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 No. 137. Calendar No. 243, Bill No. 366, File No. 218.
 Calendar No. 244, Bill No. 487, File No. 183. I believe
 that's it, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER VAN NORSTRAND:

The motion is to place on the consent calendar for
action at the end of the day the items enumerated by Rep.
 Esposito. Is there objection.

REP. JAEKLE: (122nd)

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER VAN NORSTRAND:

Rep. Jaekle.

REP. JAEKLE: (122nd)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the request of a
 member I'd like to ask that Calendar 199, House Bill
 5959, File 245 be removed from the consent calendar.

SPEAKER VAN NORSTRAND:

It will be so removed, sir.

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REP. ESPOSITO: (137th)

Mr. Speaker:

SPEAKER VAN NORSTRAND:

Rep. Frank Esposito:

REP. ESPOSITO: (137th)

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to amend my former motion on the consent calendar. I'd like to amend the motion to state that we will take final actions on all the items placed on the consent calendar on the next regular session day.

SPEAKER VAN NORSTRAND:

Thank you, sir. The motion is now amended to mean that action on those bills enumerated by Rep. Esposito would be taken at the next regular session day. Is there objection? Seeing none, it is so ordered.

CLERK: ... by ...

Page 7, Calendar No. 156, Substitute House Bill 6093, File No. 188, AN ACT PROHIBITING HOME IMPROVEMENT

CONTRACTORS FROM USING NEGATIVE OPTION SERVICE CONTRACTS. Favorable Report of the Committee on General Law.

REP. DICKINSON: (30th)

Mr. Speaker:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER BELDEN:

All opposed, nay.

REPRESENTATIVES:

No.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BELDEN:

The ayes have it. The resolution is adopted in concurrence with the Senate.

REP. ESPOSITO: (137th)

Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BELDEN:

Rep. Esposito.

REP. ESPOSITO: (137th)

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to move for the adoption of the Consent items on today's Calendar, Tuesday, April 15, 1986, which is on pages 1, 2, 3, 4, and the top of 5.

HB 5771, HB 5966,
SB 144, SB 401,
SB 161, SB 103,
SB 185, SB 328,
SB 159, SB 84,
SB 96, HB 5210,
HB 5828, HB 5865,
HB 5940, SB 362,
SB 320, SB 329,
SB 366, SB 487

REP. BALDUCCI: (27th)

Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BELDEN:

Rep. Balducci.

REP. BALDUCCI: (27th)

Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to remove one Consent item because of an amendment that has been drawn and it's on page 2, Calendar No. 218, Senate Bill

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489, File 124. If that would just be removed from the Consent items.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BELDEN:

Thank you, sir. The motion is for passage of the Consent Calendar as contained on pages 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of today's Calendar with the exception of Calendar No. 218, Senate Bill 489, File 124 on page 2, thereof.

REP. METSOPOULOS: (132nd)

Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BELDEN:

Rep. Metsopoulos.

REP. METSOPOULOS: (132nd)

Yes, Mr. Speaker. Could you please remove from the Consent Calendar No. 220, File No. 128, AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXAMINATIONS FOR LICENSURE AS A HOMEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BELDEN:

The gentleman has requested removal of Calendar No. 220, Senate Bill No. 325, File No. 128 from the motion made previously. Are there any other items to be removed from the Consent Calendar as so noted. If not, the Consent Calendar is passed.

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there's no objection, so we mark it pass, retaining.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Sir. On page 4, AB 5928 Cal. No. 130 will be passed, re-
SB 391
retaining its place. Cal. No. 226 will be taken up. Cal. No. 252 will
be passed, retaining its place. Cal. Nos. 266 and 273 will be taken
up.

On page 5, SB 451 Cal. No. 306 will be passed, retaining its place.
SB 428
Cal. 311 will be taken up. Cal. 317 will be passed, retaining its
place. Cal. Nos. 318, 319, and 320 will be taken up.

On page 6, SB 520 Cal. 321, Mr. President, at this time I'd like to
move that Senate Bill No. 520, Cal. No. 321 be referred to the Labor
Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Any objection? So ordered.

SENATOR SMITH:

SB 524
On Cal. No. 322, will be passed, retaining its place. Cal. Nos.
323, 324 and 325 will be taken up. At this time, Mr. President I'd
SB 555
like to move that Cal. No. 326 be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR SMITH:

On page 7, Cal. 327 and 330 will be taken up. I'd like to move
SB 539 NB 5940
at this time that both Cal. Nos. 331 and 344 on page 7 be moved to

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the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR SMITH:

Cal. No. 342, Subst. for House Bill No. 5210, at this time, Mr. President, I'd like to move that it be recommitted to the Education Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR SMITH:

Cal. 343 will be taken up. HB 5966 Cal. 345, Mr. President, I'd like to move that it be placed on the Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR SMITH:

HB 5828 Cal. 346 will be taken up. I'd like to move that Cal. Nos. 347 HB 5369 and 349, Mr. President, that they be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered:

SENATOR SMITH:

Cal. 348 and 350 will be taken up.

On page 9, Cal. Nos. 353 and 355 will be taken up. I'd like to move that Cal. Nos. HB 5892-SB 72-SB 135-SB 295 351, 352, 354, and 356 be placed on the Consent

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THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, will you please call the next item of business.

SENATOR SMITH:

Mr. President, could we do the Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

I'd like to call the Consent Calendar, Sir?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, would you please read the Consent Calendar, please?

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the Consent Calendar, will all Senators please return to the Chamber.
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Page 6, Cal. No. 326, Senate Bill No. 326, Senate Bill No. 555.

Page 7, Cal. 331, Subst. for Senate Bill No. 539. Cal. 344,
House Bill 5940.

Page 8, Cal. 345, House Bill 5966. Cal. 347, Subst. for House Bill 5369. Cal. 349, Subst. for House Bill 5828.

Page 9, Cal. 351, House Bill 5892. Cal. 352, Subst. for Senate Bill 72. Cal. 354, Senate Bill 135. Cal. 356, Subst. for Senate Bill 295.

MR. ADAMS: (continued)

a favorable consideration recommended. Proposed House Bill 5598, "An Act Concerning Circuit Breaker Tax Benefits For Blind Persons". A favorable consideration is recommended; however, at this point in time, I would like to just add a comment. This proposal to add our blind inhabitants under the current revised elderly state statutes, is addressing a very few number of people in the State of Connecticut and if the intent of the legislation is to aide the blind, consideration of the (inaudible) should be excluded, in my estimation, and a maximum credit, under the now present elderly tax relief should be afforded these unfortunate individuals. In an instance of a married individual with only one name on the property and they knowlege that they are married, they could be afforded a 50% credit and in this instance we could see light to remove the \$3,000 exemption now currently afforded, whereby their return would be greatly increased, rather than based upon a \$3,000 exemption.

One of the problems, and you've heard it reiterated many times, one of the problems we face when we elect to use an exemption on property tax is you straddle a revaluation year and the value of your exemptions dollarwise is often 50% less than it was in the prior year. So you have a community going through a revaluation and you have a 40 mil tax rate and you have after revaluation a 20 mil tax rate. The dollar value to the recepient of the exemption is reduced in most instances by 50%.

House Bill 5627, that also is requesting a favorable consideration on your part. The proposed House Bill 5806 also a favorable consideration. 5940, "An Act Providing That Any Organization Claiming An Exemption From Property Tax Under Provisions Allowing Exemptions For Certain Taxable Organizations Be Required To Submit Evidence of Exemption From Federal Income Tax As Requested By The Assessor", this would greatly enhance the decisions that are rendered and must be rendered by the assessor. Oftentimes, there are organizations for whatever purpose instituted, that it is almost impossible under the terminology in the statute to fortify your position, especially if you are going to deny the exemption. This would be one additional benefit to the assessor why he could intelligently make a decision. Your favorable consideration is also requested on 5967. Heretofore, there was no requirement on the part of the leasee of leased equipment to report the

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Testimony of the
Connecticut Conference of Municipalities
to the
Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee
concerning
Various bills
Monday, March 17, 1986

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities has comments on a number of bills before the Finance Committee today.

Assessment appeals board

CCM supports R.C.B. 5093 which would establish an appeals board for property valuation.

This Board would hear appeals on assessment decisions of local boards of tax review and would be in place of an appeal to the superior court.

The appeals process for property tax assessment in Connecticut now causes some problems. There are costs for both taxpayer and the municipality, especially when the appeals run into lengthy and costly court proceedings. An assessment appeals board would insure the equity of the process and would help reduce costs for the taxpayer and the local government.

Such a board would also assure that those persons hearing the cases have specific expertise in property valuation and would help alleviate court congestion.

We urge you to favorably report R.C.B. 5093.

Property tax exemptions

CCM supports R.C.B. 5940. This bill would allow assessors to require that an organization claiming a property tax exemption under certain subdivisions of Section 12-81 of the General Statutes, submit evidence of certification from the IRS that such organization has been approved for exemption from federal income tax.

Such a requirement would help tighten property tax exemption laws.