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338, Senate Bill No. 493, File No. 303.

SPEAKER VAN NORSTRAND:

Rep. Esposito, was that Calendar No. 338, Senate Bill Nso 493?

REP. ESPOSITO: (137th)

Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER VAN NORSTRAND:

You announced Senate Bill No. 498. That's why I wanted to make sure.

REP. ESPOSITO: (137th)

Oh, I'm sorry. It's 493. Calendar No. 391, House Bill No. 6304, File No. 483. Further down the page, Calendar No. 396, House Bill No. 5898, File No. 471. I'll have to hold the page a little further away from me.

Page 10, Calendar No. 398, House Bill No. 6310, File No. 492. Page 12, Calendar No. 412, Substitute House Joint Resolution No. 92, File No. 511. Calendar No. 413, House Bill No. 7481, File No. 519. Calendar No. 414, House Bill No. 7031, File No. 517.

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Thursday, May 2, 1985

SPEAKER VAN NORSTRAND:

Rep. Jaekle.

REP. JAEKLE: (122nd)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to move that Senate Bill No. 791 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SPEAKER VAN NORSTRAND:

The motion is to refer Calendar item 468 to the Committee on Appropriations. Is there objection?

Seeing none, the matter is so referred.

REP. ESPOSITO: (137th)

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER VAN NORSTRAND:

Rep. Esposito.

REP. ESPOSITO: (137th)

Mr. Speaker, at this time I'd like to move we adopt the Consent Calendar as printed in the Calendar of the House for today, May 2, 1985, with the exception of on page 2, Calendar No. 399, Bill 6502, File 483.

SPEAKER VAN NORSTRAND:

The motion is to adopt the Consent Calendar printing for May 2, 1985, with the exception of Calendar No, 399 appearing on page 2 of the Calendar. Is there

SB 10, SB 273, SB 453,  
SB 493, SB 501, SB 788  
SB 810, SB 812, SB 903  
HB 5028, HB 5898, HB 6111  
HB 6188, HB 6304, HB 6310  
HB 6582, HB 6899, HB 7481  
HB 7583, HB 7584, HB 7587  
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MR. ROSSO: (continued)

614 Permitting junkyards to receive certain motor vehicles without receipt of title. The department opposes this bill. It's possible now for the owner to get a copy of the title for \$3 from the Department of Motor Vehicles and we feel by opening up the law we could possibly have some abuses that could (inaudible) the major component law and also the anti-theft legislation.

615 the Motor Vehicle supports to make junkyard statutes consistent with the other dealer statutes.

616 allowing junkyards and junk business to repair and install motor vehicle parts without a repairer's license is opposed by the Motor Vehicle Department. Currently, if they apply for and receive a dealer's license, with that license, they are all right to install parts. We feel that it would be a negative fiscal impact and also a natural out for selling parts.

5787 the undercover investigative program for motor vehicle repair shop, the motor vehicle supports (inaudible) the dealer and repairer's division to identify unscrupulous dealers before the fact, rather than to deal with it on a consumer basis.

6108, which concerns the establishing a motorcycle awareness program. Currently in Wethersfield, a (inaudible) is given which is the latest up to date motorcycle test and where applicable, where we have the room at our branch offices, we will further have that test throughout the state.

6111 concerning the issuance of new registration by motorcycles, for motorcycles by qualified licensed dealers. It's supported by the Motor Vehicle Department. This is currently being done with new car dealers and it has turned into a very good program.

6745 concerns registration for limousines, limousine vehicles and livery service which in effect will allow vanity plates on limousines is supported by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

6861 concerning the anti-(inaudible) law. Even though the Department of Motor Vehicles, we certainly can use any help you'd like to give us and if you'd like, I'd send in a fiscal

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MR. ROSSO: (continued)  
note with how much six inspectors would cost.

REP. WILBER: May I ask you a couple of questions? On the two 6108 which is the motorcycle awareness program and 6111, were you trying to indicate that we didn't need a bill, that those programs are really ongoing.

MR. ROSSO: 6108 we don't need a bill and (inaudible) is in operation now in Wethersfield. 6111 we do need legislation but we support this bill. It's being done with the automobile dealers. This will allow the motorcycle dealers to do the same.

REP. WILBER: I just wasn't clear. I wanted to be sure.

SEN. MORANO: Are there any questions? Rep. Rothman.

REP. ROTHMAN: Peter, on Bill No. 449, this has to do with the testing?

MR. ROSSO: Yes.

REP. ROTHMAN: You talked about testing every time a license was renewed. Is this every two years?

MR. ROSSO: If we were to --

REP. ROTHMAN: And what would the cost be involved in something like that?

MR. ROSSO: Okay, we submitted at an earlier public hearing, a proposal from the Motor Vehicle Department that we would do eye examinations upon renewal, which is every four years. We also submitted with that proposal, a proviso that anyone that's 70 years old or over, have a two year license and anyone 80 or over have a one year license. That way we get to see these individuals either two years or one year depending on their age. As I said earlier, we don't think that old age in itself has a lot to play in a person's vision. You know, in some instances this could be puberty or mid-life, I know myself I've had glasses for a while. So we really don't think we have to target our senior citizens. As I gave you the statistics earlier. they are safer drivers rather than really the dangerous drivers out there.

REP. WILBER: (continued)

should have an opportunity to see them and they are hand carrying them up for us, so I just want to tell you so you'll know that if we take a five minute break what that's for. Margaret Tedone.

MARGARET TEDONE: Madam Chairman, members of the committee. My name is Margaret Tedone and I am consultant in government affairs to the Connecticut Motorcycle Dealers Association, an organization of 33 franchised motorcycle dealers established --

REP. WILBER: You're going to have to speak up just a little more.

MS. TEDONE: Am I close enough now?

REP. WILBER: Raise your voice a little, too.

MS. TEDONE: My name is Margaret Tedone. I am a consultant in government affairs to the Connecticut Motorcycle Dealers Association, an organization of 33 franchised motorcycle dealers who are established and responsible local businessmen who sell and service motorcycles and who employ almost 400 persons.

I have with me on my left, Mr. Lee Guarnieri who is president of this Motorcycle Dealers Association. He has signed up to speak right behind me and in the interest of brevity, I thought I would ask him to sit up here with me.

On behalf of the Connecticut Motorcycle Dealers Association I urge you to support Proposed Bill 6111, An Act Concerning the Issuance of New Registrations for Motorcycles by Qualified Dealers. If passed, this bill would enable the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to appoint qualified licensed motorcycle dealers to issue new permanent registrations at the time of the sale of a motorcycle, a privilege now enjoyed by automobile dealers.

Mr. Guarnieri will elaborate on this. But Proposed Bill 6111 will put into place a good business practice, both for licensed and qualified motorcycle dealers and for the Motor Vehicle Department. We have previously heard that Mr. Peter Rosso of the department has indicated department support of this bill, and therefore, on behalf of the Motorcycle Dealers Association, I urge your support of this legislation and I would like to introduce Mr. Lee Guarnieri who is president of the Connecticut Motorcycle Dealers Association.

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LEIGH GUARNIERI: Madam Chairman, Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. I would just like to read a brief statement. The purpose of this bill is to eliminate ongoing problems we've had registering motorcycles and motor scooters. Presently the system works as follows. When someone purchases a vehicle from a dealership, internally the dealership has the ability to conduct most of the transactions in house, being the insurance, financing, etc. We must go to the motor vehicle department to register the vehicle, however, and (inaudible) must wait in line anywhere from one to six hours based on our experience. I'm sure the other dealers are in very similar position.

The Motor Vehicle Department will only do three at a time, so if you have 15, 16 registrations they do three and then you have to go back and wait in line again.

On several occasions, we've had to send another employee down to bring the first employee lunch, so as not to lose his spot in line. Not only is this a total waste of our employee's time and needless additional expense which the customer must pay for by increased documentary fees but we're also slowing lines down considerably.

Allowing us to be able to process in-house registrations as the automobile dealers presently can, we would be using our employee's time much more efficiently in providing a much better service to the public. This would expediate the lengthy stay in line for the general public and also facilitate the delivery of the vehicle to the customer. Thank you.

One other thing, on this bill 6108, establishing an awareness program for motorcycles, I believe the gentleman from the Motor Vehicle Department was speaking about a licensing technique that they're using in Wethersfield. I don't believe that is the same as this bill. I believe this bill is an awareness program for the general public and we're definitely in support of that and if there's anything that the Connecticut Motorcycle Dealers Association can do to help the committee, we'd be more than glad to help. Thank you.

REP. WILBER: Thank you very much. Does anyone have any questions of Mr. Guarnieri. Would you leave your testimony with us, sir?