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COMM. SUSAN ADDISS: Well, now that I've been on board four weeks,

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I think it's, and my Deputy for Administration and Finance has been on board two weeks, I can tell you that we will be looking at all administrative aspects of the Department and certainly the way that we regulate both health providers and health institutions will be part of that look.

I believe there are also some recommendations of the Thomas Commission that address that issue even such recommendations as that we rationalize the ratio of managerial to professional staff in the Department and we are going to be doing, you know, carrying out those recommendations too. So the answer is we haven't finished the job but we are certainly going to undertake it.

SEN. MATTHEWS: One more thing Commissioner from me the issue of the youth camp. There is a suggestion that we license the municipal camps as well as the private. I wondered if you had a feeling about that. If you approve of that. (HB 7311)

COMM. SUSAN ADDISS: I'm not sure. I understand there were some minor discrepancies between two bills that both deal with the same issues and I think that our staff person Paul Schur, the Director of our division of Environmental Health Services is going to address that.

My personal opinion is that, yes, I do believe that municipal youth camps should also be licensed because the license and inspection is our guarantee to parents that their children, when they are not with them, are on a site or in an institution or facility that is properly being maintained and that their safety is being safeguarded.

SEN. MATTHEWS: Representative Dillon.

REP. DILLON: Commissioner, on, I have a question that I actually asked some of the other department Commissioners but we haven't had the opportunity to ask you and that was in the initial briefings. I

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REP. MOYNIHAN: Would it be possible to get us any information so that we can see those kinds of things that you will have to have added to your department?

COMM. SUSAN ADDISS: Yes.

REP. MOYNIHAN: Thank you.

COMM. SUSAN ADDISS: I certainly will do that.

SEN. MATTHEWS: Then Commissioner you were going to give us, were you going to give us a list of the complaints that have come before the boards, that number --

COMM. SUSAN ADDISS: The number.

SEN. MATTHEWS: Yes.

COMM. SUSAN ADDISS: Yes.

SEN. MATTHEWS: I think that would be helpful.

COMM. SUSAN ADDISS: In fact, I believe that is in the Thomas Commission report but I will certainly see that you get that.

SEN. MATTHEWS: All right fine. Well, if it is then don't bother.

COMM. SUSAN ADDISS: If it's not, I know I've seen it. I will get that to you right away.

SEN. MATTHEWS: Thank you.

COMM. SUSAN ADDISS: Thank you.

SEN. MATTHEWS: Paul Schur followed by Edward Neilan.

PAUL SCHUR: Good afternoon Senator Matthews, <sup>HB7311</sup> members of the Committee my name is Paul Schur. I am the Division Director for Environmental Health in the State Department of Health Services.

I am here to speak to you today in support of

proposed HB7311 AN ACT CONCERNING THE  
RECOMMENDATION OF THE THOMAS COMMISSION REGARDING  
THE LICENSURE OF YOUTH CAMPS.

I've got a couple of caveats with my support. One is that this bill has got to be tied in to SB780 that the Commissioner previously spoke about. While we are in favor of this proposal to put municipal camps in the same inspection category as the other youth camps that we license we cannot do this without increased resources.

Those resources would come off of fees that would be charged to the municipal camps. So the two bills really have got to be looked at almost together to make sure that we don't end up not having a youth camp program and still being required to license municipal camps or we'd get municipal camps added to our responsibilities without the needed resources. But we do strongly favor including municipal camps in with our regular inspection program.

SEN. MATTHEWS: Thank you Mr. Schur. Is there a question of Mr. Schur? You've been very helpful --

SEN. GUNTHER: May I ask, what bill are you talking to HB7310?

PAUL SCHUR: HB7311.

SEN. GUNTHER: Oh, I'm sorry.

SEN. MATTHEWS: Mr. Schur has been very helpful when it comes to correspondence, trying to find out what the recommendation was for the youth camp and what the department would approve of and would support. We thank you for that.

PAUL SCHUR: Thank you.

SEN. MATTHEWS: Thank you. Our next speaker is Edward Neilan followed by Ralph Cobuzzi.

EDWARD NEILAN: Senator Matthews, members of the Public Health Committee my name is Edward B. Neilan, President of Thomas Neilan and Sons Funeral Home

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listen for the bell. It will remind you that three minutes are up. If you can finish before that, great.

CHRIS MCNABOE: Good afternoon, Senator Matthews and members of the Public Health Committee. My name is Chris McNaboe and I represent the Connecticut Camping Association, a group of the 261 licensed youth camps in Connecticut.

We are here today to support HB7311. This bill includes camps operated by municipalities into Connecticut's licensing and inspection system for youth camps. Presently, profit and non-profit groups who operate a camp in Connecticut must be licensed and inspected.

Some of the requirements of licensing include: age and qualifications of waterfront directors which is 20 years old with lifeguard trainings, CPR, VLS and first aid training; qualifications for the camp director; health care personnel; life guards; archery; riflery and horseback riding instructors and camper counselor ratios to name a few.

There are also many sanitation and food service requirements all aimed at insuring the safest and healthiest environment possible for children who attend Connecticut's camps. As camp directors and owners we support Connecticut's system of licensing and inspection and feel all camps including those operated by municipalities should comply with the regulations we now have.

Why should any child be subjected to programs with diminished standards of safety and health? At this time municipal camps do not fall under these regulations and have no state regulations guiding the qualifications of any of their staff including water front and pool directors some of whom have been as young as 16 years old with no formal training for the job.

They also have no state standardized health and safety regulations. The camping industry has worked hard in partnership with the State Health Department to develop high standards for all

children who attend camps. If municipalities choose to operate camps then they must be held to the same standard.

We are also opposed to SB780 as it presently stands. SB780 seeks to raise the fees for licensing. Presently non-profit camps pay \$25 and profit camps pay \$100 for their license. We recognize that this fee needs to be increased. The Thomas Commission recommended increases to \$100 and \$500. SB780 recommends increases to \$250 and \$650. While this is 1000% increase we could support a two year phasing in of these fees. This would allow us, 70% of our organizations are non-profit, to plan for this jump in fees with our Boards of Directors and through camp tuition increases.

We propose for 1992 and 1993 raising the licensing fees to \$100 and \$500 and for 1993 - 94 to \$250 and \$650. The most important aspect is that municipal camps must also be included in this fee structure at the same rate as non-profit camps and not have a separate fee. Connecticut camps in partnership with the State Health Department have made a committment to families and their children. Let's not let health and safety be forgotten. Thank you.

SEN. MATTHEWS: Thank you. That was right on target. Any questions? Thank you Miss. McNaboe. Dr. Rick Leva speaking for the Connecticut Society of Natureopathic Physicians and followed by Dr. Ed Pinn who is speaking on the Connecticut Optometric Society. Good afternoon.

DR. RICK LEVA: Good afternoon Senator Matthews and other members of the Public Health Committee. I am the Secretary and representative of the Connecticut Society of Natureopathic Physicians. The Connecticut Society of Natureopathic Physicians is opposed to SB923. The dissolution of the Natureopathic Board could eventually end up costing the state more money.

The board is a vehicle for queries and problems that arise from natureopathic doctors in the field. The board works to sort out and solve those problems. Board members are not compensated for their time or their efforts. Work the board does

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SEN. MATTHEWS: Alright. Mitch Kurman followed by Nancy McClean and then Gwen Duff. (HB7311)

MITCH KURMAN: Dear Senators, Representatives and anyone else interested in the health and safety of youngsters. Connecticut enjoys a very enviable nationwide reputation for its fine camps. Most states, unfortunately are not in that position.

The Connecticut Youth Camp Safety Advisory Board is composed of profit and non-profit, private and institutional camps and interested public members. We agreed that the excellent youth camp safety law that helped everyone should be strengthened, not weakened to keep the leadership that we now enjoy.

Since the laws inception, around 1969 our regulated camps were inspected every year. This past year 40 camps were not inspected due to fiscal problems. The law specifically mandates inspection of these camps. Failure to inspect leads to anarchy and tragedies that happen. Costly legal action is also a possibility against the state for failing to fulfill its obligation to enforce its own laws.

These are difficult times. Money is a key consideration and I don't belittle it. The Youth Camp Safety Advisory Board serves without any compensation, no reimbursement for travel, nothing, not even a postage stamp and we are not even interested in that. In fact, even our meeting is held at no cost to the state. The Red Cross, very graciously, gives us facilities and hospitality at no cost.

The miniscule financial shortfall for youth camp safety is to pay for the short term part-time inspectors for youth camps. If we didn't have the inspection of the youth camps, I have records in quite a few states where camps never even existed. Now we are in favor of the Thomas Commission, the money, therefore, would not be any factor to justify the elimination of the excellent camp program that we have since the state wouldn't be paying anything.

The camps agree to pay their fair share and in fact I was quite pleased by the actions of the camps in readily accepting any obligation that they felt was due for them to be fair about this thing. Fees have not increased at all since 1969. I'd like to know what else has been available to the public at the same price as 1969 prices?

SEN. MATTHEWS: Could you summarize Mr. Kurman?

MITCH KURMAN: Yes, I'll do my best. I'm doing my best to read my handwriting which is difficult.

(laughter)

The responsible youth camps will pay what they should. The weak link in an excellent Youth Camp Safety Law has been the omission of so called municipal camps. Criticism at the meeting of a New York State Youth Camp Safety Advisory Board where I attended resulted in a reminder to me that New York State does include municipal camps while Connecticut with a superior law does not.

I was somewhat embarrassed by this. The tragedies are nationwide basically because of lack of legislation and even more so where the legislation does exist a lack of fulfillment of the situation where camps are actually looked at, inspected to check on the problems that may arise and may not even be noticeable to the camp operator.

To be effective our law cannot be administered like a rubber band to include some camps and omit others. Most camps want to comply. It is unfair to all when an unregulated camp tragedy happens. It hurts so many doing a truly sincere job of protecting youngsters.

This is not a political issue. The youngsters can be from the daughters and sons and granddaughters or whoever they are of Republicans, Democrats, Independents or anything. I'm not interested in that. They can include from the most humble and poor to our most affluent citizens. I've got records of some extremely expensive camps where you wouldn't put a dog in the place.

I favor the licensing and registration of the camps equally to include the municipal camps. There omission was either an oversight or a political ploy. I am convinced that a law without inspection creates a very dangerous facade of a law without substance. I welcome hard questions to cite specific examples to support the allegations or problems that I have put before you.

I can't complain about the support that I've had. I think, literally, every newspaper in the entire northeast and almost the entire country has supported the efforts to get to meaningful legislation. The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Washington Post and every paper in Connecticut. The PTA had voted 600 to nothing to support this legislation. The National Safety Councils and so forth and we have a wonderful law now.

We have an excellent law that is actually a model for the rest of the country. I'd like to see it kept that way. That's it and I'd appreciate your questions. But as far as my statement I'll have it typed up so somebody can read it. I could hardly read my own. I was up until four in the morning doing it.

SEN. MATTHEWS: Thank you Mr. Kurman. We really appreciate your coming in today and giving us the benefit of your remarks.

MITCH KURMAN: Okay.

SEN. MATTHEWS: We'd like to have your testimony in writing and evidently Senator Gunther has a word to say.

SEN. GUNTHER: Just a word for you Mitch. You have been working a long time for this and if anybody deserves the credit I think you've been up here when you had some hard answers and I think this addition now is something that maybe if they got this thing through on the municipals maybe, you could sit back and take it easy for a little while. Maybe you wouldn't have to read your handwriting the next time.

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MITCH KURMAN: I would love to. I would love nothing better than to plant my garden and go fishing.

SEN. GUNTHER: You deserve a lot of the credit. You've been the one guy and here you are today. You've got some company today. I can remember when you didn't have company.

MITCH KURMAN: I can remember it too.

(applause)

SEN. MATTHEWS: Mr. Kurman has a fan club. That is wonderful. Our next speaker is Nancy McClean and followed by Gwen Duff and Mark Davis.

NANCY MCCLEAN: Senator Matthews and members of the Public Health Committee my name is Nancy McClean and I direct Center Church Camp Astawama on Columbia Lake in Columbia.

I'm here testifying in support of HB7311. I've been involved in youth camping in Connecticut for my entire adult life. As a camp director I am sensitive to the importance of safety in the camp environment. Since the State of Connecticut implemented it's Youth Camp Safety Act in 1969, Connecticut camps have rightfully earned a reputation nationwide for safety.

Youth camp legislation in Connecticut enforces legislations which address staff age, staff certification, the ratios of staff to campers, drinking water must be tested and approved, health care personnel and equipment, kitchen facilities, food preparation and storage are all inspected.

Sanitation, emergency procedures, safety equipment, all of these are regulated under the Youth Camp Safety Act. I am sure that many camps operated by municipalities comply with all or many of these licensing requirements. However, what about those municipal camps that hire the 15 or 16 or 17 year old to act as water front director?

What about those camps that operate from a facility that does not meet code for sanitation? What happens at a municipal camp in an emergency when it

does not have certified health care providers? The question can be asked again and again. I cannot believe that we can sit back and ignore this double standard. It is believed by the Department of Health Services that as many children attend unlicensed, municipal camps in Connecticut as attend licensed camps.

Would you even think of legislating car restraints for only those children whose names begin with A through M? Can there be any rationale to assuring a safe environment for only half of Connecticut's campers. Over the past 22 years individuals and organizations associated with licensed camps in Connecticut have worked to have municipal camps included under the regulations of the Youth Camp Safety Act.

Our concern for the well-being and safety of all children have spurred us on time and time again to change the regulation which exempts municipal camps from licensure and inspection. I hope that you will each recognize the importance of protecting all of our children and therefore support HB7311. My opposition to SB780 is due to the exclusion of municipal camps in the language of that bill.

I feel that municipal camps need to be licensed and have the same fee structure as non-profits. Thank you.

SEN. MATTHEWS: Thank you. Are there any questions from the Committee? The next person is Gwen Duff.

LLOYD DUFF: Now Chairman, I won't try to masquerade as Gwen Duff. I am Lloyd Duff, her husband. We have a joint statement, she had to leave for a 3:15 doctor's appointment. We are owners for 31 years of Holiday Hill Day Camp in Mansfield Center.

We are here to speak to the same points that all the speakers regarding this camp bill have already said to you and while I have notes prepared here I'll hand them in but I don't think it is worth going over this again because it has all been said. I would just like to point out to you that not only are all the camp owners, directors, Mitch Kurman, the Connecticut Camping Association, the Camp Safety Committee, all saying the same thing but the

Commissioner of the State Health Department said it and Paul Shore said it. So we are all in agreement. Thank you.

SEN. MATTHEWS: Thank you. The next speaker is R. Mark Davis.

MARK DAVIS: Good afternoon. My name is Mark Davis. I am the owner and director of Camp Wonposet in Morris, Connecticut. For the last 85 years this camp is providing wonderful recreational opportunities for young people in our state.

I am a professional risk management trainer for the camping industry. Each year I travel throughout the United States training other camping professionals of how to make their programs safer. Through my travels I find the serious effects of non-regulation and non-licensing in other youth camps throughout the nation.

This disturbs me a great deal. From a personal experience, on July 10, 1989, the tornado that swept through the northwest corner of the state devastated my facility. I had 180 people on site at the time. I had 24 children trapped in buildings. Had I not a trained staff. Had I not been licensed and inspected by the State of Connecticut, which was most helpful to us in overcoming this disaster, we would have suffered possible fatalities or higher injuries than we did from the very beginning.

Connecticut has been a model of practice in youth camp legislation however the blemish has been the non-licensing of municipal camps. As a professional educator, I care about the health and welfare of children. As an owner and director of a private camp here in Connecticut I am proud to operate one in this state because we are a model and other camp directors frequently ask me in my training programs about what we do here that makes us so good.

So I support HB7311. However, I am opposed to SB780 because it does not include municipal camps in its fee structure. The municipal camps take care of children and should therefore be licensed, regulated and share the cost of this program. Due

to the municipal camps financial structure I feel that they should be charged the same fee as not for profits without a separate licensing structure.

I also support the fee structure recommended by the Thomas Commission and also support the two year fees in period. What disturbs me most about SB780 is that personally I find it morally reprehensible that the State of Connecticut would be so bold as to discriminate the health and safety of our states children by legally indicating that the child population served by not for profit and for profit camps are more important than those served by the municipalities. Thank you.

SEN. MATTHEWS: Thank you. Any questions from members of the Committee? Thank you very much.

BRIDGET HEALY: Good afternoon. I'm Bridget Healy. I'm with Connecticut Trails Council of Girl Scouts and I'm the Camp Administrator and Property Manager. Today you've heard what I am going to say but I think it is very important to hear it again and to hear it from another non-profit youth serving agency.

I ask that you support HB7311, the Thomas Commission's recommendations which would include the licensing of state and municipal camps. We seek that you do not support SB780 as it stands. Please amend the bill with the fee structure of \$100 for non-profit camps including state and municipal youth camps and \$500 for profit camps.

The Connecticut Trails Council of Girl Scouts serves 27,000 girls in approximately 66% of the state. We are a non-profit youth serving agency and sponsor six summer camps. The fee increases would affect us not one time but six times. The Girl Scouts have been in the camping business for over 70 years and I stand before you today to demand your attention to the health and safety of our future citizens, our youths.

We endorse the continuation of the state youth camp licensing procedure. The State of Connecticut is considered a forerunner to other states in the field of camping regulations. All camps, non-profit, private, municipal, state camps must be

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REP. CONWAY: Joe, one question sir. You don't know anything about the nursing homes, how many beds they would have off hand.

JOE COATSWORTH: There are 28,000 nursing home beds in Connecticut.

REP. CONWAY: And how much is it for each bed?

REP. FRITZ: \$43.00 for a nursing home bed.

REP. CONWAY: How much?

REP. FRITZ: \$43.00 for a nursing home bed.  
(inaudible - mike not on)

JOE COATSWORTH: There are different categories for nursing homes delineated here.

REP. FRITZ: (inaudible - mike not on)

REP. CONWAY: 28,000.

JOE COATSWORTH: 28,000 yes.

REP. CONWAY: Okay, thanks Joe.

JOE COATSWORTH: Thank you.

REP. DILLON: The next speaker is Bernice Moore to be followed by, the handwriting is a little hard for me to read but Jane Bielefield-Blake. Is that close? Well, you can correct me but please prepare yourself. Thank you.

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BERNICE MOORE: I am Bernie Moore. I think you have been very patient today. I, everything I am on the Advisory Board. The Youth Camp Advisory Board for the Department of Health. I have spent my life camping, directing camp and I guess playing every position in camping.

I'm not going to repeat what everyone said at least 12 times because I've written to each of you to tell you how I've felt and I strongly say please, finally include municipal and state camps under licensing. It is important and one point that hasn't been brought out today, I think, parents who

know very little about camp and don't really look into it when they send their children assume all camps are regulated.

I think that we should straighten this out so that camps are regulated to be safe for their children. I am very definitely an advocate of all children and the best for them, whatever it may be. I have worked for that all my life. Please do consider it so I back HB7311 but would gladly go with SB780 providing the municipal camps are included and share the fee structure with all other camps.

I appreciate your patience today. This is marvelous. Do you do this often?

(laughter)

REP. DILLON: This year, yes. This is the easier part. The next speaker Miss Bielefield-Blake to be followed by Chris Coker from the Bridgeport YMCA.

JANE BIELEFIELD-BLAKE: I'm Jane Bielefield-Blake from Northwestern Connecticut Girl Scout Council. I'm here to support HB7311 dealing with licensing of municipal camps. When accidents happen in any camp in Connecticut, whether it is not for profit, for profit or municipal camps the headlines do not distinguish between these types of camps.

Parents assume we are all at fault. These effect us all in the youth camp industry through reputation and rising insurance fees. Accidents to children in municipal camps could be reduced through licensing. All of us should certainly be meeting the same standards and guidelines.

I oppose SB780 as it stands. I understand the need to finance the Department to regulate the standards and guidelines governed by this states Health Department. I would look for a gradual increase in these license fees. Budgets for 1992 have been set for many agencies. Increasing license fees up to 1000% in one jump makes it difficult for many of the smaller camps with limited budgets to continue.

Municipal camps and not for profit camps face the same budgetary constraints and constant belt

tightening measures. In all fairness fees for municipal camps need to be the same as not for profit camps.

REP. DILLON: Thank you. Have you provided a written copy of your testimony to the Committee?

JANE BIELEFIELD-BLAKE: I will.

REP. DILLON: Please do because we all have a lot of other hearings going on in the building and if someone should miss you they would really like to read your testimony when they are finished with their other hearings. Thank you.

The next speaker will be Chris Coker from the Bridgeport YMCA to be followed by Raymond Horn, Lakewood - Trumbull YMCA. Please prepare yourself.

CHRIS COKER: Thank you. My name is Chris Coker and like you said I am from the Bridgeport YMCA. I moved here to Connecticut January 15 from Chicago where I have been associated with the YMCA there for 10 years and I was also a policeman for five years.

I am not new to the YMCA but I am new to Connecticut. We came, I came out of Illinois with a very strong regulatory restraints set on our camps there. I came to Connecticut understanding there was the same thing. I was very surprised to find that municipal and city camps are not included in those guidelines.

It is a mistake, I believe that we have the chance to rectify now. Something that I would like to talk about is being reasonable. I think it is a reasonable assumption that all parents make when they send their children to camp they assume that there is guidelines applied and they assume that we have taken reasonable care to insure the safety of their children.

So I think it would behoove all of us to pass HB7311. Something else that the Connecticut Camping Association has made very clear to me and I think to all of us here is that they are in favor of regulation. Many agencies say no, no, no leave the regulation off. Don't give us any more restraints

or parameters put upon us. This is one of the few organizations that I have heard that is asking for more, for a higher quality that we want for our children.

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As far as the fees go, it would be unreasonable of us to ask that you provide a service without our industry covering it. So I think it is more than reasonable for all of us to cover the fees of the inspectors, something that we should keep in mind is that if we include the municipal camps and city camps within this structure there is going to have to be more inspectors. Now then, something that we should look at and I think the committees and the Senate and House should consider is cost saving measures.

Many camps are accredited by the American Camping Association. They inspect us every three years and they are more stringent than the state is. Perhaps things like that can be included in that so that one year the ASA inspects, the next year the state does. To have both of those done in one year seems rather useless and a waste of one of the organizations time. So as far as the fees are concerned, I think that we can cover them. I think that we should cover them.

I think, though, that it behooves us all, in this time of trying economics that we look at ways to save money and one of those is looking at outside agencies and independent agencies that already accredit us and check on the safety of our camps. Thank you.

REP. DILLON: Thank you. Have you a written copy of your testimony?

CHRIS COKER: I just barely got through my budget hearing at the Y, I didn't have time to --

REP. DILLON: I'm sure. I think the committee members will be intrigued. We spent some of our time trying to get different agencies of the state to work together and if we can work with an independent association I'd be pleased. But whatever we could do, I think would be great and if you could put it in writing it would be helpful.

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CHRIS COKER: Certainly.

SEN. GUNTHER: Did you come from the Central Y in Chicago or were you at one of the branches out there?

CHRIS COKER: One of the branches out there.

SEN. GUNTHER: How about Dunkin Y? Is it still there?

CHRIS COKER: Camp Dunkin?

SEN. GUNTHER: No, Dunkin YMCA on the north side of Chicago.

CHRIS COKER: Not that I, I don't recall.

SEN. GUNTHER: See that, they must have closed it down after I stopped running the pool.

: It was renamed Gunther Y.

CHRIS COKER: That's because they weren't inspected, that's why.

SEN. GUNTHER: That was before the Chicago fire when I was out there in college.

: They closed it Doc when Illinois became a state.

(laughter)

REP. DILLON: The next speaker is Raymond Horn from the Lakewood-Trumbull Y and Peter Tracey will be the next speaker and the last speaker.

RAYMOND HORN: Good afternoon and thanks for your time. I am currently the Executive Director of the Lakewood-Trumbull YMCA and prior to that I worked for the New York YMCA as a camp director and trainer for the northeast region.

During that time I was very much aware of the camp codes as they related to the operation of our day camp sites. In talking with Chris last evening he brought to my attention the issue that municipal

camps in the state are not currently asked to comply with codes. That I have to be candid with you I was ignorant of.

It surprised me and therefore I came up this afternoon. I would like you to consider a couple of things. There have been many tremendous points made but the safety of children as it relates to camping shouldn't matter as to whether they are in a private or not for profit camp or whether they are in a municipal camp.

I tend to agree with people that, as myself I assumed that all camps in the State of Connecticut fell under the same stringent guidelines, ones that the state should be proud of. So I ask you, as everyone else has to make the step today and close the loop hole that somehow was created some years back.

The second thing that I wanted to talk to you about in regard to SB780 was that I support the concept of charging fees. I do believe that it is important that we cover the cost and that the people who utilize camps cover the cost of providing the codes and the inspections that are necessary to insure the quality.

However there is three points I would like you to consider. One is possibly a phase in process. For ourself, the issue may not be quite as demanding as it is important as some other smaller camps who operate on much smaller budgets. It sounds strange but a \$225 increase or a \$500 increase may be significant, especially in light of what people are trying to do with their fee structures.

Two, as Chris discussed the American Camping Association is a nationally known and credible guru if you may, of camping. We, ourselves, use that process every three years to maintain a certain accreditation standard. They are stringent and there may be a way in which the American Camping Association with the Connecticut Camping Association could work with the state in being incorporated for those who buy that service.

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Calendar Page 12, Calendar #569, File #802.

Substitute HB7311, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATION  
OF THE THOMAS COMMISSION REGARDING THE LICENSURE OF  
YOUTH CAMPS. Favorable Report of the Committee on  
Appropriations.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. The Chair would recognize  
Senator Matthews.

SENATOR MATTHEWS:

Thank you, Madam President. I move the Joint  
Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Senator. Would you care to  
remark further?

SENATOR MATTHEWS:

Thank you, Madam President. This bill requires  
that youth camps operated by the state for municipal  
agencies to be licensed by the Department of Health  
Services. Under current law, only youth camps operated  
by persons or partnerships or corporations or  
associations are licensed. This would require, then,  
that municipal and state camps also receive a license  
and be inspected by the state.

Our state has an enviable record in the quality of  
our day camps. This will continue that effort and will

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continue that record. I think we have a system that we should be very proud of and we simply want to expand it.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Senator Matthews. Would anyone else wish to remark on Senate Calendar #569? Are there further remarks? If not, Senator Matthews.

SENATOR MATTHEWS:

If there are no comments, Madam President, I would request that we place this bill on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. Is there any objection in placing Senate Calendar #569, Substitute HB7311 on the Consent Calendar? Any objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar #570, File #438 and #810. Substitute HB7116, AN ACT CONCERNING REPLACEMENT OF HOUSING UNITS LOST BY STATE FUNDED PROJECTS. As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A". Favorable Report of the Committee on Commerce and Exportation.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. The Chair would recognize

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that have been placed on Consent.

THE CLERK:

The 4th Consent Calendar, Madam President begins on Page 6, Calendar 487, Substitute HB6813. Calendar 491, Substitute SB558. Calendar Page 9, Calendar 539, Substitute SB859. Calendar Page 10, Calendar 545, Substitute HB6833.

Calendar Page 12, Calendar 569, Substitute HB7311. Calendar 570, Substitute HB7116. Calendar Page 19, Calendar 446, Substitute SB911. Calendar Page 20, Calendar 516, Substitute SB676. Calendar 526, Substitute SB844. Calendar Page 22, Calendar 221, SB832. Calendar Page 25, Calendar 103, Substitute HB6860.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk. You have heard the items that have been placed on the Consent Calendar #4 for the date May 31, 1991. The machine is open. You may record your vote. Thank you. The machine is closed.

The result of the vote.

35 Yea

0 Nay

1 Absent

The Consent Calendar #4 is adopted.

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not, we'll return to the Call.

CLERK:

Please turn to Page 10, Calendar 640, Substitute for House Bill 7242, AN ACT CONCERNING THE COUNCIL ON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION.

Favorable Report of the Committee on Appropriations.

REP. PELTO: (54th)

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

Representative Pelto.

REP. PELTO: (54th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have three items to add to the -- or to put on the Consent Calendar for action at our next regularly scheduled sessions. Those three items are the one just called, on Page 10, Calendar 640, Substitute for House Bill 7242, File 777, AN ACT CONCERNING THE COUNCIL ON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION.

Favorable Report of the Committee on Appropriations.

Then on Page 12, Calendar 655, Substitute for House Bill 7311, File 802, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE THOMAS COMMISSION REGARDING THE LICENSURE OF YOUTH CAMPS.

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Appropriations.

And lastly, on Page 23 of our Calendar, Calendar 586, Substitute for House Bill 5379, File 690, AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES BY MUNICIPALITIES FROM VENDORS.

Favorable Report of the Committee on Planning and Development.

At this time I'd like to move those onto the Consent Calendar for action at our next regularly scheduled session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

The following items were placed on the Consent Calendar for action at our next session. On Page 10, Calendar 640; on Page 12, Calendar 655; and on Page 23, Calendar 586.

Is there objection to any of those items being placed on the Consent Calendar for action at our next session? Seeing none, the items are placed and will be acted upon tomorrow.

CLERK:

Page 18, Calendar 374, Substitute for House Bill 6097, AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TRANSIT DISTRICTS. (As amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "B").

Favorable Report of the Committee on Judiciary.

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Consent Calendar is made up of Calendar 586, Calendar 640 and Calendar 655. I'd like to move that for action today.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MARKHAM:

The question is to move today's Consent Calendar. All members please take their seats. Staff and guests come to the well of the House. The machine will be opened.

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll call. Members to the Chamber. The House is voting by roll call. Members to the Chamber please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MARKHAM:

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

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

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Total Number Voting	144
Necessary for Passage	73
Those voting Yea	144
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not Voting	7

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DEPUTY SPEAKER POLINSKY:

The Consent Calendar is passed.

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BUSINESS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR  
BILLS PASSED

On motion of Representative Pelto of the 54th, the following bills on the Consent Calendar which were starred for action were passed in accordance with Rule 43 of the House Rules:

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. Substitute for H.B. No. 5379 (COMM) (File No. 690) AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES BY MUNICIPALITIES FROM VENDORS.

APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for H.B. No. 7242 (RAISED) (File No. 777) AN ACT CONCERNING THE COUNCIL ON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION.

APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for H.B. No. 7311 (RAISED) (File No. 802) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE THOMAS COMMISSION REGARDING THE LICENSURE OF YOUTH CAMPS.

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CLERK:

Page 5, Calendar 526, House Bill No. 6716, AN ACT CONCERNING POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE DECISIONS.

Favorable Report of the Committee on Judiciary.

REP. COHEN: (15th)

Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER POLINSKY:

Representative Cohen.

REP. COHEN: (15th)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, at this