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Committee urges the passage of this bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further. If not, all those in favor of the passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate please indicate by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, and the bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Cal. No. 218. File No. 133.

S.B. No. 648. An act concerning expenses and assessment of Public Utilities Commission.

Favorable report of the Committee on Public Utilities.

THE SPEAKER:

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Britain.

MR. BADOLATO:

I move for acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark.

MR. BADOLATO:

This is merely a technical date change from August to September in which the Public Utilities Commission will

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certify to the comptroller the amount of the assessment against the Public Service Company. This bill will give them more time to prepare the assessment. I move the passage.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further. If not, all those in favor of the passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate please indicate by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'.

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Matters starred for action on Wednesday, April 8, 1959.

Cal. No. 163. File No. 73.

Sub. for S.B. No. 240. An act concerning extent of aid to Dependent Children.

Favorable report of the committee on Public Welfare and Humane Institutions.

THE SPEAKER:

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ashford.

MR. ZAMBO:

May this bill be passed retaining its place on the Calendar? Until tomorrow.

THE SPEAKER:

Passed retaining its place until tomorrow.

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This bill merely clarifies an existing statute in the procedures to be followed under it. Our law now requires that in the event of a tie vote in any municipality, the election stands adjourned for one week, at which time the tie vote is to be resolved in the adjourned election. This bill merely requires the clerk of municipality to give newspaper notice to the electors of the day, hour, place and purpose of the adjourned election. Therefore, we feel it is sound, and we urge its passage.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor will signify by saying "aye", those opposed "no". The "ayes" have it. The bill is ordered passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 107. File No. 133. Senate Bill No. 648. An Act concerning Expenses and Assessment of Public Utilities Commission.

Favorable report of the Committee on Public Utilities.

SENATOR GLADSTONE:

Mr. President....

THE CHAIR:

Senator from the 22nds.

SENATOR GLADSTONE:

I move for acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on the acceptance of the committee's favorable

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report and passage of the bill. Will you remark further?

SENATOR GLADSTONE:

Mr. President, this is merely a technical date change from August to September, in which the Public Utilities Commission shall certify to the comptroller the amount of the assessments against public service company. This gives the Public Utilities Commission more time to prepare this. It gives them one more month. I urge the adoption.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor will signify by saying "aye", those opposed "no". The "ayes" have it. The bill is ordered passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 108. File No. 127. Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1177 and Amendment Schedule "A" have now returned from the Legislator Commissioner's office, and have not been reprinted as yet.

Calendar No. 124. File No. 35. House Bill No. 2222. An Act concerning Commitments to the Connecticut Reformatory.

Favorable report of the Committee on Penal Institutions.

SENATOR SCHAFER:

Mr. President....

THE CHAIR:

The warden from the 14th.

SENATOR SCHAFER:

I move for the acceptance of the committee's favorable report

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Rep. Holdridge: Yes. Maybe I should--see back in 1903 Groton applied all the water rights from the town of Ledyard and at the present time if we want to have a manufacturing plant, or the town is growing fast we want to get water from one or the other, Groton is willing to sell it to Ledyard, Norwich is willing to sell it to Ledyard. We have no right to take it over the town line because of law. Most of our water probably would come from Groton as they are building a large reservoir in our town. But the idea of getting it from Norwich in case the water line goes down from the Norwich State Hospital. That's a short distance from the drawbridge in case some manufacturing plant should want to locate there. This would give us the privilege, or give them the privilege, of getting the water from the city of Norwich. We may never need it but the idea, if we should need, we would have it.

Charles H. Leonard, Representative from Tolland: I am in favor of bill No. 3383 (Charles H. Leonard) AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE ROCKVILLE WATER AND AQUEDUCT COMPANY. I have lived all my life, known this lake and the last 54 years I have been connected with the U.S. Envelope Company who has water power from this lake which now they do not care for and I think I know the capabilities of this lake and felt there was anything, I was doing anything wrong for the city of Vernon I would not register in favor of it as I do now.

Chr. Badolato: Any other Senators or Representatives who wish to be heard. All right then, we'll open up the hearing on S.B. No. 648 (Sen. Gladstone) EXPENSES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION; ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES. Anyone in favor?

Francis J. Duchelle: I am Chief Physical Officer of the Public Utilities Commission. This bill has been introduced at the request of the Commission for the purpose of advancing the date of August 1st to September 1st and that is to provide ample time in which to prepare the assessment that must be made and levied against the various public service companies under this particular act. The State Comptroller fiscal year ending June 30th each year, he closes about the 25th day of July, that leaves very little time in which to have the Comptroller certify to the Commission the actual expenses incurred by the Commission during that fiscal year, in order for us to calculate each companies proportionate assessment. In 1959, July 25th will fall on a Saturday and if the

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council does not close the fiscal year until the 26th, the following Monday, we will probably be unable to process this operation in time to have the bills presented on or before August 1st as is required by law. Here, we are simply asking that the only change be made is to advance the date from August 1st to September 1st.

Chr. Badolato: Anyone else in favor of S.B. No. 648 (Sen. Gladstone) EXPENSES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION; ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES? Anyone opposed? Then we will go to S.B. No. 1066.

S.B. No. 1066 (Sen. Urbinati) AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NORWICH TO SELL AND SUPPLY WATER IN THE TOWN OF LEDYARD.

Chr. Badolato: Anyone in favor or wanting to speak on this bill? Anyone opposed to this bill?

H.B. No. 2267 (Mr. Beers) AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE GREENWICH WATER COMPANY, CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Chr. Badolato: Anyone in favor of H.B. No. 2267? Anyone opposed to this bill?

H.B. No. 2688 (Robert August) THE SALE OF WATER BY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS.

Robert Hartigan appearing in behalf of the Connecticut Water Works Association: The Connecticut Water Works Association favors the enactment of H.B. No. 2688. The fact that legislation of this nature is necessary and desirable is attested to by the several bills before this Legislature wherein individual water companies are requesting permission to sell and supply water to neighboring towns. For example, Senate Bill 1066 (Sen. Urbinati) heard this morning deals with the problem in the Norwich-Ledyard area. In addition, House Bill 2385 would authorize the Borough of Groton to supply water to Ledyard and there is a bill before this Session (Senate Bill 407) to authorize the city of Waterbury to sell water to other towns and water companies. The above bill was apparently carefully drafted in order to avoid any reasonable opposition thereto since it provides that only water reserves in excess of those required for an abundant supply to the inhabitants of the original service area are to be available for sale to other public water systems. The Committee will also note that there is