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A Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives was held on Wednesday, March 2, 1955 at Walter Dolan Junior High School Cafeteria, pursuant to a call from the President, George V. Connors.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 P.M. when a quorum arrived.

Roll call was taken. The following members were present: Irving Snyder, Joseph Caputo, Mary Bankowski, James Mulreed, P. Wardham Collyer, Joseph Iacovo, Frank LiVolsi, Doris Zuckert, Phil Coulter, George Connors, Katherine Kaminski, Dr. Francis Dolan, John Cook, Thomas Topping, Norton Rhoades, Jack McLaughlin, George Russell, Helen Bromley, Hayes Hoyt, Rutherford Huizinga, and Dwight Marshall, making a total of 21 present, 19 absent. The absent members list as follows: William Kaminski, Joseph Milano, Vincent Vitti, Samuel M. Picciallo, Robert Lewis, David Waterbury, Patrick J. Fortunato, Paul A. Plotkin, Barbara Winsor, William D. Murphy, Edward G. Ryba, Stephen E. Kelly, Thomas M. Killceen, Alphonse C. Jachimczyk, Frank Longo, Helen Peatt, Alanson Fredericks, Helen Hubeh, and Martin Cash, Sr. The President ruled that a quorum was present.

The "Call" was read by the President.

February 28, 1955.

To: Members of the Board of Representatives

I, George V. Connors, President of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a Special Meeting of said Board of Representatives for Wednesday, March 2, 1955 at Dolan Junior High School Cafeteria at 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of considering the following House Bills and Senate Bills now before the State General Assembly:

Senate Bills 440, 485, 617, 875

House Bills 131, 209, 397, 420, 428, 460, 542, 438, 545, 548, 552, 773, 800, 801, 804, 805, 806, 807, 809, 811, 833, 835, 852, 853, 857, 1010, 1038, 1219, 854 and 1321

Bill number and title description was forwarded to each member of the Board of Representatives.

I hereby order a copy of this call be mailed to each member of said Board, today, February 28, 1955, thereby allowing 24 hours before the time affixed for such meeting.

Very truly yours,

George V. Connors, President  
Board of Representatives

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George Connors turned the meeting over to James Mulreed, Chairman of the Charter Revision Committee.

James Mulreed requested that the Board consider the various bills affecting Stamford that had been introduced in the General Assembly in Hartford.

The following is a record of the vote of the Board on the various bills listing number and title. The bills approved have been grouped and itemized; those opposed have been listed in the second grouping.

BILLS APPROVED

	Vote	
S.B. 440	21-0	The relocation of municipally owned water and sewer lines because of state highway construction.
S.B. 617	21-0	Extension of the moderate cost Housing Act and preference for persons displaced by the Thruway.
S.B. 875	14-7	Prohibiting employers from competing with retail business by the sale of merchandise to employees.
H.B. 397	18-3	The Stamford Lighthouse.
H.B. 420	19-2	Relocation of the State Trade School.
H.B. 438	21-0	Authority for the Stamford Greenwich Animal Shelter to enforce laws for the protection of animals.
H.B. 460	21-0	Payment of the Highway Dept. of reasonable expense to month to month tenant forced to move because of the Thruway. Note: The Board of Representatives made special record in their minutes that the Board is in favor of consideration being given by the Highway Dept. to the month to month tenant in the matter of the expense caused by the <u>actual moving</u> .
H.B. 542	21-0	Qualifications and term of Office of Health Commissioner.
H.B. 545	21-0	Unnecessary entrances and exits to Thruway in Stamford.
H.B. 548	20-1	Elevation of the Thruway through Stamford to allow for parking underneath. Note: The Board approved this bill, subject to the substitution of the words, "as a viaduct", instead of "as an elevated highway".
H.B. 1010	17-4	Making "Veteran's Day" a legal holiday.
H.B. 1038	21-0	Power of a municipality to enact ordinances relating to repair, closing and demolition of dwellings unfit for human habitation.

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Bills Approved (continued)

H.B. 1219 Vote 21-0 The re-location of State and/or truck, line highways in the area to be served by the thruway.

Bills Opposed

H.B. 428 21 opposed ~~Regulating the signature of the Commissioner of Finance on all bonds & coupons instead of controller's.~~

H.B. 773 21 opposed Amendments by the Zoning Board to the Zoning Map & Zoning Regulations without conforming to the Master Plan.

H.B. 839 21 Opposed Pension for George R. Close

H.B. 852 19 opposed Placing the Commissioner of Finance under the Merit System.

★ H.B. 853 20 opposed Abolishing the secret ballot in Board of Rep. Livolsi abstained voting on the mayor's nominations to appointive boards.

H.B. 854 21 opposed Limiting the legal effect of the Master Plan.

H.B. 857 21 opposed Curtailing publication of Zoning Board decisions.

The following bills were deleted, tabled, or previous action had been taken by the Board of Representatives at their Special meeting on January 21, 1955 and adjourned to January 24, 1955.

Kindly refer to minutes of January 21, 1955 and January 24, 1955 for the action of the Board of Representatives on the following house bills .

H.B. 800 27 yeas Permission to Classified Employees to sign petitions for elective offices.

H.B. 801 27 yeas Qualifications for Police and Fire Chiefs.

H.B. 805 26 yeas 1 nay Clarification of the power of the Board of Rep concerning public improvements.

H.B. 806 27 yeas Approval of the Board of Rep. on appointments to the Personnel Commission.

H.B. 807 27 yeas Appointment of the Fire Marshal

H.B. 809 20 yeas 7 nays Approval by the Board of Rep. on all nominations to appointive Boards including Board of Public Safety.

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H.B. 811	24 yeas 2 nays	Creation of a Park Commission
H.B. 835	26 yeas	Sale of Surplus Property without advertising for bids.
H.B. 209	25 yeas 9 nays	Equalizing the motor vehicle tax in Stamford (approved 2/7/55)

TABLED FOLLOWING HOUSE BILLS BY VOTE OF 21 - 0:

H.B. 804	Expanding the custodians & Mechanics Pension Plan to provide for widows and dependent children.
H.B. 1321	Amendment to the charter to change wording in description of city tax district boundaries.

DELETED FOLLOWING HOUSE BILLS:

H.B. 131	Depriving the Communist Party or its successors of all rights, privileges and immunities attendant upon legal bodies in the state. Note: The Board of Representatives voted to delete this bill inasmuch as it pertains to the entire State of Connecticut.
S.B. 485	Financial assistance to towns supporting free public concerts.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

George V. Connors  
President

★ NOTE:

Concerning "Secret Ballots" - H.B. 853 - See Page 822.

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