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House of Representatives

Wednesday, March 27, 1991

The House of Representatives is voting by roll
call. Please return to the Chamber. Please return to
the Chamber. The House is voting by roll.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

Have all the members voted? If so, the machine
will be locked. The Clerk take the tally.

Representative Gilligan of the 28th.

REP. GILLIGAN: (28th)

Mr. Speaker, in the affirmative. Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

Representative Gilligan in the affirmative.

The Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill 6820 as amended by House "A".

Total number voting 147

Necessary for passage 74

Those voting yea 147

Those voting nay 0

Those absent and not voting 4

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

The bill as amended is passed.

CLERK:

Calendar 120 on Page 8, Senate Bill 654, AN ACT
CONCERNING INTEREST PAYMENTS ON HEALTH INSURANCE
CLAIMS. Favorable Report of the Committee in Insurance

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and Real Estate.

REP. BIAFORE: (125th)

Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker.a

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

Representative Biafore of the 125th.

REP. BIAFORE: (125th)

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

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

The question is on passage. Will you remark?

REP. BIAFORE: (125th)

Yes, Mr. Speaker. Basically what this bill does, previously all insurance companies had to report to the Commission office on the amount of interest that they were paying, which was under \$1 which went into a fund.

The Commissioner felt that since the majority of that interest is being paid by one company, that it would be economically feasible to not, to do away with this and he has asked that we amend our regulations to do this.

I move passage.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

The question is on adoption. Will you remark?

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REP. CHASE: (120th)

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

Representative Chase of the 120th.

REP. CHASE: (120th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through you, a question to the Chairman.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

Proceed, Sir.

REP. CHASE: (120th)

Through you, can you tell us how much potentially we're talking about as far as this transfer?

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

Representative Biafore.

REP. BIAFORE: (125th)

The amount that was collected in 1989 was approximately \$291,000.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

Representative Biafore.

REP. CHASE: (120th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

Will you remark further on the amendment? Excuse me, will you remark further on the bill. If not, staff and guests to the well. Members please be seated. The

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machine will be opened.

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll.

Members report to the Chamber. Members to the Chamber,
please. The House is voting by roll.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

Have all the members voted and is the vote properly
recorded? If all the members have voted, the machine
will be locked. The Clerk take a tally.

The Clerk announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 654 in concurrence with the Senate

Total number voting 147

Necessary for passage 74

Those voting yea 147

Those voting nay 0

Those absent and not voting 4

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

The bill is passed.

REP. FRANKEL: (121st)

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

Representative Frankel.

REP. FRANKEL: (121st)

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Calendar. Calendar 47 is marked Passed Retaining.
Calendar 48 is marked Passed Retaining. Calendar 54,
SB654, I move to the Consent Calendar. Calendar 55 is
marked Go. Calendar 56, on Page 3, is marked Passed
Retaining. Calendar 57, Substitute HB6822, I move to
the Consent Calendar.

Calendar 58, Substitute HB5757 I move to the
Consent Calendar 59 is marked Passed Retaining.
Calendar 60 is marked Passed Retaining. On Page 4,
Calendar 61 is marked Go. Calendar 62 is marked Passed
Retaining. The last two items aren't ready for action.
Under Favorable Reports Resolutions, all of these
resolutions are claims and I believe we can mark them
all on the Consent Calendar. Calendar 49, HJ50, I move
to the Consent Calendar. Calendar 50, HJ52, I move to
the Consent Calendar. Calendar 51, HJ53, I move to the
Consent Calendar. Calendar 52, HJ54, I move to the
Consent Calendar. Calendar 53, HJ56, I move to the
Consent Calendar. Those are today's markings, Madam
President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Senator. Senator O'Leary, I
understand there are several items on the Consent
Calendar, Item 46, 54, 57, and then 49 through 53. Is
there any objection to placing those items on the

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your votes. Have all Senators voted? Senator Jepson.
All Senators have voted. The machine is closed.

The result of the vote.

35 Yea

0 Nay

1 Absent

The bill is passed.

Mr. Clerk. I understand we can now go ahead and
vote the Senate Consent Calendar. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate
on the Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please
return to the Chamber. Immediate roll call has been
ordered in the Senate on the Consent Calendar. Will
all Senators please return to the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Are all Senators present. Will you please direct
your attention to the Clerk who will read the bills
that have been placed on the Consent Calendar in
today's session.

THE CLERK:

Beginning on Calendar Page 1, Calendar 43,
Substitute SB583. Calendar Page 2, Calendar 46,
HB6884. Calendar 54, SB654. Calendar Page 3, Calendar
57, Substitute HB6822. Calendar 58, Substitute HB5757.

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Calendar Page 4, Calendar 49, HJ50. Calendar Page 5,
Calendar 50, HJ52, Calendar 51, HJ53, Calendar 52,
HJ54. Calendar Page 53, HJ56. Madam President, that
completes the first Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. The Clerk has read the items
on the Consent Calendar. The machine is open. You may
now record your vote. The machine is closed.

The result of the vote.

35 Yea

0 Nay

1 Absent

The Consent Calendar is adopted.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Madam President the only other matter on today's
Calendar that was marked Passed Temporarily is Calendar
61, File 62, SB702, AN ACT CONCERNING FARM RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT AND PLANS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator O'Leary.

SENATOR O'LEARY:

Thank you, Madam President. We would like to mark
that item Passed Retaining its place.

THE CHAIR:

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INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

February 21, 1991

The SB654 is a department bill it concerns interest payments on health insurance claims. An amendment to the original act here required of annual reported. The bottom line of this bill is that the cost of the annual reporting is far greater than the value. Virtually all of the interest payments come from one particular source in one company we can get that information on an on request basis and we in fact do collect information along these lines on market conduct examinations.

So, the short of the matter is here this was a well intentioned provision that simply costing far more than it is worth both from the insurance company's point of view and the department's point of view. Other remedies are available and we hope on that basis you would endorse and pass SB654.

In some measures, SB655, which is also a department bill concerning insurance administrators. This bill I believe was passed in 1988. We are seeking a repeal this legislation. In great measure the request to have this repealed is based upon the fact as a result of federal court decisions in great measure the statute is now inapplicable to most of subject areas that we are trying to deal with as a result of ERISA presumptions, and consequently the thing has been pretty much gutted as far as the original purposes concerned and even with respect to some of the remaining applications with respect to this third party administrators proposal the bonding requirements have proved to be onerous.

So, this is a situation where we are asking you to take an act off the books rather than adding another one. In fact, I have always thought when I was in a different life wearing a different hat that anyone propose any legislation ought to provide for something else being repealed. But I guess that is not the practical.

SB656 is also a department bill. This is AN ACT CONCERNING STANDARD EVALUATION LAW. Thirteen years ago Connecticut adopted the NAIC model dealing with minimum standards for evaluation in the establishments of reserves.