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THE SPEAKER:

Further announcements or points of personal privilege?

The Clerk return to the Calendar.

THE CLERK:

Page 5 of the Calendar, Calendar No. 484, substitute for H.B. No. 7344, An Act Concerning Fire Protection at Places of Public Assembly, File No. 253.

MR. O'NEILL (34th):

Mr. Speaker, may that item be passed retaining its place on the Calendar.

THE SPEAKER:

Is there objection? Hearing none, the matter is retained.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 485, substitute for H.B. No. 5018, An Act Concerning The Term of Office of Municipal Officials, File No. 240.

MR. LOWDEN (146th):

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

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage and will you remark sir?

MR. LOWDEN (146th):

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment.

THE SPEAKER:

The Clerk please call House "A".

THE CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "A" offered by Mr. Lowden of the 146th.

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In line 27, after the closing bracket delete the words "TWO WEEKS" and insert in lieu thereof the words "ON THE SECOND TUESDAY NEXT"

In line 42, after the word "passage" insert a period and delete the words "and shall apply to elections held on or"

Delete line 43.

THE SPEAKER:

You have the amendment, the gentleman from the 146th.

MR. LOWDEN (146th):

Mr. Speaker, I move adoption of the amendment.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on adoption of House "A" and will you remark, sir.

MR. LOWDEN (146th):

Mr. Speaker, the amendment is merely a housekeeping measure. The first part of the amendment deals with clarifying the date upon which municipal officials elected in accordance with the bill would take office. The second part of the amendment is designed to clear up an error in draftsmanship which would have provided that this act apply to municipal elections held on May 5th. The act does not apply to elections made on May 5th. I urge passage of the amendment.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on House "A"? If not, the question is on its adoption. All those in favor will indicate by saying aye. Opposed? House "A" is ADOPTED. The Chair rules it technical.

Will you remark further on the bill as amended by House "A"?

MR. LOWDEN (146th):

Mr. Speaker, the bill as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" would

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provide that those communities who hold their municipal elections in November of odd-numbered years and are not subject to the provisions of charters or special acts would elect their officials, other than town clerks, for a term commencing on the second Tuesday subsequent to the election.

The purpose of the bill is to allow a little time for the orderly transition of the reins of power. I urge support of the bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill?

MR. PAWLAK (105th):

Mr. Speaker, I heartily endorse the bill. I urge its passage. I was elected Selectman on the first Monday of October 1967 and a few hours later, my term of office began. It was an extremely difficult task. It is something to which nobody should be subjected who is elected to such an office. This bill makes sense but it is my considered judgment that the bill should have provided for a longer period than two weeks for the transition to take place. However, two weeks is better than two hours and I certainly urge its adoption.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark? If not, will the members please be seated, the staff come to the well. The machine will be open. The machine is still open. Have all the members voted and is your vote properly recorded? The Chair will call to the members' attention the Calendar number as appears on the tally board is incorrect. We're voting on Calendar No. 240. Have all the members voted and is your vote properly recorded. The machine will be closed and the Clerk will take a tally.

MR. BADOLATO (23rd):

Mr. Speaker, my vote didn't register. I'd like to be recorded in the affirmative.

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MR. MOYNIHAN (10th):

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to record my vote in the affirmative.

THE SPEAKER:

The gentleman from the 10th, the Clerk please note.

The Clerk announce the tally.

THE ASSISTANT CLERK:

Total number voting.....	136
Necessary for Passage.....	69
Those Voting Yea.....	133
Those Voting Nay.....	3
Those Absent and Not Voting....	15

THE SPEAKER:

The bill as amended is PASSED.

MR. WALSH (53rd):

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce a group of future constituents from the 53rd assembly district in Coventry, Connecticut that are seated in the well of the House. They are the Cubs of Pack 57 along with Mr. and Mrs. Wampo and Mrs. Bline. If they'd stand, I trust the House would give them their usual cordial welcome.

THE SPEAKER:

Further points of personal privilege? The Clerk return to the Calendar.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 486, substitute for H.B. No. 5148, An Act Providing Workmen's Compensation for Volunteer Ambulance Personnel, File No. 241.

MR. COATSWORTH (32nd):

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

THE SPEAKER:

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the Consent Calendar, if there's no objection.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing no objection, the bill is placed on the Consent Calendar. Thank you Senator.

THE CLERK:

Please turn to page 7 of your calendar, the second item from the top, calendar #388 file #240 and #407 favorable report joint standing committee on Elections, substitute for House Bill #5018 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Schwartz.

SEN. SCHWARTZ:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark, Senator?

SEN. SCHWARTZ:

Yes, Mr. President. Present law requires that unless a town specifies otherwise, those towns electing officers in November elections, from municipal elections, the officers take office the day after the election. This can cause some concern and some problems in a smooth transition between administrations, and for this reason this bill proposes to change the effective date of the new offices two weeks' after the Tuesday in which the officers are elected. This does not affect towns which have,

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by charter or by ordinance, specified a date other than the day after the election, but for those towns which have not specified the new date, this date will take effect, and if there's no debate, Mr. President I move that this be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing none, Senator, the matter . . . Senator Rome?

SEN. ROME:

No question, I'm just wondering, through you to the Senator, the effective date of this is the next May election, is that correct?

SEN. SCHWARTZ:

Excuse me, Senator, if I can find it. As I read it, it's effective on passage.

SEN. ROME:

So it would be effective for this May election.

SEN SCHWARTZ:

It does not apply to the May elections. As I understand the bill, the May elections, the offices take effect at a different date, not with regard to the Tuesday elections.

SEN. ROME:

So it would be effective for the November elections of next year.

SEN. SCHWARTZ:

It affects the November elections only, yes.

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SEN. ROME:

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

No further remarks, the matter is placed on the Consent Calendar as moved.

THE CLERK:

Calendar #390 file #267 favorable report joint standing committee on Elections, House Bill #6338 AN ACT ALLOWING A CHOICE OF A POLLING PLACE IN AN ADJACENT VOTING DISTRICT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Schwartz.

SEN. SCHWARTZ:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark, Senator.

SEN. SCHWARTZ:

Yes, Mr. President. Present law provides that because of the reapportionment problem, there is no suitable polling place in a voting district, the registrars can move the polling place for a voting district, into an adjacent district. This bill proposes to change the law to allow them to do so for any reason, irrespective of the reapportionment change, and if there be no dissent, Mr. President, I move this be placed on the Consent Calendar.