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where the lesser term than proposed such a plea agreement. Although House Amendment "A" incorporated the provisions of Public Act 77-224, which removed reference to the correctional institutions at Somers and Niantic, but retained the reference to commitments to the correctional institution at Cheshire. It's a good piece of legislation, Mr. President, and I'd move it to the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, it's so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 680, File 419, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, Substitute for House Bill 5938, An Act Establishing a Commission To Study Criminal Pretrial Programs.

THE CHAIR:

Senator DePiano.

SENATOR DEPIANO:

Move for acceptance of the committee's joint favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Remarks to make, Senator?

SENATOR DEPIANO:

Yes, this bill would create a ten member criminal pretrial commission to study the effectiveness of criminal pretrial programs and techniques for the purposes of developing a state-wide pretrial program. I think it's a good bill, and if there's no objection, I move it be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, it's ordered to consent.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 681, File 429, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, Substitute for House Bill 5939, An Act Providing A Statutory Form For Fiduciary Deeds.

THE CHAIR:

Senator DePiano. Senator Guidera.

SENATOR GUIDERA:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR GUIDERA:

Yes, Mr. President. What this simply does is set up a statutory reform for fiduciary deeds. Save a lot of paper work, a lot of recording on the land records and we have these statutory forms for a great many other kinds of deeds. We never did it for fiduciaries. This simply adds fiduciaries. A hell of a good piece of legislation, Mr. President. I would move it to the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, it's ordered to consent.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 702, File 611, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations. Substitute for Senate Bill 355, An Act Equalizing School Construction Grants.

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ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CLAIMS WITH REGARD TO
THE CLAIM OF HECTOR ACOSTA);

Calendar No. 594 (Substitute for H.B. No. 5430, File No. 399.

AN ACT AMENDING THE 1977 SPECIAL ACT VALIDATING ACTS AND DEEDS);

Calendar No. 624 (Substitute for S.B. No. 213, File No. 105.

AN ACT CONCERNING MERGERS OF STATE BANK AND TRUST COMPANIES);

Calendar No. 630 (Substitute for S.B. No. 61, File No. 229. AN
ACT CONCERNING TREATMENT OF PATIENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES);

Calendar No. 632 (Substitute for S.B. No. 330, File No. 198.

AN ACT ADDING TO THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD DAY CARE);

Calendar No. 634 (Substitute for S.B. No. 259, File No. 196.

AN ACT CONCERNING RENOVATION OF CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES);

Calendar No. 648 (Substitute for H.B. No. 5838, File No. 412.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROPRIETARY SCHOOL DEFAULT ASSURANCE FUND);

Calendar No. 660 (Substitute for H.B. No. 5575, File No. 422.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTIES FOR THE ILLEGAL TAKING OF DEER);

Calendar No. 662 (Substitute for H.B. No. 5959, File No. 429.

AN ACT PROVIDING A STATUTORY FORM FOR FIDUCIARY DEEDS);

Calendar No. 664 (Substitute for H.B. No. 5938, File No. 419.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO STUDY CRIMINAL PRETRIAL PROGRAMS);

Calendar No. 690 (S.B. No. 74, File No. 60. AN ACT CONCERNING
THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN);

Calendar No. 694 (Substitute for S.B. No. 456. AN ACT CON-
CERNING A RESORT PERMIT);

Calendar No. 702 (Substitute for S.B. No. 199, File No. 119.
AN ACT CONCERNING SURPLUS ASSESSMENTS);

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Calendar No. 704 (S.B. No. 118, File No. 251. AN ACT CONCERNING BIENNIAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER);

Calendar No. 705 (Substitute for S.B. No. 422, File No. 230. AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN DWELLING HOUSES);

Calendar No. 771 (Substitute for S.B. No. 488, File No. 221. AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF FARM VEHICLES).

THE SPEAKER:

You have the gentleman's motion. Is there objection on the part of any individual member to any of the matters within the scope of the motion of the gentleman from the 10th being considered at this time as Consent Calendar items? Any such objection? If not, then I'll try your minds on the main motion. All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from the 10th will indicate by saying "Aye". Opposed? The "Ayes" have it and the bills are PASSED. *See p.1924-1926(top) for bill titles.*

Will the Clerk please call on page 12, Calendar 626.

THE CLERK:

Page 12 of the Calendar. Calendar No. 626. Substitute for S.B. No. 340, File No. 222. AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWERS OF REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS. (As amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A").

Favorable report of the Committee on Education.

MRS. ORCUTT (98th):

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

THE SPEAKER:

The question is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate. Will

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SEN. DE PIANO: Thank you so much, Peter. We appreciate it.

Michael Lowe.

MICHAEL LOWE: Senator, my remarks will be brief. My name is Mike Lowe, and I'm the acting Director for the Community Resources for Justice, Inc. The CRJ operates several projects dealing in the rehabilitative area, projects dealing in the criminal justice system.

We began in 1973 what is known as the Hartford Pre-Trial Diversion Project. I'm here today to speak in behalf of and in support of Bill 5938, an Act To Establish the Commission To Study Criminal Pre-Trial Programs. Essentially, the position our Board has taken is one of support for this Bill, and additionally to applaud the legislative branch of government in their effort to, first of all, gather the facts before they make some very important decisions with respect to these alternative dispositional programs that are cropping up around the nation.

Additionally, my Board has asked that I explain to the committee and make ourselves available as a resource for the proposed commission or for this committee, to help gather the facts with respect to what agencies are presently operating in the pre-trial area.

Thank you.

SEN. DE PIANO: Thank you. Any comments? Anybody else?

Would you identify yourself for the record?

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ATTORNEY ROBERT SATTI: I am Attorney Robert Satti, State's Attorney for New London. I would just like to take a couple of moments of your time about some comments that were previously. The unfortunate thing is that Mr. Berman who had asked one of the questions is not here, but I trust that the committee my convey this thought to him. He had asked whether or not time was given to prosecutors in the Superior Court to appear before the commission to study the alternate methods of sentencing. I think Mr. Gormly briefly commented on that. I have a list of the persons who were invited to testify attached to the report of the legislature dated October 1977, and it would appear that Mr. Gormly was the only person listed. So far as I know, no one else did appear and I don't see one Superior Court Judge listed on that list. I do know that in July of last year when I received a questionnaire, I wrote to Mr. Clark, the Chairman of the

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL #5938

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO STUDY CRIMINAL PRE-TRIAL PROGRAMS.

My name is Sherry Haller and I am Executive Director of the Connecticut Jaycees Institutional Assistance Program. I would like to speak in support of House Bill #5938, An Act Establishing a Commission to Study Criminal Pre-trial Programs.

We are fortunate in Connecticut, in that our state is small enough to implement and successfully administer statewide programs. In the area of criminal justice, the P/PREP network, a statewide network of community correction agencies has been operational since 1972. It has grown substantially in terms of the number of criminal justice clients it serves and has expanded its program capacity to include services for victims of crime as well as the family of the offender.

The Restitution Project which originally began in Hartford for the Superior Court has also grown and will be able to implement its program successfully within the one-tier court system.

In closing, I would strongly urge the Judiciary Committee to support the development of a Commission to Study pre-trial intervention. And as our track record has shown, we have the capability in Connecticut to develop a statewide support system in this area.