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working for the public. It seems to me that any of the original evils that the formulators of these kinds of laws were worried about are prohibited specifically bribery, conflict of interest and the like, and why because someone is on the public payroll they should be deprived of their first amendment right to seek office I've never understood, and I'm very proud that the committee has brought the bill out and that presumably it's on its way to passage.

THE CHAIR:

Very happy, Senator Lieberman, that we took your fictional novel and made one of fact out of it. Senator Rome.

SENATOR ROME:

Mr. President, I'm just wondering if we ought not to pass retain until we've had a chance to read Senator Lieberman's essay on the subject. Seriously, I think maybe if we - I think seriously if the Senate Majority Leader would like to vote on this now and suspend and get it out of here, we'd have no objection.

THE CHAIR:

On the consent calendar. Will you move to consent? Said yes.

THE CLERK:

Continuing on page 7 of the calendar, calendar 445 and calendar 508 which have been previously marked go have now been marked pass retaining we'll go to the bottom of the page, calendar 513, File 396, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Government Administration and Policy, Senate Bill 117, An Act Concerning the

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Disposition of Statements Filed with and Maintained by the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you comment, Senator?

SENATOR BAKER:

I believe there is an amendment.

THE CLERK:

Clerk has Senate Amendment Schedule "A", Senate Bill 117, LCO 3183, 3183, offered by Senator Gunther.

SENATOR GUNTHER:

Mr. President, I move adoption of the amendment, waive the reading, I'll explain it.

THE CHAIR:

Go right ahead, Senator Gunther.

SENATOR GUNTHER:

It's quite a simple amendment. What this amendment will do will bring the Sunshine Law really in full focus as far as the Ethics Bill is concerned. What I'm talking about here is to have public disclosure. When we passed the Ethics Bill, we set up the mechanics for us to take and actually disclose all of our involvements and that

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sort of thing when we're up here serving, but what we did is we hid it under a bushel. You put it in a sealed envelope and it goes into the Ethics Committee and lays there until such time as somebody challenges you on the possibility of a conflict of interest. Now I think that the Sunshine Law should be fully effective and I think the only way to have a fully effective law is to have full disclosure of all your interests and it shouldn't be in the confidential file, it certainly should be right out there so people can see what interests we have and how we act up here and how that might reflect on our decisions that we make up here in this Circle, so as I say, I think this is a simple amendment, and will just give us open disclosure for every one of us in government and that includes both your executive and your legislative branch of government. Unfortunately, the judicial isn't in it, and also I'm sorry that I didn't have time to get some more amendments that I'd like to put onto that Ethics Bill such as requirement as to indicate what notes we had and what obligations we might have because sometimes that gives a great deal more conflict than what we do actually for the services we rendered out in the business world. I'd like to have a roll call vote on this, Mr. President when it's taken.

SENATOR BAKER:

Mr. President, just briefly, I would rise in opposition to the amendment. The main bill would require the transfer of the economic statements which we had filed at the beginning of the last session with the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee be transferred

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to the new Ethics Commission which goes in effect next year. What Senator Gunther's amendment would do would change the rules mid-stream and I don't think it's fair to require us to do so. When we filed those statements we did so on the basis that they would be kept confidential and I would ask that Members of the Body here vote against the amendment notwithstanding its good sounding nature.

THE CHAIR: (THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM IN THE CHAIR)

Will you remark further? Clerk please make an announcement for roll call?

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call in the Senate. Will all Senators please be seated. Immediate roll call in the Senate. Would all Senators take their seats.

THE CHAIR:

Machine may be open. Please record your vote. Machine may be closed. Clerk please tally the vote. Result of the vote. 35 total voting, 18 necessary for passage, 9 yea, 26 nay. The amendment is defeated. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER:

Mr. President, briefly on the bill itself, as I said it transferred the economic statements we filed last year from the Legislative Ethics Committee to the new Ethics Commission which we established last year. Since it's now the Ethics Committee, the Legislative Ethics Committee is no longer in existence. The statements on file have to be safeguarded and they're necessary for the Ethics Commission to carry out its statutory duties. They will remain

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confidential unless otherwise directed by the individual member, and can be used by the Ethics Commission to find probable cause of the violation of the ethics code. If there is no objection, I would move the bill to the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing none, so ordered

THE CLERK:

Turning to page 8 of the calendar, calendar 528, File 444, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, substitute for Senate Bill 243, An Act Concerning the Reopening of Default Judgements.

THE CHAIR:

Senator DePiano.

SENATOR DEPIANO:

Mr. President, I move for recomittment of that bill.

THE CHAIR:

No objection, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 530, File 442, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, Substitute for Senate Bill 475, An Act To Provide Inheritance Rights To Children Born Out Of Wedlock.

THE CHAIR:

Senator DePiano.

SENATOR DEPIANO:

I move for acceptance of the committee's joint favorable report

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THE CLERK:

Yes, we have another page of the agenda too that we received, senate Agenda, page 4 that have been distributed. (Transcriber's Note:) This was inadvertently included by me on my pages 6, 7, & 8).

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President, I move for adoption of page 4 of today's agenda pursuant to my earlier motion.

THE CHAIR:

You heard the motion. Objection? All in favor of adopting? Opposed, say nay. Page 4 is adopted, I think.

THE CLERK:

Clerk has received Petition 33 in accordance with provisions of Joint Rule 19, Committee on Appropriations, Substitute Bill 249, entitled An Act Concerning Prisoner Transportation by the Department of Correction. Clerk is ready to go over the consent calendar while we're waiting. On page 2, calendar ^{SR 66, SR 67} 686, ^{SR 68,} 687, on page 3, all items ^{SJR 156} SJR 152-155 and ^{SB 14} SB 156 on page 4, calendar 693 and ^{SB 560} 34. On page 5, calendar ^{SB 117} 331, 358, 392. On page 6, calendar 418, on page 7, calendar ^{SB 312} 513. On page 8, calendar ^{HB 5849} 530, 531, on page 9, calendar 541 and 553. On page 10, calendar ^{SB 580} 560, 567, 568. Page 11, calendar ^{HB 5677, HB 5933} 571, 585. On page 12, calendar ^{HB 5081,} 586, calendars 603, 604, 605. Page 13, calendar ^{HB 5165, HB 5695} 606, 607, 609. Page 14, calendar ^{SB 15, SB 255, SB 271, SB 615} 626, 628, 629, 630. On page 15, calendar ^{SB 572, SB 541, SB 621, SB 622} 646, 647, 648, 649 and on page 22, all the items under the heading Resolutions, calendar ^{SR 53, HJR 56-58} 645, 683, 684 and 685. (Vote on p. 1793)

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President, I would then move for adoption of the Consent Calendar and ask that when the vote be taken, it be taken by roll

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we're coming back to the Sunday closing laws after the consent calendar, so they not depart from the Chamber.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Will you hold the machine open until I get Senator Flynn? He's right outside.

THE CHAIR:

Certainly, Senator.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

I think he forgot the announcement.

THE CHAIR:

Certainly, Senator. Machine is closed and locked. 34 total voting, 18 necessary for passage. 34 yeas, 0 nays. Consent is (see p.1791) adopted. Let's come to order again, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Circle. Senator Lieberman.

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President, I wonder if I might ask Senator Hudson, Members of the Circle, while we are waiting for the copies of the amendment to be distributed if, as we have done in other cases, we could start the debate on the amendment proposed.

SENATOR DEPIANO:

Mr. President, may I recorded in the yea on the consent calendar, please?

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remaining matters within the purview of the motion of the gentleman of the 10th being considered at this time for acceptance and passage as Consent Calendar items. Is there any such objection on the part of any individual member. Hearing none, I will try your minds on the main motion which is for acceptance and the respective Joint Committee's favorable reports and passage of the bills which are contained on today's Consent Calendar and printed on Pages 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Calendar for Tuesday, April 25th, 1978, with the exception of 951 and 1052 and all

those in favor of the gentleman's motion will indicate by saying Aye. All those opposed? The bills are PASSED. SB 626 SB 396 (see p. 3227)
HB 6018, HB 5774, HB 5832, SB 265, SB 117, SB 621, SB 622, HB 6004, HB 6001, HB 6005, SB 22, SB 473, SB 396,
 THE SPEAKER: SB 110, SB 465, SB 620, SB 480, SB 370, SB 638, SB 633, (record 2)
HB 5662

Will the Chamber come to order?

The Chair would announce for the status of the record that in our last previous action namely the consideration of the motion of the gentleman from the 10th for acceptance and passage as Consent items the matters on today's Calendar. The gentleman first removed the Calendar. Secondly, accepted and objected to Calendars 951 and 1049 which were properly removed from the scope of the motion and having been removed the gentleman from the 10th in furtherance of his motion advanced the balance of the double-starred matters on today's Consent Calendar. However, the Chair in presenting the motion to the body, misstated one Calendar number and the Chair exempted from the main motion Calendar 1052 in error when the matter which had been removed from the purview of the gentleman's motion was in fact 1049 which had been notified by the Chair previously. So the Chair at this time amends for the purpose of transcript of the record its earlier presentation