second page, the second page that I have. I don't know what you have on yours. If you look at about the third paragraph--No parent of a minor child, guardian of the person of a child or (husband) which we would like to change to spouse of a minor (wife) and we would like to change wife to child shall receive or use any property belonging to such child to an amount exceeding five thousand dollars in value unless appointed guardian of the estate of such minor; provided any such parent, guardian or spouse may hold property as a custodian under the provisions of chapter 781 without being so appointed. And the effect of this of course is to continue the guardianship of property of a minor who marries and up until this time its simply been a minor female; we would like it to be extended to a minor male as well. And that - there seems to be one more in this packet although I don't think its related but we'll try to do it anyway because it will come up and I don't have a number on it. Q.

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Disqualification of a Probate Judge Related to a Decedent. Do you have a number on that? We'll hold that. Is it really? I don't think its supposed to be under property anyway.

Then I have two under labor 5617, and this is an Act Concerning a Person Working in a Warehouse. It has the statement, it has been a warehouseman and we would like that changed to a person working in a warehouse is liable for damages for loss of or injury to the goods caused by his or her failure to exercise such care in, again, its a sex neutralization statute providing, requiring a person working in a warehouse to exercise the same degree of care.

The second one on this set is 5620, this is an Act Concerning Discrimination in the Regulation of the Employment of Women. In this State the labor commissioner is authorized to investigate the wages, hours of employment, necessary expense of living and health, so far as affected by their employment, of wage-earning and it has been women and girls but we would like it changed to persons' in stores, wholesale and retail and so on. The purpose of this particular Bill is again, to make it sex neutralized and give the same benefits to males as to females. , ,

The second part of this is again to make regulations to protect the health and welfare of any person, to prescribe adequate transportation facilities in the employment of any person between the hours of one and six am. And that section has to do with transportation, health and welfare.

The third section, section 3 - The labor commissioner shall examine into the employment of minors, we've taken women out, and into the observance of the regulations contained in parts 1 and 11 because women are obviously included. Again, sex neutralization.

Section five is a little bit different. Any person, partnership or corporation having employee instead of employing women, in any mercantile, mechanical or manufacturing establishment, shall furnish and provide suitable seats for the use of all persons so employed and shall permit the use of such seats by such employees when they are not necessarily engaged in the active duties for which they are employed.

Representative Bard cannot be heard.

KAY BERGEN: Section 6 of the same Bill has to do with requiring the proprietor of any foundry in which ten or more persons are employed to provide toilet facilities and the changing, in this particular case, from men to persons because women may indeed may be employed in foundries. So its the general purpose to provide the same protection and restrictions for all employed persons without regard to sex. So those are the two labor statutes that we are concerned about.

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Mr. Speaker, I now move acceptance of the joint committees favorable report and passage of the following bills on the consent calendar. Calendar No. 282, substitute for H.B. No. 5522, An Act Concerning Erection of Structures in Oyster Grounds, File No. 154; Calendar No. 285, substitute for H.B. No. 5618, An Act Allowing Women to Witness an Execution, File No. 149; Calendar No. 286, H.B. No. 5619, An Act Allowing Women to Participate in the Protection and Management of Forests, File No. 151; Calendar No. 287, substitute for H.B. No. 5634, An Act Concerning Guardianship Over the Property of a Minor Spouse, File No. 152; Calendar No. 290, H.B. No. 5674, An Act Concerning the Practice of Midwifery, File No. 176; Calendar No. 296, substitute for H.B. No. 5638, An Act Concerning Effect of Marriage on a Civil Action, File No. 175.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage of the items just read on the consent calendar. Hearing no objections, these matters are PASSED.

MR. CRETELLA (87th):

Mr. Speaker, the Majority Leader has requested that I take up at this time the resolutions on the Calendar and with your permission, I will do so at this time.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Please proceed.

MR. CRETELLA (87th):

As consent resolutions, I would move adoption of H.J.R. No. 102, introduced by Rep. Stevens and others, Resolution Congratulating the Milford Republican Women's Club; H.J.R. No. 103, introduced by Rep. Collins, Stevens, Ajello and Senators, Resolution Expressing Sympathy on the Death of James Rippon Bacote; H.J.R. No. 104, introduced by Rep. Sayre, Resolution Congratulating

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records and if there are no objections I would move that it be placed on the Consent Calendar. C.G.C.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 313, File No. 149, Substitute for House Bill No. 5618. AN ACT ALLOWING WOMEN TO WITNESS AN EXECUTION, favorable report of the Committee on Human Rights and Opportunities.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Carruthers.

SENATOR CARRUTHERS:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR CARRUTHERS:

Mr. President, with your permission I would like to include in my motion for passage the bills 5618, with 5618, 5619, 5634, 5638, 5674, 5700 and 5635, these bills given main are all neuter bills that remove sex restrictions in areas such as the witness of executions and the other areas that are listed in the bills. If there are no objections I would ask that they be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I certainly don't have any objection, would the minority leader consent to that procedure. Hearing no objection, so ordered.