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CLERK:

Calendar page 9, Calendar 523, File 137, Senate Bill
No. 413. AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR REGIONAL VOCATIONAL-
TECHNICAL SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HEALTH-RELATED FIELD
PLACEMENT PROGRAMS. (As amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A").
Favorable Report of the Committee on Education.

REP. GOODWIN: (54th)

Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Rep. Dorothy Goodwin, Chairman of the Committee on
Education.

REP. GOODWIN: (54th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance of the Joint
Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill in con-
currence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

The question is on acceptance of the Committee's Favorable
Report and passage of the bill. Will you remark?

REP. GOODWIN: (54th)

Mr. Speaker. Under current law, members of Boards of
Education, teachers, student teachers and other employees of
Boards of Education are not held personally liable for claims
resulting from injury, death or property damage occurring in
the course of their duties providing their actions were neither

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reckless, wanton, nor malicious. The bill before us would extend this kind of protection to students in courses in vocational-technical where they are working in clinical programs that have to do with patients. I would like to ask the Clerk to call an amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

The Clerk will please call Senate Amendment Schedule "A", LCO 6177.

CLERK:

LCO 6177 offered by Senator O'Leary of the 7th.

REP. GOODWIN: (54th)

Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Rep. Goodwin.

REP. GOODWIN: (54th)

May I summarize the amendment?

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Rep. Goodwin seeks leave to summarize in lieu of reading.

Is there objection? If not, Rep. Goodwin, you have the floor.

REP. GOODWIN: (54th)

This amendment is a very simple one. It simply restricts the protection to students acting in courses which they are required to take for graduation, certification or licensure. I think it's a good amendment, and I would like to see it passed. I support the amendment.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

The question is on the adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule "A". Will you remark further on the adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule "A"? If not, will all those in favor of Senate "A" please indicate by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Those opposed, no. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted and ruled technical. Will you remark further on the bill as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A"?

REP. GOODWIN: (54th)

Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Rep. Goodwin.

REP. GOODWIN: (54th)

I think the bill as amended has now been explained and I move its adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Will you remark further on the bill as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A"? Will you remark further? If not, the members please take their seats. The staff and guests please come to the well of the House. The machine will be opened. There is a roll call vote in progress in the Hall of the House. Will all the members please return to the Chamber. There is a roll call vote in progress in the Hall of the House. Will the

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members please return to the Chamber. Have all the members voted and is your vote properly recorded? Have all the members voted? If so, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will please take a tally. The Clerk will please announce the vote.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 413, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A"

Total number voting 143

Necessary for passage 72

Those voting yea 143

Those voting nay 0

Those absent and not voting 8

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

The bill as amended is passed. The Clerk will please continue with the call of the Calendar.

CLERK:

Calendar 524, File 80, Senate Bill No. 1310, AN ACT CONCERNING WAGE REQUIREMENTS, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A". Favorable Report of the Committee on Labor and Public Employees.

REP. KINER: (59th)

Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Excuse me, sir. Rep. Kiner.

REP. KINER: (59th)

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the joint committee's

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there is no objection, that it be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

You have heard the motion, passage of the bill. Is there objection to placing the item on consent? Hearing no objection it is so ordered. The item is on consent.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 221, File 137, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education. Senate Bill 413, An Act Concerning Liability For Regional Vocational-Technical School Students Enrolled In Health-Related Field Placement Programs.

SENATOR O'LEARY:

Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator O'Leary.

SENATOR O'LEARY:

Mr. President, I move acceptance and passage of the joint committee's favorable report. I believe there's an amendment.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on acceptance and passage and does the Clerk have an amendment?

THE CLERK:

Clerk has Senate Amendment Schedule "A", File 137, Senate Bill 413, offered by Senator O'Leary. That's LCO 6177. 6177. Copies are on the desks.

SENATOR O'LEARY:

If the Clerk would just read that? It's self-explanatory and

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it is a brief amendment.

THE CHAIR:

You're moving for adoption of the amendment, Senator?

SENATOR O'LEARY:

Move for adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

THE CLERK:

In Line 44, after the word "instruction" insert the words "for credit". In Line 47, after the comma following the word "school" insert "and provided further such course is a requirement for graduation or professional licensure or certification."

SENATOR O'LEARY:

Mr. President, the amendment makes clear that if we extend this protection to students in health-related fields that it is only in the event that they are taking a course at the institution for credit that would lead to their certification and graduation, a diploma, a degree course. If there is no objection, I would move the acceptance of the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Is there objection? Try your minds. Those in favor indicate by saying aye. Those opposed? The amendment is adopted. You may proceed, Senator.

SENATOR O'LEARY:

Yes. The bill extends a protection against liability and suits as is presently extended to teachers and members of Boards of Education to employees of Boards of Education. This protection will be

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extended to students who are in health-related fields and are working in the field under the direction of a certified teacher in a course related to obtaining credit and obtaining their degree. I think this would do a great deal to promote these kinds of courses and will secure needed protection to the students who have to undertake this field work as part of their training.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

SENATOR O'LEARY:

If there is no further comment or objection I would move the matter to today's consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

The question without objection is to move this item to consent. Is there objection? Hearing none, it is so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Continuing on page, bottom item on the page, calendar 237, File 97, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment, Substitute for House Bill 7650, An Act Concerning Transfer Station Fees.

SENATOR SKOWRONSKY:

Mr. President, I would move that ...

THE CHAIR:

Senator Skowronsky.

SENATOR SKOWRONSKY:

Thank you very much. I would move that File No. 97, calendar

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THE CLERK:

The Clerk has completed the calendar and is ready to go over today's consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Will you announce the roll call, Madam Clerk, please?

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call in the Senate on today's consent calendar. Would all Senators please return to the Chamber. Immediate roll call in the Senate on today's consent calendar. Would all Senators please return to the Chamber. Going over today's consent calendar, on page 2, calendar 183, 188, 221 and 237. On page 3, calendar 243, 244, 245, 246. On Page 4, calendars 251, 264, 265, 266. On page 5, calendars 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 280. On Page 6, calendar 281, 282, 284. On page 7, calendars 287, 288, 289, 291. On page 8, calendar 292, 293, 294, 295 and 296. Immediate roll call on today's consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber. While we're waiting for the machine to be opened, Senators, please, I'd like to make this following announcement. There will be a Youth Group meeting in the Senate Chamber of the Connecticut Intercollegiate Student Legislature April 6th, which is Friday, 7th and 8th. We ask you please clear your desks. Please clear your desks. Thank you. SB 1296, SB 1310, SB 413, HB 7650, HB 5745, HB 7629, HB 5746, HB 6114, HB 6121, HB 5868, SB 1283, SB 495, SB 1411, HB 7437, SB 640, SB 423, SB 470, SB 1257, SB 321, HB 5322, HB 5331, HB 7519, HB 5730, HB 6525, HB 5315, HB 6221, HB 6982, HB 7022, HB 5636, HB 566

THE CHAIR:

Prior to the vote on the consent calendar, are there any other announcements, points of personal privileges at this time while

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transmittal to the House of all items that need further House action. Will you remark on suspension? Hearing no remarks, those in favor indicate by saying aye. Those in opposition to? The rules are suspended. The items are transmitted. Are there any other announcements at this time?

SENATOR LEONHARDT:

Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Leonhardt.

SENATOR LEONHARDT:

The Public Safety Committee, in addition to its previously announced schedule, tomorrow will have a meeting of the committee immediately following the hearing in the Appropriations Room. The hearing will begin at 10:00 A.M. There'll be an important meeting of the committee immediately following the hearing which might go through a very good portion of the day to work on the mark-up of committee bill No. 125.

THE CHAIR:

Are there any other announcements at this time, points of personal privilege? We'll vote the consent calendar. The machine will be opened. Have all Senators voted? The machine is closed. The Clerk will take a tally. The vote is 34 yea, 0 nay. The consent items are passed.

MR. KRIVDA (Continued): responsibility by the state -- will not necessarily come a control by the state over local education.

REP. KRASKOWSKI: Any other questions of the committee? Is the Town Chairman of North Canaan here? Thank you very much. Are you the Town Chairman of North Canaan? I think you had best move your car. I believe it's in the Lieutenant-Governor's spot. The next speaker is Julie Rankin from the State Board of Ed. Joining us now is Representative Bertinuson. Good morning, Julie.

MS. RANKIN: Good morning. I'm Julie Rankin, member of the State Board of Education and I appreciate this opportunity to comment on several measures before you today. Senate Bill 413 is a State Board of Education proposal concerning liability protection for certain regional vocational technical school students.

There are currently around 800 students enrolled in four secondary and post-secondary programs which involve clinical field placement. These are health services, practical nursing, dental assistants and dental laboratory services. The students in these programs are now required to purchase their own liability and malpractice insurance while students in similar programs as state institutions of higher education are protected by the state.

Our bill would include vocational technical school students under the state's liability protection program. These students who are least able to pay for such insurance, should then have the same protection. Though the numbers effected are relatively small, this is a most important measure to our VT school students and we urge your support on this bill.

Also before you today is Senate Bill 643 providing for funding for final year of career and vocational education incentive grants. As you know, the State Board of Education strongly advocates career and vocational education. It has taken an active leadership role in furthering quality programs in the local school districts through the development and implementation of a master plan for vocational and career education. In the current year, the State Board is distributing \$1,000,000 in incentive grants to aid local school programs in these areas. 165 of the state's 169 towns have applied for these incentive grants this year and are using this money to take many important first steps toward the master plan goals. Quality educational programs don't just happen. They are planned. State career and vocational education funds are being used by local school districts to design