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366 is PR.

Page 18, Calendar 369, S.B. 1131 is to be marked Go and I would ask that this item be made the order of the day.

371 is PR.

376, S.B. 1287 I move to the Foot of the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SEN. JEPSEN:

382 is PR.

388 is to be passed temporarily.

425 is to be passed temporarily.

Page 19, Calendar 430, S.B. 1334 I move to the Committee on Planning and Development.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SEN. JEPSEN:

Calendar 435 is PR.

439 is to be passed temporarily.

448, H.B. 5882 I move to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SEN. JEPSEN:

Calendar 467, S.B. 1010 I move to the Committee on Judiciary.

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please return to the Chamber.

Madam President, Second Consent Calendar begins on
Calendar Page 4, Calendar 226, S.B. 330.

Calendar Page 9, Calendar 471, Substitute for S.B.
1240.

Calendar Page 13, Calendar 500, Substitute for H.B.
6615.

Calendar Page 17, Calendar 246, Substitute for S.B.
1333.

Calendar Page 20, Calendar 331, S.B. 281.

And Calendar Page 22, Calendar 375, Substitute for
S.B. 913.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Sir. Would you once again announce a
roll call vote. The machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

The Senate is now voting by roll call on the
Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to
the Chamber.

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the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted?
If all members have voted, the machine will be locked.

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The Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar No. 2.

Total number voting 35; necessary for adoption, 18.

Those voting "yea", 34; those voting "nay", 0. Those absent and not voting, 2.

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar is adopted. At this time the Chair will entertain points of personal privilege or announcements. Seeing none, Senator Jepsen.

SEN. JEPSEN:

Madam President, that concludes our business for today. We expect the Senate to be in probably, possibly Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and I can't rule out Friday next week.

That's right, we'll be in tomorrow. I thought today was Thursday. That was a test just to see if you were alert. You all did very, very well. I'm very proud of you. Normal 12:00 o'clock caucus for the Democrats in between 1:30 and 2:00, I guess.

Joint Committee on Legislative Management meeting 11:15 outside the Hall of the House.

THE CHAIR:

Senator DeLuca.

SEN. DELUCA:

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Thank you, Madam President. Just to announce that there will be a Senate Republic Caucus tomorrow at 12:00 noon promptly. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Sir. Senator Jepsen.

SEN. JEPSEN:

Thank you, Madam President. I will note that I expect to go pretty late tomorrow night and secondly that Senator Gaffey had to miss the last sequence of votes due to legislative business.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Sir. Senator Penn.

SEN. PENN:

Thank you, Madam President. For the purpose of an announcement. There will be a Public Safety meeting approximately 11:45 on the Hall of the House tomorrow.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Sir. Senator Jepsen.

SEN. JEPSEN:

Madam President, I move we stand adjourned subject to the Call of the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Excuse me, Sir.

SEN. JEPSEN:

I withdraw my motion.

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Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Calendar Number 307.

CLERK:

On page 32, Calendar 307, Substitute for H.B. 5882,
AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF YOUTH CAMPS.
Favorable Report of the Committee on Education.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Representative Mary Eberle.

REP. EBERLE: (15TH)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

The question is on acceptance and passage. Please proceed, Madam.

REP. EBERLE: (15TH)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill is really common sense legislation in many ways. It exempts classroom-based summer instructional programs from out definition of "youth camp" when they have no hazardous activities involved.

It exempts youth camps from getting safety inspection reports when they are housed in college facilities that already have their own inspection reports and it allows those camps to use school physical examination reports that the children already have to

meet the required physical exam records requirement for the camps and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

Representative Godfrey.

REP. GODFREY: (110TH)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in strong support of this bill. Sections 2 and 3 are actually the result of a friend of mine who actually lives in Representative Wasserman's district who had approached me. He has been very active with the Veterans of Foreign Wars over a number of years in running the Boys State and Girls State Summer Youth Camps. I've had the privilege of being asked to participate in both of those for the last few years teaching kids pretty much about how government runs, let them kind of do some role playing and that kind of thing and he brought it to my attention that this organization, through the VFW, every year has this particular event on one of the campuses of Connecticut State University, on both Eastern, Western and Central have been places I've visited.

But under current law, they were required to have the dormitories and the cafeterias at our own state colleges inspected at a significant cost to this volunteer nonprofit organization.

I had talked to the people from the universities and, of course, the dormitories and the cafeterias are regularly inspected by local and state building and health officials and there seems to be absolutely no purpose in requiring a nonprofit that was using these facilities to have to re-inspect them for their own purposes.

I approached the Commissioner of Public Health through the Deputy Commissioner and they agreed that this was not a problem, neither was there any objection from the State University or from the University of Connecticut.

Similarly, the section dealing with physical exams, again, correctly the children should have physical exams to make sure that they are physically able to participate, but many of them were also having a physical at the same time for school sports or for school. These are all high school aged kids and were being told they couldn't use one exam for both purposes. This would allow that to happen.

So this is kind of certainly an example of democracy in action. Here we have constituents having real problems with solutions that we can come up with and I'm very happy to see that this bill is moving forward today.

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Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80TH)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the bill. I believe it is crafted to be reasonably narrow, as well as to leave the final decisions in the hands of the Commissioner of Health for the safety of children in these camps, whether that be documentation of building safety or physicals.

And I believe it should get the Chamber's support.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

Will staff and guests please come to the Well of the House and 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 FRITZ:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Please check the machine to make sure that your vote has been properly cast. If so, the machine will be

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locked. And the Clerk will take the 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	6

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

The bill is passed.

Are there any points of personal privilege or announcements? Representative Heagney.

REP. HEAGNEY: (16TH)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise for a point of personal privilege.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. HEAGNEY: (16TH)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and members, in the gallery today are two fourth grade classes from Simsbury's own Tooten Hill School and with their teachers, Mrs. Perkins and I believe, Mr. Bazzano and among those students are one near and dear to myself and he's come down to visit me is my son, Emmett and I

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JERRY DEARMAN: Senator Harp, Representative Eberle, Joe Tarrant is not here, I'm a last minute substitution. I won't take a lot of your time this afternoon, I know it's been a rather long day and I admire your perseverance to say the least.

I'm here to talk to you about proposed HB5882 --

REP. EBERLE: Can you just identify yourself sir?

JERRY DEARMAN: I'm sorry. My name is Jerry Dearman, I'm the department treasurer in the American Legion and I'm also the treasurer --

REP. EBERLE: Can you wait just a minute, is Mr. Jessup in the room? Okay.

JERRY DEARMAN: I'm also the treasurer of Boys State, Incorporated, that's why I'm here today. The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary for a number of years have sponsored a couple of programs which you may, are probably aware of and that's Boys State and Girls State which are held on the campuses of Eastern Connecticut University and Western Connecticut University.

These, I was sympathetic when I heard the Hartford Conservatory speak. We too have been classified as a youth camp. We sponsor a program setting up a mock state government for 11th grade students from across the State that have been recommended academically by their respective high schools.

Some of our young men and women will go on to Boys Nation and Girls Nation in Washington, DC and some of them have met with quite a bit of success. Unfortunately being classified as a youth camp we're required to have safety inspections of our buildings.

And I would point out to you that our two sites are at universities, State universities and we would ask your support in exempting us from those safety inspections as they come under another State agency and are inspected routinely not only by the various health departments but by the Department of Public Safety.

Each young man or woman from the 11th grade comes to our program, has already had a physical by State statute at their school, but yet under the current regulation they're required to have another physical.

We're asking for a consideration to waive that requirement and that their school physical be sufficient to meet the requirement under the youth camp regulation. It seems we're charging the parents of these kids, they're having to bear the costs of two physicals when one physical should be sufficient.

It's the extent of my testimony, I'm happy to take any questions from you. Obviously we're not real pleased about being a youth camp because we don't do any camp, this is an academic program.

REP. EBERLE: Okay, thank you sir. The school physicals are only required I think at two different points, at kindergarten and sixth grade unless a child is participating in sports right?

JERRY DEARMAN: No, each 11th grader by State statute requires a physical, I have no idea why that was enacted. But each youngster requires, is required by statute to get that physical.

REP. EBERLE: So 11th grade.

JERRY DEARMAN: And we're just saying, they're getting one physical anyway for school, let's use that physical instead of making them get a second one.

REP. EBERLE: Every time I've had a child they had to submit a physical report from a physician, if he's had one within the time, I've been able to just take the form to the doctor's office and have them fill it out and submit it.

The only time they had to go in for a new exam was when they hadn't had one recently.

JERRY DEARMAN: The Department of Public Health is not of the same opinion. They want an additional

physical and that's how they read the regulations. We've been told that, no ifs, ands or buts about it.

REP. EBERLE: Okay, are there other questions? Thank you very much sir.

JERRY DEARMAN: Thank you very much for your time, I do appreciate it.

REP. EBERLE: Is Mr. Jessup here? Then Tom Howard and after him Robert Rafford and after that Linda Kowalski. Is Mr. Howard here? Is Mr. Rafford here? Is Ms. Kowalski here? Kevin Kinsella, we are moving through our list. Marcia Wellman, and after that Tyler Kleykamp, and after that Mike Rosenkrantz.

MARCIA WELLMAN: Senator Harp, Representative Eberle other members of the committee, thank you for this opportunity today. There are two different bills I'd like to testify one. The first one is SB699, AN ACT CONCERNING WATER UTILITY COORDINATING -- oh, excuse me, I'm Marcia Wellman to identify myself, Marcia Wellman with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

CCM supports SB699, AN ACT CONCERNING WATER UTILITY COORDINATING COMMITTEES for a number of reasons. Current WUCC membership consists of one representative from each water company in the WUCC's public water supply management area and one representative from each regional planning area within the overall water management area.

Amending the WUCC membership to include memberships from each affected municipality would provide a better balance between the public and private perspective of the work that takes place before these committees.

By being left off of the coordinating committee, the committee is the entity charged with developing preliminary exclusive service area boundaries, municipalities have been relegated to observer status while decisions are made that affect local public health, land use and development and