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JUNE 4, 1957

THE CLERK:

Business on the Calendar, June 4, 1957, Favorable Reports, Starred for Action, Cal. 1052, File 920. Senate Bill 1133. An Act concerning limiting the state debt to an amount equal to three and one-half times the state revenues collected in the last completed fiscal year unless approved by referendum vote of the people. Favorable report of the committee on Judiciary and Governmental Functions.

THE CHAIR:

The Senator from the 32nd.

SENATOR BARRINGER:

I have an extremely complicated amendment which I think it would be well to have printed in the file for tomorrow and at this time I will yield to the good Chairman of Finance to explain it forthwith. I see no purpose of having the Clerk read it today frustrating our minds with it. It is complicated and it ought to be put on the calendar. I guess I have to move its adoption but I think it ought to be printed.

THE CHAIR:

The Clerk will order the matter be printed.

SENATOR SNYDER:

We should adopt that amendment before it can be printed should we not?

SENATOR BARRINGER:

Alright, I so move, Sir.

THE CHAIR: Question is upon the adoption of the amendment.



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Will you remark?

SENATOR BARRINGER:

I would prefer, I had an agreement with the gentleman from the 10th. Do you want to do it?

SENATOR MARSILIUS:

If I could. What this amendment is is a re-draft of the original bill. The original bill was taken directly from the report of the Bell Commission. When I saw it I was concerned about its effect on our borrowing and the debt limit of the State and so, therefore, I took it to the Commissioner of Finance and Control and asked his advice. We thereby engaged a bond council and between the Legislative Council, the State Bond Council, the Commissioner of Finance and Control and the Director of the Bell Commission, a new version was drafted and brought out and that is what is being put here. Essentially what we have done is tighten up the language and clarified it. The change from  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  does not indicate that we have extended our borrowing particularly, it means that we have limited our revenue to those that are easily defined and which are under the complete control of the General Assembly. We have eliminated fees that can be brought up, raised or lowered by various agencies of the state because in the opinion of the bond council those fees would not be required as true income of the state because they could be borrowed without the General Assembly. Therefore, this is a good amendment, I think it's good that it should be in the files so we all can read it and consider it again tomorrow.

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THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Question is upon adoption of the amendment. All those in favor will signify by saying AYE, opposed? The amendment is adopted.

THE CLERK:

Cal. No. 1235, file 873, Sub. for HB 1559. An Act concerning the Conn. State Board of Examiners in Optometry. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule A. Approved by the Legislative commissioner). Favorable report, Public Health and Safety.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Senator from the 11th.

SENATOR QUILLO:

The Clerk has an amendment.

THE CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule A as offered by Mrs. Prokop of the town of Stafford. This bill is again in your files, 873.

"In Section 1, line 14, strike out the word 'may' and insert in lieu thereof the word 'shall'."

In Section 1, Line 16, after the word "list", add a comma and insert the following "subject to said section 93."

In Section 1, line 22, after the word "make" add the following "and enforce."

THE CHAIR: This is a good bill and should pass.

SENATOR FROM THE 11TH.

SENATOR SQUILLO: Question is on acceptance of the

Mr. President, I move for the adoption of amendment



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shall be required only for first offenders and not in every case, unless there is a conviction within three years. It's a good bill and should pass.

THE CHAIR: MARSELIUS:

Any further remarks? If not, those in favor say "Aye" opposed "No." The report is accepted and the bill as amended by House Amendment Schedule A is passed.

THE CLERK:

Please return to page 5, cal. No. 1760, file 1488.

SENATOR WATSON: the bill as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule

A. Mr. President, may this be passed retaining its place.

THE CHAIR: MARSELIUS:

Cal. No. 1760 will be passed retaining its place.

THE CLERK: is essentially the same as the original purpose -

the Cal. No. 1761, file 1536 - this is a reprint if you will recall last night we sent this bill to the Legislative Commissioner for reprinting. It's in your files, and the new file number is 1536. Senate Bill 1133. An Act limiting the State Debt to an amount Equal to Three and One-Half Times the State Revenues Collected in the Last- Completed Fiscal Year Unless Approved by Referendum Vote of the People. (As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule A, approved by the Legislative Commissioner.) Favorable report of Judicial and Governmental Functions.

THE CHAIR: has been clarified with the department of finance

and Senator from the 25th. Commissioner and the state bond

SENATOR MARSELIUS: the bill as drafted is a good bill and

Question to the Chair - do we have to approved the amendment

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again - adopt the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

The amendment was adopted, Sir, you do not.

SENATOR MARSILIUS:

I then move for the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule A.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on the acceptance of the committee's report and passage of the bill as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule A.

SENATOR MARSILIUS:

As I explained last night we adopted the amendment, this amendment is essentially the same as the original purpose - the original bill, and as recommended by the Bell commission the change from three and a half to four and a half simply reflects the fact that we have taken out from the revenues of the state all revenues except those which are taxed and which are a matter of control by the general assembly. We have also clarified such things as the problem of sinking funds back into anticipation notes and given the power to the state bond commission the question of priority in the event that some general assembly authorizes more bonds than are permissible in the debt limit.

This has been clarified with the department of finance and control; the legislative commissioner and the state bond council. I believe the bill as drafted is a good bill and should be passed.



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THE CHAIR: adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR: Are there any further remarks? Those in favor signify by saying "Aye" opposed "No." The report is accepted and the bill as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule A is passed. Senator from the 25th. This is a Senate bill, do you want to send it to the House.

SENATOR WATSON: is Assembly: Whereas, today is the 20th

weddi I was going to move for suspension of all of our bills.

THE CHAIR: ved that the senate offer its congratulations and

best Senator from the 4th. Are those Senate bills ready?

SENATOR WATSON: Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution

be fo I just wanted to see if we had one other Senate bill ready.

THE CLERK:

Could we pass that temporarily.

SENATOR WATSON:

Mr. President, I move for unanimous consent for suspension of the rules for the immediate transmittal of all items on which we have taken action today either to the Secretary of the State, the House, or the Legislative Commissioner, as the case may be. The only regret I have is that she has to spend her

THE CHAIR: anniversary here with us. I hope the resolution will

You've heard the motion, those in favor say "Aye" opposed "No." The motion is carried and the bills will be transmitted as ordered. is on the adoption of the resolution. Will you

THE CLERK: her? If not, all those in favor of the adoption

pleas Senate Resolution No. 73. Resolution concerning Anne Gutt.

THE CHAIR: only chance.

THE CHAIR: Senator from the 4th.

THE CHAIR: The Clerk has in his possession a number of House bills

SENATOR WATSON:



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Wednesday, June 5, 1957

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 1133. An Act Limiting the State Debt to an Amount Equal to an Amount Equal to Three and One-Half Times the the State Revenues Collected in the Last-Completed Fiscal Year, unless Approved by Referendum Vote of the People. Favorable report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Functions, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule A.

MR. PRUYN (COLEBROOK):

I move the adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule A.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on the adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule A.

Will you remark?

MR. PRUYN (COLEBROOK):

If there is no objection, perhaps I can explain the amendment rather than having it read.

THE SPEAKER:

Is there objection? The Chair hears none and the waiving of the amendment from the Senate will take place.

MR. PRUYN (COLEBROOK):

Senate Amendment Schedule A strikes out everything after the clause, and substitutes the identical language of constitutional amendment that we passed yesterday. I move the adoption of the amendment.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on the adoption of the amendment. Will you remark? If not, those in favor say "Aye" opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it, Senate Amendment Schedule A is adopted.



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MR. PRUYN (COLEBROOK):

I now move for suspension of the rules for consideration of the bill as amended.

THE SPEAKER:

Is there objection to suspension? The Chair hears none, the rules are suspended.

MR. PRUYN (COLEBROOK):

This bill puts into statute the same provision that we adopted as an initial step in the constitutional amendment yesterday. The remarks that were made yesterday by those in support of that amendment I need not repeat. I move acceptance of the committee's report and the passage of the bill as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule A. (AVON):

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage of this bill as amended. Will you remark further? If not, those in favor say "Aye" those opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it, bill is passed.

GENTLEMAN FROM ANSONIA:

A point of information, I thought the bill we passed yesterday was four and a half times. Did I understand the Gentleman to say three and a half?

MR. PRUYN (COLEBROOK):

The bill as originally presented provided for three and a half times. The Senate Amendment changed not only the substance of the bill but the title of the bill.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 1116. An Act validating a Notice Given by