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THE CLERK:

Cal. 1004, File 1051. Favorable report joint standing committee on Finance. Substitute Senate Bill 1090, AN ACT CREATING A NIGHT CLUB LIQUOR PERMIT.

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President, I move this bill to the Consent Calendar.

THE PRESIDENT:

Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 1005, File 1033. Favorable report joint standing committee on Finance. Substitute Senate Bill 1210, AN ACT CONCERNING ADMISSION CHARGES, DUES, DUES TAX AND REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES.

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President, I'd move this bill to the Consent Calendar.

THE PRESIDENT:

Hearing no objection, it is so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 1006, File 1037. Favorable report joint standing committee on Finance. Substitute Senate Bill 1211, AN ACT CONCERNING BOND REQUIREMENT FOR NONRESIDENT CONTRACTORS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SALES AND USE TAX.

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President, I would move this bill to the Consent Calendar.

THE PRESIDENT:

Without objection, it is so ordered.

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SB-1210  
Concerning Admission Charges, Dues, Dues Tax and Registration Certificates,  
File No. 1033.

MR. CRESOTTI (59th):

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

THE SPEAKER:

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

MR. CRESOTTI (59th):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. What this bill does, it provides for certain amendments to the tax on admissions, cabaret dues which will be helpful in the administration of the tax. And there are four changes actually the way it is written now. And the first change in the imposition of the tax on admission and dues, the charges for instructions are to be exempt from the tax.

Number two, is to exclude health clubs from the list of places subject to the admission tax.

Number three, this is to clarify the section concerning the tax on dues so that there will not be imposed, if the annual dues of the initiation fees are \$50. or less.

And probably most important, that this bill adds provisions to Chapter 225, Admissions, Cabarets and Dues Tax which provides for the mandatory registration of organizations subject to this tax.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill?

MR. CAMP (111th):

Mr. Speaker, I'm surprised in the bill at the elimination of health clubs from those areas that are subject to the tax. It would seem to me that

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if kids going to a skating rink are going to be charged taxes, then people going to a health club ought to be. Similarly, with bathing beaches, tennis courts and the rest of it. I don't see this preferred status which we're here creating for health clubs by eliminating them from the admissions tax. I would like to do away with the admissions tax as well.

I would wonder perhaps, through you a question to the proponent of the bill, and that would be: how much tax is collected from health clubs and what has been the problem in connection with them?

MR. CRESSOTTI (59th):

Through you Mr. Speaker, I don't have the amount of tax collected through health clubs but the purpose of this tax to start with just applies to amusement, entertainment and recreation and I believe that health clubs could probably come under health reasons, in some cases.

MR. CAMP (111th):

Mr. Speaker, I think we're making a distinction without a difference. It may be some of the health clubs will make you a bit thinner but hopefully some of the other items would in this list too. I will oppose the bill when it comes up. I think that it's an unwarranted exclusion from the tax. I'd just as soon eliminate the tax completely but if we're going to have it there, I see no reason to give a beneficial position to these people in comparison with other athletic facilities.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further?

MR. DICE (89th):

Mr. Speaker, looking at the file in front of us, I can't tell what the definition of a health club is and I would just inquire of the gentleman whether or not one of these masseur parlors that we've been talking about is a health club

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under the definition.

MR. CRESSOTTI (59th):

Through you Mr. Speaker, that rubs me the right way. I don't believe it does.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks? Will the members please be seated, the staff come to the well. The machine will be open. Have all the members voted? The machine is still open. If all the members have voted and your vote is properly recorded, the machine will be closed and the Clerk will take a tally.

THE ASSISTANT CLERK:

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| Total Number Voting.....         | 145 |
| Necessary for Passage.....       | 73  |
| Those Voting Yea.....            | 75  |
| Those Voting Nay.....            | 70  |
| Those Absent and Not Voting..... | 6   |

THE SPEAKER:

The bill is PASSED.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 1339, substitute for S.B. No. 1707, An Act Concerning the Disposition of Surplus Funds Under the Campaign Finance Laws, File No. 1066.

MR. O'NEILL (34th):

Mr. Speaker, may that item be passed temporarily, please.

THE SPEAKER:

Is there objection? Hearing none, the matter is passed temporarily.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 1348, substitute for S.B. No. 1459, An Act Concerning a Uniform Licensing Act for All Mental Health Facilities, File No. 1030.

MR. O'NEILL (34th):