PRESS RELEASE

On April 22, 1997, Ethics Commission Principal Attorney Brenda M. Bergeron filed a Complaint against Anthony D. Camilliere, Executive Assistant and Director of Field Services for the Senate Majority Caucus. The Complaint alleges that on two occasions in 1995, Mr. Camilliere received and used two complimentary box seat tickets to events at the Meadows Music Theater from a person known to be a registered lobbyist or someone acting on behalf of a registered lobbyist. The fair market value of this seating was $500.00, well in excess of the $50 annual gift limit of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84(j).

On May 2, 1997, the Ethics Commission and Mr. Camilliere settled this matter by entering into a Stipulation and Order. Under the settlement, the Commission found that the allegations contained in the Complaint are true. Mr. Camilliere agreed to pay $500 to charity to reimburse for the seating and to pay a $250 civil penalty.

Copies of the Complaint and Stipulation and Order are attached.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

Alan S. Plofsky
Executive Director and General Counsel

or

Brenda M. Bergeron
Ethics Commission Principal Attorney
566-4472
STIPULATION AND ORDER

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-177(c), the State Ethics Commission and the Respondent agree to settle this matter in the manner described below:

1. The Commission finds that the Respondent violated the Code of Ethics as alleged in the Complaint dated April 22, 1997. The Commission further finds that the Respondent did not knowingly commit the violation.

2. The Respondent agrees that he did not knowingly violate the Code, and states that he was not aware of the fair market value of a box seat at the Meadows.

3. The Respondent waives any rights he may have under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§1-82, 1-82a, 1-87 and 1-80, including the right to a hearing or appeal in this case, and agrees with the Commission to an informal disposition of this matter as authorized by Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-177(c).

4. The Respondent agrees to pay, within thirty days, the sum of $500 to charity in reimbursement of the value of the complimentary concert tickets received by him.

WHEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission enters and the Respondent agrees to the following order in lieu of any other action regarding this matter:

The Respondent agrees to pay $250.00 to the State Ethics Commission within thirty days of this Stipulation and Order, and henceforth to comply with the Code of Ethics.

[Signature]
Respondent Anthony Camilliere

[Signature]
State Ethics Commission
By: Maurice FitzMaurice, Its Chairperson

Dated: May 1, 1997
Dated: 5/2/97
DOCKET NUMBER 97-7
IN THE MATTER OF A
COMPLAINT AGAINST
ANTHONY CAMILLIERE

COMPLAINT

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was a state employee as that term is used in the Code of Ethics for Public Officials, Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-79 et seq.

2. At all times relevant herein, the Meadows Music Theater and James Sandler were registrants as that term is used in the Code of Ethics for Public Officials, Conn. Gen. Stat, §1-79 et seq.

3. Connecticut General Statutes §1-84(j) prohibits a state employee from knowingly accepting any gift or gifts known to amount to fifty dollars or more from a person known to be a registrant or anyone known to be acting on behalf of a registrant.

4. On two occasions in 1995, the Respondent received and used two complimentary box seat tickets to Meadows events from the Meadows Music Theater or its representatives.

5. The total value of the seats received by the Respondent was $500.00.


Brenda M. Bergeron
Ethics Commission Attorney

4/22/97