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Wednesday, January 9, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 10:08 o'clock a.m., the President in the Chair.

SECRETARY OF STATE DENISE MERILL:

Good morning and welcome. I can use my teacher voice. We're still working on the technical problems, but meanwhile let's get going. By the power invested in me by Connecticut general statute section 2-1 I, Denise Merill, Secretary of State acting as the President of the Senate call to order the 2019 Senate of Connecticut General Assembly. Welcome Back! (Applause)

DEPUTY CHAPLAIN RABBI PHILIP LAZOWSKI OF BLOOMFIELD, CONNECTICUT:

Proverbs 15:22, "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisors, they succeed."

Sovereign of the universe, grant me the capacity to welcome and bless the newly elected Lieutenant Governor, Susan Bysiewicz, the newly-elected Senators and the returning Senators, both Democrat and Republican.

Grant them wisdom, courage and integrity. Guide them to work together and help them to draw upon the noblest impulses of the heart, that we may be worthy

of the American dream, to promote prosperity and goodness in our State and across our great Nation.

As we pray for blessing in the New Year, I beseech thee, O God, please give the Senators the insight and fortitude to protect us from the many dangers that confront this State and the United States of America.

Teach them to serve with humility and commitment to seek the best in each other, in common bonds of true humanity and civic duty.

May this country continue to be a beacon of Democracy and optimism to the entire world.

As we pray for blessings in the New Year, may Your blessing be upon all these public servants assembled here today.

Bless our President, our Governor, our Lieutenant Governor, our Senators, our defenders of freedom, and keep them safe in your hands.

Hear our prayer as we pray, and let us all say, Amen

SECRETARY OF STATE DENISE MERRILL:

We will now do the Pledge of Allegiance.

(All) I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Thank you very much.

Please remain standing, and I see we are back [laughing]. I am now going to call upon Senator Joan Hartley to introduce Lexi White who will be singing the National Anthem today. Senator Hartley.

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SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Thank you, Madam Secretary, and it is an honor to have this opportunity to welcome you in the Dais on this historic day in the state of Connecticut and certainly in the Senate chamber. I am honored to give the introduction to a lovely young lady who is going to share with us -- and is very brave without -- a couple minutes ago thinking you didn't have a mic.

SECRETARY OF STATE DENISE MERRILL:

[Laughing].

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

-- to sing the National Anthem. Lexi White hails from the 15th district, and she is the proud daughter of Marissa and Greg White, and Iba Sorsulla (phonetic) and his wife who are with us here today. Lexi is 14 years old, and she won the best actress in the role of Ragtime. She was nominated for outstanding actress in the role of Anne Frank in the Thomaston Opera House, and for the second year in a row, she has sung at the New York Mets at Citi Field. A very talented lady to head off a most exciting day. Thank you, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY OF STATE DENISE MERRILL:

Thank you very much, and now, we'll have the National Anthem.

LEXI WHITE:

(Singing the National Anthem) [applause].

SECRETARY OF STATE DENISE MERRILL:

Good job! Wow! Thank you so much. Wonderful, wonderful talent. Thank you so much, Lexi. Wonderful new talent from Connecticut. Great. All right. We will now call the roll of the Senate, so please take your seats, and we will call you out by name one-by-one by district, and when your name is called, please stand. District 1, John W. Fonfara. District 2, Douglas McCrory. District 3, vacant. District 4, Steve Cassano. District 5, vacant. District 6, vacant. District 7, John A. Kissel. District 8, Kevin D. Witkos. District 9, Matthew L. Lesser. District 10, Gary Winfield. District 11, Martin M. Looney. District 12, Christine H. Cohen. District 13, Mary Daugherty Abrams. District 14, James J. Maroney. District 15, Joan V. Hartley. District 16, Robert C. Sampson. District 17, George Logan. District 18, Heather Somers. District 19, Cathy Osten. District 20, Paul M. Formica. District 21, Kevin C. Kelly. District 22, Marilyn V. Moore. District 23, Dennis A. Bradley II. District 24, Julie Kushner. District 25, Bob Duff. District 26, Will Haskell. District 27, Carlo Leone. District 28, Tony Hwang. District 29, Mae Flexer. District 30, Craig Miner. District 31, Henri Martin. District 32, Eric Berthel. District 33, Norm Needleman. District 34, Leonard A. Fasano. District 35, Dan Champagne. District 36, Alex Bergstein. That completes the roll of the Senate. All are present who should be. So, we will now take the Oath of Office, so if you will all raise your right hands for the Oath of Office. You do solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Connecticut so long as you continue a citizen

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thereof, and that you will faithfully discharge according to law the duties of the office of state senator to the best of your abilities, so help you God?

SENATORS:

I do.

SECRETARY OF STATE DENISE MERRILL:

Congratulations! (Gavel) You are sworn in [applause] [cheering] [laughing]. Wonderful [applause] [cheering]. And, may I take this moment to congratulate all of you. You are now part of a proud tradition in Connecticut, and I'm sure it will be a meaningful and hopeful time in the state, so congratulations, especially to the new members. It's always an exciting time. I remember it well myself many years ago [Chuckling], so I wish you the best and -- and a really good session this year. All right. The next order of business will be the election of the senate clerk. I call on Senator Looney. Oh, no? Okay. We're going to pass on that part [shuffling papers], so now, we will entertain nominations for president pro tempore. All right. Senator Bob Duff, you have the floor.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and good morning evening. What a great day, and thank you for your service and for swearing us all in. It's wonderful to see so many faces here today. It is my honor to place into nomination, Senator Martin Looney, our current senate president, and senate president for over the next 2 years. Senator Looney is certainly

no stranger to us here at the State Capitol and in the Senate, somebody who works tirelessly for all citizens across the state of Connecticut. He's been a fixture here at the Capitol for many decades, somebody who puts his heart and soul into his work for the betterment of all the citizens of the state, somebody who really works hard to give voices to those who have no voice, who works hard for the poor and disfranchised, who works hard to make sure our folks have a good job and a good paying job, and one who cares so deeply about his district. Public service runs through his blood like nobody else. I am very fortunate to consider Senator Looney as a good friend, a mentor, a colleague, someone who I can always count on to provide great advice and really an excellent leader, and working with Senator Looney is such an honor, and it has been a thrill to -- to partner with him as well over the last 4 years, but on top of that, he is just a really wonderful person whose wonderful wife, Ellen, is here and his family. He is a grandfather now, and he just all around is somebody who brings his pride to the state Senate, pride to the State Capitol, is a good negotiator, and it is again my pleasure and honor to put his name forth in nomination as Senate president and pro tempore. Thank you, Madam President.

SECRETARY OF STATE DENISE MERRILL:

Thank you very much. Do we have a second? Senator Fasano. Nice to see you. It should be on.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

[Mic off, audio starts here] He's got some of his friends here from New Haven, which is always good to

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see. Marti is a true statesman. He cares about this facility as an institution, and you cannot ask more of a leader of the Senate than the care about the institution. It's always good when his wife, Ellen, comes in with a fudge brownie, so I have to admit that's a definite plus for the circle, but Marti is dedicated to the work. He's a dedicated person not only to his district but to the state of Connecticut. We've had the fortunate ability to talk on many occasions privately about issues that move Connecticut forward, and whenever there is disagreement, Marti and I can sit down and work it out because we can talk to one another. It is great to have him as a leader of the Senate, and I'm proud to second his nomination for president of the Senate. Thank you, Madam President.

SECRETARY OF STATE DENISE MERRILL:

Are there any further nominations? If not, I declare nominations closed. Martin Looney is elected president pro tempore of the Senate by acclamation [applause]. Congratulations, Mr. Looney [applause] [cheering]. Senator Looney, will you please come to the Dais? Judge Brian T. Fisher will now administer the Oath of Office.

JUDGE BRIAN T. FISHER:

Okay. Senator Looney. You do solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Connecticut so long as you continue as a citizen thereof, and that you will faithfully discharge according to law the duties of the office of president pro tempore to the best of your abilities, so help you God?

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

I do.

JUDGE BRIAN T. FISHER:

Congratulations.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you [applause] [cheering].

SECRETARY OF STATE DENISE MERRILL:

Congratulations, Senator Looney! The Senate is now yours. [Laughing]. So to speak.

(The president is now in the chair)

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Thank you, Rabbi. Thanks to all of you, and this is an extraordinary day as it is every 2 years. This is the start of my 39th session in the General Assembly going back to 1981. I want to begin by thanking my -- my wonderful wife, Ellen. Your generous heart and patience and understanding have sustained me throughout my 38 years in the General Assembly. I also want to thank my son, Michael, who is a Deputy Director of Hartford Public Works, and is out -- I think -- getting ready for the parade that's going to be later today. My daughter-in-law, Becky, my grandchildren, you are all an inspiration and continuously fill me with joy and pride. I want to especially thank Judge Fisher for being with me

again today. He and his -- his wonderful wife, Katie, have had an extraordinary meeting in my life obviously that a little more than 2 years ago in December 2016, he gave me probably the greatest gift since my parents originally gave me life, which was to give me renewed life and health through the donation of his kidney, and that act of great generosity has -- has in many ways helped me feel reborn, and also, my law partner and dear friend, Jack Keyes. I want to thank Jack because it turns out that Brian -- when I got to know him -- was a close friend of Jack's, and I began to practice law with Jack, so Jack was our connection. Brian and I became close friends, and of course, their activity through life, their main recreational activity has been basketball, and when I first started practicing with Jack, they were both playing in an over 30 league, and now it then became an over 40 league, and then an over 50 league, and now an over 60 league, but to use a sports metaphor they're so proud of, Brian hit the 3-pointer with the clock running down, but Jack gets the assist, so I want to thank them both [emotional] -- both so much.

So, I said, I'm deeply honored to stand here today to begin a third term as your Senate President Pro Tempore. Everyday serving our beloved state is a privilege and to lead this body for another 2 years is a blessing beyond words. Your faith in me is a cherished responsibility that I will never -- never undervalue. Every one of us standing in this circle has been given an enormous responsibility and an opportunity, and it's on us always to foster the best interest of the people of this state. We are all sustained by dear and close friends and family without whom none of us could ever meet the demands of this office for any -- any lengthy period of

time. That's why I said I've been blessed with that wonderful family support for so long, and also, so many dear friends. My friends, Bill and Natalie Maneal [phonetic], who are here. Bill and I first became friends when we were alter-boys starting in 1962. My dear friend, Nic Neely [phonetic] who has either been treasurer or campaign manager for all of my campaigns since 1992. Steve Strom [phonetic] who is my son's father-in-law and my son won the lottery in terms of -- of in-laws with Steve and his wonderful wife, Janet. Steve is an assistant attorney general. My dear friend, Nick Balletto, our -- our democratic state chair is here, and a gallery of friends and fellow attorneys and others from New Haven who are up here to the left I want to thank you all for -- for being here with us today; again, as everyone is supported by a community if you are going to be involved in -- in running this marathon.

On November 6, 2018, the people of Connecticut sent a clear message to the General Assembly and state government as a whole. We must invest more to maintain and improve the quality of life for all of our residents, and the fiduciary challenges that we continue to face are critical but cannot distract us from the higher task we are given. And, it's important I think -- as Senator Fasano said -- to remember that we are involved here in a -- in a significant tradition that goes beyond the issues of any given year or given session, that serving in the state Senate is a blessing to treasure, and it is something that we need to keep constantly in our minds that it is a wonderful blessing to be chosen by the people of a certain district in this state to be their representative in this chamber, and that's why on opening day and closing day of every regular

session I wear this tie, which as the seal of the state of Connecticut on it. The same seal that we see in the middle of our -- of our carpet, and it was given to me on January 6, 1993, my first day in the Senate, by our then Senate President, now congressman, John Larson. In putting on the tie this morning, I realized that this tie is more than 3 years older than Senator Will Haskell [laughing] [laughter] who is [laughing] our new senator from the 26th district [applause] [cheering]. But, as I said, this year we have an opportunity to do many valuable and wonderful things, to create a paid family and medical leave system. That means no one in our state has to choose between a paycheck and caring for himself or herself or for a loved one, to raise the minimum wage to \$15=dollars-an-hour incrementally so that people who work an honest day can rise above poverty, support a family, and take pride in being self-sustaining, and also to continue the second chance and re-entry initiatives that began during the Malloy administration that has now in many ways become a national model that build a more equitable criminal justice system that allows people to get their lives back on the right track. Also, to strengthen and expand investment and job training and higher education so that residents willing to work to fulfill their dreams have the opportunity to do so. Together, we've made genuine progress for the people of Connecticut, and we must continue to advance enlightened policies aimed at promoting the kind of future that we envision for our children and for our grandchildren.

As representatives of state government, we must commit to be a partner of the people who are striving to build a better life for themselves and their families. A sensible, responsible, well-

managed government can provide nurturing support to its people through comprehensive, effective job training programs so that a person can embark on a new career path with legitimate expectations rather than a vague hope. Also, more affordable housing so that a young child has the opportunity to grow up without daily fear and dread in a crime-ridden neighborhood. A strong patient-centered healthcare system so the people will not live in fear that a major illness can cause financial ruin. A superb public education system with a strong commitment to excellence at all levels including an early childhood education so that an inquisitive child can grow up to become a scholar, a physician, an architect, an attorney, an inventor of transformative technology, or perhaps a member of this general assembly. We must not stifle the fragile dreams of our young. As former first lady, Michelle Obama, wrote in her recent memoir, "Failure is a feeling long before it is an actual result." And, our state must not be complicit in the growth of that poisonous feeling of failure. Government can do great things to lift people up as demonstrated most heroically by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal at the time of great national crisis.

There is no more effective force than government to mobilize the strengths of our people together in order to help their neighbors and in turn, help themselves. If we look past the arbitrary walls that separate our communities, we can make our state more efficient and more creative at providing services that people need to rely upon. Our fellow citizens of Connecticut sent us here to make responsible and difficult choices, and there is nowhere else we can turn. In this state Senate, we

have educators, town leaders, lawyers, business owners, labor leaders, parents, and grandparents. Together, we have the experience to tackle the obstacles that we face. We must look to each other to move Connecticut forward and to create enhanced comprehensive regional cooperation to provide state assistance to cities and towns in creative and more efficient ways.

As the esteemed economist, John Kenneth Galbraith, once said, "The conventional view serves to protect us from the painful job of thinking." The median size of a Connecticut town is 27 square miles with a range from 5 to 61, and while our close-knit communities help make Connecticut an attractive place to live, we cannot continue to have so many government fiefdoms that expend pressure energy protecting the status quo. In fact, the best way to preserve the character of neighborhoods and villages is to find ways to lower their cost and establish a long-term path of sustainability to make sure that state aid to those municipalities goes as far as possible in challenging times. We have succeeded before with the streamlining of our probate court system, and I believe we can muster the collective will to create more regional school districts and more shared services districts. More than anything, with a new governor and the creative talents of Governor Ned Lamont, and a transformed general assembly, we have an opportunity to achieve ambitious goals for our state.

For our returning senators, the new legislative session represents an opportunity to create change unlike anything many of us have experienced in this Chamber. For the many new senators -- with the great excitement of the 11 new senators introduced

today and 3 more who will be joining us we believe by the end of February -- push yourselves and your fellow senators to seize this opportunity and act vigorously upon the mandate that sent you here today.

To all of my colleagues here today, I look forward to harmonizing our diverse gifts and perspectives in a spirit of bipartisan goodwill to meet the challenges and to foster the vast potential of our state during the next 2 years. Senator Fasano mentioned earlier our communication and goodwill. He is someone who I respect enormously. As he said, we've had a friendship before we were in the positions we now occupy in the General Assembly, and I'm very proud to say that some of the bipartisan health and insurance-related legislation that he and I worked on together over the next several years are now regarded as a national model that other states are looking to -- to emulate, and I think that's something we are both proud of, and it stands as a testament to what can be done when there is bipartisan goodwill in state government. As the great 18th Century British Essayist Joseph Addison said, "A man must be both stupid and uncharitable who believes there is no virtue or truth but on his own side." Also, we must proceed with an attitude of collective forbearance and not automatically assume bad faith on the part of others and ascribe pernicious motives. I believe that the -- the poet Marianne Moore was correct when she observed that, "The passion for setting people right is in itself an afflictive disease." And, we need to, I think, keep that in mind when we are engaged in conflict that otherwise might become excessively partisan and destructive of our -- of our mutual good.

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Our successes in navigating this Chamber will require us all to work closer together. We had substantial achievement before the historic time of the 2016 legislative election. We had substantial achievements during that time over the last 2 years, and we will again with a new dynamic in the General Assembly this year.

Finally, we would do well to embrace the insight of President John Quincy Adams who noted that, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader." Thank you all and may we all have the wisdom, strength, optimism, and courage we will need to lead in the next 2 years. Thank you so much [applause].

Thank you all so much, and we will let -- proceed with -- with business now. The -- the next item of business is the announcement of the election of majority leader, and it is my great, great pleasure and honor to announce that Senator Bob Duff of Norwalk of the 25th district has been elected by our democratic caucus to continue as the majority leader of the state Senate for his third term. He became a majority leader in January 2015 when I became Senate president pro tempore. So, at this point, I would call upon our distinguished and my dear friend and someone who is a great partner and collaborator in all that we have gotten done over the last 4 years and for many years before that, our Majority Leader Senator Bob Duff [applause].

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Senator Looney, and thank you for your confidence, and thank you to members of the democratic caucus for their confidence as well in

leading -- helping to lead this caucus for a third term. It is an honor and I am humbled to have this responsibility to work with you Senator Looney as well and members of the democratic caucus. I also look forward to continuing to work with Senator Fasano. We have worked well on a number of issues over the years and Senator Witkos as well as we work to run floor operations, and it is quite an honor to -- to lead -- to be a leader in the Senate in the General Assembly, especially over these exciting times we've had over the last few years.

I want to just briefly thank some folks who are here today. Again, I want to welcome our new senators, both sides of the aisle for who are here and exciting time and their families and guests and to welcome again our returning members. Every time we come in, every 2 years, it is really almost like the first day of school. We are all dressed up nicely. We have our families. It's kind of a new day of optimism, and we hope that carries through, through June, when we have our sine die, but knowing that how well we all work together and that we come together on so many different issues, and it's such a -- it is really a model for -- for other legislatures and certainly, Washington as people watch the work that we do.

I also want to introduce a few folks who are here, and if the Senate can give them a welcome as well, but I have my mom and my dad, Bruce and Joanne Duff, my wife, Tracey, who's here [applause]. We also have mayor of Norwalk, Harry Rilling, and his wife Lucia who are here as well [applause]. And, there are a lot of people here, so I'm certain there are other folks here from Norwalk and Darien in the gallery [chuckle] somewhere but want to thank them

for being here and all the voters of Norwalk and Darien for their confidence, and the people who helped get us here today.

As Senator Looney said and I think everybody certainly understands that this is not done by ourselves. It's done thanks to the good grace of our families who have put up with the campaigning and put up with the long hours, and -- and all the work that we do. It's done through the volunteers and those and certainly the voters who -- who elect us, and we always have to remember everybody who -- who gets us here and that we are -- we are a servant of the people, and that we always must work towards the greater good in the state of Connecticut. So, again, I want to thank the caucus for their support. I work and continue to work with all members of the Chamber to get our business done and get the bills done that we need to get accomplished this session. I thank the voters. I thank my family. I thank my friends for -- for all the work that they've done getting me here today, and again, thank you Senator Looney. I look forward to our collaboration over the next 2 years in getting things done, and of course, doing that with Senator Fasano, Senator Witkos, and all members of the Senate and the House and the governor to lead our great state. Thank you so much [applause].

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff, and -- and we are -- we are underway. I would also like to -- to mention, as did the Secretary of State before, the republican choice for republican leader for minority leader once again Senator Leonard Fasano and would call on Senator Fasano [applause].

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you [applause]. Thank you, Senator Looney. Congratulations to you and to Senator Duff. Senator Witkos and I and my caucus look forward to working with you as the years go on in this session. I want to thank my family and my supporters of my district. Look, all of us in this circle know you would not be sitting in that seat if you didn't have support from your family and your friends and your district, but mostly your family and friends to pull you over that finish line. I am going to ask all of us in the circle to stand and acknowledge your family and friends that have placed you in the seat. Please acknowledge them [applause]. I want to congratulate all the new senators and welcome to our family. We call it the circle, but it is a family, and unlike the House where they sit republicans on one side, democrats on the other, we sit by districts, and I think that is good for what the Senate has always stood for, comradery and the ability to talk issues out. That's what makes us strong, and to our veteran senators, welcome back. We refined our relationship over the years, and we will go forward.

I also want to take this time to recognize Kevin Witkos who is my partner in the leadership of the Senate and thank you Kevin for taking that position and for the work that you've done over the years. Thank you so much [applause]. As Senator Looney said, last year we were at 18/18 historic vote in 2016, and this Chamber accomplished so much. We had two bipartisan budgets back-to-back. That's historic. That has never happened in the Capitol. Two bipartisan budgets back-to-back. We controlled borrowing and spending. We reduced taxes on the

elderly and Social Security and pension. We codified the Affordable Care Act. We did equal pay. We passed numerous bills in cooperation with each other that have set a good course for the state of Connecticut. Now, the numbers may be a little bit different than they were 2 years ago, but the will of this Chamber to get things done still exists. The common bound of making Connecticut strong will certainly hold us together and outweigh any policy differences that may try to tear us apart because in this room we have talent. We have friendships. We have dedication. We have people who care, and that's the mixture you need to bring about a strong resolve and a continued pathway that will make Connecticut as strong as it could possibly be.

So, in the program, it says Senator Looney speaks, brief remarks by the majority leader, and even briefer by the minority leader [laughter], so I will conclude and say that it is a privilege and an honor to be a leader in the circle, but more importantly, it is a privilege and an honor to be in this circle. If you listen to what everybody has to say, you will change as a person if you allow the voices to ring true to yourself. Thank you and God bless this Chamber. [Applause].

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano, and before proceeding with today's business, I would like to introduce and recognize the presence in the circle of one of the most beloved former members, former senator, now mayor of the city of New Haven, Toni Harp [applause]. Thank you for being with us today, Mayor. Let us move on. Mr. Clerk, is there business on the Clerk's desk?

CLERK:

Yes, Mr. President. The clerk is in possession of Senate Agendas No. 1 and 2, dated Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Recognize Senator Duff, our majority leader for motions on the adoption of Senate Agendas 1 and 2.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. For the new members, we're almost there for introductions. We have to go through some pro forma things here. Mr. President, I move all items on Senate Agendas No. 1 and 2, dated January 9, 2019, to be acted upon as indicated and that the Agendas be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and the Senate Transcript.

THE CHAIR:

So moved -- the majority leader has moved to place those items on the Senate Agenda -- [Clearing throat] Senate Agendas 1 and 2 to be placed as -- as indicated, and without objection, so ordered. Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move adoption of the resolution from Agenda 2 and ask for a voice vote.

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THE CHAIR:

Please proceed. Yes. The Clerk will read that -- that item, Joint Resolution No. 1.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I apologize. I skipped that one. Mr. President, I move that we move Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, and that it be called, please.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Mr. Majority Leader, would you remark further?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

No.

THE CHAIR:

Yes. Mr. Clerk, call that -- call that Resolution.

CLERK:

Calling -- calling from Senate Agenda No. 2. Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, these are -- are -- are rules of the Senate and House of Representatives and have been agreed on by all leaders of the caucuses, and I move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff. Will you remark further? Any additional comment on Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 regarding the joint rules? I'm seeing no further additional comment. We will try your minds. All in favor please indicate by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? I'm hearing no -- nothing in opposition. The Senate rules in Joint Resolution No. 1 is adopted. Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I call for -- could the Clerk please call Senate Joint Resolution No. 2?

THE CHAIR:

Senate Joint [interruption] -- Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF A LEGI -- LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN AND PRINTING OF THE BILLS AND EXPENSES OF THE 2019 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Again, these are -- are our general Resolutions regarding the publication of the legislative bulletins, printing of the bills and expenses for our session. I move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader. Is there additional comment? Would you remark further on Senate Joint Resolution No. 2? If not, I will try your minds. All in favor please indicate by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? I'm hearing no objection. It is so ordered adopted. Now, we move on to --

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, Madam -- Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move for immediate transmittal of Senate Joint Resolutions 1 and 2 to the House of Representatives, please.

THE CHAIR:

Without -- without objection, it is so ordered. Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Would the Clerk now please call Senate Resolution No. 1?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution No. 1, RESOLUTION RAISING A COMMITTEE OF 3 SENATORS TO INFORM THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR THAT THE SENATOR REQUESTS HER PRESENCE IN THE SENATE CHAMBERS.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. It's self-explanatory. We're ready to swear in the lieutenant governor, and we would ask for adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader. Is there additional comment on the Resolution? I'm hearing none. We

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will try your minds. All in favor please indicate by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? I'm hearing none. The Resolution is adopted. Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. --

THE CHAIR:

[Interruption] Yes. Thank you. After adoption, we will now appoint the committee created by that -- that Resolution, and we appoint Senator Marilyn Moor, Senator Cathy Osten, and Senator Champagne also to be that committee of 3 members to -- to greet the lieutenant governor and inform her that the Senate is ready to receive her. And, before standing at ease, we would just like to also acknowledge -- speaker of beloved former members -- we have former state senator, Billy Ciotto in our presence today who is always [applause] welcome. Billy used to always bring the most people on opening day, so he was -- he could have filled both galleries by himself quite easily, so again, we will -- the Senate will stand at ease awaiting the lieutenant governor.

[Applause] Before relinquishing the chair for the administration of the oath to our new lieutenant

governor to whom I offer the -- the greatest congratulations of former colleague in the -- in the general -- general assembly and somebody who has devoted her life to public service. I want to also acknowledge the -- the presence of two other beloved former senators, Senator Ed Meyer, former senator from the 12th district who is here [applause], and also -- and also Senator Ed Gomez whose retirement took effect today [applause] [chuckle]. It is now my -- my great pleasure to relinquish the podium for the administration of the oath to our new lieutenant governor.

DAVID DONALDSON:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Connecticut so long as you continue a citizen thereof, and that you will faithfully discharge according to law the duties of the office of lieutenant governor to the best of your abilities so help you God?

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SUSAN BYSIEWICZ:

I do [applause] [cheering]. Good morning and thank you all. Before I begin, I just want to thank my family. That was my husband, David, and my children, Ava, Lana [phonetic], and Tristan [phonetic] without whose love and support I would not be here today. I love you all. Thank you so much. I also want to acknowledge my sister, Gayle, and my cousins, Christine, Ted, Amy, Kate, and Phyllis. You're -- and there they are. They are representing the large and extended Bysiewicz family. Love you all. [Applause].

To my predecessor in this office, Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman; Nancy, thank you for your long and exemplary public service to our beautiful state. Your work on healthcare as well as your care and concern for the veterans and welfare of our military really is an inspiration to everyone in our state. Nancy, I wish you well with your new chapter. [Applause].

I want to thank the people of Connecticut for entrusting this important job to me and the governor-elect. I promise that we will get up every day and work hard to move our beautiful state forward. And, I want to take this opportunity to thank the more than 200,000 people in our state who have served in our United States military, protecting our fundamental freedoms, especially our right to vote, to hold elections, and to govern as we do today. [Applause].

I want to thank governor-elect, Ned Lamont. It's an honor to be your partner in government. We have a lot of work to do, and I am so excited about the possibility⁶ of all that we can accomplish together for our state.

To the president pro tempore, Senator Looney, congratulations on your election to once again lead this very distinguished Chamber, and I also want to acknowledge Senator Fasano for once again being chosen to lead your caucus. [Applause].

To the new and returning members of the Senate circle, congratulations to each of you. You have chosen public service, so please never forget the weight of the responsibility entrusted to you by your constituents. The governor-elect and I look

forward to working with all of you. We are committed to reaching across the aisle, to bringing everyone together, and treating every single person with fairness, decency, and the respect that they deserve. The road that I've traveled to get here today as been quite the journey indeed. It all started on a potato farm in Middletown where I was taught by example to always fight for what's right by my dad who was a World War II veteran and by my mom, the child of immigrants, was also a lawyer to stand up for people in need, and I have taken that fighting spirit to everything that I've done whether it's serving as Secretary of the State, as a legislator, as a business lawyer, and a job creator. The road ahead might be tough, but we can, and we will confront the important issues and challenges facing our state. We will help small businesses grow, thrive, and create good paying jobs. We will ensure equal pay for equal work, and fight for paid family and medical leave. We will make a balanced state budget that's fair to everyone, and we will safeguard access to affordable healthcare. We will fight for equality and stand up against attacks on our rights and our freedoms, and we will always fight for our families of Connecticut. The governor-elect and I believe in our state and we believe in Connecticut's future.

As Ella Grasso said, "It's not enough to profess faith in the democratic process. We must do something about it." And, as Jodi Rell said, "The goal of government is simple. Safety and security." The work, ladies and gentlemen, begins today and we must do that work together. Thank you [applause]. Thank you all so much!

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Before I acknowledge the new members of this Chamber, I want to recognize the very dedicated public service of Senator Beth Bye, Senator Terry Gerratana, and Senator Tim Larson. Although their time in this Chamber is coming to an end, the governor-elect and I are looking forward to their continued public service as it enters a new phase. Senators, thank you very much for your service in this Chamber. [Applause].

It is now my pleasure to introduce our new members. First, Senator Matt Lesser. Senator Lesser of the 9th district is joining the state Senate after having served 5 terms in the House of Representatives where he was most recently chair of the Banking Committee. He has been a principle author of a number of important laws including the first in the nation Student Loan Bill of Rights, as well as a Major Workplace Safety Law, which was later adopted as a national standard. Senator Lesser is here with his wife, Sara, who are both my neighbors in Middletown. So nice to have you [applause]. And, I should note that Senator Lesser will be serving as chair of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee and as vice chair of the Public Health Committee.

Next -- I thought we were recognizing each at the end, so I'm going to continue with the introduction, Senator Lesser. So, next, Senator Christine Cohen. Senator Cohen of the 12th district joins us from the town of Guilford where she lives with her husband, Rob, and her 3 children, Aiden, Ashlyn, and Ryan. Senator Cohen has been an active member of her community having served in many different capacities. She has most recently served on the Guilford Board of Education. She is also the owner

of Cohen's Bagel Company in Madison, and she will be serving as the chair of the Environment Committee and vice chair of the Commerce Committee.
[Applause].

And, next, it is my honor to introduce Mary -- Senator Mary Abrams. It is a pleasure to say that I am a constituent of Senator Abrams in the 13th district. Senator Abrams taught special education as a classroom teacher for 25 years. she then transitioned into administration and served over 10 years as a director of special education and is a high school assistant principal. Senator Abrams lives in Meriden where she has been very civically active in her community. She lives with her husband, Judge Jim Abrams, a friend of many of ours. They have 2 children, Madelyn and Nicholas. Senator Abrams will be serving as chair of the Children's Committee, chair of Public Health Committee, and vice chair of the Veteran's Affairs Committee and on the Education Committee. [Applause].

It is my pleasure to introduce Senator James Maroney. Senator Maroney of the 14th district is a familiar face at the State Capitol. He was formerly a state Representative for the 119th district representing Milford and Orange. He served on the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee while in the House of Representatives. He has been a very active member of his community having served on the Board of Education as well as the Board of Directors of the Milford Literacy Center. He is a member and past president of the Devon Rotary Club, and he has been a local track coach for many years. senator Maroney lives with his wife, Jennifer, and their son, Jay [applause]. Okay. You clapped before I said that he will be

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...serving [chuckle] as a chair of the Aging Committee and chair of the Veteran's Affairs committee, and I can say firsthand he has already hit the ground running because I saw him visiting residents at the VA Hospital on Sunday. He will also serve as the vice chair on the Human Services Committee.

Next, is Rob -- Senator Rob Sampson. Senator Sampson of the 16th district is another familiar face at the State Capitol. He was first elected to the State House of Representatives in 2010. He has served as the executive director of the Connecticut Liberty Caucus. He is an officer of Wolcott's Masonic Lodge #146, and as a member of the Connecticut Association of Realtors as well as member of numerous other civic organizations. He is an American history buff and collects items related to the American Revolution, George Washington, and the Civil War. The senator will be serving as ranking member on the Government Administration and Elections Committee, and will also be serving on the Judiciary, Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committees. Senator Sampson. [Applause].

It is my pleasure to introduce Senator Dennis Bradley of the 23rd [cheering] [applause]. He is an attorney and an ardent advocate for Bridgeport and Stratford. He has served as chairman of the Bridgeport Board of Education, and he has received awards for his pro bono legal service. Senator Bradley will be the chair of the Housing Committee and the chair of the Public Safety Committee. Welcome. [Applause] [Cheering].

It is my pleasure to introduce Senator Julie Kushner. Senator Kushner [applause] [cheering] represents the 24th district and has recently

retired as the Director of the UAW Region 9A, which covers New England, Puerto Rico, and portions of New York. She has spent her life advocating for social justice and for women. She has been a member of the Coalition of the Labor Union of Women, a member of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, and a lifetime member of the NAACP. She is married to her husband, Larry, and they have 3 children, Ala [phonetic], Rachel [phonetic], and Kara [phonetic]. Welcome Senator [applause] [cheering], and I will just add that she will be serving as chair of the Labor Committee as well as vice chair of the Environment Committee [applause]. Thank you, Senator.

It is my pleasure to introduce Senator Will Haskell of the 26th district [applause]. He is now the state Senate's youngest member. However, for someone so young, he has built a remarkable resume. Senator Haskell has just graduated from Georgetown University where he helped launch the free speech project, an initiative dedicated to monitoring and protecting the freedom of expression. Senator Haskell has also spent an amazing amount of time working interning or volunteering with many different public offices including the Connecticut Office of the Public Defender, the office of Senator Christopher Murphy, and the office of Congressman Himes. Senator Haskell will be serving as chair of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee and as vice chair of the Government Administration and Election Committee. Welcome, Senator Haskell. [Applause] [Cheering].

It is my pleasure to introduce Senator Norman Needleman of the 33rd district [applause] [cheering]. Senator Needleman has been the Essex

first selectman since 2011. He is the president and founder of Tower Laboratories, the largest producer of effervescent products in the United States. The senator and his partner, Jacqueline Hubbard, have with them today Matthew Needleman and his wife Katie, Daniel Needleman and Jen Abramson, Catherine Hubbard, and Rosalyn Hubbard. The senator will serve as chair of the Energy and Technology Committee and as vice chair of the Banking Committee. Welcome, Senator Needleman [applause].

It is my pleasure to introduce Senator Champagne of the 35th district [applause]. Senator Champagne has served as the mayor of the town of Vernon since 2013. He has also served our country in the Army National Guard and served as a Vernon police officer for 22 years. Mayor Champagne received numerous accolades for his distinguished service. He is married to his wife Karen. They have 2 daughters, Emily and Melissa. The senator will serve as ranking member of the Planning and Development Committee and will be serving on the Judiciary and the Public Safety and Security Committees. Welcome, Senator. [Applause].

It is my pleasure to welcome Senator Alex Bergstein [applause] [cheering]. Senator Bergstein will represent the 36th district. She has been an active member in her community of Greenwich. As director of Greening our Children, she led efforts against the use of recycled tires in municipal and school playgrounds. She is also a leader in the nonprofit Greenwich Community Gardens and cofounded the Parody Partnership. She formerly was the chairwoman of Mount Sinai Children's Environmental Health Center as well. In addition to all of that, Senator Bergstein is currently a PhD candidate in

environmental science at Yale. She and her husband, Seth, have 3 children, William, Max, and Elle, and the senator will be serving as chair of the Banking Committee and vice chair of the Judiciary Committee and vice chair of the Transportation Committee. Welcome, Senator Bergstein. [Applause] [Cheering].

Okay. Would there be any business on the Clerk's desk? Ah, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President and welcome. Congratulations and we look forward to working with you over the next 2 years, and welcome again, and it's great to see you and your family here today for an exciting rest of the day and into the evening, so.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President, would the -- would the Clerk please call Senate Resolution No. 2?

CLERK:

Senate Resolution No. 2, THE RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RULES OF THE SENATE.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. Madam President -- Madam President, this is regarding the rules of the Senate, which is

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sponsored by myself, Senator Looney, and Senator Fasano in a bipartisan manner. I would move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any further discussion? If not, let me try your minds. All in favor please signify by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? The ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, is there any further business on your desk?

CLERK:

Yes.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam president, would the Clerk please call Senate Resolution No. 3?

CLERK:

Senate Resolution No. 3, RESOLUTION RAISING A
COMMITTEE CANVASSING OF THE VOTES FOR THE STATE
SENATORS.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam -- thank you, Mr. Clerk. Madam
President, this is self-explanatory, and I would
move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Any discussion? I'm seeing none. All in favor
please signify by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? Ayes have it. The Resolution is adopted.
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. Madam President, you need to appoint the
committee now I believe.

THE CHAIR:

So, I would like to appoint Senator Lesser and
Senator Winfield and Senator Miner to the committee.

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Thank you, Madam President. Madam president, would the Clerk now please call Senate Resolution No. 6?

CLERK:

Senate Resolution No. 6, RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE NOMINATIONS OF REVEREND JAMES NOCK OF EAST HARTFORD AS CHAPLAIN OF THE SENATE AND RABBI PHILIP LAZOWSKI OF BLOOMFIELD, REVEREND BONITA GRUBBS OF NEW HAVEN, AND MONSIGNOR GERARD G. SCHMITZ OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD -- HARTFORD AS DEPUTY CHAPLAINS OF THE SENATE.

THE CHAIR:

Any discussion?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President, I just need to move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Any discussion? I'm seeing none. I would move for a voice vote. All in favor of the Resolution please signify by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? Resolution is passed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Would the Clerk now please call Senate Resolution No. 4?

CLERK:

Senate Resolution No. 4, RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE
PRINTING OF THE SENATE JOURNAL.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President, thank you. I move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

All in favor please signify by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? Motion Resolution carries.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

You gotta put a little heart into it. Thank you,
Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

[Laughing].

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President, would the Clerk please call Senate Resolution No. 5?

CLERK:

Senate Resolution No. 5, RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ROLL CALL AND THE READING OF THE SENATE JOURNAL.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

All in favor please signify by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? The motion carries.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I believe the committee on canvass of votes issues to report.

THE CHAIR:

The committee is therefore discharged. Any further business? Madam President, would the Clerk please call Senate Resolution No. 7?

CLERK:

Senate Resolution No. 7, RESOLUTION RAISING A COMMITTEE TO INFORM THE HOUSE THAT THE SENATE IS ORGANIZED AND READY TO MEET IN JOINT CONVENTION.

THE CHAIR:

Do -- Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

All in favor of the Resolution please signify by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

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Opposed? The motion carries and is adopted. And, it is now my pleasure to appoint Senator Maroney and Senator Flexer as well as Senator Sampson to the committee who will report to the House that the Senate will be prepared to meet in joint convention in the afternoon.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Hurry back [laughing]. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I believe that we are now at the point of points of personal privilege. I would just like to remind members that it's our tradition to let the new members go first, and then we will -- I think our goal is to try and finish by noon, which is going to be exceedingly difficult, but we want to try to make sure everybody gets in and says hi to their families and friends, so with that, we can move to points of personal privilege please.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator, and -- Senator Duff, and with that, we will move to points of personal privilege, and we are going to start with Senator Lesser. Ah, and he is discharging committee business, so we -- here he is? Okay. There he is. Senator Lesser for the second time, and this is it.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank -- thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I rise for a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

You're recognized.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and Madam President, on the onset, let me just say one thought. An incredible joy it is to see you up on the Dais as a neighbor, a friend of yours. From Middletown, we feel immense pride of your accomplishments and are so excited to get to work with you in this capacity.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

[Crosstalk] [mic off] President I am new to this Chamber but not new to this building. I had hoped at one point to be the youngest member of this body [Laughter]. Unfortunately, I have been beaten by a country mile [Laughter] by Senator Haskell, so that -- I have to give that up, but I do have a number of guests here today in the Senate that I'd like to acknowledge with your understanding. I have with me my incredible and ever patient and wonderful wife Sarah Steinfeld. Sarah, thank you [Applause] for everything. My best friend from as far back as 7th grade, Dr. Joe Griffith, has flown in all the way from Cleveland, Ohio. [Applause].

THE CHAIR:

Great.

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And, I'm not sure why, but I'm grateful {Laughter}, and I see my -- my good friend, the former mayor of Middletown, Dominic Fort [phonetic] with me here as well.

Now, I will say I am currently the state Senator from the 9th district, but I'm really just warming the seat over because the real senator from this district will be and always be Senator Billy Ciotto who is her with us today [applause]. Last week -- I'm not sure if the members know -- Senator Ciotto was a personal guest at the swearing in of Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, so he is very much slumming in with us here today [laughter], but we're very grateful for his -- his presence here as well.

We also have Reverend Carlton Giles here. We've got Barbara Arathay [Phonetic]; John Kelly; councilwoman, Carol Anis [Phonetic]; Alisha Blake; Terry Lapenta; Rochelle Palotke [Phonetic]. And, I want to also thank the people who helped me get elected. I thank Lindsay, Nick, and everyone else who believed in me along the way. Earlier this week, I had the privilege of traveling to the state of Alabama with a friend of mine from the other side of the aisle, Senator George Logan. We visited many of the sites associated with the history of slavery of Jim Crow, and the civil rights group in our country, and I was reminded of the great task before us of making sure that our country lives up to the ideals and the lived experiences of our constituents live up to the ideals of this country. I think that work remains before us. To do that, I'm work -- intending to work with all the members of this Chamber, keep my head down, work hard, and serve the people the 9th Senate District and the people of the

state of Connecticut. It's a great privilege to be here. Thank you, Madam President. [Applause].

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser, and it is now my pleasure to introduce Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Good morning, Madam President. It is indeed a tremendous honor and privilege to serve in elected office, and I would like to start my service in the state Senate the same way I started my service in the House of Representatives by making a promise that I will never forget how I got here or why I'm here, which is to represent and defend the freedom of my constituents, and I want to thank them for the trust and confidence that they have placed in me. There are great many people that are responsible for your growth into adulthood, and what it means that ultimately you get to serve in state Senate. I think that means that they did a pretty good job teaching you the ropes about maturity and life, and there are too many people to list for me that would contribute to that, but I would like to -- to thank some of the people who helped get me here today. My friend, Taylor Way [phonetic], Brenda Martin, Federica Castaldi [phonetic], Enasi Newjame [Phonetic], Jane Bate, Sharon O'Brien, Barbara Roberts, Alexander Anderson, and my friend, Tim Anip [phonetic] who just happens to be right behind me who is -- stand up Tim. Tim is one of the hardest working campaign workers you will ever see. He knocked on thousands of doors with me, and we joked that he was employee of the month quite often, so.

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I would be remis if I didn't also mention my predecessor, State Senator Joe Markley, who is my best friend in the world. He is not only my friend, but he has been my mentor and my partner in our desire to make sure that our core American principles and values are not lost in Connecticut and America, and I'm constantly reminded that I have large shoes to fill sitting in his seat, but I will do my best to make him proud. There are also 2 other people that I most definitely would not be here without, and those are my parents, and they are sitting right behind me, Margaret and Charles Sampson, and my dad vanished, of course, right at this moment [laughter], but mom, if you'd stand up you can maybe get on the camera [applause]. Without my parents, I would not have been raised with the values that I have that have carried me through to this day and understanding of what it means to work hard for the things that you believe in and you want to achieve right and wrong, and a love for this country that remains strong throughout my life. They inst -- instilled those values in me, and I cannot thank them enough. I am very excited to start my journey here in the state Senate. I have served in the House over the last 8 years, and Senator Markley and I used to joke about how it's two different worlds, and this is the more cerebral Chamber and the House is more like the floor of the stock market with a lot of chaos. I'm accustomed to that, but I will try and adapt to the surroundings here. I look forward to working with my new 35 friends in this circle in both parties to make Connecticut a better place to live, to work, to raise a family, and to retire, and I hope that we can set an example for people in politics all across the country on how to work together to achieve those goals. Thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Sampson, thank you [applause]. It is now my pleasure to recognize Senator Abrams.

SENATOR DAUGHERTY ABRAMS (13TH):

I rise for a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR DAUGHERTY ABRAMS (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. It is indeed a privilege to represent the people of the 13th district in the Connecticut State Senate. It's also a privilege to have so many constituents, friends, and family here today, especially my husband, Jim, our daughter, Madelyn, and son-in-law, John Thomas, our beautiful albeit loud granddaughter, Rose. Hi baby [laughing]. My sister Cathy and her husband, David Algier [phonetic], my mother-in-law, Lofton Wilson [phonetic], my sisters-in-law, Janice Daugherty and Janet Steel [phonetic], my friends. My wonderful friend, Sarah Sear [phonetic] and Sally Southard [phonetic], and my beautiful nieces Alyssa Hewitt, Sarah Daugherty, and Rachel Daugherty. I am so happy to have you all here, and I also want to acknowledge 2 people who I'm sure would be here if they could and that is our son, Nicholas Abrams and a wonderful Middletown's own Seb Erasko [phonetic]. I hope that they watch this, so I want to make sure that I mention them.

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And, lastly, I'd just like to say that it is humbling to have the privilege to serve the people of Cheshire, Middlefield, Middletown, and Meriden, and it is an honor to be here, and I want to remember the words every time I come in this Chamber of Eleanor Roosevelt who asked that we "use privilege to sow justice." And, that is what I will intend to do as I work with all of you over the next 2 years. Thank you very much. [Applause].

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Abrams. It is now my pleasure to recognize Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

It's such an honor and thrill to be with you all today. I am just so enormously grateful to have this opportunity. I look forward to learning so much from my senior colleagues around the circle, including Senator Looney's tie in the upcoming legislative session [laughter]. First and foremost, Madam President, I would like to recognize my mom who you will not find a harder working, more compassionate, more loving mother in the state of Connecticut, and I could not be here today without her help and support. I also want to recognize my

father who inspired my interest in politics and taught me from an early age that government can be a force of good in people's lives. I want to recognize my grandparents. Two of whom are here with me today. One of whom is watching from home [chuckle]. They set the example for civic participation and civic engagement in their communities. Finally, Madam President, in the course of my campaign, I talked constantly about the need to draw young people back to Connecticut, to keep young talented workers here. The truth of the matter is I'm just hoping that my girlfriend, Katie, will come back to Connecticut. She is here with us today [laughter]. I -- last but not least, I want to recognize my brothers who I've looked up to for as long as I can remember. They've lent me hours of free advice as well as this suit in fact, so I'm so grateful for their help and support [laughter]. And, finally, my best friend who did not hesitate for a moment when I asked him to be my campaign manager, and that's Jack Lynch who truly did make this dorm room-type dream a reality. I'm so grateful for his friendship.

Madam President, the last person I want to recognize is somebody who isn't here today. It's somebody who isn't watching on television or isn't waiting to see what happens in the upcoming legislative session. I'm talking about those who carefully avoid politics, who adjudicate their role in the policy making process, who don't think that they could or should vote let alone run for office. In the months ahead, I hope it will be the job of this Chamber to reach out to those who are apathetic or pessimistic or too often overlooked. Let's demonstrate the government is a place to come together and politics, if practiced responsibly, is simply the mission of

helping people. I mention these citizens, Madam President, because at some point in all of our lives, we were that person. It was only a few months ago that many laughed at the idea of sending a younger voice to the state Senate. I -- I wouldn't want to speak for my colleagues, but whether it was last year or a decade ago, I'm sure that my fellow state senators remember sitting on the sidelines filled with doubt and fear. Let's make it our job to encourage others to make that leap of faith, to believe in the good of government, and understand that we need their voice in order to build a better future for Connecticut. Thank you so much, Madam President. [Applause].

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Haskell. It's now my pleasure to introduce Senator Champagne.

SENATOR CHAMPAGNE (35TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to start out by first thanking my wife who's here with us, Karen, and my family has always been number one when it comes to my decisions in politics because I believe family should be the forefront. I also have many other people that I'd like to thank and one of those is my father-in-law who is here, Richard Offerman [phonetic], and my -- my manager, Mark Vesco. I would also like to thank the people of the 35th district for voting me in, and I'd also like to thank the -- all those people that -- that couldn't be here today and those that had to leave after the swearing in. I also thank God for what he provides for me and -- and -- and his leadership in life, and to all those people sitting around the table who

have gotten involved in politics, I thank you for stepping up to the plate because it's not an easy task and to all of you, hats off.

Madam President, congratulations to you. Congratulations to those sitting around the table and thank you. [Applause].

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Champagne, and it is now my pleasure to recognize Senator Bergstein.

SENATOR BERGSTEIN (36TH):

Madam President, I rise for a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR BERGSTEIN (36TH):

Thank you, Madam President. A year ago, I could never have imagined being here. Now, I can't imagine being anywhere else. So, if you're wondering how a girl from Greenwich got here, I refer you to exhibit A and exhibit B, the most amazing, brilliant, fantastic, hardworking, dedicated, ethical, caring, all volunteer nonpartisan campaign team. I love you all. Thank you for being here. [Applause] [chuckle] [blowing kisses].

So, the reason my team and I are so bonded is because we share a mission, and the mission is to

make civic engagement and civil discourse the new norm. Because we expect our democracy to flourish, not just to function. We expect an end to obstructionism. We expect reasonable and responsible solutions, not rhetoric and posturing. We expect an end to all deception, denial, all negativity because we really have no use for negativity. It is counterproductive. It is a waste of time. What we believe in is optimism and action, and that's what we are modeling because that is our definition of a healthy democracy. Self-governance by informed and engaged citizens, and we're never gonna stop fighting for it. Are we? [Applause] [cheering]. All right!

So, to my new colleagues in this Chamber, I hope you agree that as citizens and elected officials we have a duty, not just to win by all costs, but to govern and to lead by example, so I want to give you a snapshot of what you can expect from me and a suggestion of how we can all move forward. I believe in an open mind, listening without judgement. I believe in an open heart looking for the good in others. I believe in serving the public, not a political party. I believe in long-term solutions and not quick fixes. I believe in individual responsibility for those things that we can control and shared responsibility for those things that are beyond our control. I believe in absolute equality for all people, and I believe that true power comes not from the use of wealth or status or the threat of force or fear. True power comes from the light within each of us, which is compassion and love because compassion and love help us find peace within ourselves and connection to one another. And, if you're doubtful or cynical about

what I'm saying, I just suggest that you try an experiment.

Find someone, anyone, today or tomorrow who you think, ah, I don't have anything in common with that person or, ah, I don't think I'm gonna like that person because I've heard things about him or her, and just ask them a question about themselves and listen. Listen without judgement, and I guarantee you your mind will shift, and you will say, wow, she's not that bad or he's not as grumpy as people say. And, when you do that, when your mind shift, trust and acceptance will grow. Your own heart will feel lighter, and your own light will shine brighter. And, if we all practice this one action, it would be transformative. This is the power of an open heart. It creates new possibilities, so my wish for this Senate is that we each shine our light every day, and if we keep at it with all our lights shining, we can become a beacon, and in this Chamber, we can become a new model for how democracy can work and how we the people can save not only our state but also ourselves in the process. Thank you. [Applause].

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Bergstein. It's now my pleasure to call upon Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

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

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Please proceed.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Might I just start by saying that it is so wonderful to see you standing up there residing over the Senate. I have gotten to know you well over the past year --

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

And, I am thrilled to have your leadership.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

It is just -- I'll echo the sentiments of my colleagues, a privilege and an honor to be here representing the 12th district, the -- the folks of Guilford, Madison, Branford, North Branford, Killingworth, and Durham. I, you know, have been really contemplative the last few days as we lead up to the start of the session today and thinking about how I -- it's not lost on me that I am not the typical face of the Senate -- female with a very young family whom I'll introduce in a moment, business owner, and I look around this circle and see so many atypical faces of the Senate, and I am thrilled by that. We have educators, 22-year-olds. We have a democrat from Greenwich [laughing], so

it's really exciting, and I -- I look forward to working with you all and being the voice of the 12th district.

I will also be as brief as possible just by virtue of my seat. I know what a time crunch we're under [chuckle], so I'm hearing the whispers and would love to introduce some folks that are with me here today. Unfortunately, I -- Senator Kennedy who I have obviously big shoes to fill in -- in his stepping down from this 12th district senatorial seat. He is across the country today, but I just would like to thank him for his mentorship in these past few months. Also, with me here today my family. My -- my high school sweetheart, my husband, Rob [applause], and husband of nearly 18 years. my son, Aiden, 14, a student in Guilford. Ashlyn [phonetic], 11, and my daughter Ryan [phonetic], who is 8 years old. Also, with me up in the gallery is my mother, Patricia Hunter, my stepfather, James Cooper, my sister, Winter Picars [phonetic], my nieces are up there, and so thrilled to have Tara and Lisa here who worked so hard on my campaign and without whom I wouldn't be here today, so thank you so much.

Also, on the floor with me today, are mentors of mine whom all of you know very well, former Senator Ed Meyer and his wife, Patty Ann, as well as our Deputy Controller, Marty Carlson. So, I'm just thrilled to be here and looking forward to working with everyone in a bipartisan manner to make Connecticut even better than it is today, so thank you. [Applause].

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Thank you so much. Thank you so much, Senator Cohen. [Clearing throat] The chair calls -- calls now Senator Kushner of the 24th district. [Applause].

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

I had a note here to say thank you, Madam President, but I think I'll wing it and say thank you, Senator Looney, our president. I want to say that I never expected to be here as well as some people have said today. You know, I started working when I was 24 years old, and I noticed right away that the women were not paid the same as the men where I worked, and I thought that was wrong, and I started out trying to do something about it, and so most of you know that I have been a union organizer and a union leader all my life fighting for better wages and better conditions for people, and it never dawned on me that that might lead to a role in the State Senate, and so to me, this is a continuation of the work that I've always done and always believed in, and you know there has been so many people who have made that work possible and today more than ever I realize how many of you made it possible for me to be able to be the state senator from the 24th district representing Danbury, Sherman, New Fairfield, and part of Bethel. And, I want to say that during this journey to become a state senator what I found so exciting was meeting so many new friends, new people, talking to so many potential voters along the way and listening to their stories and hearing what was important to them. I was very excited. You see I'm wearing a button today. I'm wearing a button for -- advocating for paid family and medical leave [cheering]. Woo Hoo! [Applause] [cheering] And, what is so exciting for me is that

along the way nearly every person I spoke to in my district believe passionately, believe strongly that this is something that we have to do, and I feel very strongly from what I've seen that it's something that we can do this year, and so it's thrilling to be part of the legislative process. Some people in the room today were incredibly important to my being here and I want to start by introducing my family if they would stand up? My husband, Larry Morgan. My children, Ole Kushner Hermanson and his wife, Carrie Keri. My daughter, Rachel Kushner Wishart [phonetic] and her husband, Jim. My daughter, Carolanne Kushner Morgan. You may have noticed a trend. They all have the same middle name [laughing], and my four grandchildren that I'm so proud of, Abigail, Sophie, Jackson, and the birthday girl. Today is the birthday of Shelby Rae Wishart [phonetic] my dearest, smallest, youngest granddaughter, so join me in wishing her a happy birthday [applause]. I wish my mom and dad and my sisters and brothers could have been here today with us. My mom was here for much of the campaign asking for people to sign paid family leave petitions, and my sister made a bunch of phone calls, and my brothers really were incredibly supportive.

But I also brought with me some guests who are in the gallery, and starting with the Working Families party, Lindsey Farrell, Javier Smith, Sarah Ganong. These are the folks who made sure everything got done on a daily basis. Tom Swan from Citizen Action of Connecticut, Andrea Gartner from the Danbury Democrats, Carolina and Camila Bortoletto -- a lot of you know them from the Connecticut Students for a Dream. Terra Volpe-Martin from Action Together Connecticut, and from -- my very special friends

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from the UAW, Joellen Leone [Phonetic], Jose Melara, and my friend, mentor, and our previous director, Phil Wheeler. And, not here, my campaign manager, Jay Malone, my dear best friends, Wendy Fields and Kitty Krewpat [phonetic], who couldn't be here. But I want to say it was a coalition of women and labor and progressives that helped me to get here. It was janitors, social service workers, state workers, grocery workers, bus drivers, electricians, nurses, hospital workers, teachers, operating engineers, hardworking people in the 24th senatorial district, and they are the ones who got me here, and I will do everything in my power -- and my treasurer, Kate Konetta [phonetic] who I just -- [chuckle] Sorry, I had forgotten. I will do everything to try and represent you well and make sure that we as a state do our very best to promote bills and legislation that will help working families and the middle class to achieve. Thank you. [Applause].

SENATORY LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Kushner. For a point of personal privilege, the chair recognizes Senator Maroney of the 14th district.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. It's a great honor to be here today, and it's a privilege to be a part of the circle and to join this family. One of the greatest honors in your life I feel is to be recognized by your peers, and so I'd be remis if I didn't thank the voters of Milford, Orange, West Haven, and Woodbridge who put their faith in me to represent them up here in Hartford. I pledge to work hard to justify the faith that they've put in me. I would

also like to thank some of my biggest supporters who have made the trip up to Hartford to be here with me today. The best family, friends, and campaign staff that anyone could ever ask for. As you know, the trials of a campaign it's not easy being the spouse or the partner of a candidate, so I'd like to start by -- and with me I think -- I've heard it's made exponentially more difficult, so I'd like to start by thanking my wife, Jennifer Ju, who is obviously a beautiful and kind and very patient for staying with me, so thank you. I'd also like to thank my son, Jay -- Jay if you'd stand up -- who's in 7th grade [Applause], and it's unclear whether or not this is an excused absence, so if I could trouble you on behalf of all of the students who have come up here today to write them a note. We'll get that after the session or after today's events conclude. I'd like to thank my mother, Frosty O'Keefe, who is here. You can stand mom if you'd like [applause], and my in -- my in-laws Wan su and Ilman Ju [phonetic]. My father, Jim Maroney; my other mother, Beth Maroney; my brother, John Patrick Maroney; and also, I'd like to recognize the mayor of Milford who is also I consider a great friend, Ben Blake; the assistant mayor of Milford, Justin Rosen [applause]; another friend, Mike Smith; my friend, Jesse Viartan [phonetic]. We've been friends since 2nd grade, he was in 1st grade. My friend, Joe Honcz; Jay Zamello [phonetic]; and then Tom and Linda Fuchs [phonetic] who I've become very close with and really owe a lot to as well as my friend, Dominic Cotton, and unfortunately, if you're a fan of Seinfeld, you should never name names. I think I might have missed someone, so the other person who came -- who made the trip today -- and I'm not sure if she's still here -- but West Haven Mayor, Nancy Rossi and Patty Horvath.

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So, I'd like to thank you all as well as thank all of my colleagues. It's inspiring listening to you speak today. I look forward to getting to know you better and working with you over the course of the next several months. I'm reminded of a trip when I was in 4th or 5th grade. I went with my mother on her field trip. She was getting her Master's in Social Work. We went to the Franklin Roosevelt Museum in Hyde Park, and you quoted Eleanor Roosevelt and one of my favorite quotes that I learned there from Eleanor Roosevelt was, "Don't curse the dark, light a candle." And, so I look forward to working with all of you to light that candle and build a new day for the state of Connecticut, so thank you [Applause].

SENATORY LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Maroney. For a point of personal privilege, the chair recognizes Senator Bradley of the 23rd district [Applause].

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Thank you, Mr. President, and I ask for this point of personal privilege and --

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Thank you very much, Mr. President. It's an honor to be here and it's an honor to have this opportunity, and I thank you for the leadership and

mentorship you've already offered me in -- in my fledgling starting career here in the Senate. I rise and I stand on -- on the shoulders of giants. To my fellow republicans who are brothers and sisters here in this Chamber with me, it was your presidential nominee and Ronald Reagan that allowed my mother who was an undocumented Mexican to have a pathway to citizenship, who came to this country working in the orchard farms of Washington State and the cherry fields of California. I thank her. She is present here. She is sitting in the back here. I thank her immensely [Applause] for what she's taught me.

Before I was born -- before I was born, I learned the importance of what government can do to change the lives of people. I sit in this chair today, and I think to myself what would have happened if we would have had a different type of president that had took a pregnant woman and allowed me to be born in Mexico? What would have happened to my life if that was the reality of -- of my mother's decision at that time? I rise and I thank my brothers and sisters on the democrat side who had the courage of nominating president Barack Hussein Obama as the President of the United States and allowed me to believe that the Senate and the presidency and the United States of America and all the wonderful things that it has to offer don't just belong to those who come from wealth or status or position. It doesn't just belong to those who have some sort of stature. It belongs to all of us.

Just as Senator Haskell said here, "It belongs to each and every single one of us." I fight and I stand for you and I thank my party for allowing me to have this opportunity to have their endorsement,

to allow me to serve under that party. I thank you immensely. We are all here brothers and sisters -- democrat or republican, we're brothers and sisters in this Chamber because we're all Americans and I've heard the words of my fellow colleagues who have recently been elected. We want to push Connecticut forward. We want to push America forward. That is my desire. I stand and I rise here for people who are not present, not because they're watching at home, not because they have a -- a lack of desire for government, but who have passed away, specifically Clinton Howell, 12 years old -- 12 years old, was gunned down, worked on my campaign, and is no longer alive. What we do in this Chamber is not just something that's fairy dust. It's reality. We have people in our community that need jobs and need opportunity. That need advancement. That need education. The great equalizer. We have to give it to them. They need healthcare. We just can't simply talk about these things. We have to make them a reality for the people of the state because we're Americans. Whether we're rich or we're poor, we're black or we're white, we're Americans. So, I ask you please, I stand here with my freedom fighting Nikes. I've had wonderful mentors in Ernie Newton -- Senator Ernie Newton. I thank you very much for your mentorship. I've had wonderful mentors in mayor -- Mayor Joe Ganim, thank you for your mentorship [Applause]. Lydia Martinez, Dr. Ford. If I sit here and name everybody, it would be too much, but I tell you this. My father was a soldier in the United States Army. I'm an Army brat, and he taught me this. You only kneel when you're praying to God or when you're in service to people. So, I'm not kneeling here today. I'm standing up for those people here, the city of

Bridgeport and Stratford who elected me. Thank you and God bless you. [Applause].

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Bradley. [Clearing throat] Thank you -- thank you, Senator Bradley. [Clearing throat] Thank you, Senator Bradley. Thank you, Senator Bradley. Thank you, Senator Bradley. The chair recognizes for a point of personal privilege the last but certainly not least of our new senators, Senator Norm Needle -- Needleman of the 33rd district. [Applause].

SENATOR NEEDLEMAN (33RD):

Mr. President, I rise for a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR NEEDLEMAN (33RD):

Thank you, sir. So, I -- I think I'm the closer, and I know we're about 1 minute away from closing [Laughing], so I will try to be brief. I need to make a correction to the record for the sake of my son who is standing here, mentioned an ex-fiancé. He is now happily married to another woman with 2 children and a third on the way, and thankfully, she's not here today because we would all be dead [Laughing] [Laughter], and to the rest of my family, my love -- lovely partner, Jacqueline Hubbard, who has put up with my second career in public service, her daughter, Kate; my son, Matthew, who between

Matthew and Daniel managed our family business so that I can do this work. Three of the five grandchildren I have with the sixth on the way, little Lucy, Mason, and Travis. I think Travis will one day have this seat or Mason, so I'm very grateful.

I also stand here to acknowledge all of the people that work so hard to help me get elected, and -- and also to acknowledge a former state senator who sat in this seat, Eileen Dailey. She occupied this seat for 22 years I believe, and I'm -- I'm honored to fill her position in the 33rd district as the senator. I would also like to say for the record that we are democrats, we are republicans, but we are all here because we love Connecticut. We are all here to do the job that we were elected to do, which was to honor what's great about this state, fix the things that need to be fixed, and be the example that we can be to other states in this country and to the United States, but we need to be -- we all need to understand the greatness of the state, and we all need to understand the problems that we face. It is all of our jobs to lay down the partisan discussions and fix the problems once and for all. My children, my grandchildren live in this state, plan on staying in this state. We plan on keeping our business in this state, and we want it fixed now, so that's why I'm here and I hope to be part of the solution. Thank you, and thank you, Senator Looney for running again and being our -- our fearless leader. [Applause] [Cheering].

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Thank you, Senator Needleman. Thank you, Senator Needleman. We do have a few brief

moments before we have to all hustle across the street for the governor's inauguration for welcoming remarks and points of personal privilege by returning incumbents. The chair recognizes Senator Kissel for a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I will be very brief. First of all, I want to thank all the folks in my district for supporting me to serve in a 14th term representing the 7th senatorial district of Northcentral Connecticut. Thank you to my -- all the folks that worked on the campaign but in particular, the three folks behind me suffer through this for decades, my lovely wife, Cynthia Kissel. Love you dear. Thank you for allowing me to do something that I feel so passionately about, and my two sons, Nathaniel and Tristan. If we could give them the friendly Senate round of applause, that would be terrific [Applause]. Thank you all very much. I look forward to serving with each and every one of you. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Further points of personal privilege [Coughing]. Senator Martin.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate my friends who came here today -- or welcome my friends I should say for coming here today. I have with me an assistant director of therapy for CREC, Joyce Rioux, as well as someone who takes care of us. He's the manager of cyber

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security operations at Pratt and Whitney, John, and Joyce Rioux, thank you so much for coming and joining me here today. I also would like to acknowledge some people who are -- who made sure that I got re-elected. They're up in the gallery today, and that is Jeff, Andrew, Daunte, Dave. Thank you so much, and the entire 31st district team. Thank you so much, guys [Applause].

And, also with me today are some elected officials, and I think she was in the gallery earlier, but she left with our new lieutenant governor, Mayor -- Bristol Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, as well as -- yes -- yep, thank you -- as well as first selectman of Harwinton, Mike Criss, and also Dan Jerram from the New Hartford first selectman. Fellows, thank you guys for coming as well. And, lastly, I want to introduce my wife. Two weeks ago, we celebrated our 35 years of being married, and I couldn't do what I do without her support [Applause]. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Martin. The chair recognizes Senator Flexer for a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon. It's great to see you up there. Congratulations.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Mr. President, I'm just gonna give very brief remarks today. I want to thank the people of the 29th district and all of the people who have -- my supporters who are here today who have helped me win re-election and supported me in this great privilege that I have to serve as a state senator, but I want to most especially thank the people who aren't here today. [Crying] The people who have always been here for me, my mom and my dad. My mom, Margaret Flexer; my dad, Howard Flexer; my sister, Hoween Flexer. My dad is a patient right now at Day Kimball Hospital, and he's doing okay, but he's gonna get better. You got that dad? You're gonna get better. You just gotta stay there. They're gonna make you better. My parents gave my sister and I everything when they had nothing. They never had anything, and they're sad that they're not here today, but I'm okay because I'm in a circle full of people who are gonna make sure that everyone in the state has the privilege that I've had these last few days, is to take care of my family when my dad is sick, and we're gonna make sure that paid family leave happens this year so that not just the privileged state senators get to take care of their family but everyone, and you're gonna be okay dad. Mom, he's gonna be okay, and Senator Looney, I know that you know this more personally than anyone, and I'm grateful to you for your leadership and mom, dad, Hoween, we're all gonna get through this. Thank you. [Applause].

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Flexer. Thank you very much. The chair recognizes Senator Formica for a point of personal privilege.

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SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to introduce a couple of my guests today. I know time is running short. I have a good young man with me, Eddie Aledia who has helped me immensely over the last few months, and I've gotten to know, and I can tell you that Eddie represents the young and the future of this state, and we are in great shape because of the hard work and the attitudes of people and young people like Eddie, so we have to work hard to keep these guys in Connecticut, so I want to thank him. Also joining me is my favorite youngest daughter, Olivia, who represents our family -- our family who just celebrated 35 years of being in business in this great state where we raised our family, where we opened our business, and I think the fact that I never had an opportunity, I never thought that I would have this opportunity to stand here in this great Chamber and address everyone and work on common sense and collaborative solutions to move the state of Connecticut forward as we did last session working together with Senator Fonfara and Senator Osten and others to move it forward. So, I look forward to welcoming and congratulating all the new members and congratulate the great lieutenant governor on her new leadership role so that we can all continue to work together to move our great

state forward because that is why we are here. So, thank you very much for the opportunity, Mr. President, to say hello and welcome and congratulations to you, of course, on your leadership and in your role. Thank you. [Applause].

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Senator, for [Applause] -- for the point of personal privilege, the chair recognizes Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Thank you, Mr. President, and it's such a delight to be with yourself leading this Chamber and all of my colleagues and my personal congratulations to all of our new senators and a great heartfelt welcome back to our former colleagues. It's a wonderful Chamber, and it is a family, and we may disagree from time-to-time, but we really all have a deep bond. And, Mr. President, a point of personal privilege, if I may?

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, Senator.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Thank you very much. I want to first of all recognize those who once again expressed their complete support of myself and the work that I have done for the 15th district and previous to that to the 73rd district over the years and thank them for once again having the confidence to send me back

here to be their voice. I also, of course, would not be here without the support and the backing of those who are closest to me and that is my family, and so I am deeply grateful for their support and affirmation over the years.

But I want to introduce to you an incredible young lady who I have had the chance of meeting and -- and hoping to work together in a much more closer way, and that is a young lady who hails from the city of Waterbury, but recently is married and so she is now residing in Hartford. Maybe someday I'll be able to woo her back to her home city, but her family is still there. Meet Ojala Naheem. Ojala is an incredible woman and she is the example of everything that we have been talking about in this circle for many years, as a young lady came through the Waterbury school systems, went on to do her bachelor's work in New York, and she studied international studies, and then at Fordham realized that she wanted to make a difference and where was that ability for her to make a difference, and she came back to Connecticut, and she was very quickly recruited by an entity -- a public/private entity, which we know well in Hartford. Senator Fonfara knows very well and that is Reset. She quickly rose to a leadership position in Reset, and she has championed public/private relationships, worked on business incubators and accelerators in Hartford and in fact, she was very involved in the corporation benefit legislation, which passed this Chamber in 2014, and Ojala has gone on to help and inspire many young aspiring entrepreneurs and help them build businesses and communities that have enriched the city of Hartford and the state of Connecticut, so I would -- I'm grateful she could be here with us in the circle today, and I really wanted you all to

hear a little bit about Ojala. Please, welcome Ojala with me. [Applause].

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Hartley, and welcome. The chair recognizes Senator Berthel for a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR BERTHEL (32ND):

Thank you, Mr. President. I do rise for the point of a personal privilege. I'd just like to take a moment. I know we're running a little long here, and I have another event to get to, but I unlike -- or excuse me, just like everyone else in the Chamber today, I am also blessed to be surrounded by family and friends, and some have scattered already, some had to get back to other commitments, but I'd like you to recognize a couple of people who are actually in the Chamber right now. My co-worker from Post University, Shawn Wizenhan [phonetic]. Shawn, if you'd just give a quick little wave. My very dear friend and campaign manager, Janelle Wilke [phonetic], and of course, my son, Matthew Berthel, who is a freshman at Holy Cross in Waterbury. Earlier, my younger son, Paul, was here; my wife, Krista; my mom and dad, Joe and Paula Berthel. But, most importantly, I also extend a debt of gratitude to the people of the 32nd senate district for placing their faith back in me to return and be their voice here in Hartford, and I share the same sentiments, Mr. President, with everyone else who has also spoken before me with respect to getting to work and doing what will probably be some very difficult work for us in the coming 2 years. thank you, Mr. President. [Applause].

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Any additional points of personal privilege before I recognize our distinguished majority leader for purposes of adjournment [cheering] so that we can proceed to the governor's inauguration? Sen -- Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I believe that concludes our business for today. Everybody got in their speeches, which is great, and did a great job, and we know what a special place this is in the state of Connecticut. So, Mr. President, I believe that the -- the report from the committee has come back and favorably said that they are -- the House is ready to meet in Joint Convention.

THE CHAIR:

So noted, Senator.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

All right. Well, they haven't told us otherwise, so [Laughing].

THE CHAIR:

[Laughing].

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

So, anyway, Mr. President, with that, I will move that we adjourn subject to call of the chair until our Joint Convention.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader. The Senate will adjourn subject to the call of the chair. [Gavel].

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 12:14 p.m. adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

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Thursday, January 10, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:05 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

May we always be mindful of the respect we owe to all beings, in our lives and in our work.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, January 10, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 2) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

With no further business on the Clerk's desk, the Senate stands adjourned.

The senate at 1:10 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Friday, January 11, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:55 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

We ask help that we may bring renewal to all those who live in pain, as we hold fast to the knowledge that the sun will rise again, and that all life will reawaken.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday, January 11, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 3) - to be waived and bills

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With no further business on the Clerk's desk, the Senate stands adjourned.

The senate at 12:00 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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SENATE

Monday, January 14, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 2:25 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

When we learn that someone is hurting, help us to know what to do and say. Give us compassion today for the hurting, as compassion is love in action. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Monday, January 14, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 4) - to be waived and bills

**and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
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With no further business on the Clerk's desk, the Senate stands adjourned.

The senate at 2:30 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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SENATE

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 2:30 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

Please bless us with an inner strength so that our lives and our work may be a blessing on others.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Tuesday, January 15, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

Report - Department of Economic and Community Development - Qualified Opportunity Zones. (Pursuant to 2017 Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and Public Act 18-49 Section 21 of the Connecticut General Assembly) Date received: January 9, 2019
Referred to Committees Commerce and Planning and Development

Report - Judicial Branch - Biennial Report and Statistics for Calendar Years 2016-2018. (Pursuant to Section 51-1c of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 9, 2019
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Report - Judicial Branch - Connecticut Advisory Council on Housing Matters Biennial Report and Recommendations for 2019. (Pursuant to Section 47a-73 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 9, 2019
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Report - Judicial Branch - Annual Rules Report as of January 9, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 51-14(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 9, 2019
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Report - Office of Fiscal Analysis, Connecticut General Assembly - Annual Transparency CT Status Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 2-531 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 10, 2019
Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Central Connecticut State University National Collegiate Athletic Association for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 10, 2019
Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement

Report - Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection - Military Occupational Specialty Task Force Annual Report for Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 41-61bb(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 10, 2019
Referred to Committees on Labor and Public Employees and Veterans' Affairs

Report - Judicial Branch - Court Support Services - Electric Monitoring and Supervision of Sex Offenders for Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 54-260a of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 10, 2019
Referred to Committee on the Judiciary

Report - Department of Correction - Restrictive Housing Status for Inmates. (Pursuant to Section 18-96b(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 11, 2019
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Report - Office of Fiscal Analysis, Connecticut General Assembly - Annual Transparency CT Status Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 2-531 of the

Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 18, 2017

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Report - Connecticut Green Bank - Residential Solar Investment Program Biennial Report for Calendar Years 2017 and 2018. (Pursuant to Section 16-245ff (j) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 11, 2019

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Report - Connecticut Green Bank - Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 16-245n(f)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 11, 2019

Referred to Committees on Commerce and Energy and Technology

Report - Office of the Claims Commissioner - Annual Report for Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 4-159 and 4-159(a) of the Connecticut General Assembly) Date received: January 14, 2019

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

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With no further business on the Clerk's desk, the Senate stands adjourned.

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The senate at 2:35 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 2:52 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Let us remember that understanding is one of the greatest accomplishments of life, and with it comes wisdom.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, January 16, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as

indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:

**Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary**

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, for reappointment by you, the **Honorable Hunchu Kwak** of Portland to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from February 4, 2019.

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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, for reappointment by you, the **Honorable Lisa Kelly Morgan** of Wethersfield to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from February 4, 2019.

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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General

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Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, for reappointment by you, the **Honorable John M. Newson** of Brooklyn to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from February 4, 2019.

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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, for reappointment by you, the **Honorable M. Nawaz Wahla** of Glastonbury to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from February 4, 2019.

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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, for reappointment by you, **the Honorable Thomas V. O'Keefe, Jr.** of Guilford, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from February 11, 2019.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE RETIRING SENATE CHAIR AND HOUSE RANKING MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

The following communication was received from the Retiring Senate Chair and House Ranking Member of the Transportation Committee, on the date indicated,

read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations:

June 11, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 13b-212b it is our pleasure to nominate and with your advice and consent, appoint **MR. STEPHEN V. PROSTOR** of New Canaan, Connecticut, to be a member of the Connecticut Commuter Rail Council as a resident of a municipality served by the Danbury or Waterbury branches of the New Haven commuter railroad line. Mr Prostor will serve a term in succession to that of Mr. Robert Lockwood, whose term has ended. Mr Prostor will serve a term beginning immediately and ending July 31, 2021.

Senator Toni Boucher
Chair
Transportation Committee

Representative Devin Carney
Ranking Member
Transportation Committee

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Insurance Department - Property Casualty Insurance Rate Reviews for Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 38a-9(c0 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 16, 2019

Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Report - Commission on Women, Children, and Seniors - Trafficking In Persons Council 2018 Annual Report (Pursuant to Section 46a-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes). Date received: January 16, 2019

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Audit Report, State of Connecticut Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 16, 2019

Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 6) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

With no further business on the Clerk's desk, the Senate stands adjourned.

The senate at 2:57 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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SENATE

Thursday, January 17, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 2:30 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

Help us to be honest and true in all that we say and all that we do. Give us the courage to do what is right.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, January 17, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:

Referred to Executive and Legislative Nominations

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To the Honorable Senate:

Pursuant to Section 12-1a(a) and Sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **Scott D. Jackson** of Hamden, to be the Commissioner of Revenue Services, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, but no longer than March 1, 2023.

Ned Lamont
Governor

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Referred to Executive and Legislative Nominations

CORRECTED LETTER

September 20, 2018

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to the provisions of section 46a-515-120bb of the General Statutes, it is my pleasure and privilege to nominate and submit to you for your advice and consent the name of **Matthew Kelly** of Barkhamsted, Connecticut to be a member of the Connecticut Airport Authority Board, to serve the remainder of the term ending on June 30, 2022.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Department of Administrative Services - Connecticut Commission for Educational Technology Annual Report for Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 4d-80(c)(8) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 17, 2019

Referred to Committee on Education

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Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Annual Report to the Connecticut General Assembly for Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 17, 2019

Referred to Committee on Legislative Management

Report - State Department of Education - Connecticut Manufacturing Committee Report as of February, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 10-21j(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 17, 2019

Referred to Committees on Commerce and Higher Education and Employment Advancement

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With no further business on the Clerk's desk, the Senate stands adjourned.

The senate at 2:34 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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Friday, January 18, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:16 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Carmella Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be happy with the things we have.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday, January 18, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as

indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Connecticut Airport Authority - Annual Legislative Report for Fiscal Year 2018. (Pursuant to Section 15-120kk of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 18, 2019
Referred to the Committees on Appropriations, Commerce and Transportation.

Report - The Office of Early Childhood - FY 19 first quarter report on program capacity and utilization related to school readiness and state-funded child care facilities. (Pursuant to Section 94 of Public Act 16-3) Date received: January 18, 2019
Referred to the Committees of Appropriations, Children and Education.

Report - The Office of Early Childhood - 2018 Nurturing Families Network Report. (Pursuant to Section 17b-751b of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 18, 2019
Referred to the Committees on Children and Education.

Report - The Office of Early Childhood - OEC State-funded Education Qualifications Update December 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10-520a of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 18, 2019
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**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 8) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

With no further business on the Clerk's desk, the Senate stands adjourned.

The senate at 11:22 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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Tuesday, January 22, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 2:32 p.m., the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Would the Senate please come to order? I've been waiting to do that. And with that, members and guests, would you please take your seats. Members and guests, please taken your seats. And Senator Kissel, it appears that you are the first in the circle ready to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. So before you sit, sir, if I could call on you to lead us in the pledge. And before, and I'm so glad you're here, Senator, but I would like to call on our Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington for the prayer before we do the pledge. Noele, thank you so much for coming.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

Please bless us with an inner strength so that our lives and our work may be a blessing on others. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much. Senator Kissel, please lead us in the pledge.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Congratulations, Madam Chair.

(ALL) I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator Kissel for leading us in the Pledge and at this time, I will entertain points of personal privilege and Senator Looney, I understand you have a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you. Thank you, Madam President and good afternoon. Madam President, I know that you are here with us today with a heavy heart because of the recent passing of your father. I would like to memorialize Mr. Stanley Bysiewicz briefly and I believe other senators may have comments also. Stanley Bysiewicz passed away on January 13 at the age of 96. He was truly one of the great pillars of what we've come to call the Greatest Generation. Fought in WWII and came home to build a wonderful family life and a career, both as a businessman and a farmer, and was an inspiration to his children and to his neighbors and to his community at large. He was one of six children himself, the child of immigrant Polish parents, graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, had to walk five-and-a-half miles a day to get there, and proudly served in the U.S. Army Air Corp from 1941 to 1944, was assigned

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to a B-24 crew that completed 50 bombing missions in the European Theater. He was training on B-29's for service in the Pacific when the war thankfully ended.

Though merely 24 years old when he was drafted, he received a Purple Heart medal for a shrapnel injury and his wartime experience as a bombardier is recounted in a collection with other WWI Veterans at Ball State University in Indiana. After returning home, he studied accounting at Drexel University, graduating in 1947 with the help of the GI Bill that became the path to higher education for so many hundreds of thousands of WWII vets and veterans since then. He then settled into a career with Nationwide Insurance Company selling all kinds of insurance, trained many young sales agents, left that position as district sales manager to start his own successful insurance agency in Manchester where he worked with his son-in-law, David Donaldson, until he was in his late 80's, so continued very, very active beyond normal retirement age.

A trailblazer in many ways, he also helped organize an agents' union and was passionate about insurance and had an extremely loyal customer base. He was married to the love of his life, Shirley Raissi and she herself was, as we know, a trailblazer, was the first tenured woman law professor at the University of Connecticut. I was proud to be one of her students. She was my teacher in legal writing in my first year of law school. She was a taskmaster and she was an extraordinarily good teacher and it's no wonder that her daughter is a successful attorney also. But he was both a businessman and also maintained the family farm through all those years and raised their children, along with our Lieutenant

Governor, John, Karen and Gayle and of course, we all know is a liaison for the University. And he was of course as well, in addition to being a wonderful father, was a wonderful grandfather and delighted in all of his grandchildren in his aging years so I would just like to commemorate his life as a life well led and a model here in the State of Connecticut and condolences of the Chamber to you Madam President, to all the members of your family, and I would like to yield to Senator Lesser for additional remarks.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Lesser, do you accept the yield?

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Yes, Madam President, I do. Madam President, there's not a whole lot I can say that Senator Looney hasn't already touched upon except to extend the sadness that I think all of us from Middletown feel at this moment in solidarity with you and your family at the loss of your father. He was a pillar of our community and we are proud of his accomplishments as we are proud of yours and so with that, I would like to yield to my good friend, the other half of the Middletown Delegation, Senator Mary Abrams.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Abrams, do you accept the yield?

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

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I do. Madam President, I just want to say that it's been my pleasure on many occasions to listen to you talk about your family and the values that they instilled in you of hard work and service to others, and I'm sure that they have been exceptionally proud of all you've accomplished, and I think that reading and hearing about your father all these years, it's no surprise to me. And so I offer my condolences to your family and I wish you all the best.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator Abrams. I appreciate it. Any other points of personal privilege? Senator Leone.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I also would like to rise to offer my condolences to you and your family on behalf of the passing of your father and I rise in the sense not just for the accomplishments that were just articulated, but being an Air Force veteran, I do have a soft spot for anyone who has served in the military, especially the precursor to the Air Force, the Army Air Corp and I wasn't aware that your father served on as part of a bombardier mission, all those countless missions and for those that may not know, that particular MOS or skill set had the highest mortality rate in WWII, more than infantry. Those that were in those planes went down at a greater rate than just about any other career in the military and the fact that he was able to make it home alive and well and fulfill the American dream as an immigrant, to provide a better life for his family and his children, I'm sure he's very

proud of the heights that you have achieved as well as the rest of your family, and I just wanted to give him the respect that he deserves from a military perspective as well as all of his accomplishments throughout his life so a life well lived and well-earned and my condolences to you. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, thank you so much. It's kind. Any other points of personal privilege?

UNKNOWN SENATOR:

Madam President. Madam President, if we might acknowledge the passing of Stanley Bysiewicz by members of the Senate standing for a moment of silence.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you all. Any other points of personal privilege? Seeing none, Mr. Clerk, is there any business on the Clerk's desk?

THE CLERK:

The clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda No. 1 dated Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move all items on Senate Agenda No. 1 dated January 22, 2019 be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript. Madam President, I ask the Clerk to please call from Senate Agenda No. 1, House Bill 5765.

THE CLERK:

House Bill No. 5765, AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FEDERAL SHUTDOWN AFFECTED EMPLOYEES LOAN PROGRAM AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

THE CHAIR:

And Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Emergency Certified Bill and passage of the bill in concurrence with the House. I'd like to now yield to Senator Bergstein.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bergstein, do you accept the yield?

SENATOR BERGSTEIN (36TH):

I do.

THE CHAIR:

Please continue.

SENATOR BERGSTEIN (36TH):

Thank you. Connecticut is taking the lead on a national issue and showing the country that we can work together. I want to thank Governor Lamont, Lieutenant Governor Bysiewicz, and all six legislative leaders of the four caucuses who contributed to and support this bill. This bill is an excellent example of public/private partnerships, which is what we need to use to move our state forward, so I would like to particularly thank the banking community for their civic spirit and their generosity in stepping up to shoulder 90 percent of this bill should anyone default.

As banking committee chair, I applaud the banking community, the credit unions and our state government for working together to resolve an issue that is burdening federal employees through no fault of their own. What this bill does is it provides no interest loans for the lesser of \$5000 dollars or the average monthly salary of furloughed employees or unpaid working federal employees so that they can meet their mortgages and they can provide for their families during this period of uncertainty and this is what they need to do and this is what we need to do for them for the approximately 1500 families in Connecticut that are impacted by the federal shutdown. We don't want them to have to dip into their savings or go bankrupt or take out high-interest loans as a result of something that they did not contribute to. At this point, I would like to yield to my colleague, Senator Kushner. Madam President.

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Thank you. Senator Kushner, do you accept the yield:

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

I do.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to talk a little bit about who the impacted employees would be under this bill. The affected employees are people who have been furloughed so they're not working, those that are working without pay, and those that are furloughed now, but may be returned to work without pay and so we, as Senator Bergstein said, we estimate that to be between 1500 to 2000 people in the State of Connecticut. This is a critical time to assist these families, particularly you know having experienced the weekend cold snap that really impacted so many families without any power or loss of power and these families who are working or not working, but all not being paid, really don't have the luxury of going to a hotel and escaping the cold and so I think it's extremely urgent that we address this.

The bill is laid out in a way that people would be eligible for, those who are eligible for unemployment would be able to take advantage of employment or the loan or both, but in fact, if you do take unemployment, that would be reduced from the amount of the loan you could receive, so I think

it's a well-structured bill and I'm very proud that our State of Connecticut is acting quickly to address the needs of these working families, and I too want to applaud the leadership of both caucuses and the governor and the lieutenant governor for taking this action so swiftly, and I would yield to Senator Cathy Osten.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Osten, do you accept the yield?

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Yes, Madam President, I do.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much. Madam President, in this bill, which has been developed on a bipartisan, bicameral basis, it addresses the issue of those workers who through no fault of their own are not receiving the pay necessary to support their families. We have some 2000 families in Connecticut who need assistance in this manner. This also would allow for deferment of taxes without paying interest at the option of the municipality and I think that that's another thing that we have allowed in this particular piece of legislation. Both Senator Bergstein and Senator Kushner talked about working in a private/public partnership and the leadership of Governor Lamont in this manner is something that

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we should look forward to as a way to move our state forward. This issue here, many people talk about mortgages or rent or car payments. For me, it's much more basic than that. It's helping families buy gas for their cars. It's helping families pay for daycare so they don't lose those slots when they have to remove their children because they cannot pay for them. It's helping families go to the grocery store and put food in their refrigerators. It is those simple things that we sometimes take for granted that people are not being able to afford and it's also allowing us to put oil in our tanks so that we can have a warm home when we get home at the end of a day. It is extremely important for us to look at these workers in a fashion that acknowledges that they have, in many cases, like the federal employees that are in our Danbury Prison System, who go to work each day and are not getting paid. It's an environment that has clear risks in their daily lives, and yet they're willing to go to work and put their lives on the line as many of my colleagues did when I worked in the State Department of Corrections for 21 years.

This is for those who protect our borders, our Coast Guard who looks every day to make sure that we are seeing men and women look to protect people who are out in boats on the waters. They've done life safety, public safety. This is something that we need to do as a manner to protect men and women and provide them with the resources to protect their families so they can concentrate on their jobs. I look forward to the passage of this bill. I want to thank everybody who supported this bill. I think it's vitally important that we do this and I think it's quite necessary for us to step up to the plate and I would remind people that there are other

issues that we may be looking at. One, for example, would be to help dairy farmers make ends meet as we move through the process and I look forward to working on that issue in the same fashion. Thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten, thank you. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I stand in support of this measure, but I will state at the outset that it is not without some controversy in my district and feel that North Central Connecticut has struggled, the communities that I represent since the onset of the great recession in 2008, and more recently, what we believe is a disproportionate impact on our particular educational system regarding the funds that we have gotten from the State of Connecticut. Somehow, this has been done through certain formulated changes, reductions in pilot funds and so I am hoping that things can be done in a more equitable fashion for the towns in North Central Connecticut in this legislative session. I have heard from folks in my communities both for and opposed to this bill and those opposed are primarily concerned with the fact that they believe we're picking winners and losers. They may have been out looking for a job for several months. They are in a similar situation to the folks that we want to help with this bill and that's the cause for their concern. They also don't want it to be used for some sort of a political punching bag and they clearly believe that there's problems in Washington

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and that those issues should be directed towards our congressional delegation.

That being said, I have an international airport in my district, very proud of Bradley International Airport and dozens of TSA officials and folks involved in various federal law enforcement capacities throughout the seven towns that I represent. Some of those folks may live up the road in the Commonwealth, some of them may live south of my district, but I am certainly sure that many dozens of those folks in and around the airport which secures our safety and travel, but also protects our state as being a gateway for terrorist activities, I'm sure that many, many of those folks work and live in my district, live in my district. The other point, and I want to underscore what Senator Osten said is that you know there was a time when I was looking for a job and if you go two, three months without the combined income that you had relied upon to pay your bills, you end up robbing Peter to pay Paul and it gets very, very serious very quickly. We need only pick up the newspaper every couple of weeks to read that so many of our neighbors and friends and colleagues have very small amounts of lifetime savings and there's many, many folks in this great rich state of Connecticut that live paycheck to paycheck. It's not an inexpensive state to live in. When you look at the wealth in Fairfield County and then average it into the other counties in the State of Connecticut, we're just not all living in great wealth and it's a struggle and so I feel for any individual who's compelled to go to work and doesn't get paid or is at home not receiving a paycheck, but due to the restrictions of their employment, they cannot collect unemployment or they're not free to

really go out and look for another job unless they give up a job that may have many, many years of seniority in and they enjoy doing that job and they want to get back to work and once you go a couple cycles without a paycheck, especially if you're the primary income earner in that particular household, bad things can happen very quickly. You don't want to fall behind on a mortgage and have the foreclosure proceedings beginning. Talk about something that is incredibly stressful, but you also don't want to make choices between medication or food on the table or paying for healthcare bills for maybe your children or your elderly parents. So this can turn into a cascade very, very quickly and I'm excited that the first major proposal that we have in this legislative session is a public/private partnership. To the extent we can leverage all the great corporate entities and citizens and small businesses out there in our great state, we will be able to do far more for far more many people that we can just trying to do it alone as a state government.

So I recognize the concerns of my constituents to the north of us. I definitely understand that we don't want to be picking any winners and losers, but I recognize that this particular category of individuals is in a very unique situation, sui generis and they need this hand up, it's not a handout, it's an interest-free loan that they will be compelled to pay back, but they need it to bridge them from this position of peril into the future where hopefully, the stalemate in Washington will resolve sooner rather than later. Thank you, Madam President.

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Thank you, Senator Kissel. Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Delighted to be in the Chamber this afternoon with my colleagues. It's pretty clear from watching the result in the House and kind of speaking with some of my colleagues here that it's a foregone conclusion that this is going to pass and become our law in the state, but I do think it's important to just state a few things for the record, and my comments are going to be centered around the role of our State Government. Something that my House colleagues downstairs are very used to hearing me speak on and I'm quite certain before the end of the session, I will speak on it a few times.

The first thing I want to state is that I am extraordinarily sympathetic to this population that is an issue with the bill before is. Certainly no one wants to be in a position working for any employer where they're not being compensated on time and properly for the work that they're doing. The question really comes down to whether or not that responsibility falls to this body to do something about it.

My first concern is that I heard a great many questions go unanswered in the House about the actual process. There were a couple of issues, first and foremost, I'll note that this bill is being E-certified which implies that it is an emergency to the State of Connecticut, and while I certainly acknowledge it might be an emergency to some households in the State of Connecticut, there are many emergencies going on. People have flooded

basements and cars that slid off their driveway because of the ice, but this is not an issue that is an emergency to the State of Connecticut, that we needed to come in here today to pass this law. It should've gone through the proper legislative process with a public hearing, with the opportunity for public comment so people can understand the ramifications of what we do here.

Just a couple of those questions that I heard were unanswered, and the most one I think is essentially what the State's responsibility is. The bill is pretty clear that it says that our responsibility ends at 10 percent, but there are still some questions about what happens after that responsibility is met. Do we just automatically turn the potential default over to the financial institutions who have agreed to offer these loans? Will the Continue Housing Finance Authority still have to play a role in collecting those funds. What exactly is the role of our State Government, the CFHA, and to what expense to the taxpayers of Connecticut merely just for the processing let alone the collection of any debt. Another question that was asked downstairs is the priority of debt. If you've ever got a home mortgage loan, you know that the responsibility falls after the responsibility of the real estate taxes. When someone is foreclosed upon or they go into bankruptcy, that kind of thing, there is an order in which people have to be paid off and I saw this question asked a couple of times in the House and there was no answer to whether or not the responsibility to pay back this loan would come before the real estate taxes that might be owed by this person or whether or not the unemployment compensation payments that are required to be paid back under this bill have to be paid back first. I

think it's important that we answer these questions before we pass things into law and that is the reason why we have a legislative process, that is the reason why we have committees and I am a firm believer that this process has value and we should follow it.

My second concern about this particular proposal is that we've never done this before. There's been several other federal government shutdowns. One of my colleagues mentioned back in 1991 there was a riff which essentially is the federal government employees after furloughing them and at that point, we still never did that and I'm curious to know why we would be doing it now. Many folks have talked about why we're choosing this population to bail out. There are certainly other people in our state that are acting in good faith, who are working hard and for whatever reason their employers fail to pay them and so on, but we have not included them in this legislation. There was an amendment offered in the House downstairs which I think was the best possible solution, and I'm a little disappointed that it failed, but I will note that it failed very, very narrowly. I don't know what the exact vote was, but I believe there were 88 yeses which is nearly half the chamber down there. Basically, that amendment kept everything we're attempting to do here intact except removed the very, very small involvement of the State of Connecticut. My understanding is that this proposal came to us because some people in the private sector want to help and I'm hearing it all over the place. There are news reports every day. I saw that if you are a furloughed federal employee who is not being paid, you can get free dog food. There are people out there trying to help and I believe that there are

financial institutions that would help, and I believe that even without our involvement and our agreement under this bill, to take care of 10 percent of the potential default, which I think we all agree is actually extremely unlikely because we're talking about people who the President has already agreed to pay, and the fact that they're probably better off federal employees than the average population. I doubt that there's going to be much in the way of default on these loans, so my concern is not so much that they're going to default, it's the principal of whether or not this body has the right to commit the taxpayers of the State of Connecticut to any amount to pay for payments that are not the State's responsibility.

These are federal employees. We have enough issue taking care of our own obligations regarding State employees and making sure that those items are met. At the end of the day, Madam President, I'm going to vote not today and it's not because I don't want to help these folks. In fact, I'm very pleased that ultimately they are going to be helped, but I would argue that we didn't need it to do, we didn't need to do it this way. If we simply enabled Webster Bank and others to go forward with this process without guaranteeing any part of it or involving the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, then they would do it anyway and to me, that's the best way to do things is when we are not interjecting ourselves or inserting ourselves into that process. I just cannot commit the constituents that I represent to any amount, whether it's like or not, for this purpose. Thank you, Madam President.

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Senator, thank you. Senator Kushner.

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I just, you know I listened very closely to what you said Senator Sampson and I think if we characterize this as a bail out, we're making a real mistake because as you yourself said, there are a lot, these employees are guaranteed to get repaid, that was a bill that was passed in Congress that when they go back to work, they will be paid their back pay and so as you mentioned, there's not going to be a default and I think the idea that was expressed about a handing, you know giving people a hand up by Senator Osten is really the way to look at it because you know this is something that we're really certain that most people are going to be able to pay these loans back and it's also a critical time to act. You know the idea that we would sit in committees and listen to testimony, all that time, people won't be able to pay their bills, won't be able to put food on the table. You know they're really suffering right now and I think it's way too dangerous to allow this to continue.

Other states are taking action in different ways, but what I like about this bill is the way it's structured, as a loan, interest-free loan, and that we know we're going to get paid back that money. I think it's a really good approach so I intend to vote in favor of this bill. I'm very proud of our state that we're taking action quickly to address the needs of this population. So in terms of the priority of debit, it is clear from the bill that people will be required to pay back both unemployment and also the loan and I think as in

many cases, we have the responsibility to pay back debt and pay back bills and we make a decision how we do that best. In this particular bill, the loans are spelled out how quickly they have to be paid back and what kind of payment so I think it's pretty well protected that the loans will be paid back by people and this is, we're not taking much risk as the State of Connecticut. As was said earlier, the banks are taking on the greatest portion of this risk. I'm very proud of our state that we will take this measure and this effort to help families, working families right now, right away. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, thank you. Will you remark further?
Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (4TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. It's great to see you up there today. I just want to say that when this topic first came to my attention, I happened to be sitting home on the couch watching the news and I saw Governor Lamont and Lieutenant Governor Bysiewicz and the media folks there and they were interviewing so I turned the TV up because I didn't know what they were talking about at the time, and that's when the program first came to my attention, was to help those government employees who are working and receiving no compensation or are furloughed with the inability to go back to work or obtain any other form of compensation and to me, what a noble first act to work on behalf of the residents who felt they were caught in a situation that was beyond their control and the Governor

reaching out to the private sector to form, as those previous speakers had said, a public/private partnership to address some of the issues you know facing our state, and I thought to myself maybe this is just the beginning where we're dealing with a temporary personal crisis that would evolve into dealing with the long-term financial crisis of the state that we seek more public/private partnerships to address those concerns. I became very enthusiastic about staying to the very end of the newscast and watching. Sometimes I flip the channel off and I say I've heard enough, I know I'll be hearing about it later on, but it really captured my attention, the whole 5 or 6 minutes it was on the news, and then you know I started to, my children asked me, well what was that all about, Dad? And I said it's about pride to simplify it. I said these are folks that beyond circumstances of their own, they get up and they go to work every day because they know that the work that they do affects others in our state.

Imagine going to, as Senator Kissel had mentioned in his district, Bradley International Airport and you're told there's not flights today because nobody from TSA showed up. The airport's closed. How that would affect not only our personal plans, but our economy where folks cannot attend business meetings in other states or we may have visitors that want to relocate their business to the State of Connecticut and they know that they can't come here because they may not be able to get back home. It's role modeling for the children to see well mom or dad or aunt or uncle or grammy and grampy are not getting paid. They're getting up and they're doing what they have to do because it's expected of them. It's one of the commitments they've made when they

accepted this job with this employer, that they're going to come to work every day and they're fulfilling their commitment to their employer and ultimately, that affects all those around us.

And then I said to myself, well, the extension of this bill is for a three-month period potentially, and the maximum that an individual could gain through this program is \$15,000 dollars; \$15,000 dollars to cover three months' worth of bills. I sat at home and I kind of added up what my monthly expenses were and I'd be relying on my credit cards to fill those gaps and imagine if we didn't have the income to offset those credit charges. It exasperates itself because our credit rating goes down which means our borrowing capacity costs more money so this is a temporary fix until they figure out things in Washington, but we've figured out things here in Connecticut. I think we're doing right by all the citizens, by those that are uniquely affected, and I'm asking the Chamber's support as we vote in favor of this bill today. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Duff, will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Yes, I do, and I urge my colleagues to support the Emergency Certified Bill. As we've known and everybody in the circles realizes, we see federal employees now who are going to be missing their second paycheck this coming Friday. Nobody, unfortunately, expects the government to open over the next few days or have a

deal reached this evening in order to get that check, so our federal employees, many of whom are working, going in, doing their jobs each and every day, are working for free and that puts a tremendous amount of stress not only on themselves, but on their families as well. You've got families who, as somebody said earlier, live paycheck to paycheck with very little savings and so therefore, they don't have the ability to dip into a wealth of savings that maybe other families have so they have to then make choices between the food on the table or paying the mortgage or paying the rent, maybe paying for prescription drugs. On the radio this morning, I heard that a family out in Ohio would have to make some real difficult choices about their son, who is severely autistic, because they don't have the money right now because their savings is going to be depleted to continue on with his services.

These are real things that are happening to real people in our country and so I am very gratified to see that the four caucuses and the Governor's office and the Lieutenant Governor have come together in a bipartisan way to try and figure out a solution the best that we can here in the State of Connecticut, and while it may not be the best solution that will help them in the way that they would ultimately want, which is to get back to work and get paid for the jobs that they're doing, we have come up with a solution, a creative solution in order to help people not have to make those difficult choices whether it's their mortgage or their rent or their food or putting gas in the car or maybe helping their children with a new pair of sneakers. So this bill today, this Emergency Certified Bill, which passed in the House overwhelmingly, is very, very

important to our citizens and those who are going to be affected by this because Connecticut is a state with a heart. We do have a heart. We do want to make sure that we are helping our neighbors at a time when they need the help. There may only be 1500 or 2000 employees who are affected, but each one of those families is very, very important to all of us here in the State of Connecticut.

Madam President, I also want to take an opportunity to thank the bankers who have stepped up to the plate in a big way, who have worked hard to come up with solutions, and again, thank the staff who have worked on putting this together. I want to certainly thank Senator Bergstein and Senator Kushner and especially Senator Osten who brought this idea up long before anybody else did, and I would certainly hope that this bill would be considered a model for other states to take up as well where both parties, the legislative branch and the executive branch come together to say we want to help our fellow citizens and of course, we want to help everybody, but in this instance, we know that we can certainly work to help others in the private sector and the public sector come together for a real solution that takes a little bit of the stress off what is a very, very difficult process for them. So while the government in Washington may not be open, the government in Connecticut is open and we are acting and we're acting in a responsible way to help our citizens and for that, Madam President, I urge my colleagues to vote yes. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further?
Senator Fasano?

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I want to join in the chorus here of thank you's. Government Lamont, I want to thank him and his staff for the work that they did on this and not so much the leadership of all four caucuses as much as the staff of all four caucuses. Some of these folks worked, didn't even have power in their house until recently. Others were fighting storms and had their families to deal with, but yet reiterations of this bill were going back and forth through the email until everybody was satisfied with the language and had an opportunity to remark. I haven't seen that type of relationship since we did the bipartisan budget a couple of years back.

The Connecticut Bankers Association, by virtue of Government Lamont thinking outside of the box and contacting the private sector. This idea developed as a way of solving a problem, not leaving it to government to solve it, but saying how can we get the private sector involved to improve the quality of life and look, this is unique. These are folks who number one, can't collect unemployment because they're employed, they can't find another job or they've got to leave their job, all the safety nets that we have put out there from the beginning of time that the legislature put together, SNAP funding, we have the foreclosure program. All those things that we put out are not applicable to this group of folks given the unique circumstances and I'm proud that this legislature stood up and said we need to govern. Collectively, we need to govern where other people have stalled.

Government Lamont, now a week and a half ago, got on the phone, called the private sector and said I need help. Legislative leaders, we need help. Leaders bought into the idea, the bill was formed and here we are today. Look how fast government and private sector responded to a problem. Look how quickly we got together and something that was never done in this building and said let's do it and we did it. We can't solve all the problems this way, but this is a huge step in this building in the right direction. So I applaud the leadership. Madam President, thank you for your input on this bill. This is a terrific partnership. I hope this sets the tone for the rest of session in both Chambers. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further?
Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, speaking in support of the Emergency Certified Bill, I am gratified that this bill did pass the House of Representatives by a substantial bipartisan margin, certainly hoping for the same result here in the Senate. Wanted to thank Government Lamont for his quick action on this and also yourself, Madam President, for your involvement as an advocate for this as well. I think it does show that state government can be quickly responsive when a needed emerges, that we're not always caught up in the ponderous process that leaves things hanging and people suffering, and it is possible for government to be decisive and it was necessary in this case.

And I certainly also want to thank the bipartisan leadership, Senator Fasano for his work in this, on this bill and working closely on the drafts so that as it went forward, our majority leader, Senator Duff, in advocating for action on this as well. Senator Witkos, want to thank him for his comments. I'd also like to offer a special thanks to Senator Osten who approached me early with an idea quite similar to this about trying to do something for these residents because there are so many in her district, primarily Coast Guard employees. And I wanted to thank her for her early interest and advocacy. And in the House, of course, Speaker Aresimowicz and Majority Leader Ritter and Minority Leader Klarides for their quick interest and involvement. And there is a need for action here, Madam President, because this is time sensitive. People in our state are suffering.

For example, a friend of mine who is deacon at our parish has a niece who is a TSA employee. She is working without being paid. Her husband is a member of the Coast Guard. He is also working without being paid so they were a two-income family living a modest, but relatively comfortable middle class life and with the loss of one income, they were reduced to somewhat difficult circumstances. With the loss of both incomes at the same time, the situation is rapidly becoming extreme and that is something that is just one example of something that's happening all over this state at this point. And it was said in the debate earlier that these are federal employees so therefore, it's not the responsibility of the State of Connecticut, but they are in fact Connecticut residents. They are people who are not able to pay their bills in Connecticut. They're

having trouble paying their mortgages to Connecticut banks, trouble paying their taxes to Connecticut municipalities, trouble paying their bills at grocery stores and department stores in Connecticut. So this is a Connecticut issue. It is not just a federal issue and it's one that really was our responsibility to try to find a way to take an action on and I believe we're leading the nation in that regard.

And perhaps these residents are not equally distributed throughout the state. Of course, we know, in Senator Osten's district, there are many members of the Coast Guard, Senator Kissel's district, many TSA employees, many federal prison employees in Senator Kushner's district, but there are also all of the federal court employees who work in the court houses in Hartford and New Haven and in Bridgeport. The prosecutors, the US attorneys, the federal public defenders, all of the other federal court employees who are working in those three federal court houses in the state, all showing up for their jobs every day and at the same time, doing so without being paid. So this is something that is important for us to do and to take action on at this time. And also, Madam President, in addition to the component that's been discussed about the bank loan guarantees, another significant issue and of course, this is something that Senator Osten and Senator Needleman will deal with in their other official capacity is the issue of trying to provide some assistance with people whose tax bills would otherwise be due, property tax bills otherwise due in January. And as we know, there is a statutory 18 percent interest on late payments of property taxes which is not waivable by the municipality because it is a statutory penalty unless we take action to

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waive that and to give greater flexibility which we are doing with this bill today.

So, Madam President, this is a valuable bill today, something I think that is time sensitive, something in which we can all be proud, and I think, as Senator Fasano said, it's a good note for the beginning of the session on a consensus bipartisan basis. So Thank you, Madam President and I urge an overwhelming vote for this bill. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Acting in concurrence and approval of the bill, will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, would the Clerk please announce a roll call and will the machine be opened please?

CLERK:

An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the members voted? If all the members have voted, the machine will be closed and would the Clerk announce the results of the vote.

CLERK:

House Bill No. 5765.

Total number voting	33
Necessary for adoption	17
Those voting Yea	32
Those voting Nay	1
Absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The Bill is passed and is adopted. [gavel] Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move for immediate transmittal to the Governor, please.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I believe that concludes our business for today and I will yield for any points of personal privilege or announcements.

THE CHAIR:

Any points of personal privilege? Seeing none, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, that's great. We're getting out and the sun's still out so

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with that, I move that we adjourn subject to call of the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Are there any other announcements? Seeing none, without objection, the Senate stands adjourned.

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 3:23 p.m. adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 12:42 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

Understanding is one of the greatest accomplishments of life, and with it comes wisdom.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated January 23, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Pursuant to Section 3-125a of the General Statutes and Rule 32(1) of the Joint

Rules of the Connecticut General Assembly, I submit the settlement agreement re:

Hugo Angles, Administrator of the Estate of Athena Angeles et al. v.

State of Connecticut Department of Children and Families.

Referred to Committee on the Judiciary

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INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 10) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

The Senate at 12:47 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Thursday, January 24, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:30 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Please bless us with an inner strength so that our lives and our work may be a blessing on others.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated January 24, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SJ NO. 15 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE HUNCHU KWAK** OF PORTLAND TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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SJ NO. 16 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE JOHN M. NEWSON** OF BROOKLYN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SJ NO. 17 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE THOMAS V. O'KEEFE, JR.** OF GUILFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund - American Legion, Quarterly Report of Disbursals for Quarter Ended December 2018. (Pursuant to Section 27-140 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 23, 2018

Referred to Committees on Veterans' Affairs

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 11) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

The Senate at 11:35 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Friday, January 25, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

Let us remember that understanding is one of the greatest accomplishments of life, and with it comes wisdom.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated January 25, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR:

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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

I have the honor to inform you of the following Interim Appointments made by the previous Governor since the adjournment of the 2018 General Assembly:

Andrew J. McDonald - of Hartford, as Chairman of the Criminal Justice Commission, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, and until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Karen Welch - of Somers, as a member of the Advisory Board of the Workers' Compensation Commission as representing employers, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Mary N. Florio - of Norwalk, as a member of the Advisory Board of the Workers' Compensation Commission as representing employees, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Jeffrey Maron - of Stamford, as a member of the Connecticut Commuter Rail Council, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

N. Warren Hess - of Naugatuck, as a member of the Connecticut Commuter Rail Council, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

William Dyson - of New Haven, as an alternate member of the Judicial Review Council, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Michael T. Long - of Simsbury, as a member of the Connecticut Airport Authority Board of Directors, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Kevin O'Connor - of Greenwich, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Eleese E. Wright - of Hartford, as a member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, , to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

David Jimenez - of Hartford, as a member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Honorable James W. Abrams - of Meriden, as a member of the Judicial Review Council, in succession to the Honorable Barbara N. Bellis, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Honorable Anna M. Ficeto - of Wolcott, as a member of the Judicial Review Council, in succession to the Honorable Maureen M. Keegan, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Honorable Laura F. Baldini - of West Hartford, as a

member of the Judicial Review Council, in succession to the Honorable Jose A. Suarez, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Makayla Dawkins - of New Haven, as a non-voting student member of the Connecticut State Board of Education, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Tarini Krishna - of Ridgefield, as a non-voting student member of the Connecticut State Board of Education, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Peter M. Rosa - of Avon, as a member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Samantha P. Rosenberg - of Cheshire, as an alternate member of the Judicial Review Council, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Mark D. Phillips - of Westport, as a member of the Judicial Review Council, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Richard T. Meehan - of Shelton, as an alternate member of the Judicial Review Council, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a

successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Thomas E. Swarr - of Hartford, as an ad-hoc director of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority, representing the Mid-Connecticut Project in Hartford, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Luke Bronin - of Hartford, as an ad-hoc director of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority, representing the Mid-Connecticut Project in Hartford, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Pedro E. Segarra - of Hartford, as a Workers Compensation Commissioner, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

J. Lawrence Price - of Avon, as a Family Support Magistrate, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Toni M. Fatone - of West Hartford as a Workers Compensation Commissioner, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Donald R. Green - of Meriden, as a Family Support Magistrate, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR:

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TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

Pursuant to Section 18-80 and Sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **ROLLIN COOK** of Weatogue, to be Commissioner of Correction, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, but no longer than March 1, 2023.

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TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

Pursuant to Section 10a-1d and Sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **TIMOTHY LARSON** of East Hartford, to be Executive Director of the Office of Higher Education, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, but no longer than March 1, 2023.

SENATE RESOLUTION(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
SR NO. 9 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SCOTT D. JACKSON OF HAMDEN TO BE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE SERVICES.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar.

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EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
SJ NO. 18 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF
STEPHEN V. PROSTOR OF NEW CANAAN TO BE A MEMBER OF
THE CONNECTICUT COMMUTER RAIL COUNCIL.

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RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 12) - to be waived and bills
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The Senate at 1:05 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Monday, January 28, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:15 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Give us the hindsight to know where we have been, the foresight to know where we are going, and the insight to know when we are going too far.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated January 28, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Department of Economic Development - 2018 Manufacturing Innovation Fund Report - (Pursuant to CGS 37-7o of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 23, 2019

Referred to the Committee on Commerce

Report - Connecticut Housing Finance Authority - Fair Housing Choice, Racial and Economic Integration for October 1, 2107 - September 30, 2108. (Pursuant to Section 8-37bb of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 28, 2019

Referred to Committees on Banking, Housing and Human Services

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 13) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

The Senate at 1:19 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Tuesday, January 29, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:28 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

We give thanks for the good things of this world, and for the power of choice, for this is the beauty of life.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated January 29, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

Report - Office of Policy and Management - Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations January 2017 - May 2018 - (Pursuant to Section 2-32c of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 28, 2019

Referred to Committees on Government Administration and Elections and Planning and Development

Report - Insurance Department - Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner, including Financial Overview of Insurance Companies Doing Business in the State in Calendar Year ended December 31, 2017. (Pursuant to Section 38a-12 and CGS 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 28, 2019
Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 14) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

The Senate at 11:33 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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Wednesday, January 30, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 12:23 o'clock p.m., the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Good Afternoon, the Senate will be called to order. The Senate will please come to order, and members and guests, if you would please rise and direct your attention to our chaplain, Ms. Kathleen Zabel, of Burlington, who will lead us in prayer.

KATHLEEN K. ZABEL:

Please bless us with the inner strength so that our lives and our work may be a blessing on others.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Chaplain, and I'd like to call on Senator Winfield. If you would come up and lead us in the Pledge, sir.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

[All] I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it

stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. At this time, the Chair will entertain points of personal privilege, if there are any. So, I'm not seeing any senators with a point of personal privilege, and I'm looking forward to seeing more senators. So, with that, I would like to recognize the president pro tem, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and good afternoon. Madam President, I am rising with great pleasure to announce the nomination of attorney, Michael Jefferson, of New Haven, to become the Clerk of the State Senate. Attorney Jefferson has served as our assistant clerk now for a number of years, and upon the recent retirement of our clerk, Garey Coleman, I am very pleased that Attorney Jefferson is willing to step up and to -- and to take on that role. We're all familiar with the good work that he has already done in the role of the assistant clerk, and I have great confidence in his ability, and of course he has already justified that confidence in the good work that he has done for the several years he has been here.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Would anyone else like to remark? If not, I declare that nominations are closed, and the

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Senate Clerk is elected by acclamation.
Congratulations, Mr. Clerk. [applause]

And, it's now my great privilege to swear in Michael
Jefferson. Sir, if you would raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear that you will support the
Constitution of the United States and the
Constitution of the State of Connecticut so long as
you continue as a citizen thereof, and that you will
faithfully discharge according to law the duties of
the office of Clerk of the Senate to the best of
your abilities, so help you God?

MICHAEL JEFFERSON:

I do.

THE CHAIR:

Congratulations. [applause]

MICHAEL JEFFERSON:

Thank you for those kind words Senator Looney. I am
humbled by both the nomination and the support of
this chamber. I now have the best seat in this
prestigious room to watch laws made and history
unfold, and you guys fight a ton, and it's truly an
honor to serve as the Clerk. I do wanna recognize
my predecessor, Garey Coleman, for his many years of
service to this noble institution. So, again, thank
you.

Now, it's my duty to appoint and swear in the next
Assistant Clerk of the Senate, Americo Carchia.

Raise your right hand, please.

Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Connecticut so long as you continue to be a citizen thereof, and that you will faithfully discharge according to law the duties of the office of Assistant Senate Clerk to the best of your abilities, so help you God? Welcome. [applause]

THE CHAIR:

Congratulations again to you both, and we're gonna be relying upon both of you to keep us on track. So, with that, Mr. Clerk, is there any business on your desk?

Yes, Senator? Oh, of course.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes, wanted to welcome Attorney Carchia as our assistant clerk. He is someone well known in the New Haven legal community as an outstanding attorney, as is of course Attorney Jefferson, and I'm sure that both of them working in tandem will continue to give the great service to the senate that our clerks have done in the past. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. With that, Mr. Clerk, is there any business on your desk?

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CLERK:

Yes, Madam Governor, the Clerk is in possession of Agenda -- Senate Agenda no. 1, dated Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff, do you wish to proceed?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. First of all, on a point of personal privilege, I just want to congratulate our new clerk and assistant clerk for the work that they've done and the work that they will do. We know that they'll do -- be excellent in their roles.

Madam Clerk -- Madam President, I move all items on Senate Agenda no. 1, dated January 30, 2019, be acted upon as indicated and the agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and Senate transcript.

Madam President, if I could mark the items on the calendar please? Calendars 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, mark those as go, and if the Clerk can call the items in that order please.

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar no. 1, Senate Joint Resolution Number 15, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE HUNCHU KWAK OF PORTLAND TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield, will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, good afternoon Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Excellent. [crosstalk]

Please proceed, Senator.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you Madam President.

Judge Kwak comes to us through the Judiciary Committee. He had a unanimous vote out of the committee. He has served since 2010. This is his first reappointment. He is currently serving in New London in GA10. During the 8 years that he has spent in the judiciary, he has spent time in GA21, GA19, GA17, GA14, GA12, AND GA19. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law. He also spent time in the United States Military Academy at West Point. This is a judge that came to us in a round of highly diverse candidates, and I would urge a positive vote from the chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator. Senator Kissel.

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SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Good afternoon. Great to see you. I also stand in strong support of Judge Kwak. As my friend and colleague, Chairman Winfield, indicated, he is part of an initial four groups of judges that are all very diverse, and I actually believe that Judge Kwak was either the first Asian-American judge appointed in Connecticut or one of the first and certainly has done an excellent job over the last 8 years and looking forward to his continued public service on the bench for the next 8 years and urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10th):

If there's no objection, I'd ask that this be moved to Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection? Seeing none. So ordered.

Mr. Clerk, would you please continue with the call of the Calendar?

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar no. 2, Senate Joint Resolution Number 16, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN M. NEWSON OF BROOKLYN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark, Senator Winfield?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you. This is another judge, who was appointed first in 2010, who comes to us with a unanimous vote from the Judiciary Committee. Judge Newson is currently assigned to habeas corpus. He has spent time in the criminal -- in criminal in Hartford. He's done habeas in a previous portion of his service. He's done criminal in New London and criminal in Norwich. He's a graduate of the Western New England University School of Law, and he comes to us with a unanimous vote and I urge passage by the chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Kissel, will you remark?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Yes, Ma'am. Thank you, Madam President. I also urge my colleagues to support the re-nomination of

Judge Newson. Clearly, he has determined that he enjoys working in the habeas corpus area, which is a quite difficult assignment. Not a lot of jurists ask to be reassigned there, and he's one of the ones that has been. He's also made it very clear that he expects the highest quality of professionalism for those counsel that represent these inmates in their habeas corpus petitions. He's made that very clear.

Part of that is because we have an extraordinary backlog of cases, so that if counsel is ill-prepared for a hearing or a motion argument, sometimes that matter has to be continued 8, 10, 12-months down the road because things are so -- scheduled so tightly given the vast number of cases that are being handled in the Tolland-Somers judicial district of which I am familiar, representing the town of Somers. So, he's doing something that's extremely valuable for the citizens of the State of Connecticut, trying to seek out justice for those who may be incarcerated without justice being served. He's an extraordinarily dedicated jurist, and I would urge my colleagues, once again, to support this re-nomination. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask that this be moved to Consent as well.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none. So ordered. Mr. Clerk, would you --

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar no. 3, Senate Joint Resolution Number 17, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS V. O'KEEFE, JR. OF GUILFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance and adoption of the Joint Committee's resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Judge Thomas O'Keefe, Jr. of Guilford has been a valued member of the Connecticut Bar for over four decades. He is married to Mary Louise O'Keefe and has two grown children, Mary Kathryn McAvoy and Karen Kannahan[phonetic]. Judge O'Keefe has served with distinction at many of our judicial districts across our state, including most recently in New Haven, where he has tried very many cases of a high visibility nature, including some murder cases.

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He was first appointed to the bench in 1986. He was an esteemed adjunct professor at Quinnipiac University for 30 years, from 1978 to 2008, and also serves on various boards and committees in his community. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut, and he received his law degree from Boston University.

Madam President, I urge my colleagues to support the resolution appointing Judge O'Keefe as a state referee. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you Madam President. Speaking in support of the resolution, I've known Judge O'Keefe for many years. As Senator Kissel said, he has served with great distinction as a superior court judge since 1986, over 32 years, and four full eight-year terms. He is now -- having turned 70 is now a referee but still in vigorous good health and willing and active to continue to serve. As Senator Kissel said, Judge O'Keefe has been one of our leading criminal court judges. During most of that time, he has presided in a number of high-profile Parte cases in a number of judicial districts around the state.

He is also known as being a very humane and compassionate individual from the bench, that despite whatever sentence he may be imposing, he has a way of conveying to the defendant that while that defendant's conduct may be condemned and punished in this case, that that person still has value as an

individual apart from the misconduct that he has committed and is being sentenced for, and I think that he is a model for other judges in that regard. And, in addition, he has been selected by the judicial department to participate in the training of newer judges who have for a number of years because he is seen as being one of the leading lights in the judiciary, especially regarding the handling of criminal cases.

And, of course, prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a prosecutor in New Haven at Parte, prosecuting serious felonies in the judicial district of New Haven, prior to his appointment to the bench. So, the State of Connecticut is blessed to continue to have his service, and he is looking forward to being a very active referee.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7th):

Without further comment, I would move this to the Consent Calendar Ma'am.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Seeing no objections, so moved.

Mr. Clerk.

Page 2, Calendar no. 4, Senate Joint Resolution Number 18, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF

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STEPHEN V. PROSTOR OF NEW CANAAN TO BE A MEMBER OF
THE CONNECTICUT COMMUTER RAIL COUNCIL.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move
acceptance of the resolution and joint resolution
and urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Please remark.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the
position of the commuter -- Connecticut Commuter
Rail Council is a four year volunteer part-time
position, one that is important for those who want
to have a voice on commuting issues. Mr. Prostor
was unanimously voted on favorably after his January
24th nomination hearing. He holds a B.S. from Miami
University, has a financial background, and does
volunteering in his community as well, and we
certainly appreciate his stepping up on the
Connecticut Commuter Rail Council. Again, I urge
members to adopt the resolution. Thank you, Madam
President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much. Any other folks who would like
to remark? Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise today in support of the nomination of Mr. Prostor, a constituent of mine, and I would just like to say how thrilled I am that New Canaan will have a strong representation on the Commuter Rail Council. Of course, the New Canaan branch line is absolutely crucial to the economic well-being of Fairfield County. It's also desperately in need of improvements and of protection of the quality of service. I'm sure that Mr. Prostor will be a wonderful addition to this board and will help give our community a voice in making long-term strategic transportation plans that help ensure folks in New Canaan are able to get to and from work every day in an efficient manner. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, thank you. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25th):

Thank you, Madam President. There's no objection. I would place this on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar no. 5, Senate Resolution Number 9,
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SCOTT D.

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JACKSON OF HAMDEN TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE SERVICES.

THE CHAIR: Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance to the joint -- I'm sorry -- of the Senate Resolution and urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25th):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Commissioner Jackson is well known to us. He first started off in the Commissioner of the Labor Department and moved more recently to the Department of Revenue Services. The current governor has the wisdom to reappoint Commissioner Jackson to the Department of Revenue Services. It is a four-year full-time position, as we all know, probably more than full time actually. Mr. Jackson was unanimously voted on at his January 24th nomination hearing. We know that he is well versed and knowledgeable on this position.

He comes very well qualified obviously, being Commissioner already, but holds a B.A. from Cornell and certainly has done a lot in his community as a former mayor and somebody who we have come to rely on with a sense of government experience. So again, Madam President, I would urge the chamber's adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, any other remarks? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the Senate Resolution. As our Majority Leader, Senator Duff said, Commissioner Jackson has already had a distinguished career, although he is a young man, only 47 years old. Early in his career, he worked on Senator Lieberman's staff, when Mr. Jackson was just out of college. Then he went to work for his hometown of Hamden, was the chief operating officer for the city and chief assistant to the then-mayor of Hamden, then was elected mayor of Hamden himself, had a distinguished tenure there.

While he was serving of mayor of Hamden, he was appointed by Governor Malloy to head two very important commissions here at the state level. First of which was the -- the study of the storm response after the terrible storms we had back in 2011 and 2012, and then the particularly challenging and sensitive assignment as chair of the commission looking into the Sandy Hook tragedy beginning in 2013. After that, he was then appointed to serve in state government, worked for a while as an undersecretary in OPM, was then appointed Commissioner of Labor, and then upon the retirement of Commissioner Sullivan, he became the Commissioner of Revenue Services about a year ago.

So said, he has already had a distinguished career in government, both at the state and local level. I certainly commend Governor Lamont for reappointing

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him, so that we will have the benefit of his -- of his compassion, his passion for public service. Anyone who was present to view his testimony before the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee knows exactly how -- how deeply committed he is to public service, certainly does not take a bureaucratic approach to government service but really takes an approach of being committed to serve and sees that service as an important vocation, and I think, Madam President, we will all benefit from his continued service in state government. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I apologize for Looney going out of turn. I wanna echo the remarks of Senator Duff and Senator Looney.

Commissioner Jackson is a great guy. He is very personable. He has shown that at the Department of Labor. He has shown that at DRS. He and his staff are always extending themselves to issues, at least when our office calls, and I'm sure it's true with every office who calls up and has concerns. But, Mr. Jackson takes a personal view on these items, and as Commissioner of the Department of Labor, he's always willing to listen to both sides. He's always willing to listen to changes. He's always listened to take in arguments that may be contrary to his and evaluate it. You can't ask anything more from the Commissioner than that, and I proudly will support

his nomination here today. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if there's no objection, might this item be placed on the Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Yes, without -- seeing none. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. That is our business for now until we get Senate Agenda no. 2 for business that comes up from the House. So, if the Clerk can please call the items on the Consent Calendar for a vote on the Consent Calendar, please?

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Mr. Clerk, if you would read the items on the Consent Calendar, and I would announce an immediate roll call vote.

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar no. 1, Senate Joint Resolution Number 15. Page 1, Calendar 2, Senate Joint Resolution Number 16. Page 2, Calendar no. 3, Senate Joint Resolution Number 17. Page 2, Calendar no. 4, Senate Joint Resolution Number 18, and Page 2, Calendar no. 5, Senate Resolution Number 9.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Would you again announce a roll call vote, and the machine will be opened.

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate.

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THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? I will lock the machine. Will the Clerk please announce the tally?

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CLERK:

Consent Calendar no. 1.

Total number voting	30
Total number voting Yea	30
Total number voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar is adopted. [gavel] Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move for a suspension on all items that need to be acted upon immediately to the House of Representatives.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. We do not yet have our business from the House, so I move that we stand at ease for a moment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. We will stand at ease.

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25th):

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Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, we did receive our business from the House, and I want to ask if the Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda no. 2?

CLERK:

The Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda no. 2, dated Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, and would the Senate come back to order. And, Mr. Clerk, is there any business on your desk?

CLERK:

Yes, Madam Governor, Senate Agenda no. 2, dated Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move all items on Senate Agenda no. 2, dated Wednesday, January 30, 2019, to be acted upon as indicated, and that the Agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and the Senate transcript. Madam President, I would like that we mark all those items as go, and if the Clerk can call them in the order on the Agenda please?

THE CHAIR:

So ordered. And, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 51, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE LISA
KELLY MORGAN OF WETHERSFIELD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE
SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance
of the Joint Committee's favorable report and
adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. This is a judge
who comes to us through the Judiciary Committee,
having a positive unanimous vote out of the
Committee -- coming out of the Committee just a
short few days ago.

Judge Morgan has served us well. She is a graduate
of Villanova University and the University of
Connecticut School of Law. She was admitted to the
bar in 1987, and I urge adoption.

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Thank you, sir. Would anyone else like to remark?
Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I stand in support of the re-nomination of this jurist. She has an impeccable record and has done an excellent job over the last years and urge my colleagues to support this resolution. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask this be moved to consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 52, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE M. NAWAZ
WAHLA OF GLASTONBURY TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR
COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance and adoption of the Joint Committee's resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Proceed.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Judge M. Nawaz Wahla of Glastonbury currently hears civil cases at the New Haven Judicial District. He is a graduate of the Pakistan Military Academy and the University of Texas at Austin and University of Houston Law. Additionally, Judge Wahla recently received his Masters of Global Affairs from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and was also just inducted into the Immigrant Heritage Hall of Fame.

I also would like to point out that it's my understanding that eight years ago Judge Wahla was the very first Muslim made a jurist in the United States of America. He says this is both a blessing and a burden to the extent -- to the notion that he has a huge image and professionalism, and he is out there being looked at by the entire world as to how these last eight years have gone, and they have gone splendidly.

He has met the President of Pakistan. He indicated to us he doesn't feel alone anymore. Apparently, there's a Muslim judge from Texas and California, so now he's one of three, but Connecticut should be very, very proud that we took this step forward as really diversifying our bench.

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And so, Madam President, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution reappointing Judge Wahla for another term. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel, thank you so much. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you Madam President. Just to align myself with the comments of Senator Kissel and to suggest, as I did at the very beginning since we have hit the end of the judges for the day, that this group was a particularly unique group of judges that came through fighting. Yes, the State of Connecticut should be proud. It should also be proud that when confronted with a real issue of diversity that we responded in a way that the state should respond. So, I'm happy to align myself with the comments of the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

If there are no further comments, I would move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none. So ordered. Mr. Clerk, are there any other items on your desk?

CLERK:

Yes, Madam Governor. House Joint Resolution Number 56, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MATTHEW KELLY OF BARKHAMSTED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the House Committee's Joint Resolution and urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, this is a four-year part-time volunteer position. Mr. Kelly was unanimously voted on favorably at his January 24th nomination hearing. He has been at the Florida Institute of Technology getting a B.S. in Aviation Management. He has worked in the Connecticut Airport Authority for over 20 years and prior to that at AMB Combs [phonetic], a sister company of American Airlines operating out of Bradley, and he is currently a member of the Airport Authority Board. And, he has been involved locally as well in local politics and local government, and I urge adoption. Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. And, with that, Mr. Clerk, would you please call the nominations on the Calendar -- excuse me, sorry.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President, if there's no further comments or objections, might we place this item on the Consent Calendar please?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, that concludes our business for this round, I believe. So, if we can have the Clerk call the items on the Consent Calendar following a vote on the Consent Calendar. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 51, House Joint Resolution Number 52, and House Joint Resolution Number 56.

THE CHAIR:

Okay, Senator Duff.

Thank you, sir. Appreciate that. Those are, that you've just read, the items on the Consent Calendar. So, we will announce a roll call vote, and I will open the machine.

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate.

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THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? The machine will be locked, and Mr. Clerk, would you please announce the tally?

CLERK:

Consent Calendar no. 2.

Total number voting	30
Total number voting Yea	30
Total number voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

[gavel] The Consent Calendar is adopted. Is there any other business on the Clerk's desk?

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CLERK:

I have no other business, Madam Governor.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, that concludes our business for today. Two quick announcements. One is that Senator Flexor and Senator Bradley are out of the chamber today on legislative business, and I will yield to Senator Kissel and then have my second announcement.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel, do you accept the yield?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

I do. I do, thank you very much Senator Duff. Madam President, I rise for the purposes of a Journal notation.

THE CHAIR:

Go ahead.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

And that notation should reflect that Senator Witkos could not be here this afternoon due to family reasons, and would the Journal so note.

THE CHAIR:

It will be so noted.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and also the second announcement is there's some interesting weather coming through the state this afternoon, potential of some snow squalls that could dump a lot of snow in a very short amount of time that could cripple traffic and cause accidents, so we would urge senators and staff to keep that in mind as they think about their travel plans, contemplate their travel plans for the rest of today.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, senator.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

And Madam President, with that, I move that we adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, the Senate stands adjourned.
Good afternoon everyone.

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On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 1:12 p.m. adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Thursday, January 31, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 2:20 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Linda Buchanan of Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN LINDA BUCHANAN:

Remind us each day to hold in our hearts and minds the words of Dalai Lama when he said, "This then is my simple religion. There is no need for temples; no need for complicated philosophy. Our own brain, our own heart is our temple; the philosophy is kindness."

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated January 31, 2019, is adopted, the items on

said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Department of Public Health - Water Utility Coordinating Committee Planning Process Report for July 1, 2017 through December 21, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 25-33n of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 30, 2019

Referred to Committees on Energy and Technology and Environment

Report - Department of Public Health - School Based Health Center Advisory Committee Report for Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 19a-6i(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 30, 2019

Referred to Committee on Public Health

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 16) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

The Senate at 2:25 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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February 1, 2019

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Friday, February 1, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 10:22 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Help us to guard with care the things we say. Let us remember that our words have the power to build up or tear down.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated February 1, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Chief State's Attorney Office - Annual Report of the Summary of Ex Parte Orders for Calendar Year 2018. (Pursuant to Section 54-47aa(g) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 31, 2019

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Report - Connecticut Innovations - Business Plan and Projected Operations for Years 2018-2019. (Pursuant to Section 32-47a of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 31, 2019

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Report - Connecticut Innovations - CT Next Statewide Annual Marketing Plan. (Pursuant to Section 32-39g(b)(6) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 31, 2019

Referred to Committees on Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Report - State Department of Labor - The Jobs First Employment Services Annual Report for July 2017 - June 2018. (Pursuant to Section 17b-688i(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 31, 2019

Referred to the Committee on Labor and Public Utilities

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 17) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

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The Senate at 10:27 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Monday, February 4, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:17 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kevin Ricciardi of Branford, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KEVIN RICCIARDI:

Please bless us with an inner strength so that our lives and our work may be a blessing on others.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated February 4, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Division of Criminal Justice - The Early Screening and Intervention Program as of November 2018. (Pursuant to Section 51-286i of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 1, 2019

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary

Report - Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection - Staffing Requirements Assessment. (Pursuant to Section 298-4(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 1, 2019

Referred to the Committees on Appropriations and Public Safety

Report - Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications - 2018 Annual Report Concerning Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone Service. (Pursuant to Section 28-29(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 1, 2019

Referred to the Committees on Appropriations and Public Safety

Report - Department of Children and Families - Annual Report Concerning Animal or Suspected Instance of Animal Neglect or Cruelty between January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 17a-110c of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 1, 2019

Referred to the Committee on Children

Report - Department of Children and Families - Assessment and Case-Planning Procedures for Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. (Pursuant to Section 17a-6d of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 1, 2019

Referred to the Committee on Children

Report - Department of Public Health - 2018 Scope of Practice Review on Art Therapists. (Pursuant to Section 19a-16e of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 4, 2019

Referred to the Committee on Public Health

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Report - Department of Public Health - 2018 Scope of Practice Review on Physician Assistants. (Pursuant to Section 19a-16e of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 4, 2019
Referred to the Committee on Public Health

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 18) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

The Senate at 1:20 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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SENATE

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February 5, 2019

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 10:25 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

When we learn that someone is hurting, help us to know what to do and say. Give us compassion today for the hurting, as compassion is love in action.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated February 5, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 19) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

The Senate at 10:30 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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SENATE

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February 6, 2019

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 12:25 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

May the work that we do benefit all those we serve.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated February 6, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 20) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

The Senate at 12:28 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Thursday, February 7, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 12:25 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Marty Dunleavy of New Haven, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN MARTY DUNLEAVY:

May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be happy with the things we have.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated February 7, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

Report - Department of Motor Vehicles - Connecticut Emissions Program Statistics for January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019. (Pursuant to Executive Directive #3 and Section 14-164h of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 7, 2019
Referred to Committee on Transportation

Report - Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services - Evaluation of Methods of Combating the Opioid Epidemic in the State of Connecticut. (Pursuant to Section 17a-667 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 7, 2019
Referred to the Committee on Public Health

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 21) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

The Senate at 10:08 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Friday, February 8, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 10:25 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be happy with the things we have.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated February 8, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 12 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **MIRIAM DELPHIN-RITTMON** OF MERIDEN TO BE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 13 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **JAMES ROVELLA** OF OLD SAYBROOK TO BE COMMISSIONER OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 14 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **ELIZABETH BYE** OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE COMMISSIONER OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 15 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **ROLLIN COOK** OF WEATOGUE TO BE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 16 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **MICHELLE SEAGULL** OF GLASTONBURY TO BE COMMISSIONER OF CONSUMER PROTECTION.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 17 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **VICTORIA L. VELTRI** OF COLCHESTER TO BE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

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Report - University of Connecticut - UConn 2000
Report #47 for Period ended December 31, 2018.
(Pursuant to Section 10a-109 of the Connecticut
General Statutes) Date received: February 7, 2019
**Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Higher
Education and Employment Advancement**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 22) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

The Senate at 10:30 a.m. adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the
chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Monday, February 11, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:38 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Help us to live a creative life, to lose our fear of being wrong.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Monday, February 11, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - University of Connecticut - Annual Report on Transfer and Articulation Programs. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55w) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 11, 2019

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Commerce, Education, Higher Education and Employment Advancement and Labor and Public Employees

Report - Judicial Branch - 2019 Biennial Report of the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Criminal Justice System for January 2017 - December 2018. (Pursuant to Section 11-4a) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 11, 2019

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Children and Public Safety

The Senate at 1:42 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Thursday, February 14, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

Understanding is one of the greatest accomplishments of life, and with it comes wisdom.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, February 14, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:**Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.**

February 14, 2019

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the **Honorable Barbara N. Bellis** of Shelton, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from June 2, 2019.

February 14,
2019

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, for reappointment by you, the **Honorable Lubbie Harper, Jr.** of North Haven, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from March 16, 2019.

February 14, 2019

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, for reappointment by you, the **Honorable John F. Mulcahy,**

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Jr. of Glastonbury, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from May 14, 2019.

February 14, 2019

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the **Honorable Robin L. Wilson** of New Haven, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from June 2, 2019.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SR NO. 8 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STIPULATED AGREEMENT IN HUGO ANGELES, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ATHENA ANGELES, ARTEMISA ANGELES BY HER NEXT FRIEND AND FATHER HUGO ANGELES AND HUGO ANGELES, INDIVIDUALLY V. STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Office of the Claims Commissioner - Addendum to Annual Report for Calendar Year ending December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 4-159 and 4-159(a) of the Connecticut General Assembly) Date received: February 13, 2019

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 24) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

The Senate at 1:06 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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February 15, 2019

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Friday, February 15, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 3:20 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

In these difficult times, may our leaders find in their hearts the guidance and wisdom to do what is best for the people of Connecticut

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday, February 15, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS - to be referred to the Senate Committee.

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

February 15, 2019

Pursuant to Section 32-1b and Sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **David A. Lehman** of Greenwich, to be Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, but no longer than March 1, 2023.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE - to be referred to the Joint Committee

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

February 15, 2019

Pursuant to Section 31-276 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent appoint, **Toni M. Fatone**, of West Hartford, to be a Workers' Compensation Commissioner in succession to Nancy Salerno, who elected to retire, to serve for a term of five years from the date of confirmation by you.

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Pursuant to Section 31-276 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent appoint, **Pedro E. Segarra** of Hartford, to be a Workers' Compensation Commissioner in succession to the Honorable Robert D'Andrea, to serve for a term of five years beginning from the date of confirmation by you.

February 15, 2019

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for reappointment by you the Honorable **Alexandra D. Dipentima** of South Kent, to be a Judge of the Appellate Court and a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve a term of eight years from May 13, 2019.

February 15, 2019

Pursuant to Section 46b-231(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for appointment by you **Donald R. Green** of Meriden, to be a Family Support Magistrate, in succession to the Honorable John Colella, to serve for a term of five years beginning from the date of confirmation by you.

February 15, 2019

Pursuant to Section 46b-231(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for appointment by you **J. Lawrence Price** of

Avon to be a Family Support Magistrate, in succession to the Honorable Norma Sanchez-Figueroa, to serve for a term of five years beginning from the date of confirmation by you.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 10 RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER ATTORNEYS AND SUPERVISING ATTORNEYS, LOCAL 381, AFSCME COUNCIL 4, AFL-CIO.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 11 RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT JUDICIAL BRANCH AND THE JUDICIAL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES UNION, JPE/AFT-CT, AFL-CIO.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 18 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **JOSHUA GEBALLE** OF GUILFORD TO BE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 19 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **JORDAN A. SCHEFF** OF VERNON TO BE COMMISSIONER OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 20 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **JORGE L. PEREZ** OF CHESHIRE TO BE BANKING COMMISSIONER.

**REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

Report - Department of Children and Families -
Racial Justice Data Activities and Strategies
through December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 17a
- 3(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date
received: February 15, 2019

Referred to Committees on Judiciary and Children

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO.25)** - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.

The Senate at 3:27 p.m. adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the
chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Saturday, February 16, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 10:15 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Timothy Kehoe of East Hartford, Connecticut who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN TIMOTHY KEHOE:

May the work that we do benefit all those we serve.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Saturday, February 16, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

The Senate at 10:20 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 12:05 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Noele Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

Help us to guard with care the things we say. Let us remember that our words have the power to build up or tear down.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Tuesday, February 19, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

Report - Department of Economic and Community
Development - Small Business Hotline administered
through the Connecticut Economic Resource Center for
the Calendar Year ending December 31, 2018.

(Pursuant to Section 32-1(v) of the Connecticut
General Statutes) Date received: February 15, 2019

Referred to the Committee on Commerce

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RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO.26) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

The Senate at 12: 10 p.m. adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the
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The Senate was called to order at 11:15 o'clock a.m., the President in the Chair.

CLERK:

The senate will convene immediately. The senate will convene immediately. The Senate will convene immediately. The Senate will convene immediately.

THE CHAIR:

Good morning. The Senate will please come to order. Members and guests, please rise and direct your attention to our chaplain, Reverend James J. Nock of East Hartford, who will lead us in prayer.

REVEREND JAMES J. NOCK:

Almighty Father, We ask your blessing on our circle, as we come together this morning, with budget thoughts looming in the future. Let us take comfort in these beautiful words of Harry Cushing who reminds us that, "faith is the moving force that makes the impossible accessible." We ask this of you who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

And I would ask that you please remain standing and Senator Kissel, would you please join us and lead us in the pledge.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

[All] I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE CHAIR:

I love it. Thank you. Thank you so much and I'd like to recognize Senator Lesser for a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President, for purposes of introduction. We have in the gallery today some really good students of the Pledge of Allegiance. We just heard them know the words very well. Some students from John Paterson Elementary School in Newington. I would ask that we please welcome these students to our chamber and also that we extend them our usual warm welcome. Thank you very much for coming up and seeing us, our business in the state senate today. [applause]

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, is there any business on your desk?

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THE CHAIR:

And Senator Duff, our distinguished majority leader.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you Madam President. Madam President, I move that all items on Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, February 20, 2019, be acted upon as indicated and that the agenda be incorporated by reference into Senate Journal and Senate transcripts.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Hearing no objections, so ordered. Senator Duff, please proceed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, for our markings, Madam President, I would like to mark on our Calendar, Calendar 9, Senate Resolution 22 as a go, Calendar Number 10, Senate Resolution Number 13 as a go, Calendar Number 11, Senate Resolution Number 14 a go, Calendar Number 13, Senate Resolution Number 16 go, Calendar 14, Senate Resolution Number 17 go, Calendar 16, Senate Resolution Number 18 go, Calendar 17, Senate Resolution Number 19 go, and Calendar 18, Senate Resolution Number 20 go, Calendar 16, Senate Resolution Number 8 as a PR, Calendar 19, Senate Resolution 10 go A, Calendar 20, Senate Resolution Number 11 as a go, and also Madam Present, on Senate

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Agenda Number 1, Senate Resolution Number 21 as a go. Thank you Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Mr. Clerk, would you call the calendar please.

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar Number 9, Senate Resolution Number 12, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MIRIAM DELPHIN-RITTMON OF MERIDEN TO BE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

I thank you, Madam President. Would the Senate stand at ease for a moment please?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report in adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark Senator Duff?

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Miriam Delphin-Rittmon was unanimously voted on favorably after her February 5 nomination hearing. She holds a Ph.D from Purdue University, M.S. in Psychology. She has her B.A. from Hofstra University. She has served as the Commissioner of Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services since 2015 and was Deputy Commissioner prior to that. She also worked on a wide range of leadership administrative capacities through her career and I would urge adoption of the resolution. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark Senator Somers?

SENATOR SOMERS (18TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I will not be supporting the Commissioner for reappointment. I have dealt with her for two years in public health as the co-chair previously and I was very concerned on her tenure as far as what has happened with our Whiting Forensic Hospital and I, at that time, two years ago, thought that we should at that point make a change. It is not personal, but under her watch, we have had one of the worst abuse scandals at our CVH Hospital. I know she has done quite a bit to try to rectify it, but there is no confirmation that that has been done at this point, so I will not be supporting this nomination. Thank you.

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Thank you Senator. Will you remark further, Senator Duff?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I believe we should have a vote on the Commissioner please.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, would you please call the roll.

CLERK:

An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? We will go ahead and close the machine and Mr. Clerk, would you please announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution Number 12.

Total number voting	31
Total number voting Yea	23
Total number voting Nay	8
Absent and not voting	2

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Resolution passes. Senator Duff. Apologies. Mr. Clerk, is there any other business on your desk please?

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar Number 10, Senate Resolution Number 13, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JAMES ROVELLA OF OLD SAYBROOK TO BE COMMISSIONER OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. The job is a four-year, full-time position and Mr. Rovella was unanimously voted on favorably after his February 5 nomination hearing. He has most recently served as the Chief of Police of the Hartford Police Department and has spent his life in that role and other roles that deal with public safety. He was a patrol officer, then a detective in the Major Crimes Division. He then transitioned work to the Chief States Attorney's Office where he eventually held the

position of Chief Inspector. Madam President, I believe he is well qualified for the position and I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further Senator Witkos?

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I request that this be moved to Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered. Senator Duff. Sorry. Senate Clerk, is there any other item on your desk please?

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar Number 11, Senate Resolution Number 14, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ELIZABETH BYE OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE COMMISSIONER OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the name may sound very familiar because she is a former member of the Circle. Senator Bye is very well regarded and understood as an expert in this area.

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I would move acceptance to the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, again, as I said earlier, her name is well known in the Circle and well regarded and known as an expert in this area of early childhood and certainly we miss her in the Circle, but know that she will do a great job with the early childhood department as commissioner. She has a long record of being a teacher and somebody who has done a lot of work in the space as Executive Director of the Trinity Community College Child Center, the Director of the School for the Young at St. Joseph's College, and the Early Childhood Education Director at the Capitol Region Education Council and we know that even though with all those titles, we know certainly where her passions lie and this is certainly where her passion lies and somebody who I know it wasn't easy for her to give up her seat in the Senate and she would only do that for an opportunity as wonderful as this and Madam President, I would urge adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. Good morning. I am speaking in support of the resolution. Obviously, Beth Bye was one of our beloved and respected colleagues here in the chamber and her service in both the House of Representatives and here in the Senate was extraordinary. We certainly miss her, but having begun her career as a professional in provision of daycare services and early childhood education, this is in many ways her dream job to be Commissioner of Early Childhood and we know that she will do a superb job in that capacity. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you Senator. Will you remark further Senator Witkos?

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Without objection, I request that this item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered. Senator Duff - would - Mr. Clerk, is there any other business on your desk?

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar Number 13, Senate Resolution Number 16, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MICHELLE SEAGULL OF GLASTONBURY TO BE COMMISSIONER OF CONSUMER PROTECTION.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Commissioner Seagull is somebody who we know since she has been the commissioner already, has done a great job, was voted unanimously at her February 7 nomination hearing. She holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School, a B.A. in Political Science from Washington University, and she has taught at UConn Law School and been Associate Counsel in a private law firm. Madam President, again, I believe she is well regarded here in the Circle and I urge adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further, Senator Witkos?

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Without objection, I request that this item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Without objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk, is there any other business on your desk?

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar Number 14, Senate Resolution Number 17, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF VICTORIA L. VELTRI OF COLCHESTER TO BE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. This job is again a full-time position. Vicky Veltri was unanimously voted on favorably after her February 7 nomination hearing. Again, no stranger to the Circle as someone who has been working in state government for a number of years and very well regarded. She has a Master's of Law from NYU Law School, a J.D. from Western New England College and a B.S. in Chemistry from UConn. She has worked on a number of different

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areas here, as I mentioned, and I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further Senator Witkos?

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Without - I'm sorry. I will yield to President Looney.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I do accept the yield. Thank you, Senator Witkos. Madam President, speaking in support of the resolution, many of us know Vicky Veltri from her time as the Health Care Advocate for Connecticut in which she did such a superb job in helping distressed people through the thickets of dealing with health insurance challenges and problems and has moved on to her new position and as Executive Director of the Office of Health Strategy, we know that she has both the expertise and the passion and the knowledge and the commitment to do so well and it is something in which I think we should have a great deal of confidence in this critical area of protecting consumers and patients. Thank you, Madam President.

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Thank you Senator Looney. Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Without objection, I request that this item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk, do you have any other items on your desk?

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar Number 16, Senate Resolution Number 18, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JOSHUA GEBALLE OF GUILFORD TO BE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. Mr. Geballe was unanimously voted on favorably after his February 14 nomination hearing. He holds an MBA from Yale School of Management with a focus in Strategy and Public Management, a B.A. in Sociology from Yale University. He has a substantial history in the private sector, most recently worked as the President of the Angel Investment Group, Thimble Islands Ventures, LLC. Prior to this, he was the CEO of a software startup core in Informatics, LLC, which was later acquired by Thermo Fisher Scientific where he went on to serve as its Vice President and General Manager. He also has been politically involved, working with Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, and worked for her as her Outreach Director for two years. I have gotten to know the Commissioner and certainly I know that he brings an ability to think outside the box a little differently and am excited for some of the things that he is going to be able to do over the next few years. With that, I would like to - and I would urge adoption of the resolution and would like to yield to Senator Cohen.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Cohen, will you remark?

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator. I rise in support of the resolution to confirm Joshua Geballe to Commissioner of Administrative Services. Josh is a dear friend of several years and a fellow Gilfordite and he is here joining us this morning with his wife, Ali, and daughter, Caley. Unfortunately, his son, Will, is at home sick and likely watching on CTN right now. I'm just so proud

of him and I think he is going to make a great addition. He is a tech-savvy businessman who will certainly help to drive Connecticut forward. Most importantly, he is a good man. He is an avid soccer player I can say and I'm just looking forward to opening up the possibilities of my carpooling [laughter] choices, so thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, thank you so much. Will you remark further? Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. In an effort bipartisanship, I would like to echo the comments that were made about Josh. I think that having somebody with a business background once again coming into the Capitol and thinking out of the box and innovative is the way to go. Josh has been involved in politics many years ago, so I know he cares about his community and cares about this state, so I look forward in also joining in the approval of Josh for the position. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the resolution, I have known Josh Geballe since about 1997 when he graduated from Yale and became an Outreach Director for Congresswoman DeLauro. He was

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enthusiastic and very effective worker on her behalf with a strong sense of communications with her constituency throughout her district and someone who had a great deal of sound judgement and a sense of tact in proportion beyond his years, he was so young at that time, still young, but only now relatively young as opposed to at that time, and he is again I think someone who will do a superb job as Commissioner of Administrative Services. His background in the private sector with IBM and other ventures is superb. I think he will take a look at that state operations with a fresh eye with bringing to bear the best and most significant and efficient use of technology. His daughter, Caley, who is here today, is a sixth-grader at Foote School in New Haven and she is getting at least part of a day off from school, if not the whole day, so congratulations Commissioner, Allison, and the whole family and I'm sure your son is watching on CTN, so congratulations.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you Senator. Will you remark further?
Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Without objection, request this item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk, do you have any business on your desk.

CLERK:

PAGE 2, Calendar Number 17, Senate Resolution Number 19, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JORDAN A. SCHEFF OF VERNON TO BE COMMISSIONER OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of this resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Jordan Scheff was unanimously voted favorably after his February 14 nomination hearing, a lot of love on Valentine's Day for many of these commissioners. He received his M.A. in Human Services Administration from Springfield College and a B.S. in Communications from Rhode Island College. He has served as Deputy Commissioner from 2015-2016 and moved up to the Commissionership after that. We had a lot of support for him and as a matter of fact, I can also say in my own community in areas where Commissioner Scheff has a role, there is a lot of support for this nominee and this commissioner and I am very proud that we are able here to vote on his

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nomination. I would certainly urge adoption. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you senator. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there's no objection, might this item be placed on the Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk, any further items?

CLERK:

Page 3, Calendar Number 18, Senate Resolution Number 20, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JORGE L. PEREZ OF CHESHIRE TO BE BANKING COMMISSIONER.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

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Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Mr. Perez was unanimously voted favorably after his February 14 nomination hearing. He holds a B.S. in Accounting from the University of New Haven. He has served as the Banking Commissioner since 2015 and prior to that, was the Vice President and Senior Commercial Loan Officer of Liberty Bank. Mr. Perez has worked hard over the years as the Commissioner of Banking and I certainly believe that he has wide support in the Circle and in the Legislature. I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further?
Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the resolution, I have known Jorge Perez for over 30 years, since he was first elected to the Board of Alders in New Haven. During his tenure there, he became the Board's primary expert on government finance and eventually rose to be President of that Board for many years. Also, his experience in Community banking I think is unusual in terms of a background for someone who has been Commissioner of Banking. I think that consumer advocacy and attention to the needs of small businesses and start-up companies and their need for refinancing is something that will continue to stand him in good status Commissioner. He has done a great job for the last several years. I look forward to seeing

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him continue in that and urge approval of his nomination. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further?
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, might this item be placed on Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk, any further business on your desk?

CLERK:

Page 3, Calendar Number 19, Senate Resolution Number 10, RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER ATTORNEYS AND SUPERVISING ATTORNEYS, LOCAL 381, AFSCME COUNCIL 4, AFL-CIO.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. We will PT that item for a moment and if we can have the Clerk read the

items on the Consent Calendar and then followed by a vote of the Consent Calendar please.

THE CHAIR:

Certainly, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar Number 9, Senate Resolution Number 12; Page 1, Calendar Number 10, Senate Resolution 13; Page 2, Calendar Number 11, Senate Resolution 14; Page 2, Calendar 13, Senate Resolution 16; Page 2, Calendar Number 14, Senate Resolution 17; Page 2, Calendar Number 16, Senate Resolution 18; Page 2, Calendar Number 17, Senate Resolution 19; and Page 3, Calendar Number 18, Senate Resolution Number 20.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, would you like to re-read that list?

CLERK:

I'll read it. Page 1, Calendar Number 10, Senate Resolution Number 13; Page 2, Calendar Number 11, Senate Resolution Number 14; Page 2, Calendar Number 13, Senate Resolution 16; Page 2, Calendar Number 14, Senate Resolution 17; Page 2, Calendar Number 16, Senate Resolution 18; Page 2, Calendar Number 17, Senate Resolution 19; and Page 3, Calendar Number 18, Senate Resolution Number 20.

An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar Number 1.

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Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted? Mr. Clerk, would you please read the tally.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar Number 1.

Total number voting	31
Total number voting Yea	31
Total number voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	2

(Gavel)

THE CHAIR:

Measure passes. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if the Clerk would now please call Senate Resolution Number 21 from Senate Agenda Number 1.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution Number 21, RESOLUTION RAISING A COMMITTEE TO INFORM THE HOUSE THAT THE SENATE IS READY TO MEET IN JOINT CONVENTION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the resolution and ask that we inform the House that the Senate is ready to meet in joint convention.

THE CHAIR:

All those in favor, please signify by saying aye and all opposed Nay. All in favor?

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

All right. I would like to appoint Senators McCrory, Cassano, and Sampson to the committee who will report to the House that the Senate will be prepared to meet in joint convention.

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 11:53 a.m. recessed.

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Thursday, February 21, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:45 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

When we are confused, guide us, when we are weary, energize us, when we are tired, renew us. May the work that we do benefit all those we serve.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, February 21, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

Report - Department of Insurance - Managed Care Report for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 38a-478a and 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 19, 2019

Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Report - Department of Public Health - Sports Helmet Safety - (Pursuant to Special Act 18-15) Date received: February 20, 2019

Referred to the Committees on Public Safety and Children

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Monthly Loss Report to the Governor as of January 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 4-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 21, 2019

Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management

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The Senate at 11:50 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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Friday, February 22, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:50 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

Help us to guard with care the things we say. Let us remember that our words have the power to build up or tear down.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday, February 22, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Department of Public Health's Monitoring and Enforcement of Public Drinking Water for Calendar Year ending December 31, 2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes)

Referred to the Committee on Public Health.

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
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indicated.**

The Senate at 11:55 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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Monday, February 25, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:30 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

We ask help that we may bring renewal to all those who live in pain, as we hold fast to the knowledge that the sun will rise again, and that all life will reawaken.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Monday, February 25, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as

indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS - to be referred to Joint Committee.

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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 4-1 and 10a-1a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **PETER M. ROSA** from Avon, to be a member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, to serve a term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

February 25, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 4-1 and 10a-1a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **ELIAS E. WRIGHT** from Hartford, to be a member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education to serve a term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

February 25, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 4-1 and 10a-1a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **DAVID JIMENEZ** from Hartford, to be a member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, to serve a term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Health Assistance InterVention Education Network (HAVEN) - Annual Report for Calendar Year January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 19a-12a of the Connecticut General Statutes)
Date received: February 22, 2019

Referred to Committee on Public Health

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 30) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

The Senate at 11:35 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 2:35 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Please bless us with an inner strength so that our lives and our work may be a blessing on others.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Tuesday, February 26, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 31) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

The Senate at 2:40 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:10 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

Help us to be honest and true in all that we say and all that we do. Give us the courage to do what is right.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, February 27, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for
the calendar and printing.**

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SB NO. 795 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 796 AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINERS.

**SENATE RESOLUTIONS FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled
for the calendar.**

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 22 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **DAVID A. LEHMAN** OF GREENWICH TO BE COMMISSIONER OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be
tabled for the calendar.**

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SJ NO. 22 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **TONI M. FATONE** OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SJ NO. 23 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **THE HONORABLE DONALD R. GREEN** OF MERIDEN TO BE A FAMILY SUPPORT MAGISTRATE.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SJ NO. 24 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **THE HONORABLE LUBBIE HARPER, JR.** OF NORTH HAVEN TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SJ NO. 25 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE ROBIN L. WILSON** OF NEW HAVEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Legislative Regulation Review Committee - 2018 Report to the General Assembly. (Pursuant to Section 4-170; 4-170b; and 4-171 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 26, 2019
Referred to Connecticut Legislative Leadership

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 32) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

The Senate at 11:16 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Thursday, February 28, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 10:30 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

May the work that we do benefit all those we serve.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, February 28, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Office of Policy and Management - Tax Relief for Elderly Homeowners and Grants to Elderly Renters for 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. (Pursuant to Section 12-170bb of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 28, 2019

Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 33) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

The Senate at 10:35 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Friday, March 1, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:30 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kevin Ricciardi of Branford, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KEVIN RICCIARDI:

Grant our Legislators the ability to be of reasonable mind, to form a right conscience so that all their judgements will benefit our society's welfare.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday, March 1, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and

that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 34) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

The Senate at 1:35 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Monday, March 4, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 2:30 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Marty Dunleavy of New Haven, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN MARTY DUNLEAVY:

For as long as space endures, and living beings remain; until then may I too abide to dispel the misery of the world.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Monday, March 4, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

Report - Office of the Health Care Advocate --
Annual Report for Calendar Year 2018 (Pursuant to
Section 38a - 1050 of the Connecticut General
Statutes) Date received: March 1, 2019

Referred to the Committee on Public Health

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 35) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

The Senate at 2:35 p.m. adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the
chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:50 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathleen Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHLEEN ZABEL:

Help us to be honest and true in all that we say and all that we do. Give us the courage to do what is right.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Tuesday, March 5, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.

AGING COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 560 AN ACT INCREASING THE VALUE OF FARMERS' MARKET VOUCHER BOOKS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

AGING COMMITTEE

SB NO. 561 AN ACT RAISING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS.

AGING COMMITTEE

SB NO. 562 AN ACT LOWERING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY PERSONS.

AGING COMMITTEE

SB NO. 563 AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

AGING COMMITTEE

SB NO. 564 AN ACT PERMITTING A COMMUNITY SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED SPOUSE TO RETAIN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ALLOWABLE ASSETS.

AGING COMMITTEE

SB NO. 565 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF NURSING HOME SERVICES.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - State Department of Education - Report on Commissioner's Network Schools for the period between 2014 and 2018. (Pursuant to subsections (j)(1), (j)(2), and (j)(3) of Section 10-223h of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 4, 2019

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Referred to the Committee on Education

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 36) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.

The Senate at 11:55 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:25 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Timothy Kehoe of East Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN TIMOTHY KEHOE:

Please bless us with an inner strength so that our lives and our work may be a blessing on others.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, March 6, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS - to be referred to Senate Committee.

March 6, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

Pursuant to Section 38a-7 and Sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **ANDREW MAIS** of Wilton, to be Commissioner of Insurance, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, but no longer than March 1, 2023.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
SR NO. 24 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **TIMOTHY LARSON** OF EAST HARTFORD TO BE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
SJ NO. 26 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **DAVID JIMENEZ** OF HARTFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Department of Public Health - Mobile Integrated Health Report. (Pursuant to Section 45

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and 46 a-d of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date
received: March 5, 2019

Referred to the Committee on Public Health

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 37) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

The Senate at 11:30 a.m. adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the
chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Thursday, March 7, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:08 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

We ask that each day we have the patience to understand those who disagree with us; sensitivity to the needs of others; and, the prudence to make decisions which work toward the common good.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, March 7, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for
the calendar and printing.**

AGING COMMITTEE

SB NO. 566 AN ACT CONCERNING RETROACTIVE MEDICAID
ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME CARE SERVICES.

AGING COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 804 AN ACT CONCERNING A COMMUNITY
OMBUDSMAN.

AGING COMMITTEE

SB NO. 805 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING LOAN FUND
TO ASSIST ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS.

AGING COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 827 AN ACT CONCERNING ALZHEIMER'S
DISEASE AND DEMENTIA TRAINING AND BEST PRACTICES.

AGING COMMITTEE

SB NO. 829 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO
REVIEW VOLUNTARISM NEEDS OF THE STATE OMBUDSMAN'S
NURSING HOME PROGRAM.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1 AN ACT CONCERNING PAID FAMILY AND
MEDICAL LEAVE

VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 800 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MEDAL OF MERIT
FOR CIVILIANS.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 802 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTED FISHING
LICENSES FOR CERTAIN VETERANS.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Department of Motor Vehicles - Connecticut Emissions Program Statistics for February 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019. (Pursuant to Executive Directive #3 and Section 14-164h of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 6, 2019
Referred to Committee on Transportation

BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:

HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE

- to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

HB NO. 7089 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDING AND EXPANSION OF CERTAIN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS.
Referred to Finance, Revenue and Bonding

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 38) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

The Senate at 11:12 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Friday, March 8, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 10:40 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

Help us to guard with care the things we say. Let us remember that our words have the power to build up or tear down.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday, March 8, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the

**REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

Report - Office of Policy and Management - Annual
Report of State-wide Trends Related to Taxable
Property and Exemptions from Property Tax on the
2017 Grand List. (Pursuant to Section 12-120a of
the Connecticut General Statutes) Date
received: March 7, 2019

**Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and
Bonding**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 39) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

The Senate at 10:44 a.m. adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the
chair.

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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Monday, March 11, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Nicole R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NICOLE R. KIDNEY:

May the work that we do benefit all those we serve.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Monday, March 11, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF
REFERENCE**

- to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 814 AN ACT REQUIRING BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT TESTING OF WATER SUPPLIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE PRESENCE OF LEAD.

Referred to Public Health

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 852 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHING OF A PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM.

Referred to Appropriations

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 856 AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER MANUFACTURERS' WORKFORCE NEEDS WHEN EVALUATING PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Referred to Education

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Office of Policy and Management - Annual Report on the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) for Fiscal years 2008, 2012, 2014, 2015, and 2016. (Pursuant to Section 4-124s of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 8, 2018

Referred to Committee on **Finance, Revenue and Bonding**

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 40)

- to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

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The Senate at 1:05 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:10 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

We ask help that we may bring renewal to all those who live in pain, as we hold fast to the knowledge that the sun will rise again and that all life will awaken.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Tuesday, March 12, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the

The Senate at 11:15 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:41 o'clock a.m., the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel) Would the Senate please come to order and would members and guests please rise and it is my pleasure to bring forward Rabbi Lazowski, or Senate Chaplain who will lead us in prayer. Rabbi Lazowski.

RABBI PHILIP LAZOWSKI:

Thank you. Our thought for today is from book the prophet, Habakkuk 2:9. "The righteous live by their faith." Let us pray. Gracious God. In the midst of our busy lives, send us a reminder of your deliberate presence. Be with us as we debate and make decisions for the good of our people of Connecticut. Guide us on the path of wisdom, justice and kindness, and strengthen us for the service you have chosen for us to do. Invoke your divine blessings upon our nation, our President, our state and our leaders. Keep our defenders of freedom in Your safe care. In your holy name we pray. And let us all say, Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Rabbi Lazowski. We are joined today by some new members in our circle and we have Senator Bizzarro. We have Senator Slap who I'm sure will be joining us and we have Senator Anwar. Senator Anwar, would you please come forward to do the Pledge, and welcome.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

(All) I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff, I understand you'd like to recognize another Senator.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I will yield to Senator Kushner for a Point of Personal Privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kushner.

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

Good morning, and good morning to all present today. Thank you for this Point of Personal Privilege. It is my honor to introduce to you a troop of the Girl Scouts that is visiting today and they're from Vernon, Connecticut. They are Troop No. 107-18 and

I believe 15 is here too, a couple of folks. And it's my special privilege to welcome them here today because two of these are girls are my granddaughters, Abigail and Sophie and they're long-time Girl Scouts. And Sophie had a very special birthday on Sunday, she became a teenager, a 13-year-old so I'm very proud of my girls. (Applause) Thank you so much for being here and thank you for starting out life knowing that it's important to do things for others and so I'm very pleased that you could join us today, thank you. And thank you for the Point of Personal Privilege, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you Senator Kushner. Mr. Clerk.

THE CHAIR:

Good morning, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Good morning, Madam President and good morning to members of the circle and a special welcome to our - - our new members as well who are here for the first time. We welcome to you what is a wonderful, great place in our state capital and really a wonderful family here. Madam President, for purposes of marking our Calendar I would like to have our markings.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'm sorry -- first before we do that we'll move Senate Agenda No. 1. Madam President, I move all items under Senate Agenda No. 1. I'm sorry, we haven't called it yet have we?

CLERK:

The clerk is in procession of Senate Agenda No. 1 dated Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. Madam President, I move all items on Senate Agenda No. 1 dated Wednesday, March 13, 2019 be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing no objections, so ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President again for our markings. I'd like to on Calendar page 1, Calendar 24, Senate Joint Resolution No. 22, followed by Calendar No. 25, Senate Joint Resolution No. 23. On Calendar page 2, I'd like to mark those as go. On Calendar page 2, Calendar 26, Senate Joint Resolution No. 24 as a go. The Calendar 27, Senate Joint Resolution No. 25 a go. On Calendar -- page 2, Calendar 12, Senate Resolution No. 15 go. On Calendar page 2, Calendar 34, Senate Resolution No. 24 go. And Calendar page 3, Calendar 35, Senate Joint

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Resolution No. 26 go; and we'll mark the rest of the items that I've not called as PR and if we can start with the top of the Calendar on Calendar page 1, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you --

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Oh, Madam President, can we hold for one second, please?

THE CHAIR:

Certainly.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President, I apologize, we are going to call on Calendar page 2, Calendar 26, Senate Joint Resolution No. 24 as our first item because that does have to go down to the House.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 26, Senate Joint Resolution No. 24, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE LUBBIE HARPER, JR. OF NORTH HAVEN TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield, good morning.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Good morning, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH): Yes, thank you Madam President. Before us is Judge Lubbie Harper with a long and distinguished career in the judiciary. Lubbie Harper was first appointed to the bench on May 4, 1976. Prior to his time in a judiciary, he was in a private practice of law for 20 years. He comes to us as somebody who has a very long record achievements and honors and I would waste our time by trying to go through all of those things just to say that he comes to us with a record distinction. He has been the Chairman -- he is the Chairman of the Commission and Ethnic Disparities in the Criminal Justice System. He comes to us with a Favorable Report and I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield, thank you. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSELL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Great to see you this morning. I stand to associate myself with the remarks of Senator Winfield. Again, this jurist

has had a -- an extremely notable past as he perceives to want to continue to serve the people of the good State of Connecticut in this role as a Referee. I think he's imminently qualified to do so. And at this time, Madam President I would like to yield to Senator Sampson.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and thank you Senator Kissel and also my same colleague from New Haven for your remarks. I don't know Judge Harper personally. I've never met him though I know he has done a great deal of good throughout his life and he has been recognized many, many times for that. By many accounts he has also served as an outstanding judge since being elevated to the Supreme Court and then more recently as a Referee. However, on one specific and identifiable occasion I believe he made a critical mistake. A mistake that is something that cannot and should not be overlooked or forgotten with the passage of time.

Back in the 2000s the issue of same sex marriage was a very big issue here at this State Capital and in a quick search that I did I found no less than nine proposed Bills that were submitted between just 2002 and 2005. I mention this to make the point that the mere introduction of that legislation proves that this is something falls within the realm of the law and I believe that in order for this to become the law in our state, it must pass the legislature and be signed the Governor. And numerous times during

this period members of both parties and two separate Governors acknowledged that fact. While all this was happening and this debate was going on here at the Capital during that several years there was also a court case moving through the lower courts that ultimately became the mechanism that allowed the State Supreme Court to change our law.

Now I want to stop for a second and explain very clearly for the record that my opposition to Judge Harper's reappointment has absolutely nothing to do with the issue of same sex marriage itself. I supported civil unions when they were proposed and passed and I believe that gay couples should have the right to marry. I do not believe, and I think most people agree with me that religious institutions should not be forced to participate in marriage ceremonies that they disagree with, but I believe this is the current law and I am certainly satisfied with it.

My issue is not that same sex marriage because law in Connecticut, rather it is how same sex marriage became the law in Connecticut, which was by the actions of four individuals who were members of the Supreme Court back in October of 2008 and not this legislature.

In my opinion this is a very clear and textbook case of judicial activism. Black's Law Dictionary defines judicial activism as a philosophy of judicial decision making whereby judges allow their personal views about public policy among other factors to guide their decisions. When a judge puts these factors above the requirements of law in an effort to comport with their own biases and

opinions, they have stepped outside their proper role.

Everyone here knows about the three branches of government and the role of making laws falls to us, the state legislature. The judicial branch is not supposed to have this power. And judges are repeatedly cautioned throughout their career never to cross that line. Judicial activism usurps the power of the elected branches of government, damages our system of government and the role of law.

It's also worth noting that this concern is precisely why we are here today. The legislature's Judiciary Committee as well as the House and Senate are charged with confirming judicial appointments after reviewing and approving candidates based on their record and judicial temperament. If we as members of the legislature do not stand and protect our role among the three branches of government, then who will? If there's any doubt that this case was a case of judicial activism I would ask you to consider how you would feel if a similar case came before the court today to reverse that decision. It is simply wrong for the court to make laws. The court should not be leading the public. It is us, the representatives of the people who are alone accountable directly to them, and we are subject to replacement by election. We are the ones that bring the wishes and concerns of our constituents forward to make the policy that suits them. The court's role is simply to interpret and apply those laws and not to change them.

In this case it seems like many are willing to look the other way simply because the policy matter in question is popular today. Our society is going to

continue to change over time based on the will and the whims of our constituents and so will the people that sit in these chairs. The policy of same sex marriage was bound to happen. The proof is that I don't think anyone in this room would doubt that any one of those proposed Bills would have become law between 2008 and now. There was no reason for the court to step in to make that happen.

Madam President, I will be voting no on this confirmation today and I'm fairly certain that my vote is not going to change the outcome, but that's not the same as saying it doesn't matter. It does matter. It matters because I believe someone needs to be on the record reminding this body of our role to be a check against the judicial branch when it exceeds its authority. And it matters to me. I want to be consistent always. I started my comments today by saying that we're all judged by our records, and certainly everyone in this room understands that completely. For me this one item in Judge Harper's record excludes from his eligibility to serve on the bench. It was wrong in 2008 when it happened. It was wrong in 2011 when he was appointed to the Supreme Court and I voted no at the time, and it's still wrong today. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, thank you. Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President and good afternoon. In 2011 I voted against Judge Lubbie Harper to become a member of the Supreme Court in and part because I

felt similar to Senator Sampson, that he portrayed an area of judicial activism and I don't believe that -- that is the role of a jurist in a courtroom. However, today I will be supporting Judge Harper only because of the fact that he is moving to a position of a State Referee and in the position of a State Referee he will not be deciding outcomes of cases which will set judicial precedent or a case law and in that respect I feel very comfortable in supporting somebody who has spent a -- I won't say a lifetime, but a lifetime in the practice of law and spent many, many years in a courtroom. Had Judge Harper been before us again for a re-nomination to the Supreme Court where he would have been able to set case law and -- then I would not have been supporting his nomination today. However, in the role that he is seeking, I feel that he is qualified for that position and I will be supporting the nomination today. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Witkos. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, rising in support of the nomination of Justice Harper, I certainly concur with the comments of the Committee Chair and the ranking member that Justice Harper has had a distinguished career, not only as a judge and later as a member of the Supreme Court, but in general as a public servant. He is someone who was -- a celebrity in New Haven before he was out of high school because he was a star basketball player at Wilbur Cross High School in the -- in a time when the school was winning and competing for many --

many championships. And unlike so many others who unfortunately go astray with the lures of early celebrity, he was someone who was motivated both to achieve in his own right but also to be an example to others and from a very early age he became a mentor. First to younger athletes and then later when he became a lawyer to younger attorneys who were -- who were coming up in the profession and he continued with that as became a judge. He had a very distinguished practice. He was council to the New Haven Board of Education for a substantial period of time in his practice, a broad and diverse practice. He was a very distinguished Superior Court Judge handling both civil and criminal cases with great wisdom and insight and knowledge of the law and I think his service on the Supreme Court was superb. My only regret is that with the passage of time he has aged out of being able to continue as an active member of that court. And -- but we are still very fortunate to have his service as a State Referee.

His reach into the community has been extraordinary. Recently the University of New Haven has set up an endowed scholarship fund in his name to recognize his activities there as a mentor and member of a number of advisory boards there. He is someone who really has been a gem for the State of Connecticut, not only for the legal profession, not only for the Bar, not only for the Supreme Court but for our community in general. He is sort of the -- I think in many ways, the model of what you think a public servant should be. In fact this year, he was named by the New Haven Register as its Citizen of the Year. And again, I think -- I can't think of anyone whose nomination we should be celebrating more than

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that of Judge Lubbie Harper, so I enthusiastically support it. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Mr. Clerk would you please announce a roll call vote and the machines will be open.

CLERK:

An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? We're going to close the machine and Mr. Clerk, if you could announce the tally?

CLERK:

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move for suspension in order to immediately transmit this down to the House of Representatives.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Can the Clerk please return to the call of Calendar?

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar No. 24, Senate Joint Resolution No. 22, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF TONI M. FATONE OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A WORKER'S COMPENATION COMMISSIONER.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSELL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance and adoption of the Joint Committee's Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR KISSELL (7TH):

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Thank you. Toni Fatone was educated at the University of Connecticut where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She also graduated from Stetson University College of Law in Florida where she received her Juris Doctorate. Prior to her interim appointment as a Worker's Compensation Commissioner she served as a Deputy Commissioner of Administrative Services from 2015 to 2019. I would also state from my personal observations, I have known Ms. Fatone for probably close to 25 years, actually probably longer than that. She has been an advocate for various health groups, both in a capacity as a lobbyist but also Executive Director of various associations. She has extensive background in medical knowledge and advocacy and just has a sterling personality and integrity -- great integrity.

And with that I believe and the Committee believes that she is deserving of appointment and I urge adoption of the Resolution. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I would -- I just rise to associate myself with the comments of Senator Kissel and to make a motion that if there's no objection this nominee be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar No. 25, Senate Joint Resolution No. 23. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE DONALD R. GREEN OF MERIDEN TO BE A FAMILY SUPPORT MAGISTRATE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSELL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance and adoption of the Joint Committee's Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR KISSELL (7TH):

Donald Green attended at the Trinity College where he received a degree in economics. He graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law. Prior to his interim appointment as a Family Support Magistrate he served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Connecticut Attorney General's office from 1996 through 2019. I believe and the Committee believes that he is deserving of this full appointment and urge adoption of the Resolution. Thank you, Madam President.

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Thank you, Senator. Senator Abrams.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Point of Personal Privilege. I would like to stand to proudly endorse the nomination of the Honorable Don Green. He is a fellow graduate of Maloney High School, an incredible man whose done, along with his wonderful educational background and experience in the field, he's also been an incredible servant. He served on our Board of Education in Meriden, on the Meriden Housing Authority. He's been on the Connecticut Commission on Children and a board member of the Boys and Girls Club, so I think that he comes at this with incredible experience and knowledge and the community of Meriden is happy to share this with the rest of the state. I think he'll do an incredible job. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Abrams, thank you so much. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you again Madam President. I rise to again associate myself with the comments of the previous speakers and ask that if there is no objection, these be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 27, Senate Joint Resolution No. 25. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ROBIN L. WILSON OF NEW HAVEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. This is Robin Wilson who sits currently on the Superior Court in New Haven. She was first appointment on June 1 of 2003. She is completing her second term and going for a third. She comes to us with a Favorable Report of the Judiciary Committee and glowing reviews and I would urge adoption by the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSELL (7TH):

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Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like to associate myself with the remarks of Senator Winfield. Judge Wilson really does come before us with sterling recommendations, excellent reviews and she's a tremendous public servant, an asset to the good people of the State of Connecticut. And seeing no objection I would actually move this to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. And Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the Resolution. As the Chairman and ranking member said, Judge Wilson is really one of the bright lights on the Superior Court and in the State of Connecticut. She has served now for almost two full terms of 16 years. She was quite young when she was first appointment, and still quite young, and is someone who has had an active career. Most recently, for the last -- nearly for the last decade she has been serving and handling civil trials in New Haven. She's had experience in other judicial districts and GAs prior to that. She is very thoughtful and very penetrating in the questions that she -- that she asks of attorneys. Somebody who carefully researches all of the cases that come before her and is really a model of a bright, hard-working jurist in the state so we're very fortunate to have her serving in the Superior Court with many years of service still ahead of her. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, thank you so much. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 12, Senate Resolution No. 15
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROLLIN -- ROLLIN COOK
OF WEATOGUE TO BE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Rollin Cook was voted on favorably after his February 7th nomination hearing. He comes from the Columbia College where he received a BA in Criminal Justice Administration. He also received his MBA from the University of Phoenix. He's worn many hats in corrections over his three decades in the profession working up to the Salt Lake City County Sheriff's Office from an officer in the late 1980s all the way up to the office as Chief Deputy from 2004 to 2012.

From there Cook was taken on for six years as the Executive Director of the Utah Department of Correction where he developed evidence-based programming and rehabilitation services for offenders, built labor union ties and established committees on Women in Leadership and LGBTQ issues in corrections. He was also co-chair of the Utah Substance Abuse and Mental Health Advising Council and has held membership in the Utah Multicultural Commission and a Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, the Commission on Criminal Justice -- Juvenile -- I'm sorry, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice among others.

Madam President, we have worked very hard over the last few years to move forward on criminal justice reform and one of the -- one of the key people who have been involved in that was Commissioner Scott Semple who was formerly the Commissioner in the Department of Corrections. Commissioner Semple was liked and admired and respected by members on both sides of the aisle and from what I understand, Commissioner Semple pointed to Rollin Cook to be the person that he wanted to be his successor after he retired. And again, somebody who was so esteemed by members of the legislature and the public and in the criminal justice world, I certainly would take Commissioner Semple's word very strongly and take that under advisement heavily.

I had the opportunity to meet with Rollin Cook in my office. We had him obviously, the Executive and Legislations Nominations Committee where he presented himself in a -- in a very positive light. In fact you know, there has been we all recognize some criticism but the work that he does is one that certainly is not easy and one that many times brings

criticism because it's a very difficult type of work to be involved with. I think he's since then has had many meetings, talked to many Senators about his role in Utah, what he's done and the work he has done there as well. I think many people seem very comfortable with his time in Utah and the fact that he has worked his way up through the system.

I actually, thankfully through the National Conference of State Legislatures, which hopefully many folks here are involved with have colleagues who are friends from Utah and spoke to many -- a few people, a couple of people I should say, from Utah about Commissioner Cook. He's brand new. He's -- I don't -- he's not from his area. He's a blank slate of sorts and trying to make sure that really the confidence that Commissioner Semple had in him, we would have the same confidence as well. And what I've learned is that people in Utah really do admire him. He's worked very closely with a number of different groups including even the ACLU. He had very good partnerships with them also. So I believe that this is a -- an excellent nominee. Somebody who will do really good work, will continue on the same path that we've had over the years with Commissioner Semple and building upon many of the criminal justice reforms that has made Connecticut a leader in the nation, continuing to break new ground so that we lower our crime rate -- our crime rate, we make sure that people when they leave they have good jobs and that we can -- they can become tax paying citizens who are contributing to our society. For all those reasons, Madam President I would move adoption and urge my colleagues to support this nominee as well.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff.

SENATOR KISSELL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I have not had the opportunity to meet with Rollin Cook as yet. I know that's in the works. I have watched the hearings that the Executive and Legislative Nominations had regarding this particular nominee. As folks in the circle I'm sure are well aware, my district has the most number of correctional facilities of any Senate district, that's six. We used to have seven. I would estimate right now there's probably over 6,000 inmates in my district in those facilities of various determinations as to whether they're dangerous or not. I appreciate the fact that now, soon to be Commissioner Cook is looking forward. I for one would like to break the cycle of recidivism. I don't need more inmates in my district. I need law-abiding, tax-paying citizens that want to live, work and raise a family in the State of Connecticut.

I want to commend at the time, acting Commission Cook this past weekend. Many of you may be aware that there was a walk away from the manufacturing program for inmates at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield. At the outset of the creation of that program, a little more than two years ago I objected. Not because I don't want to see inmates trained in a skill set where they can come back into society and be able to give back and earn a living and do all of those productive things we want folks to do because the vast majority of inmate aren't doing life without possibility of release. They're going to be back out in society, but I never felt

that Asnuntuck Community College was the appropriate facility to have the program. That was my major concern. I have the utmost respect for whether it's correction officers, parole officers, probation office. I believe in this instance over the weekend it was parole officers that had the daunting responsibility to keep an eye on these folks in a facility that was simply not designed to be a secure facility such as correctional facility or a jail or prison or anything like that. So when this walk away did happen, and again it's called a walk away. There was an emergency alert. Everybody in, at least I know in Enfield, over our telephones, later I appreciate the fact that representatives of the Department of Correction reached out to me and kept me apprised both Saturday and Sunday as to what was going on. But I want to really commend soon to be Commissioner Cook for putting a halt to these furlough programs, not just at Asnuntuck Community College but there's others. It's my understanding there's a woodwork program in Eastford and others throughout the state until its determined exactly what happened over these last few days in Enfield so we can make sure it doesn't happen again. There was not anything tragic that occurred, thank God. No injuries to anybody to my knowledge, thank God but I've got to be honest, I have a 15-year-old and when the phone call in from the Enfield Alert System on Saturday afternoon, you know my 15-year-old goes, this is making me nervous Dad. You know, this guy could be anywhere in town. And I told you know, Asnuntuck is on the other side of town and you've got to cross some very busy streets and typically when someone leaves a facility, whether it's an outbreak or a walk away or a prison escape the last place they want to be is where they were. They want to get as far away as possible, but you know, in

just chatting with my 15-year-old on a Saturday afternoon it was unfortunate that that sort of ran through his head. And I'm thinking how many other families in our neck of woods that that's sort of running through their head, and in particular, the people -- the neighborhoods and there's densely populated neighborhoods right near Asnuntuck Community College. And the way I'm looking at it is, okay, it's sort of a nice Saturday afternoon for this time of year but weatherman -- weather personnel say that it's going to get really cold in a few hours. And so wherever this individual may or may not be, they're not going to want to stay outside where it's going to be freezing. The other information I had from corrections on Saturday that he was doing time for a robbery two. Robbery two is a serious crime and there was no way to really know at that point in time, was this a plea bargain from something even more serious and that's what -- so I didn't know the facts as to exactly what this individual was in for.

So I want to commend the incoming Commissioner for taking a proactive approach to safety and security. It's very reassuring to myself and my constituents in North Central Connecticut. We are a leader in the nation when it comes to good correctional practices. It was painful for me to see Scott Semple, former Commissioner leave. I had known Scott for decades. Back when Carl Robinson erupted in a riot and at least one inmate was killed and building burned to the ground and I was in my -- probably my second term, 25 or so years ago. At that time Scott Semple was a member of CERT and he has been a wonderful public servant through corrections through all those years. But we all deserve our retirement when we decide to take a

different course in our life and turn a new chapter and I wanted to thank former Commissioner Semple at this time for his outstanding service for well over two decades and welcome the new coming -- incoming Commissioner Cook to a daunting job, but a job that while it can be complicated and difficult, also has vast potential not only for the individuals in the Department of Corrections and the employees in the Department of Corrections, those COs and parole officers and probation officers and all the folks with boots on the ground, but if it's done correctly it can break the cycle or recidivism and turn a lot of lives around. I wanted that on the record, Madam President. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel, thank you so much. Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to align my remarks with Senator Duff and Senator Kissel. You know, Commissioner Cook is somebody who has certainly grown in the job and I mean that in the sense that when he was the Chief Deputy over at Salt Lake City he commanded over 700 employees with 2,200 prisoners with a budget of \$68 million and as the former Executive Director for Utah Department of Corrections, he oversaw 2,200 employees, 7,000 plus inmates, 15,000 offenders and a budget of over \$315 million and as Senator had remarked, he not only grew in his position but he grew different programs within the correctional facility and that's something we hope we can emulate here and even go beyond that. So I wish Commissioner Cook all the best of luck in his new role and if there's no

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opposition I'd move this to the Senate Calendar,
Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 34, Senate Resolution No. 24.
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF TIMOTHY
LARSON OF EAST HARTFORD TO BE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President move
acceptance of the Senate Committee's Favorable
Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I never heard of this
guy before. (Laughing) Madam President, we all
certainly know Senator Larson and who has moved on
to other -- other challenges and another position
within state government, somebody who we very much
miss here in our circle for his many years of
service to our state, not only in the Senate but

also as a State Representative and a former Mayor of East Hartford. Somebody who comes from a long lineage of public servants and one who always worked very, very hard for us and for his constituents in his district. So Madam President, Senator Larson was unanimously voted on favorably after his March 5th nomination hearing. He holds a BA in Sociology from Eastern Connecticut State University, and again he -- he's somebody who I know will bring a very creative approach to this -- to this position that he holds. One who will reach out. He knows this building. He will just do a fabulous job and I'm just very, very happy for him for this new challenge that he has and happy for the state that he was selected by this Administration to -- to move on and be the Director of the Office of Higher Education. So, unfortunately Tim did not have the opportunity to have one of the good-byes in the circle, but again we do certainly appreciate his service here and we'll miss his good naturedness. He has an excellent replacement that has come in to the district, but we wish him well and know that he'll do a fine job and excellent job as the Executive Director of the Office of Higher Education. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff, thank you. Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, thank you Madam President. From our side of the aisle we wholeheartedly support Tim Larson as the new Executive Director of the Office of Higher Education. He has the management skills I believe necessary to run the department. As he moved out of

this Chamber he's also moving out of the office where he's in now, that's one of his main priorities he shared with the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee, to pack up years' worth of data and books and computers and staff and move to a new location in the upcoming year. So from our side of the aisle we wish him all the best and look forward to working with him in the future. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Witkos. Senator Cassano and then Looney.

SENATOR CASSANO (4TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I rise in support of Tim Larson. Tim and I were Mayors together several years ago. We've been close a long, long time, good friends. Tim is from a neighborhood that is legendary east of the river called Maybury Village. Maybury Village was an old, government, established housing project and it's incredible the number of people that still together to support Tim, to support his John and the comradery that exists over all of these years is phenomenal. All of it is based on people. They are people oriented. Tim going to Higher Education I think is just tremendous for the State of Connecticut because people that need help, people that need direction, that's going to be his priority and so I'm thrilled to be able to second the nomination for Tim Larson and wish him nothing but the best. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Cassano. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the Resolution. Obviously we're here to celebrate Tim Larson's nomination. I want to commend the Governor on the -- on the appointment although it did cause us all -- the work of a special election. Senator Anwar will be a worthy successor. But Tim, as we all know is someone who is always interested in promoting economic development for the State of Connecticut starting with East Hartford but then spreading beyond -- beyond that because he was -- he did so as Mayor of East Hartford and State Representative and as State Senator. He always had a sense of looking to promote Connecticut businesses, looking to put our state on the map in a good way, looking to provide incentives, connections between government and employers, all of the things that he will be now doing officially as part of the administration in this position as the Director of the Office of Higher Education, and specifically promoting connections between Higher Ed and employment opportunities in the state. So, I think it is a perfect fit for him although we will certainly all miss him here because he was a -- I think one of our most popular and beloved colleagues, someone who in caucus could always be counted upon to say something pragmatic, sensible, filled with good humor and also wisdom and insight so he will be missed, but we will also I think celebrate the fact that he'll now have a chance to do great deal of good in another capacity. So thank you, Madam President.

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Senator Looney, thank you so much. Senator Anwar, and welcome.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

Thank you, Madam President. I join my colleagues to rise in support of Senator Tim Larson. He's a good friend of mine and I'm actually sitting in the seat that he had vacated, so it's truly an honor for me and every time I would talk to him I said, how do I feel those -- those big shoes that you have because you've done such good work? And I've served with him as the Mayor of the town of South Windsor where he was our State Senator and he would be available to people in East Hartford, South Windsor, Ellington and East Windsor and then make sure that he would be their voice. So I look forward to trying to do the good work that he's done and continue the work. But I just want to mention about the amazing work that he has done and how hard working he is, and I wanted to wish him the most success and I will be supporting him, of course. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Anwar. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Without objection I'd like to place this item on Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 3, Calendar No. 35, Senate Joint Resolution No. 26. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DAVID JIMENEZ OF HARTFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, this is a six-year, part-time volunteer position. Mr. Jimenez was unanimously voted on favorably after his March 5th nomination hearing. He has a BS from University of Texas, JD from Hofstra University School of Law. He is being re-nominated to the Board of Regents and is the Principal of Hartford-based Jackson Lewis, PC. He's also the co-chair of the firm's corporate Governance and Internal Investigations Practice Group where he advises employees -- I'm sorry, employers on litigation and other complex matters. Madam President, I urge adoption of the Resolution.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. This side of the aisle also urges confirmation for Regent Jimenez. I think as a reappointment he's done stellar work in his first term on that board. He's seen many changes as we have gone through several different Presidents I think. The President we have now, President Ojakian is the calm, steady hand that we need to lead the Board of Regents or lead the CSSU system and I think the historical perspective that David can bring to the Board is critical and crucial at this time as we move forward. So I urge the Chamber's adoption of the Resolution before us. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Witkos. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? With that we'll call roll call vote and Mr. Clerk, if you will call that and the machine will be open.

CLERK:

An immediate roll call vote -- an immediately roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted? If so we'll close the vote and Mr. Clerk, would you announce the tally?

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 26.

Total Number Voting	25
Total Voting Yea	34
Total Voting Nay	1
Absent not Voting	1

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I believe that concludes our business for today. We just need to have a vote on the Consent Calendar. If the Clerk can call the items on the Consent Calendar followed by a vote thereof. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar 24, Senate Joint Resolution 22.
Page 1, Calendar 25, Senate Joint Resolution 23.
Page 2, Calendar 27, Senate Joint Resolution No. 25.

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Page 2, Calendar No. 12, Senate Resolution 15. Page
2, Calendar 34, Senate Resolution 24.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk and the machine will be open.

CLERK:

An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 1. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Consent Calendar No. 1.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? The machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you announce the tally?

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 1.

Total Number Voting	35
Total Voting Yea	35
Total Voting Nay	0
Absent not Voting	1

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar is adopted. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, that concludes our business for today. I hope members don't get spoiled by all these short sessions but they'll change in a -- in a month or so, but anyway that concludes our business for today. I'll at this point yield to any members for Point of Personal Privilege or announcements if we have any left. Madam President, if there's no announcements or Point of Personal Privilege I move that we adjourn subject to Call of the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, the Senate stands adjourned. Go forth and govern with civility. (Gavel)

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the senate at 12:42 p.m. adjourned subject to the Call of the Chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Thursday, March 14, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 2:40 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Norris Hawkins of East Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NORRIS HAWKINS:

Bless us this day. Grant us the power to refresh and renew our lives during this Spring season. Through your guidance, may we be better stewards, not only of the earth, but of the holy word.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, March 14, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 43) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

The Senate at 2:45 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Friday, March 15, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:35 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

We pray for continued blessings and watchfulness over the concerns of this State. Continue to uphold its officials as well as its citizens in the weeks ahead.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, March 14, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Monthly Loss Report to the Governor as of February 28, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 4-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 14, 2019

Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management

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BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 69 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE BARBARA N. BELLIS** OF SHELTON TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 70 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE ALEXANDRA D. DIPENTIMA** OF SOUTH KENT TO BE A JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT AND A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 71 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE JOHN F. MULCAHY, JR.** OF GLASTONBURY TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

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JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 72 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE J. LAWRENCE PRICE** OF AVON TO BE A FAMILY SUPPORT MAGISTRATE.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 73 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **PEDRO E. SEGARRA** OF HARTFORD TO BE A WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. H.J. No. 75 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **ELEASE E. WRIGHT** OF HARTFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. H.J. No. 76 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **PETER M. ROSA** OF AVON TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

The Senate at 1:40 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Monday, March 18, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 12:30 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

Please bless us with an inner strength so that our lives and our work may be a blessing on others.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Monday, March 18, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:**To be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.**

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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 4-1a and 54-124a, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint **Carleton J. Giles** of Middletown, as the Chairperson of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar.**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE****SR NO. 25 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ANDREW MAIS OF WILTON TO BE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.****SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.****HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE****SB NO. 865 AN ACT CONCERNING NO OR LOW INTEREST STUDENT LOANS FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS.****Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding****REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.**

Report - Office of Policy and Management - State Facility Plan for 2019-2024. (Pursuant to Section 4-b-23 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 15, 2019

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Government Administration and Election.

Report - Connecticut Housing Finance Authority - Summary Report, Year-end Revenue and Expense Information of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority's activities for Calendar Year 2018. (Pursuant to Section 8-260 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 15, 2019

Referred to Committee on Housing, Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

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HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE-

to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

HB NO. 7118 AN ACT FUNDING THE UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITY

PORTION OF THE FRINGE BENEFIT COST FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE

CONSTITUENT UNITS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

The Senate at 12:35 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:30 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be happy with the things we have.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Tuesday, March 19, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 853 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE REAL ESTATE LICENSING CURRICULUM FOR USE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SB NO. 848 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS AND CEMETERIES.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SB NO. 849 AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGE ORDERS IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 46) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

The Senate at 11:35 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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SENATE

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:40 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Nicole R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NICOLE R. KIDNEY:

Bless us this day. Grant us the power to refresh and renew our lives during this spring season. Through Your Guidance, may we be better stewards, not only of the earth, but also of the Holy Word.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, March 20, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as

indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SSB NO. 856 AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER MANUFACTURERS' WORKFORCE NEEDS WHEN EVALUATING PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 931 AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 933 AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN FAMILIES IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM.
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 934 AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM TO PARENTS ENROLLED IN OTHER TYPES OF SCHOOL.
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 937 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS.
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1021 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM.

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Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 47)** - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.

The Senate at 1:45 p.m. adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the
chair.

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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Thursday, March 21, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:30 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Norris Andrew Hawkins of East Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NORRIS ANDREW HAWKINS:

This is the beginning of a new day. We have been given this day to use as we will. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place is something that we have left behind. Let it be something good.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, March 21, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as

indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.

BANKING COMMITTEE

SB NO. 809 AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN PERSONS FROM LICENSURE AS A LEAD GENERATOR.

BANKING COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 811 AN ACT INCREASING PENALTIES FOR COMPUTER CRIMES AGAINST FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR CUSTOMERS.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 479 AN ACT DESIGNATING ELECTION DAY AS A STATE HOLIDAY.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 916 AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION BY CONTRACTORS AND SUBSTANTIAL SUBCONTRACTORS.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 821 AN ACT CONCERNING EQUITABLE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER PRACTITIONERS.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 837 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES FOR NURSE-MIDWIVES.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 896 AN ACT ESTABLISHING RATIONAL HOSPITAL PRICING.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 898 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HISPANIC AND FELLOW COMMUNITIES OF COLOR NONPROFIT STABILIZATION AND GROWTH FUND.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 518 AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL OPTION FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS FOR ARTS AND CULTURE.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 971 AN ACT CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION CHARTER.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 96 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO ENHANCE PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT IN THE STATE.

SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1034 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

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BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:**HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF
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to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5850 AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE
COVERAGE

FOR THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE ANIMALS.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

HB NO. 7311 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A
COMMUNITY

BASED TRANSITION SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

The Senate at 1:35 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Friday, March 22, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:33 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

As we come together for our deliberations, please give us prudence to be judicious and the ability to treat others with respect.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday, March 22, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**SENATE RESOLUTIONS FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled
for the calendar and printing.**

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 23 RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN
ARBITRATION AWARD BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT
AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS -
CONNECTICUT BARGAINING UNIT (AFT CONNECTICUT, AFT,
AFL-CIO).

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF
REFERENCE - to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 419 AN ACT PROHIBITING GASOLINE ZONE PRICING.
Referred to the General Law Committee

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 868 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR
COMMERCIAL RAIL FREIGHT LINE IMPROVEMENTS.
**Referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and
Bonding**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 49) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

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The Senate at 11:36 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Monday, March 25, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:15 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

When we are confused, guide us, when we are weary, energize us, when we are tired, renew us. May the work that we do benefit all those we serve.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Monday, March 25, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for
the calendar and printing.**

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 590 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SELECTION OF CATERERS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO RENT STATE-OWNED VENUES.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SB NO. 797 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SAFETY.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SB NO. 798 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 806 AN ACT PROHIBITING A FINDING OF NEGLIGENCE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 813 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF ISSUES RELATING TO EARLY COLLEGE AND DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SB NO. 883 AN ACT CONCERNING THE THREATENING OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKERS.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SB NO. 884 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WILDERNESS SCHOOL.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 885 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REPORT REGARDING THE OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT OF GRANDCHILDREN WITH GRANDPARENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 886 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF THE ALBERT J. SOLNIT CHILDREN'S CENTER.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 891 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 892 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CONGREGATE CARE FACILITIES LICENSED OR ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 917 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATIZATION CONTRACTS.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 929 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL MANDATED REPORTERS, THE DURATION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS AND THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - State of Connecticut Military Department - Consolidated Annual Report on the Expenditures of the Military Relief Fund for the Calendar Year 2018. (Pursuant to Section 11-4 and 27-100a(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 21, 2019

Referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Report - State Department of Education - Statewide
Student Information System - A Feasibility
Report. (Pursuant to Public Act 17-220) Date
received: March 22, 2019

Referred to Committee on Education

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 50) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

The Senate at 1:18 p.m. adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the
chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Timothy Kehoe of East Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN TIMOTHY KEHOE:

May the work that we do benefit all those we serve.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Tuesday, March 26, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 222 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER UTILITY ASSETS.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 677 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DELIVERY FORMAT OF COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAMMING.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 678 AN ACT CONCERNING MARKINGS MADE PURSUANT TO CALL BEFORE YOU DIG REQUIREMENTS.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 890 AN ACT REQUIRING THE STUDY OF THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE STATE.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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SB NO. 781 AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF VITAL RECORDS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES FUND.

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SB NO. 801 AN ACT EXPANDING CERTAIN VETERANS' ACCESS TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

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SB NO. 950 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A VETERANS' CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

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SB NO. 951 AN ACT CONCERNING VETERAN ENROLLMENT IN CERTAIN ALTERNATE ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS.

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SB NO. 953 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CYBER TECHNOLOGY COMPETITION FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - State Board of Education - Priority School District Extended School Hours Grant Program for the period July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018. (Pursuant to 10-266u and 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 25, 2019

Referred to the Committee on Education

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 51) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

The Senate at 11:05 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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The Senate was called to order at 1:34 o'clock p.m.,
the President in the Chair.

CLERK:

The Senate will convene immediately. The Senate
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immediately.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, everyone. The Senate would please
come to order. Members and guests, please rise and
direct your attention to Reverend Grubbs of New
Haven. Reverend Grubbs.

REVEREND BONITA GRUBBS:

Let us pray. Your creative power, O God, is at work
in and around us. As individuals, we have
principals by which we live and make decisions. The
backgrounds and experiences of everyone gathered
here today are different. Their journey to these
hallowed halls is both individual and purposeful,
like one piece of thread inserted into a needle,
requires keen insight and foresight and eyesight.

Therefore, I beseech You to shine Your light upon each one who's gathered here today and the proposals that are presented. Connect all who gather here to the advancement of compassion, justice, fairness, and equality. And through the collective work of this day, help all who are gathered here to shape the diversity of opinions into a beautifully woven and colorful garment of mutuality and inclusion. Surprise us with the joy of working together and achieving much for the good of Connecticut's cities and towns. In your name, I pray. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Reverend Grubbs, thank you so much, for that -- your very beautiful words. And with that, I'd like to invite Senator Mary Abrams to please come up and lead us in the Pledge of Alliance.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

[All] I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Abrams. Mr. Clerk, is there any business on your desk?

CLERK:

The Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda No. 1, dated Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff, good afternoon.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Nice to see you today. Madam President, I move all items on Senate Agenda No. 1, dated Wednesday, March 27, 2019, be acted upon as indicated, and that the agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and Senate transcripts.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing and seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Before I mark the calendar, I would like to yield for any points of personal privilege or announcements?

THE CHAIR:

Yes, indeed, Senator.

SENATOR BERTHEL (32ND):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I rise for the point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR BERTHEL (32ND):

Thank you, Madam President. Today, we are joined in the Senate Chamber by a very special group of students from the Leadership Greater Waterbury Program of the Greater Waterbury Regional Chamber. Leadership Greater Waterbury is a nine-month personal and career development program which creates lifelong partnerships and develops community awareness among future leaders in civic, professional, and community organizations in the Greater Waterbury area. Its goal is to provide a creative, interactive environment for participants to meet regional leaders and discuss the challenges that affect greater Waterbury. Students are exposed to multiple perspectives regarding Greater Waterbury's challenges, opportunities, and assets.

And during the program, they are encouraged to get involved in the Greater Waterbury region. Participants are lifelong learners, with five to 25 years of work experience, who are interested in developing their careers, striving to become better leaders, and committed to community service.

Madam President, the program has more than 300 alumni. It is my pleasure, at this time, to introduce the members of the Leadership Greater Waterbury class of 2018 and 2019. There are quite a few names, if you'll indulge me.

We have with us, Zachary Keith from the Waterbury Development Corporation, Carrie Bastian [phonetic] from Ion Bank, Nancy Carlson [phonetic] from Ion Bank, Rachel Pellot [phonetic] from Liberty Bank,

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Carmichael Guglioty [phonetic] from MacDermid Performance Solutions, Adamere Adone [phonetic] from People's United Bank, Brandi Young from Post University, Stephanie Dionne from Post University, Marya DiPerna from Post University, Naomi Toftness, from Post University, Emily Lafferty from Thomaston Savings Bank, and Mohammed Hassan from Ion Bank, and Tony Omega [phonetic] from the University of Connecticut, Waterbury Branch. Madam President, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge two of their mentors that are here with them today, David Krechevsky from the Waterbury Chamber and Sean Wisonan [phonetic] from Post University.

Madam President, at this time, I would like to yield to Senator Hartley from the 15th for additional comments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Berthel, thank you so much for introducing this very distinguished group of people.
Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And I rise for a point of personal privilege, if I may?

THE CHAIR:

Yes, please proceed.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Thank you, Madam. And so, I adjoin with my colleagues from the Greater Waterbury area to welcome the Leadership -- the Chamber's Leadership Group here today. The Leadership Group has had many distinguished graduates who have gone on to work in the community and throughout the state of Connecticut, and -- and some even here in the legislative arena. And I'm very proud of this class, like all the other classes. You will note that it is a very diverse group, well represented by women and who have gone on in their community, as I know these graduates from Greater Chamber Group will go on to work with us collectively. And I also want to recognize the companies from which they come as they have been named by colleague, Senator Berthel, they are great corporate partners to us in the Greater Waterbury area. It's a pleasure to have you here. And thank you for your indulgence to my colleagues, and to Madam President, thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Duff. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

I apologize. I write -- I stand for a point of personal privilege, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

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Thank you, Madam President. Since our last meeting in the Chambers, the city of Bridgeport lost one of its Representatives, Ezequiel Santiago, who was a State Rep for 11 years in the House but also served many years in the Common Counsel in Bridgeport and was very loved in the community. I would ask that the Chamber take a moment of silence for him.

THE CHAIR:

It would be our honor. And if all the membership would please join us in a moment of silence for Representative Ezequiel Santiago. [moment of silence] Thank you.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff, do you wish to proceed?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. Oh, I'm sorry. I'd like to yield to Senator Fasano, please.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

If I may, I know we had the Leadership Greater Waterbury folks here, I would ask that they rise and

that we give them a -- a welcome, as our tradition is, please.

THE CHAIR:

Absolutely.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

So, please rise so we can recognize you. [applause]
Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, for purposes of marking the calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar page 1, Calendar 55, House Joint Resolution Number 69, go. On Calendar page 1, Calendar 56, House Joint Resolution Number 70, go. On Calendar page 2, Calendar 57, House Joint Resolution Number 71, go. On Calendar page 2, Calendar 58, House Joint Resolution Number 72, go. On Calendar page 59, House Joint Resolution -- I'm sorry, on Calendar page 2, Calendar 59, House Joint Resolution Number

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73, go. On Calendar page 2, Calendar 23, Senate Resolution Number 22, go. On Calendar page 3, Calendar 60, House Joint Resolution Number 75, go. On Calendar page 3, Calendar 61, House Joint Resolution Number 76, go. On Calendar page 3, Calendar 62, Senate Resolution Number 25, go. And then, Madam President, all the way over on Calendar page 15, Calendar 77, Senate Resolution Number 23, go. And if the Clerk can call the items in Calendar order, please? Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk, would you please oblige?

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar 54, House Joint Resolution Number 69, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE BARBARA N. BELLIS OF SHELTON TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. Pursuant to Senate Rule 15, I will be recusing myself from consideration of this nomination.

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Thank you, sir. It will be so noted. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Good afternoon. Great to see you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Madam President, I move acceptance and adoption of the Joint Committee's resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Please, will you remark?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Judge Barbara Bellis of Shelton is currently the presiding civil and administrative judge at the Fairfield Judicial District. Prior to her appointment to the bench in 2003, Judge Bellis practiced at the law firm of Mulvey, Oliver, Gould, and Crotta. She is a graduate of Boston College and the Catholic University Law School. Judge Bellis is an active member of the legal community serving on several committees and commissions relating to Civil Commissions, Judicial Review, and the Rules Committee.

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Madam President, I urge my colleagues to support the resolution reappointing Judge Bellis for another term. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much. Will you remark further?
Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Thank you, Lieutenant Governor. It's a pleasure to speak and thank you for being acknowledged. I just -- I -- I -- I would be remiss if I didn't stand up and speak on behalf of Judge Bellis. As a -- as an attorney who practices out of the city of Bridgeport, I'm in front of Judge Bellis with great frequency; she is the presiding judge of Bridgeport. And I can just tell you, if I can just share with you a small story. When I first ran for this seat, that was formally held by Senator Ed Gomes who has done a fabulous job, there was an issue in terms of submitting ballots to the -- the Secretary of State at the time, and Judge Bellis had to hear this matter before her. And I can tell you, I haven't met a person who's more fair, more honest, more transparent, a person who holds the letter of the law. And even though the -- her verdict went against what I would have liked, she -- she really was an outstanding judge.

And -- and many years after, being before her as an attorney, we talk about that experience. And she said, you know, Dennis, I believe that democracy requires people to fight and I believe requires people to have their name on the ballot and go

through the process. It just -- it's -- her mentorship and her honesty throughout that process says a whole lot about her.

So, I second this nomination as going forth and I -- and I -- and I really commend her for her years of service and leadership in -- in the bench.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator Bradley. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Seeing no one else wishing to speak on Judge Bellis' reappointment, but the fact that Senator Kelly had to recuse himself, we do need a roll call vote at this time. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

I do -- I do see that. Will you -- will anyone remark further? If not then, we will open the machines for a roll call vote.

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate.

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Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voter -- voted? It appears so and the machine will be closed. And would the Clerk announce the tally?

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 69.

Total number voting	35
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel). The resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, would you please continue with the Call of the Calendar?

CLERK:

Page one, Calendar Number 56, House Joint Resolution Number 70, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ALEXANDRA D. DIPENTIMA OF SOUTH KENT TO BE A JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT AND A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Good to see you.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable -- favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and adoption of the resolution. Will you remark, Senator?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Before us is Alexandra D. Dipentima. She is currently the chief judge of the Connecticut Appellate Court. She was first appointed in 1993. She is a graduate of Princeton University and the UConn School of Law. She has many honors in her record and she also has served on many boards and commissions; just to name a couple, she was a member of the Judicial Performance and -- Performance Evaluation Advisory Board, the chair of the Public Service and Trust Commission. She comes to us on a vote of 35 to 0 out of the Judiciary Committee, and I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further?
Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

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Thank you very much, Madam President. I stand in support of the re-nomination of Judge Alexandra Dipentima as well. I wish to associate myself with the remarks of Senator Winfield, I urge my colleagues' support. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Madam President. Sorry about that I was doing some [laughter] business. If there's no objection, I'd ask that this item be moved to consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing and hearing no objections, we will move that to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Clerk, if you would proceed, please.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar Number 57, House Joint Resolution Number 71, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN F. MULCAHY OF -- JUNIOR OF GLASTONBURY TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance and adoption of the Joint Committee's resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and adoption of the resolution. Will you remark further?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

The Honorable John F. Mulcahy had attended Middlebury College and Cornell Law School. He was first appointed to be a judge of the Superior Court in 1979. Since then, he has had a long and distinguished judicial career, in addition to serving as a State Referee in the Hartford Judicial District. He also serves on the Council on Probate Judicial Conduct. I believe, and the Committee, believes that he is deserving of reappointment. And I urge adoption of the resolution. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Seeing no other senators wishing to speak on this resolution, I would move it to the Consent Calendar.

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Seeing and hearing no objections, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar Number 58, House Joint Resolution Number 72, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE J. LAWRENCE PRICE OF AVON TO BE A FAMILY SUPPORT MAGISTRATE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and adoption of the resolution. Will you remark further?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Before us is J. Lawrence Price to be a family support magistrate. first appointed in 2018. He is a -- a -- I'm sorry, a graduate of the Purdue -- Purdue University and the Columbus School of Law. And he is before us on a positive vote from the Judiciary Committee and I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield, thank you. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I wish to be associated with remarks of Senator Winfield. I urge my colleagues' support of the resolution. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, thank you. Will you remark further?
Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. If there are no further comments and no objection, I'd ask that this be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing and hearing no objections, so ordered.
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar Number 59, House Joint Resolution Number 73, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF PEDRO E. SEGARRA OF HARTFORD TO BE A WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER.

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Senator Kissel. Senator Winfield, I guess you have the honor.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption of the resolution, will you remark further?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Pedro Segarra of Hartford to be a -- a -- a Workers' Compensation Commissioner. He comes to us on a favorable report from the Judiciary Committee. Many of us know that he is also the Past Mayor of the city of Hartford. He has many distinguishments [sic] and honors. And I would urge adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very, Madam President. And I did find my notes regarding [laughter] Commissioner Segarra, and I stand in strong support of his arena -- actually, he came through at the end of last year. I wish to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield

and urge my colleagues' support of the Honorable Pedro Segarra as a Workers' Compensation Commissioner. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Senator Looney, will you remark?
[crosstalk]

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Speaking in support of the -- the resolution, I've known Commissioner Pedro Segarra for a -- for a long time. He had had a distinguished career, both as a -- a social worker and an attorney in private practice and entered public service as a member of the Hartford City Council, became President of the Hartford City Council, and then Mayor of the city of Hartford. And now more -- most recently as a Workers' Compensation Commissioner. He is thoughtful, hardworking, conscientious, is an extraordinary public servant. And I believe the state will -- will greatly benefit from his continued service. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Thank you. I'm just getting familiarized here with the process here. So I apologize, Madam President.

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I feel your pain, Senator.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Yeah. Thank you very much. I think you and I both; right? Nevertheless, Your Honor, I -- I want to echo the sentiments of our president pro tem, Senator Looney and the remarks that have been made here by Senator Kissel and -- and Winfield, as well. I -- I just -- I would be remiss if I didn't stand up to speak about the people who have been extremely influential in my life.

And I really want to hark on this particular nomination -- re-nomination. This is only the second Hispanic person who's ever been nominated commissioner of this particular branch. The first, I believe, [inaudible - 00:27:25] Vargas in the history of the state of Connecticut. I think, you know, that's a -- a huge sense of pride for the Hispanic community, but also it's -- it's -- it's something that we should consider as this new administration looks to nominate commissioners and people to the bench.

We -- we -- I -- I stood up and spoke on both, right, on kind of both sides of the aisle of people, a woman who is very fair, openminded and progressive in the way she -- that does her duties as a -- a judge and -- and the same sentiments with -- with Commissioner Pedro Segarra here, who's also a person who's been a huge mentor of mine. And -- and I think we need to do more to encourage people, female, minorities, and everyone else to be part of

this process in nominating them to these positions.
Thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bradley, thank you so much. Senator
Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. If there's no
further discussion and no objection, I'd ask that
this item be moved to consent.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

[inaudible - 00:28:38].

THE CHAIR:

Senator Sampson, would you please repeat your
request, because there's a concern in the Chamber
that not everyone heard. Senator?

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Can you hear me? Thank you very much, Madam
President. That's much better. I -- I just ask
that this item not be added to the Consent Calendar.
Thank you.

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So ordered. So would we open the machine and please call the roll.

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? The machine will be closed. And would the -- the Clerk announce the tally?

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 73.

Total number voting	36
Those voting Yea	34
Those voting Nay	2
Absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel). Senator Duff -- and the resolution passes.
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I'm going to yield to Senator Hwang for a point of personal privilege and an introduction.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much. Senator Hwang.

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

Good afternoon -- good afternoon, Madam President. Thank you, Senator Duff. I want to take a moment, to welcome, sitting up in the Senate chambers viewing area, honor students from Fairfield University that are visiting this Capitol. Now, from what I understand from their faculty advisor, they are studying political psychology. And they were to visit this office, this chamber and the circle, and this building to learn about political psychology. I don't know what they meant by that, but nonetheless, if we could, from the circle give a warm welcome to the honor students from Fairfield University. Please stand. [applause]

Thank you, Madam President. And I actually look forward of meeting with them afterwards to learn what they have learned to teach the rest of us. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, thank you and I'm sure those students have a lot to take under advisement and consideration.

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

Madam President.

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Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I would also like to join in welcoming the -- the students from Fairfield University as -- as an alumnus of that institution. I was unable to -- to meet them for their -- their luncheon earlier today because we were in caucus, but would hope to have a chance to meet with them before they leave this afternoon. And I know that they are -- from speaking to their faculty advisor, they are a group of extraordinarily talented and hardworking young people that we expect great things from. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator. Clerk, is there any business on your desk?

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar Number 23, Senate Resolution Number 22, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DAVID A. LEHMAN OF GREENWICH TO BE COMMISSIONER OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Senate Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

On exception -- on acceptance and adoption of the resolution, will you remark further?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, David Lehman was unanimously voted on favorably after his February 26th nomination hearing at the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. He is a -- has a BS in Business Administration from Washington and Lee University.

He has worked in the financial sector for his entirety of his 20-year career, with almost 15 years at Goldman Sachs, first as a vice president from 2004 to 2006, then as a managing director, and then, has since served as a partner in the company. His senior level roles -- I'm sorry, he -- he plans to use his private sector experience to evaluate existing programs, reform marketing to change the perception of Connecticut among members of the business community. And many of us, if not all of us, around the circle, have had the opportunity to -- to meet with him as well, and those of us who have questioned him in the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee.

Encouraging innovation, entrepreneurship, prompting the arts, tourism and historic preservation are some of his priorities. I know he has visited a number

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of communities so far prior to today's vote. Mr. Lehman is eager to form partnerships with CERC, the Connecticut Economic Resource Center to execute business recruitment, retention, and growth strategies. Madam President, I urge adoption. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. And I'm [laughter] sorry to Senator Looney. So I -- I will be voting favorably, but I just wanted to be on the record publicly that that was not an easy decision. People around the circle know that this nominee was supposed to be up before us a little bit earlier and, yet, we find ourselves here today. And I that's because many people around the circle have thought deeply about the way in which this nominee comes before us.

I hope nothing but the best for this nominee because the state is going to depend on the work that he does. But I think it's important for us, as a body, to make sure that the people of the state who, I think, for many of us, have been contacting us, know that we have thought deeply about the individual, no matter which way we vote.

I spoke a little bit earlier to some people about his association with a proximity to a particular company and that company's role in the economic

downfall that we saw several years ago and how that has affected the way people think about him. And I bring that up for a reason. I know in -- in this discussion, many of the people who have contacted me, have talked about the way in which it was put forward that people don't have real reasons for opposing the individual and that they may have done a search on the internet. But I know that many of the people who contacted me, did more than just a search on the internet. And I want to recognize that, because I think it's important. Because, when we talk about the people who are our constituents, the people of the state, we need to be accurate and we need to not be speaking what -- since some of them appears to be down.

I know that for myself, I went back and watched his performance before the commission, and I went back and read the report that many of us have seen. And I'm voting for him, partially, because the Governor has put him before us. And I think the Governor should have the ability to put people before us. And if I'm gonna vote them down, I would vote them down in the same way that I would vote down a judge, which I've said is very difficult at times, but it would be because I am absolutely sure that that judge should not be there. Mr. Lehman and I had the opportunity to have a conversation. I -- I recognize what he wants to do. I hope he does it. And I thought it was important to stand up before you guys voted whether positive or negative and put that on the record. Thank you, Madam President.

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Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Thank you. I would like you to know that I also sit on the Executive noms, and had the opportunity for him to come before us, and I was not really pleased with what we received during that meeting. But I did have an opportunity to meet with him several times in my office and, still, I was not there yet. But I asked him several questions about Bridgeport and, although, I don't represent all of Bridgeport, it is the -- it needs an economic engine. And we are the center of the state when it -- when we start talking about coming through Connecticut and we're in much need of development.

And I spoke to him about that, what did he know about Bridgeport, and he didn't know a lot. But I do wanna say, he offered to come to Bridgeport and spend a full day with me on Monday. I had him meet with three large developers and several small businesses; it started out as one, but nine other businesses showed up. They all had an opportunity to meet with him and talk to him individually. I did not give them any of my views, but I wanted him to understand what Bridgeport needed. And I wanted him to understand the people who are interested in Bridgeport but we need support.

And I want to tell you that I received calls the same day and some emails the following day from all of those large businesses, and I'm talking about someone who -- businesses who can bring in over the next 20 years, 7,000 jobs to sustain Bridgeport, and

that's what's important to me. And for that reason, and because those people, who understand business much more than I do, I will be supporting Mr. Lehman today. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Leone.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

Thank you, Madam President. It's great to see you up there again today. Thank you. I rise to make a few comments and to articulate where my point of view is coming from for my constituents in -- in my region. This nominee, as we all know, has had a past in -- in some cases constituents are concerned. They voiced those concerns to me and I am sure many in this room have heard some of those concerns, as well, mainly due to the past working with a company down in Wall Street that was part of the fiscal crisis back in 2008, much of what we are still recovering from.

And so, you know, as we try to vet our candidates and our nominees this body, the responsibility is to do the due diligence to make sure that you get all the facts. So, you have the information coming from one aspect. It's important to always give the other side, and the person, the respect to come up and articulate why they see that they should be nominated and also have a vision for the state of Connecticut. This nominee has made those rounds, answered many people's questions, as well as with myself.

The important thing here is about what can this person do for the state of Connecticut in regards to economic opportunity and economic growth. There is a skillset there that we can argue or debate that may not have been there to the degree that we need going forward. Having that access to capital and intellectual expertise, not just within the state, but around the -- around the nation or even around the country and having some of those contacts possibly come to Connecticut and help with our economic growth, I think is a huge benefit -- potential benefit for the state of Connecticut.

Importantly, we have a new Governor who's come in and is entitled to bringing in and the team that he wants to select. Now, those decisions are going to be reflected upon the Governor going forward based on the success of his nominees.

It is my sincere hope, that it's going to be a positive economic benefit, not just for the state but for each and every one of our towns, whether it's a rural town, whether it's a suburban town, or whether it's an urban town. Every town needs an opportunity to grow and to succeed, and we need to do that collectively. It's the job of this position to make that happen.

So, as body determines this nominee going forward, I try to keep that in mind, that what are the benefits going forward? We all have something that we would always like to undo in our past. This is a chance for this individual to give back to the state of Connecticut, to prove his worth, to prove that he has somethin' to offer, and to prove that he can help move us forward. He, and the Governor, will be

measured by that statistic going forward. And it is my hope that he is -- that he, both they, he and the Governor, succeed in that respect because it's only going to benefit all of us.

Importantly, it's our job to make sure that that happens if it's not going according to plan and we have the opportunity to provide oversight going forward. So, based on that, and I know there are people that may lean one way or the other, but I see the greater good here and the greater potential benefit at the state, that I would be supporting this nominee going forward. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further?
Senator -- Senator Cassano and then Senator Sampson.

SENATOR CASSANO (4TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I just want to follow up on Senator Leone's comments. People don't realize, but as we sit around the circle here, the people who we are appointing and the Governor's staff is just 50 feet down and two floors up. They're in the same building. They may have been in the same building for the last eight years that I've been here, but we rarely see them.

And there's a difference coming out of the business world and being an elected official. We live different lives. We do things in different ways. And we need to do a better job of doing it together. They're two floors away -- two floors away in the

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other end of the building. There should be a lot more communication.

There a lot of things that we know in our communities, and Senator Moore's example of going down there first hand and seeing those problems and trying to deal with those problems, is what I would hope we get out of this new administration, out of the new commissioners that we're putting into place, including this one. They can't work in a vacuum. If they work in a vacuum, we can't get our job done. And so, it requires that we work together as a partnership. And I hope that's what the future brings. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Cassano. Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I -- I will not be supporting the nominee before us, and it's based on two very different, but significant reasons. The first, is I don't know that I necessarily agree with what has been the perceived current mission of the Department of Economic Development, which seems to be creating a environment where our government is actively engaged in communicating with businesses to promote economic development. The problem I have with this, is, it's very much like corporate welfare. It's a situation where the government establishment has the ability to create, what I think are, dangerous ties to people in big business.

I believe our economic development policy ought to be based on American ideals and principals of creating an environment that is conducive to business. Throughout our history in this state, we've had Waterbury, the "Brass City," Meriden, the "Silver City," and so on. And there was no Department of Economic Development at the time to create those industries or grow the economy in ways that saw Connecticut in a much more prosperous -- prosperous era. The reason why that happened is because there was an environment that allowed those businesses to succeed. I believe that that's the way we should create economic development in our state, not by hiring someone who has the connections to big business in a way that we can lure certain industries here, because that will naturally happen at the expense of other businesses. That's reason number one; that doesn't speak to Mr. Lehman, himself.

The reason why I object to this candidate is -- is simply because, he has made it clear, that he is willing to endorse the economic agenda of Governor Lamont, an agenda that includes mountains of new taxes, an increase in the minimum -- minimum wage, new impediments to business. And I believe we need someone who has a greater vision than that. And for those reasons, I will be voting no today, Madam President. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, on November 6th of 2018, Governor Lamont was chosen by a clear and decisive margin of over 40,000 votes to be our state's chief executive for the next four years. And with that electoral mandate, comes the -- the responsibility and also the discretion to assemble an administration to implement the vision and the programs that he was elected to pursue. And Governor Lamont has -- has told us that Mr. Lehman, in the Governor's view, is a very significant and vital component of his economic development team that he hopes to carry forward in a way that will have a transformative effect on the state's economy for the -- for the good.

Now, this nomination as, we know, is really the -- the only one that the Governor has made so far that has generated any significant controversy, given Mr. Lehman's history at Goldman Sachs during the economic crisis of 2007 and 2008. However, applying the standard that the Governor's appointment enjoys a strong presumption in its favor, which I believe is part of our democratic process and part of what goes with the mandate that he won in that election. On balance, and in this case, admittedly a close balance, I will support the resolution and wish Mr. Lehman every success in this critically important position, because his success will, in fact, enhance and give us a much needed boost in economic development for our state.

So, we have a great deal invested in the Department of Economic and Community Development. And the Governor believes that -- that this appointment is critical to implement that vision. So, I believe we

should go forward with -- with hope and allow the Governor to carry out the mandate that he was elected to pursue. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I apologize to Senator Looney for going out of turn. I had left the chamber. I thought there may be a few more speakers. So, I apologize to Senator Looney.

Madam President, I rise in support of the nomination and the reasons for that are as follows. I've had the opportunity to talk to David at great lengths about his vision of DECD. And what I recognize, is his vision is much different than the visions we've had over the years, one of which, corporations need to earn the credits, not just be given 'em. That we're not going to lure businesses in by giving a loan and in two or three years wiping out that loan. That this is a longer engagement, a longer process. And I think, that as he gets more involved in our government and more involved with the issues surrounding Connecticut, I think, he'll have a voice to say on many of the issues that are out there. And I think that is very healthy.

Madam President, I also believe that a first-term Governor, in particular, should be given a certain amount of efforts given their pick particular -- particularly in economic development. And

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therefore, I think that Governor Lamont, who did win the election, is leading the state, has chosen somebody from a field, which I think gets high praise.

So, I look forward in supporting this nomination here today, working with him in bipartisan spirit, as we do in this chamber, and moving Connecticut forward. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, we will open the voting machines.

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? The machine will be closed. And the Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution Number 22.

Total number voting	36
Those voting Yea	28
Those voting Nay	8

Absent and not voting 0

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel). Resolution is adopted. Senator Duff.
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page three, Calendar Number 60, House Joint Resolution Number 75, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ELEASE E. WRIGHT OF HARTFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and the adoption of the resolution in concurrence with the House.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. This is a six-year part-time volunteer position. Ms. Wright was unanimously voted on favorably after her March 15th -- March 5th nomination hearing. She has a

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Bachelor of Science in Education from UConn. And she's being re-nominated to the Board of Regents. She spent 30 years at Aetna in various roles. She has worked for the State of Connecticut. And I urge adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Seeing and hearing no further remarks, the machines will be open.

CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? The machine will be closed. And the Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 75.

Total number voting	36
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	1
Absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel). Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page three, Calendar Number 61, House Joint Resolution Number 76, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF PETER M. ROSA OF AVON TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution in concurrence with the House.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. This is a -- again a six-year, part-time volunteer position. Mr. Rosa was unanimously voted on favorably after his March 5th nomination hearing. And he's being re-nominated to the Board of Regents, and has been very much a part of the community and appointed to a number of different positions and also worked a number of different positions. I would urge adoption.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Seeing no further discussion, the machine will be open. And Mr. Clerk, will you announce the roll?

CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? The machine will be closed. And would the Clerk announce the tally?

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 76.

Total number voting	36
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	1
Absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel). Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page three, Calendar Number 62, Senate Resolution Number 25, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ANDREW MAIS OF WILTON TO BE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Senator Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. The job is a four-year, full-time position. Mr. Mais was unanimously voted on favorably after his March 14th nomination hearing. He has a BA from Yale University in Organizational Behavior. Mr. Mais started off his career in journalism but soon made a transition towards various roles in the healthcare field. He served as Director of Public Affairs with the New York State Insurance Department from 2007 to 2011. And then has since worked in senior level management positions at a nationally operated insurance industry group. He's also a current MC Fellow with the Deloitte Center for Financial Services -- I'm sorry, Eminence Fellow, with the Deloitte Center for Financial Services LP. And I urge adoption.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator, thank you so much. Will you remark further? Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I rise in support of Mr. Mais' nomination. I've only known him a short time, but I have been really favorably impressed by his depth of expertise in both government and in the private sector, his knowledge -- his knowledge of property and casualty insurance and his commitments to the rights of consumers and -- and to healthcare.

He was quoted in the Hartford Current just a short time ago, commenting on a matter in which insurance companies had removed homeowners' coverage for families affected by crumbling foundations. And he -- he said this quote, this was -- this was in the Current, "The insurance department stands ready to help anybody if they encounter an issue with their insurance company or even just have a question." I was really impressed by that statement. It reflects my personal interactions with him. And I urge my colleagues to support his nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I stand in support of Mr. Mais' nomination. There aren't many things that folks in my district feel unanimously about. And yet, in the wake of the announcement that he would be the Governor's choice for the Commissioner of Insurance, I heard from literally dozens of constituents, in Wilton, in Richfield, in Weston, who spoke favorably about his work in the community.

I just want to highlight for the Chamber, very briefly, some remarkable portions from his testimony that leave me very inspired and excited to work with him in this new role. First, he said, I want everyone who needs coverage to have it. Insurance is a complex business. And yet he brings those steadfast moral values I believe to an office that is so important as we work to protect Connecticut citizens in the years to come. He also says, healthcare, to me should be a right, not a privilege. And that's certainly -- certainly a value that I share. I look forward to working with him to make that a reality for all of Connecticut citizens in the -- the weeks and months and -- and years to come.

So, I'm very excited to be working so closely with -- with my constituent now in a new capacity up here in Hartford. Perhaps, he and I can carpool sometimes because we both have quite a long drive. And I urge the Chamber to vote favorably on this nomination. Thank you, Madam President.

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Thank you, Senator Haskell. Will you remark further. Will you remark further? If not -- Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there's no objection, might this item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing and hearing no objections, so ordered.
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 15, Calendar Number 77, Senate Resolution Number 23, RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN ARBITRATION AWARD BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS - CONNECTICUT BARGAINING UNIT (AFT CONNECTICUT, AFT, AFL-CIO).

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. It's a pleasure to stand before you again. And it's my honor to bring out this contract for the Assistant Attorney Generals. It's actually two different bargaining units that we will be talking about today in one arbitration award.

And first, I would like to just talk a little bit about the process that came for us to be here today. The Assistant Attorneys Generals worked on negotiations for -- since 2016 and came to a point where they had several items that they could not agree upon between the parties. And so, this went to arbitration. In addition to that -- the other bargaining unit is Assistant Attorneys Generals holding the position of department head. They were certified in 2017 and, they also, negotiated a contract and came to a point where they could not come with several items that they did not have agreement on and those went to arbitration also.

Arbitration occurred and we most recently got this contract referred to us in March. Actually, a corrected copy was submitted to us on March 4th, 2019. It was forwarded from the -- it was forwarded to the Appropriations Committee. And as we have in the reserve for salaried accounts, \$92 million dollars, it was approved by the Appropriations Committee and forwarded to the House and the Senate in two different resolutions for us to decide on whether or not this contract should be approved as an Arbitration Award, not as a negotiated agreement. The agreement covers the fiscal years from the period of November 16th through June 30th, 2021. There are two bargaining units.

As I've already said, the first bargaining unit is comprised of Assistant Senate Attorney General. The unit was certified by the State Board of Labor Relations, meaning that enough members felt it was right to become a bargaining unit. And the other bargaining unit was certified in November of 2017.

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I will get into the direct provisions of the Arbitration Award in a minute.

There are 180 -- 182 employees in the Assistant Attorney General Bargaining Unit Board Team and the Assistant Attorneys General Department Head Bargaining Unit. In the grand scheme of things, the size of the bargaining units is relatively moderate in comparison to some of the sizes of our other bargaining units.

The -- I'd like to talk a little bit about the history of the wages of the Assistant Attorneys General. In July 2008, there was a 3% general wage increase along with a 2.5% pars, which is essentially an annual increment. In January of 2019 and January 2010, in January of 2011, and in January 2012, in January 2013 for the first six months of '13, there were no wage increases for the people holding the titles of Assistant Attorneys General. Which means, they essentially went through 4-1/2 years of no wage increases. This was not all that this bargaining unit had accountable for their wages.

July 2013, there was a 3% general wage increase along with longevity inclusion for those who are receiving it. As you know, that -- those -- this will eventually -- this process will eventually be -- become moot as new bargaining members or new state employees do not receive longevity.

In January 2014, there was a 3% pars that was delayed from September of 2013. In January -- in July 2014, there was a general wage increase of 3%. And in January 2015, there was a 3% pars. July '15,

there was a zero, as 2016, 2017, 2018 were all zeros.

And in 2019, in accordance with the SEBAC Agreement, there was a \$2,000 dollar lump sum payment. This Bargaining Unit has seen fully almost ten years of zeros over -- over the last 11 years when you look at this in its totality. It is significant to say that -- that this -- that this Arbitration Award, according to the Governor is -- has a lower increment package with a percentage of 2% as compared to 3.1% under other contracts approved under the 2017 SEBAC Agreement in a letter that was sent to Senator Fasano and Senator Formica from the Governor's office, of which I received a copy this morning. And I -- I pointed out that we need people who are in the Assistant Attorneys General's office, because in 2016 and 2017, the operating expenses for the Attorneys General's office were \$30 million dollars. The revenue generated by the Assistant Attorneys General were \$636 million dollars, well, worth the price that we pay our Assistant Attorneys General to do the job that they do. In the -- this -- these numbers are directly out of the annual report submitted by the Assistant Attorneys General, the -- the Attorney General's office.

In 2017-2018 fiscal year, the operating expenses were \$32 million dollars. The revenue generated \$707 million dollars. It is clear to me, and should be clear to all, that Assistant Attorneys General's job relates to revenue received by the State of Connecticut, something we are always looking to see.

I urge my colleagues to support this Arbitration Award. And I stand ready to answer questions in

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specificity. Again, \$707 million dollars in fiscal year '17-'18. And I look forward to us approving for job classification, this wage increase. And I look forward to answering questions through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Osten. Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you. I rise for the purposes of some questions and a few comments with regard to this item.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, first, let me say that I will be opposing this Arbiters Award, this resolution today. And my opposition is certainly not based on the great works of those folks that make up these bargaining units. My opposition rests with the economic climate we

have still here in the state of Connecticut. And I feel that, for a number of reasons, this particular Arbiters Award is much too generous for the times in which we sit. So, for the purposes of questions for Senator Osten, if you wouldn't mind Senator, this bargaining unit is a new bargaining unit. I believe I heard you say back in 2016, which would then entitle it -- entitle the unit to benefit from the SEBAC Agreement. Would you explain how that works, please, through you, Madam President?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. And I look on it a little bit differently than my colleague in your presentation of the question. I look on the SEBAC Agreement as a benefit to the State of Connecticut.

Fully, \$25 billion dollars was given up by workers in the SEBAC Agreement that we had before us a number of years ago. And as a matter of fact, the benefits that were assumed by the SEBAC Agreement were put in every -- every single budget that we have seen since then, whether they were Republican budgets, Democratic budgets, budgets that we worked on together. We all added in the benefits that were assumed in the SEBAC Agreement. And so, I -- I would pause that the question is reversed. But this bargaining unit was allowed to bargain and was certified by labor relations in -- in 2016. And in -- that allows them to be a part of the SEBAC

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Agreement. Although, they don't receive all the benefits. As the Governor stated in his letter to you, this bargaining unit receives less wages overall. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Osten. Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you very much. Madam President, through you, less wages, are you referring to the -- the step increase that reduced from 3.1 to 2?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Referring to the paragraph on the letter from the Governor that says that the -- and many people may -- may not have this copy of the letter, so if you would give me a little bit of, you know, allow me to repeat what's in this letter. It says, "Regarding the underlying concerns that were raised in the letter, I don't have that letter. I would like to note that the entire bargaining process, including interest arbitration and submission of post hearing briefs was concluded under the prior administration. The 2017 SEBAC Agreement that was approved by the General Assembly contained language that the Assistant Attorney General will be governed by the provisions of the 2017 SEBAC Agreement. The award other than the Assistant -- Assistant Attorney

General's Department Head stipends is consistent with the wage pattern that 42 other bargaining units agreed to as part of the 2017 SEBAC Agreement. Further, the Arbitration Award before the legislature is actually more favorable to the state as that award includes a lower increment percentage of two percent as compared to approximately 3.1% under this 2017 SEBAC Agreement." Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you very much. So, thank you for that answer. That was the answer that I thought. So, it's a 1% difference. And in -- in regard to the -- to the letter that the Governor sent, that I received late last evening, as a response to a joint letter that we wrote last week, that letter, which I wasn't going to have much conversation about today, but that letter was a -- was a question that we asked Governor Lamont, who as a candidate for governor, indicated that he thought that we needed to bring the bargaining units back to a table and sit around and work out more equitable opportunities so that we could help, again, move Connecticut forward.

I take and have no dispute with the good Senator's discussion with regard to bargaining units. She has a long history of support there. And I, too, support workers, having been a small business owner my entire life and working with employees and single

moms who we've been able to help create opportunities so that they could raise their children and buy their homes in this economy.

With regard to this particular bargaining unit, the raises that they did not receive in 2008, 2009, 2010 were in the height of the great recession. And I would argue that there would be many small businesses and businesses in general here in the state of Connecticut that would be happy to have survived that period in our economic history with regard to just being able to stay in business, much less be able to give their employees the opportunity to have raises. And then, to be followed with a 3% in '13, two 3% in '14, one in the beginning and one in the end, and then '15, another 3%. So, I -- I think it's the equity that I speak of is not just regarding the bargaining units, but the fiscal climate. And I -- I will refer to the arbiter's report, page 20. And the good Senator did quote the Governor as saying that this discussion with the bargaining units and the negotiation was occurred before his tenure. But page 20, then OPM Secretary Barnes, testified that Connecticut's credit rating has been downgraded nine times in the last eight years and has the third worst of all states, and that's a quote from the -- the report. That Connecticut has the fourth highest per capita tax burden. A rating that does not reflect the more recent tax increases. That the state has long-term obligation, he argued, of \$80 billion dollars. Most of these obligations related to employee pension and health benefits and state subsidized municipal benefits. He goes on to argue in this brief, that Connecticut's weak economic recovery and the levels have not returned to prerecession levels, which are

those dates that I referred to. And he also mentions an important trend about the outmigration of millionaires which has increased, while the migration of millionaires into the state has decreased. And those are the words of Secretary -- former Secretary of OPM Barnes. Given that he said those things, my only interpretation would be, he would be arguing for the state in opposition of these particular raises.

I -- I think I probably wouldn't have more questions. So, to have you stand, I -- I apologize. I was trying to move along. So, as I started to say, the letter that we sent to the Governor indicated that he had spoken often about the need to come back at the table. And we were prompted to write that letter as a result of the previous contracts that were approved that mirrored the \$2,000 dollar cash increase, the 3.5% wage increase, followed by a 3.5% wage increase, both of which, as the good Senator referred to, carried with them an additional 3.1% step or annual increment. And we asked in the letter to the Governor, we said, Governor, you know, you've had these conversations; you wanted to come to the table, you thought that you might be able to talk about bringing these things back, yet you've made no comment on any of these awards. And we ask that you stand with us and -- and -- and speak out on these things. And again, we just got that letter late last night with the Governor's response, really not answering the question, in my view, but he did respond. And I thank him so much for that.

So, today we stand here with yet another award, an arbiter's award. And the difference with this award

is that not only are we getting the discussion about the -- the \$2,000 dollar cash bonus, 3.5 plus the 3.5 plus, but the department heads get an additional \$6,000 dollar cash award, followed the next year by a \$12,000 dollar cash award. And that, I believe, was the reason for the -- going to arbitration.

All of the other sections pretty much were agreed to by the State's negotiators. And I have a little bit of concern about that, as there were, I believe eight times in the arbiter's award, where it was -- where he noted that the State, for example, on page 26, said it has not presented any evidence. Then on page -- the following page, the State did not, in either of its briefs, argue that the salary information contained in the report supported it's last best offer. And that goes on six or seven times. So, I spoke about this at the committee meeting and I asked the negotiators about, you know, who were we fighting for? Where was the fight taken? And -- and how well, you know, do we think we did? And -- while they expressed dismay about the arbiter's award and his interpretation of their good work, I find it concerning that that type of statement was sprinkled throughout the arbiter's award.

As I said, as a small business owner with employees all of my adult life, I know the value of good employees. But I also know the value of economic opportunity and the value here in the state of Connecticut. And I don't believe, and I would tend to agree with Secretary Barnes and his opinion, that we have seen a very slow, if any, recovery or return to prosperity here in Connecticut. And I'm hopeful. I'm hopeful that this new Governor and this -- this

new administration is going to try to do some of the things that we need to do to move our particular economic system forward.

You know, we're sitting -- well, let me just say, Governor -- thank you very much for the opportunity to discuss it. And my last comment will be, from the OPM analyst for OFA, we were able to get what the anticipated percent increase in fiscal '19 for these wages for the Assistant Attorney Generals would be 10.8% and the fiscal '19 base wages increase for the department heads would be 20%. And I submit that, in this day and age, in this economic status that we have in the state of Connecticut, this is not the type of percentages that we should be giving out, regardless of the quality of work. And one final thing with regard to the comment that the Senator made about the \$633 million dollars and the \$770 million dollars or whatever the number was in revenue, I -- I submit that there are many agencies that operate here in the state of Connecticut that do not generate revenue and depend on our Department of Motor Vehicles and depend on our Assistant Attorney Generals to be the cash register for our state, to compensate for those many agencies that do not have the opportunity or the mission to raise money. So, we need those fundraisers. And that being said, I thank you, Madam President for your time and I urge my colleagues' rejection of this arbiter's resolution. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Formica. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Osten.

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SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

I would just ask for a Roll Call Vote, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Yes. We will open the machines. And if you would call the Roll Call Vote, please, Mr. Clerk? Senator Fasano, will you remark further?

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Once again, [laughter] I thought the debate was going to go a little longer and walked out of the Chamber. So, let me just say first of all, I urge rejection of this award for a number of reasons. It's been said that the history of the wages for those folks who are under this agreement have been stagnant for a while. And there's a reason for that. This body voted on a budget not to increase those line items. And why did we do that? Because we can't afford it. Because Ben Barnes, when he spoke, is absolutely right, that we cannot afford the wages in the case and the benefits that go along with it. So, that's why those line items were frozen. Now, and this body made that fiscal decision to go ahead and do that. If the argument is that the Attorney Generals do good work, and it's not against these guys at all, but they raise revenue. Well because in statutes, we provide for the remedies which include collecting these fees and costs and penalties. So, of course, they're going to raise. That's why we hired them. You can't look at them and say because

they're bringing in that much revenue, they deserve a -- a wage increase. No, we right the statutes to stack it in that favor. And anybody who's had administrative proceedings enforcement actions, at the end of the day, you settle out the matter because you can't fight an unlimited resource like the state of Connecticut. So, I question whether or not that is a -- a worthwhile venture in that regard.

Madam President, we've seen OPM Secretary Barnes state with clarity, protecting the state of Connecticut, he says that Connecticut rating has been downgraded nine times in the last eight years, and has the third worst rate -- rating of all the states. A poor credit rating impacts our ability to access capital at reasonable rates. Connecticut has the highest tax burden; the fourth highest per capital tax burden of all the states. Talks about Connecticut residents are leaving the state of Connecticut. This is someone, who for years have been doing the books and records, and as the accountant for the State of Connecticut says, we are in trouble, do not support this agreement, if you would, to the arbiters. He's on our side. He is telling us, in his testimony, through the arbiters, this contract is going to tie the hands of the state fiscally to the point of strangulation.

Now, that's under the ability to pay provision. Interestingly, under the ability per pay -- to pay provision, the unions strike back with an argument that the restructuring deal that passed on partisan lines when we were tied 18 to 18 in the State's Senate with the Lieutenant Governor at the time casting the, not this one but the former, casting

the deciding vote to do the recalculation of the union benefits or the union debt by moving it out of a bunch of years. And that would give us more flexibility for income. And that was debated in this chamber, arguing it's going to cost us more and the argument was backed, yes, but we're going to save some money, so our fixed costs go down because we're going to take that debt, refinance it, and span it out over time.

And in the same -- the very same breath, the union says in here, you did that, you got more money, now you got to give us more money for our contracts. And then, I said, why did we ever do that? Why did we ever refinance so our constituents, although it was bipartisan -- partisan vote, Democrats voted yes, Republicans voted no, but the argument was it's going to give us more flexibility in the budget, and immediately, the unions go after that flexibility and say, well, you got more money to pay. That certainly is going to send a flair in this building, to say the next time you see a refinance package come here that's been talked about in this building, whether it's teachers or the existing deal and you're going to spread that over the time, recognize it's going to be thrown back in your face. It's going to be thrown back in your face.

We also said that the rate that we had, which was, I think, 8.1% or something, we dropped down to 6.9% for investment return. They argue, well, that's the lowest rate around the country; and it was, so that we made sure we made the right payments. They're saying, therefore, since you lowered it so much, you're probably going to make more money in the market, therefore, there's more room to raise union

contract wages. We're not doing it for that. We're doing it for social services. We're doing it for our towns who need pilot money. We're doing it for ECS. Those are the things we're doing this for. So, we can get mental health in order by giving the proper finances and care for kids programs. That's we do it. We're not making room to get more fixed obligations by union contracts. That isn't why we did it. And that was the argument, I might add, in this circle. And yet this refinance is being thrown back at us like, well, now that you've got this extra money, we get to spend it.

Madam President, that's the economic reason why we should reject this contract. Madam President, I would also like to point out some other reasons. It's been said -- I did write a letter to Governor Lamont, Senator Formica and myself did, as Senator Osten correctly pointed out. And one of the things that was said in that letter was that the 2017 SEBAC Agreement that was approved by the General Assembly contained language that this agreement is going to follow.

Well, I got to tell you, I beg to differ. That 2017 agreement specifically says the Assistant Attorney General Bargaining Unit, the unit will negotiate and arbitrate provision of their collective bargaining agreements through June 30th, 2022 -- 2021, but will be subject to the health care benefits and every -- and all those other things, pension health care. But the wage issue and other factors are not specifically part of the agreement. It's excluded in the back of the SEBAC Agreement they were negotiating at the time. And it was, look, you're negotiating, we're going to exclude you from this

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agreement. So, why the argument is a letter -- the letter says, well, we can't deviate from this document. No, you can't, specifically, the Attorney General's Office. So, I disagree that somehow their hands were tied relative to these negotiations.

To further that argument, I might add, in the Arbitration Award, it was said that the 2%, as I think Senator Osten pointed out, the lower increment of 2% is compared to approximately 3.5% under -- 3.1% under the SEBAC Agreement. In other words, they should have gotten 3.1%. But they only got 2%, so this is a better deal. Well, either you're saying you can negotiate the prior terms or you can't negotiate the prior terms. You can't say, you can't negotiate the prior terms, but we did. Either you do or you don't. You got to live by one reading of the contract or the other reading. You can't selectively pick.

But I would argue, with what I showed you in this document, being the SEBAC Agreement, plus the fact that they did negotiate other terms in the agreement, leads you to the conclusion that the original 2017 SEBAC Agreement can be negotiated. So, what do we really have here?

Madam President, Governor Lamont argues that it's going to take two-thirds to reject this agreement. Now, I would push back on that and say, no, it's majority to reject this agreement. It should be two-thirds to approve it, majority to reject -- to approve the agreement, I should say in the positive, it takes more than 50%. I've been taught by professor over there in the corner that perhaps I am wrong in that interpretation. I would argue it is

foggy at best, murky at worst, and we'll have a conversation later. But I would think that this has to be done by majority in this case to be approved.

Madam President, I would also point out one last thing. In the letter, Governor Lamont said, he argued that the case has been decided virtue of arbitration by each parties coming in and giving their side of the tale and making an argument. Madam President, the Arbitration Award points out to a woefully inadequate representation by the State of Connecticut. Nine times -- nine times the arbitrator points out the State failed to present evidence or failed to do their job, or did not make any argument in the brief, or did not present any evidence, or did not offer any evidence on the record; nine times. Why not send it back and give the State a fair chance of making a fair argument that this contract should not be as it is presented here today? Nine times.

And if you read the arbitrator's decision, they are not soft ball, they could have, it is they should have and they didn't. You read this, you read this, it's a total failure by the State. They made a facial argument and didn't back it up by one piece of evidence. Almost like a laying down for this agreement. They said the salaries were -- are going to be higher than private sector when you add in other benefits. Presented no evidence. It goes on and on in this agreement. So, how could you say our constituents got a fair shake, because that's whose paying for this? That's whose going to end up paying for this, our constituents. How do you say they got a fair shake when the arbitrator said, no, they didn't? There's nothing in the evidence to

support their position other than them facially saying it.

Madam President, I would ask that this contract be rejected; that the matter go back to arbitration. Madam President, may I also say that Governor Lamont argues, if it goes back, you don't know what's going to happen. I -- I -- I agree with that. But what I do know is, when you have nine instances in which the arbiter says, we didn't make any evidential advancements on the very issues that go to salary and wages, I would think we got a pretty good chance, if we produce some evidence at this proceeding, some relevant evidence at this proceeding that perhaps we're right as the state of Connecticut. And perhaps, Ben Barnes, former OPM Secretary is correct when he says, we cannot afford this contract period. So, I urge rejection. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, would the Clerk please announce a Roll Call Vote and the machine will be opened.

CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate Roll Call Vote, in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? Mr. Clerk, if you could please announce the tally and the votes. Will be closed -- the machine will be closed.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution Number 23.

Total number voting	36
Those voting Yea	19
Those voting Nay	17
Absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel). The resolution passes. Mr. Clerk?
Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if we can now call the items on our Consent Calendar, followed by a vote please?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Mr. Clerk, would you please call the vote.

CLERK:

Page one, Calendar 56, House Joint Resolution Number 70. Page two, Calendar 57, House Joint Resolution 71. Page two, Calendar 58, House Joint Resolution 72. And page three, Calendar 62, Senate Resolution

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25. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar Number One. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar Number One.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? The machines will be locked. And would the Clerk please announce the tally?

CLERK:

Consent Calendar Number One.

Total number voting	36
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel). Resolution is adopted. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. That concludes our business for today. I will yield to members for any points of personal privilege or announcements. With that, Madam President, I don't see any announcements or points or personal privilege, so I will move that we adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much. We stand adjourned. (Gavel).

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 3:02 p.m. adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Thursday, March 28, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 12:00 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kevin Ricciardi of Middletown, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KEVIN RICCIARDI:

In these difficult times, may our leaders find in their hearts the guidance and wisdom to do what is best for the people of Connecticut.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, March 28, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS - to be referred to the Joint Committee.**

March 26, 2019

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 10a-1a of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my pleasure to nominate and submit to you for your advice and consent the name of **Matt Fleury** of Hartford, Connecticut to be reappointed as a member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education for a term effective immediately and expiring on June 30, 2022.

Sincerely,

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House Republican Leader**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.****BANKING COMMITTEE****SB NO. 190** AN ACT REQUIRING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO ACCEPT PROPERLY EXECUTED POWERS OF ATTORNEY.**BANKING COMMITTEE****SUBST. SB NO. 810** AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF BANKING.**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN****SUBST. SB NO. 452** AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STATE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 453 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OMBUDSMAN OFFICE.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1027 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC RESOURCE CENTER.

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SB NO. 1028 AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS, INCORPORATED AND PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENT.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1030 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUDIT PERIOD FOR THE TRANSFER OF HAZARDOUS WASTE ESTABLISHMENTS.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 468 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES ON STATE LAND NEAR PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 469 AN ACT REQUIRING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND MINIMUM STAFFING AND EQUIPMENT LEVELS FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 875 AN ACT EXPANDING CONNECTICUT'S OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY PORTFOLIO.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 234 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR CURBSIDE FOOD WASTE COLLECTION USED IN ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 245 AN ACT PROHIBITING HUNTING ALONG THE QUINNIPIAC RIVER IN NEW HAVEN.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 594 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR THE SALE OR LEASE OF CATS AND DOGS.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 598 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRODUCTION OF HEMP IN CONNECTICUT.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 750 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 893 AN ACT CONCERNING AN ENFORCEMENT PLAN FOR HEMP PRODUCTION.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 54 AN ACT CONCERNING A LANDLORD'S ABILITY TO REVIEW CRIMINAL RECORDS RELATING TO A PROSPECTIVE TENANT.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 608 AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPROVEMENT OF RENTAL UNIT SAFETY.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

SB NO. 808 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE HOUSING.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 2 AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SB NO. 4 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 47 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF GOODS AND USE OF BUILDING MATERIALS CONTAINING ASBESTOS.

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SB NO. 394 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL ON
PROTECTING WOMEN'S HEALTH.

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SB NO. 922 AN ACT ALLOWING STUDENTS TO APPLY
SUNSCREEN PRIOR TO ENGAGING IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

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SB NO. 919 AN ACT REMOVING THE TERM "HOMEMAKER" IN
REFERENCE TO HOME HEALTH AIDE AGENCIES AND SERVICES.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 923 AN ACT ALLOWING BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM FOR REGULATED PROFESSIONALS.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 778 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREEN ALERT
SYSTEM FOR MISSING VETERANS.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 860 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAW
ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM ACCOUNT.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 861 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF
"SERVICE IN TIME OF WAR" AND STATE RESIDENCY
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN VETERANS' SERVICES.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 863 AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT
PROTECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 968 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MILITARY TO
MACHINISTS JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR VETERANS.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SUBST. SJ NO. 3 RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO
RECOGNIZE WOMEN IN THE CADET NURSE CORPS DURING
WORLD WAR II AS VETERANS.

SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1018 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPPORTUNITY GAP.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1019 AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL LITERACY.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1022 AN ACT CONCERNING MINORITY TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Connecticut Innovations - 2018 Connecticut Innovations and Connecticut Next Annual Report.

(Pursuant to Section 1-123a of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 27, 2019

Referred to the Committee on Commerce

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors Report on Department on Aging for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 and the period of July 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 27, 2018

Referred to the Committee on Aging

BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

HB NO. 7110 AN ACT CONCERNING ENHANCED CLASSROOM
SAFETY AND
SCHOOL CLIMATE.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

HB NO. 7354 AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE
GRANT
COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND
REVISIONS TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS STATUTES.

**Referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue &
Bonding**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 53) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

The Senate at 12:05 p.m. adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the
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Friday, March 29, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Timothy Kehoe of East Hartford Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN TIMOTHY KEHOE:

May the work that we do benefit all those we serve.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday, March 29, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:

**Referred to the Joint Committee on Executive
Nominations**

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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-2 and 51-275a, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint **THE HONORABLE ANDREW J. MCDONALD** of Stamford, to be chairperson of the Criminal Justice Commission, to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-2 and 51-275a, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **REGINALD D. BETTS** of New Haven, to be a member of the Criminal Justice Commission, to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-2 and 51-275a, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint **MOY N. OGILVIE** of Bloomfield, to be member of the Criminal Justice Commission, to serve a term coterminous

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with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-2 and 51-275a, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, **appoint THE HONORABLE MELANIE L. CRADLE** of Durham, to be a member of the Criminal Justice Commission, to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-2 and 54-151-275a, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **ROBERT M. BERKE** of Woodbridge, to be a member of the Criminal Justice Commission, to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-2 and 51-275a, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint

SCOTT J. MURPHY of Farmington, to be a member of the Criminal Justice Commission, to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Connecticut Innovations - 2019 Connecticut Innovations, Jackson Labs.and Bioscience Budget report (Pursuant to Section31-41y(d)93) in accordance with the provisions of Sections 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes). Date received: March 28, 2019

Referred to the Committees on Commerce, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Appropriation and Higher Education.

Report - Connecticut Innovations - 2020 Connecticut Innovations, Jackson Labs Budget report (Pursuant to Section31-41y(d)3) in accordance with the provisions of Sections 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes). Date received: March 28, 2019

Referred to the Committees on Commerce, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Appropriations and Higher Education.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 54) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

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The Senate at 00:00 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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Monday, April 1, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:37 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Bless us this day. Grant us the power to refresh and renew our lives during this Spring season. Through your guidance, may we be better stewards, not only of the earth, but also of the holy word.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Monday, April 1, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and

that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.

BANKING COMMITTEE

SUBT. SB NO. 70 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT INFRASTRUCTURE BANK.

BANKING COMMITTEE

SB NO. 72 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS THAT MAKE PAYMENTS ON LOANS ISSUED TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES BY THE CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY.

BANKING COMMITTEE

SUBT. SB NO. 926 AN ACT ALLOWING LANDLORDS TO ACCEPT CERTAIN ADVANCE RENTAL PAYMENTS.

BANKING COMMITTEE

SUBT. SB NO. 927 AN ACT CREATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND WITHIN THE CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SUBT. SB NO. 854 AN ACT PROMOTING CAREERS IN MANUFACTURING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE DEMAND FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS.

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COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1025 AN ACT CONCERNING AN EVALUATION OF
DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TAX INCENTIVES.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1031 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ISSUES.

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

SUBT. SB NO. 273 AN ACT CONCERNING DEBT-FREE
COLLEGE.

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

SB NO. 435 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR
EMPLOYERS
MAKING EDUCATION LOAN PAYMENTS FOR EMPLOYEES.

**REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

Report - University of Connecticut (UConn) - 2019
UConn Accountability Report for Higher Education
Coordinating Council. (Pursuant to Section 10a-6b(f)
of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received:
April 12, 2019
Referred to Committee on Higher Education and
Employment Advancement

The Senate at 1:30 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 4:05 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

When we learn that someone is hurting, help us to know what to do and say. Give us compassion today for the hurting, as compassion is love in action.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Tuesday, April 2, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for
the calendar and printing.**

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 812 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD STATUTES.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 930 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN EARLY CHILDHOOD BUSINESS INCUBATOR MODEL.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 932 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STAFF QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 935 AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD TO DEVELOP A PROPOSED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR COMPENSATION SCHEDULE.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 936 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 956 AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1017 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPEN CHOICE PROGRAM.

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

SB NO. 26 AN ACT MAKING PERMANENT THE MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF PROGRAMS AT INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

SUBST. SB NO. 274 AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LEARN HERE, LIVE HERE PROGRAM.

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

SB NO. 607 AN ACT CONCERNING APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS TO EARNING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

SUBST. SB NO. 745 AN ACT REQUIRING A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

SB NO. 749 AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR THE MERGER OR CLOSING OF INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 15 AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 31 AN ACT CONCERNING SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLS FOR LABORATORY SERVICES.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 33 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 42 AN ACT CONCERNING COINSURANCE, COPAYMENTS AND DEDUCTIBLES AND CONTRACTING BY HEALTH CARRIERS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 87 AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRETIONARY CLAUSES IN DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE POLICIES.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 317 AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN SURGICAL PROCEDURES PERFORMED TO TREAT SEVERE OBESITY.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 330 AN ACT CONCERNING EQUAL ENJOYMENT OF THE HIGHEST ATTAINABLE STANDARD OF HEALTH.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 901 AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT PLANS OFFERED BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 903 AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE DATA AND INFORMATION SECURITY.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 904 AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 906 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE STATUTES.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 909 AN ACT ENABLING PERSONS TO SATISFY THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS THROUGH AN ONLINE COURSE OF STUDY.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 974 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY METHODS OF DEVELOPING, EXPANDING AND IMPROVING THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY WORKFORCE IN THIS STATE.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 978 AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 979 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THIS STATE AND INSURANCE IN THIS STATE.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 981 AN ACT CONCERNING SELF-SERVICE STORAGE INSURANCE.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 356 AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY CONCERNING APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1004 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC INSURANCE OPTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYEES.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 514 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN FEES BY BUILDING OFFICIALS.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - State of Connecticut Statewide Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 31, 2019

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Banking, Commerce, Education, Energy and Technology, Environment, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Government Administration and Elections, General Law, Higher Education and Employment Advancement, Housing, Human Services, Judiciary, Insurance and Real estate, Labor and Public Employees, Public Health, Public Safety and Security, Transportation and Joint Committee on Legislative Management

Report - Public Utility Regulatory Authority - 2018 Report on Electric Competition for Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2019. (Pursuant to Subsection 16-245x(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date Received: April 1, 2019.

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology

Report - CTNEXT - 2018 Report on Grants In Aid Distributed and Operations and Effectiveness of Innovation Places Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 32-39m(a)(2)(E) of The Connecticut General Statutes. Date Received: April 1, 2019.

Referred to the Committees on Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding

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The Senate at 4:09 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Wednesday, April 3, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 4:40 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kevin Ricciardi of Branford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Help us to be honest and true in all that we say and all that we do. Give us the courage to do what is right.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, April 3, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for
the calendar and printing.**

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 192 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REOPENING OF
CONNECTICUT'S VISITOR WELCOME CENTERS USING
VOLUNTEER STAFFING.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 570 AN ACT CONCERNING OPPORTUNITY ZONES.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 855 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POSITION
OF DIRECTOR OF MANUFACTURING.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1024 AN ACT CONCERNING A MATCHING
GRANT PROGRAM IN REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICTS.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1026 AN ACT ESTABLISHING CERTAIN
INCENTIVES TO GROW THE BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY IN THE
STATE.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1029 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1032 AN ACT REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF
THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TO DEVELOP A
PLAN TO INCORPORATE BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY IN THE
ADMINISTRATION OF A STATE FUNCTION.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1020 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION
OF INSTRUCTION IN CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE PEDAGOGY AND

PRACTICE IN THE PRESERVICE TRAINING, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROVIDED TO TEACHERS.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 847 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF VOICE SERVICE PROVIDERS.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 960 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY'S REVIEW OF CLAIMS ARISING FROM CONTRACTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE AUTHORITY, PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF NATURAL GAS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATOR QUALIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING COVERED TASKS ON A PIPELINE FACILITY, CALL BEFORE YOU DIG PROGRAM VIOLATIONS AND FINES AND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY POLICIES ACT.

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

SUBST. SB NO. 685 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT APPRENTICESHIP AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

SUBST. SB NO. 746 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ROBERTA B. WILLIS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT AND CREATING A BUSINESS TAX CREDIT.

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

SUBST. SB NO. 816 AN ACT ALLOWING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY TO MAKE LOANS FOR THE COST OF RELATED HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 38 AN ACT REDUCING THE TIME FRAME FOR URGENT CARE ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEW REQUESTS AND EXPEDITED EXTERNAL REVIEWS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 134 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC OPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 320 AN ACT CONCERNING REAL ESTATE CLOSINGS AND ATTORNEYS AND LAW FIRMS PREFERRED BY MORTGAGE LENDERS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 902 AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 907 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESIDENTIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT AND CRUMBLING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 908 AN ACT AUTHORIZING FOREIGN BRANCH CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 976 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY REIMBURSEMENT RATES PAID BY HEALTH CARRIERS TO HOSPITALS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 977 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPLANATIONS OF BENEFITS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 982 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 983 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 64 AN ACT CONCERNING CAPTIVE AUDIENCE MEETINGS.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 164 AN ACT INCLUDING CERTAIN MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL INJURY" UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 988 AN ACT CONCERNING THE WORKFORCE AND THE SAFE DELIVERY OF NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION.

SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 874 AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:

**HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF
REFERENCE-**

to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 7150 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE
GOVERNOR'S BUDGET

RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION.

Referred to the Appropriations Committee

The Senate at 4:45 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Thursday, April 4, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:33 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Sabrina Bernstein from Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN SABRINA BERNSTEIN:

Help us to be honest and true in all that we say and all that we do. Give us the courage to do what is right.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, April 4, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for
the calendar and printing.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 846 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL
GAIN, THE PREPARATION OF UTILITY POLES AND
ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR MUNICIPAL BROADBAND SERVICES.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 889 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES
REGULATORY AUTHORITY'S INVESTIGATION OF LOST AND
UNACCOUNTED FOR GAS.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 961 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL
ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY
COOPERATIVES.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SB NO. 48 AN ACT REQUIRING MANUFACTURERS OF BRAND
NAME PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO PROVIDE SAMPLES OF SUCH
DRUGS TO MANUFACTURERS OF GENERIC PRESCRIPTION
DRUGS.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 683 AN ACT CONCERNING A PENALTY FOR LATE
PAYMENTS OF STATE CONTRACTORS BY THIRD-PARTY
ENTITIES.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1039 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SJ NO. 27 RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ALLOWING FOR NO-EXCUSE
ABSENTEE VOTING.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST. SJ NO. 28 RESOLUTION ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO
HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF SIXTEEN TO APPLY FOR
ADMISSION AS ELECTORS AND TO BE SO ADMITTED UPON
ATTAINING THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 838 AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH
INSURANCE COVERAGE AND COST-SHARING FOR MAMMOGRAMS
AND BREAST ULTRASOUNDS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 984 AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM
ESSENTIAL HEALTH COVERAGE, TAXATION OF HEALTH
CARRIERS AND RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE AND THE
CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 980 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE
TO STUDY STAND-ALONE MOTOR VEHICLE PROTECTION
PRODUCTS AND THE STAND-ALONE MOTOR VEHICLE
PROTECTION PRODUCT INDUSTRY.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 60 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A
CARRY PERMIT.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 839 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVISOR'S TECHNICAL
CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 5 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKFORCE PIPELINE AND JOB CREATION TASK FORCE.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 358 AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYEE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 360 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESSING OF WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT APPLICATIONS.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 549 AN ACT CONCERNING FIREFIGHTER WORK WEEKS.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 697 AN ACT CONCERNING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN THE WORKPLACE.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 698 AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLAINTS OF WORKPLACE VIOLENCE OR ABUSIVE CONDUCT INVOLVING STATE EMPLOYEES.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 989 AN ACT CONCERNING BASIC LABOR STANDARDS FOR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY DRIVERS.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 533 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DIAPER CHANGING STATIONS IN PUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 789 AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS FOR TRAINING COSTS.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 424 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY REGARDING CAMERA VIDEO SYSTEMS INSIDE SCHOOL BUSES AND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES USED TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 867 AN ACT CONCERNING SLOWING DOWN FOR GARBAGE TRUCKS, RECYCLING TRUCKS AND OIL AND TANK VEHICLES.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 55) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

The Senate at 11:39 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Friday, April 5, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:44 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Timothy Kehoe of East Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN TIMOTHY KEHOE:

May the work that we do benefit all those we serve.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday, April 5, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

SR NO. 27 RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN INTEREST ARBITRATION AWARD BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, SEIU LOCAL 2001, CORRECTION SUPERVISORS COUNCIL, NP-8 UNIT.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE: APPROPRIATIONS

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA), Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority (CHESLA) and the Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF) - Annual Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017. (Pursuant to Sections 1-122, 1-123 and 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes).
Date received: April 4, 2019

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement

The Senate at 1:51 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Monday, April 8, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:38 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Help us to learn that to honor is to show respect; to meet another's need; to give someone encouragement; to love in word and deed.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Monday, April 8, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for
the calendar and printing.**

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SB NO. 434 AN ACT CONCERNING SPECULATIVE SALES OF
EVENT TICKETS.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 1006 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE
PHARMACY AND DRUG CONTROL STATUTES.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 1007 AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND
TECHNICAL CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
PROTECTION STATUTES.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 156 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE
STATE AND ABSENTEE VOTING.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 265 AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF
MODERATORS AND ALTERNATE MODERATORS.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 1036 AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONALISM FOR
ELECTIONS.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO.1040 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE
EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 1041 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 1045 AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND FILING OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE STATEMENTS.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SUBST.SB NO. 1047 AN ACT CONCERNING BALLOT ACCESS FOR PETITIONING CANDIDATES.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SB NO. 1048 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ONLINE DATABASE FOR STATE EXPENDITURES.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
SB NO. 823 AN ACT EXTENDING THE FORECLOSURE MEDIATION PROGRAM UNTIL JUNE 30, 2023.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
SUBST.SB NO. 857 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS SUBMITTED BY CONTRACTORS TO THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
SB NO. 948 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
SB NO. 965 AN ACT CONFIRMING AND ADOPTING VOLUMES 1 TO 13, INCLUSIVE, OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, REVISED TO JANUARY 1, 2019.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
SUBST.SB NO. 991 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO LEGAL COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT INDIVIDUALS IN IMMIGRATION REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 992 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRUST ACT.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 945 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INNOVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS OF HUMAN SERVICES.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1051 AN ACT STRENGTHENING HOME CARE SERVICES.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 1052 AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 1053 AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID AND HUSKY B COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1065 AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 359 AN ACT EXTENDING WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS TO EMPLOYEES OF BUSINESSES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 660 AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY AND PENSION OFFSETS.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 764 AN ACT PROHIBITING "ON-CALL" SHIFT SCHEDULING.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 765 AN ACT ENSURING FAIR AND EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 881 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 990 AN ACT CONCERNING CALL CENTERS AND NOTICE OF CLOSURE.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 11 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF A CASINO GAMING FACILITY IN EAST WINDSOR.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 17 AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPORTS WAGERING, INTERNET GAMING AND INTERNET KENO.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 702 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY RECORDS BETWEEN AGENCIES.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 709 AN ACT CONCERNING A DIVISION OF CYBERSECURITY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 870 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF DRONES BY LAW ENFORCEMENT.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 994 AN ACT ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES TO COVER THE PAY GAP FOR DISABLED POLICE OFFICERS.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 1014 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR
COMPULSIVE GAMBLING TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 1015 AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE LOTTERY
DRAW GAMES IN THE STATE.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1016 AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 66 AN ACT CONCERNING THE NONEMERGENCY
TRANSPORTATION OF ELDERLY PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES CONFINED TO A STRETCHER.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 423 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR
CONNECTICUT'S TRANSPORTATION FUTURE.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 715 AN ACT CONCERNING A PLAN TO
MODERNIZE THE PARKING GARAGES AT COMMUTER RAIL
STATIONS IN THE STATE.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 825 AN ACT CONCERNING DISTRACTED WALKING.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 869 AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS
BY THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY REGARDING
NONBUDGETED EXPENDITURES, THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT
AND AVIATION ACCOUNT AND THE SECURITY EXEMPTION
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 924 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION NOTICE, THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN, CARRIERS, THE MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD AND OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SUBST.SB NO. 925 AN ACT CONCERNING AN ADVANCED OPERATOR'S RETRAINING PROGRAM.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 986 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 987 AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO A TRANSPORTATION STATUTE.

The Senate at 1:44 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:10 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kevin Ricciardi of Branford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KEVIN RICCIARDI:

Help us to be honest and true in all that we say and all that we do. Give us the courage to do what is right.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Tuesday, April 9, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:**Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary**

April 9, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 54-124a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **MICHAEL E. POHL** of Manchester, as a member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, as a full-time parole member, to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Monthly Report to the Governor as of March 31, 2018.
(Pursuant to Section 4-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: April 8, 2019.
Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management

SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 7 AN ACT CONCERNING WATER FOWL HUNTING AT CALF PASTURE BEACH IN NORWALK.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 229 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF STYROFOAM TRAYS IN CONNECTICUT SCHOOLS.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 237 AN ACT DESIGNATING YORK HILL AS A PROTECTED TRAPROCK RIDGE.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 586 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONTROL OF NUISANCE WILDLIFE.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 894 AN ACT CONCERNING THE NONLETHAL MANAGEMENT OF THE BLACK BEAR POPULATION IN CONNECTICUT.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1000 AN ACT CONCERNING APPLE ASSESSMENTS.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1001 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF SMOKE DETECTORS.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1002 AN ACT CONCERNING PHOSPHATE BYWASTES FROM ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1079 AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME FACILITY MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS.

The Senate at 11:44 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 2:18 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

This is the beginning of a new day. We have been given the day to use as we will. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place, something that we have left behind - let it be something good.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, April 10, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as

indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - University of Connecticut - UCONN 2000 Audit of Construction Expenditures for Projects Substantially Completed for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a -109z of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received April 9, 2019.

Referred to Committees on Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Higher Education and Employment Advancement

Report - Connecticut Sentencing Commission - Annual Report of Calendar Year ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Sections 11-4a and 54-300(p) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: April 10, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Report - Department of Motor Vehicles - Connecticut Emissions Program Statistics for March 1 through March 31, 2019 (Pursuant to Executive Directive #3 and Section 14-164h of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: April 10, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 850 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 957 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF
COMPUTER
SCIENCE INSTRUCTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM,
PROGRAMS
OF PROGRAMS AND THE CREATION OF AN ADJUNCT COMPUTER
SCIENCE
INSTRUCTOR PERMIT AND A COMPUTER SCIENCE
ENDORSEMENT.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1067 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE
TO ANALYZE
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS GOVERNING DYSLEXIA
INSTRUCTION
AND TRAINING.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 998 AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS
TO
ENVIRONMENT RELATED STATUTES.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 647 AN ACT STREAMLINING THE LIQUOR
CONTROL ACT.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1078 AN ACT CONCERNING DOULA
CERTIFICATION AND
MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOULA SERVICES.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1080 AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-
GENERATIONAL
INITIATIVE.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 140 AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR
TAX RELIEF FOR
CERTAIN ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 361 AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL OPTION TO
ESTABLISH A
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR DONATIONS TO CERTAIN
SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAMS.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 527 AN ACT PERMITTING MUNICIPALITIES TO
COMBINE THE
PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS OF MULTIPLE ELECTRIC GENERATING
FACILITIES.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 972 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO
ORIGINAL BIRTH
CERTIFICATES BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 995 AN ACT REDEFINING "RESIDENTIAL BUILDING"
FOR CERTAIN
PURPOSES AND REQUIRING A STUDY OF STANDARDS AND
METHODS FOR
PYRRHOTITE TESTING.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1074 AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1081 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL SET-
ASIDE
REQUIREMENTS.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SB NO. 377 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF NONCOMPETE
CLAUSES IN
PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SB NO. 380 AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND
WELLNESS
TRAINING AND SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 967 AN ACT CONCERNING THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES
REGARDING EMERGENCY MEDICATION.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 921 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SCOPE OF
PRACTICE OF
ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1005 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC
HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO
EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES DEFINITIONS, CERTIFICATION AND
CONTINUING
EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

The Senate at 2:20 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Thursday, April 11, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 3:10 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Timothy Kehoe of East Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN TIMOTHY KEHOE:

May the work that we do benefit all those we serve.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, April 11, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.**

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Workers' Compensation Commission for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2016 and 2017. (Pursuant to Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: April 10, 2019

Referred to Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Public Employees

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for
the calendar and
printing.**

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1068 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1069 AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 585 AN ACT CONCERNING AIR QUALITY MONITORING IN TOWNS NEAR THE CRICKET VALLEY ENERGY CENTER.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1003 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1060 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF STORMWATER.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1063 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE FARMLAND AVAILABILITY FOR BEGINNING FARMERS.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SB NO. 1092 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SB NO. 1093 AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SB NO. 1094 AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SB NO. 522 AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 1009 AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT RELATED STATUTES.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 1012 AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX APPEALS AND CONTINGENCY AGREEMENTS FOR EXPERT TESTIMONY IN SUCH APPEALS.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SB NO. 1073 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

The Senate at 3:14 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Friday, April 12, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 10:30 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Timothy Kehoe of East Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN TIMOTHY KEHOE:

Please bless us with an inner strength so that our lives and our work may be a blessing on others.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday, April 12, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

The Senate at 10:34 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Monday, April 15, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 3:20 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Timothy Kehoe of East Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN TIMOTHY KEHOE:

Help us to guard with care the things we say. Let us remember that our words have the power to build up or tear down.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Monday, April 15, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for
the calendar and printing.**

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 588 AN ACT PROHIBITING OFF-SHORE
DRILLING FOR OIL AND GAS IN CONNECTICUT.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1061 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESTORATION OF
FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1062 AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL
CLIMATE CHANGE AND COASTAL RESILIENCY RESERVE FUNDS.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 25 AN ACT RESTORING ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES TO
FELONY CONVICTS WHO ARE ON PAROLE.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1104 AN ACT CONCERNING GENDER
NEUTRALITY IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 372 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF
RESOURCES TO GUARDIANS OF ADULT CHILDREN WITH
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 393 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT
OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' LEVEL OF NEED ASSESSMENT.

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to
be tabled for the calendar.**

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SJ NO. 14 RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT EARLY VOTING.

The Senate at 3:22 p.m. adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the
chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:05 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

Remind us each day to hold in our hearts and minds the words of the Dalai Lama when he said, "This then is my simple religion. There is no need for temples; no need for complicated philosophy. Our own brain, our own heart is our temple: The philosophy is kindness."

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Monday, April 15, 2019, is adopted, the items

on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Access Health Connecticut - Quarterly Data Report for First Quarter ended March 31, 2019 for Calendar Year 2019. (Pursuant to Section 38a-1092(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: April 15, 2019.

Referred to Committees on Human Services, Insurance and Real Estate and Public Health

MATTER(S) RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE - to be tabled for the calendar.

NO NEW FILE

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1 AN ACT CONCERNING PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE.

The Senate at 1:08 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 12:53 p.m.,
Senator Looney of the 11th in the Chair.

CLERK:

The Senate will convene immediately. The Senate
will convene immediately. The Senate will convene
immediately.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order for today's
session, and we will begin with our opening prayer.
We have our chaplain, Rabbi Lazowski. Rabbi.

DEPUTY CHAPLAIN RABBI PHILIP LAZOWSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Our thought for today is
from the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 8, Verse 33.
"Listen to my instructions and be wise-do not ignore
it." O Blessed Creator, help us to understand the
lessons of the Miracle of Spring: Spring-a symphony
of nature's resplendent beauty, the blossoms of
myriads of colorful flowers, green shoots rising
from the earth. The springtime of humanity-like the
springtime of nature is a time of rebirth. The
resurgence of hope, faith and joy in the soul of all
humans.

Source of Life, inspire our Senators to use the creative powers, with which you have endowed them, to develop their talents and devote themselves in the service of the good people of our state of Connecticut, that we may all share in the happiness, beauty and hopefulness of spring. May the laws they pass bring prosperity, healing and hope to all the inhabitants of our fair state. Look with kindness upon our nation and its leaders, protect our defenders of freedom and keep them safe. O Lord hear us as we pray, and let us all say, Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Rabbi. Thank you very much, Rabbi, and I would like to call Senator Leone forward, one of the military veterans in our membership, to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

[All] I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Is there business on the Clerk's desk?

CLERK:

The Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda No. 1, dated Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

THE CHAIR:

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Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Our distinguished Majority Leader, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Good to see you up there today. Mr. President, I move all items on Senate Agenda No. 1, dated Wednesday, April 17, 2019, to be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and the Senate Transcripts.

THE CHAIR:

Is there objection? If not, so ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I'd like to mark some bills for referral please.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, Senator.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam -- thank you, Mr. President (sorry, habit). Thank you, Mr. President. On Calendar page 1, Calendar 21, Senate Bill 795, I'd like to refer that to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Calendar page 2, Calendar 29, Senate Bill 561, I'd like to place an item on the foot of the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 2, Calendar 32, Senate Bill 564, I'd like to place an item on the foot of the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 2, Calendar 33, Senate Bill 565, I'd like to place that item on the foot of the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 2, Calendar 37, Senate Bill 566, I'd like to place that item on the foot of the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 3, Calendar 44, Senate Bill 20, I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 6, Calendar 70, Senate Bill 811, I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 7, Calendar 72, Senate Bill 837, I'd like to place that item on the foot of the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 8, Calendar 79, Senate Bill 797, I'd like to place that item on the foot of the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 8, Calendar 80, Senate Bill 798,
I'd like to place that item on the foot of the
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 9, Calendar 84, Senate Bill 884,
I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary
Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 11, Calendar 97, Senate Bill 817,
I'd like to place that item on the foot of the
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 11, Calendar 99, Senate Bill 706,
I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary
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THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 12, Calendar 104, Senate Bill 951,
I'd like to refer that item to the Education
Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 15, Calendar 122, Senate Bill 54,
I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary
Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 15, Calendar 123, Senate Bill 608,
I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary
Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 16, Calendar 127, Senate Bill 47,
I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary
Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. On Calendar page 17,
Calendar 136, Senate Bill 863, I'd like to refer
that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 20, Calendar 151, Senate Bill 936,
I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary
Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 23, Calendar 168, Senate Bill 904,
I'd like to place that item on the foot of the
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THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 28, Calendar 199, Senate Bill 982,
I'd like to place that item on the foot of the
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 28, Calendar 200, Senate Bill 983,
I'd like to place that item on the foot of the
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 29, Calendar 203, Senate Bill 988,
I'd like to refer that item to the Energy and
Technology Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 36, Calendar 248, Senate Bill 1053,
I'd like to place that item on the foot of the
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 37, Calendar 250, Senate Bill 359, I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 37, Calendar 256, Senate Bill 990, I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 39, Calendar 264, Senate Bill 1016, I'd like to place that item on the foot of the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 40, Calendar 271, Senate Bill 986, I'd like to place that item on the foot of the Calendar.

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THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 40, Calendar 272, Senate Bill 987,
I'd like to place that item on the foot of the
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 43, Calendar 288, Senate Bill 1078,
I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary
Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 43, Calendar 293, Senate Bill 972,
I'd like to place that -- I'm sorry, I'd like to
refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 44, Calendar 296, Senate Bill 1081, I'd like to place that item on the foot of the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 44, Calendar 297, Senate Bill 377, I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 44, Calendar 298, Senate Bill 380, I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 44, Calendar 299, Senate Bill 967, I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 47, Calendar 313, Senate Bill 1012, I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 47, Calendar 314, Senate Bill 1073, I'd like to place that item on the foot of the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

And, on Calendar page 49, Calendar 15, Senate Resolution 8, I'd like to recommit that item back to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I'd like to now mark a few items on our go list please.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, sir. On Calendar page 1, Calendar 22, Senate Bill 796, go. On Calendar page 4, Calendar 45, Senate Bill 21, go. On Calendar page 6, Calendar 69, Senate Bill 809, go. On Calendar page 7, Calendar 71, Senate Bill 821, go. On Calendar page 7, Calendar 75, Senate Bill 916, go. And if the Clerk can please call in that order please. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar No. 22, Senate Bill 796, AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINERS.

THE CHAIR:

Oh, before we proceed, I believe Senator Somers has risen for a -- for a point of personal privilege. Senator Somers.

SENATOR SOMERS (18TH): Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and I rise for a point of personal privilege. I would like to introduce to the Senate floor -- today I have a special guest. (If you'd like to come over here.) This is Sonar Technician Submarine First Class Matthew Ryan Baird, who is stationed at the New London Sub Base. And I had the honor earlier this morning of reenlisting him into the United States Navy. So, I wanted to offer him

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and have you join me in a warm Senate welcome for one of our wonderful defenders of our country, Mr. Matthew Ryan Baird [phonetic]. [Applause] Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator, and thank you, Mr. Baird, because all -- we know our military depends so heavily on experienced and seasoned people willing to reenlist and continue their service. Thank you so much. Everyone is grateful to you. Thank you again. Mr. Clerk, if we would return to the Calendar. [Crosstalk] Yes, if you would call that -- call the first bill that we were proceeding to do.

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar No. 22, substitute for Senate Bill Number 796, AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINERS. There is an amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Abrams.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark?

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Thank you. This bill reinstates the Voluntary Safe Advisory Committee and expands the type of healthcare providers that can become sexual assault forensic examiners through a training provided by the Office of Victim Services. It would -- it would be enacted on July 1, 2019. It passed unanimously through the Public Health Committee, which I think speaks to an acknowledgement of the importance of the work that the sexual assault forensic examiners do. Thank you.

Mr. President, the Clerk is in possession of an amendment, LCO --

CLERK:

LCO No. 7057, Senate Schedule A.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator, would you move the amendment?

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

I move adoption of the amendment and ask that its reading be waived and seek leave of the Chamber to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Please proceed.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

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The amendment is really just for some technical language corrections and doesn't substantially change the bill. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the amendment? Is there additional remarks on the amendment? If not, I will try your minds. All in favor of the amendment, please indicate by saying aye. ["Aye" in background] Opposed, please say nay. The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Mr. President, if there are no objections, I would ask that this bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

The distinguished Chair of the Public Health Committee has moved the item to the Consent Calendar. Is there objection to placing the bill as amended on the Consent Calendar? Seeing none. It is so ordered. Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 4, Calendar No. 45, Senate Bill Number 21, AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS IN MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTERS.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Ed. Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. The bill has been moved. Will you remark?

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. This bill is to extend a task force under Public Act 14-205, which was to study the humane treatment of animals in municipal and regional shelters. This task force was convened in 2014 and has been meeting without statutory authority since that time. This bill would extend the length of time for which the task force has to submit a report to January 1 of 2020.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the bill? Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. I also rise in support of the bill. This is not the first time, I think, we've attempted to put a final date on the -- when we would like to see a report, and so this does extend it to January 2020, unless we get the report sooner, and would urge passage and support of the bill. Thank you.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Is there additional comment on the bill? Will you remark further? If not, Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. If there is no objection, I would ask that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. The bill has been moved to the Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Seeing none. The bill will be placed on the Consent Calendar. Thank you, Senator Cohen. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 6, Calendar No. 69, Senate Bill Number 809, AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN PERSONS FROM LICENSURE AS A LEAD GENERATOR.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease for a moment.
[Chamber at ease] Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, why don't we PT this bill and move on to the next one please.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Thank you, Senator Duff. Mr. Clerk, if you would call the next previously marked go item.

CLERK:

Page 7, Calendar No. 71, substitute for Senate Bill Number 821, AN ACT CONCERNING EQUITABLE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER PRACTITIONERS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Good afternoon, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, Senator.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. The bill has been moved. Will you remark, Senator Moore?

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Yes, I will. Thank you, sir. Senator, this bill is -- proposes that we seek requirement of the Department of Social Services to reimburse federally

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qualified health centers under the Medicaid Program for electronic consulting provided by practitioners. E-consults are already in statute. This puts them in statute with federal qualified health centers. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark further on the bill? If not, Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Thank you, Mr. President. If there are no additional objections, I ask that this be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. The bill has been moved to the Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Seeing none. The bill will be added to the Consent Calendar. Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 7, Calendar No. 75, substitute for Senate Bill Number 916, AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION BY CONTRACTORS AND SUBSTANTIAL SUBCONTRACTORS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Mr. President. Mr. President, I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

The bill has been moved for passage. Will you remark, Senator Flexer?

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, the bill before us makes a small change to the prequalification process for contractors and subcontractors. The Clerk is in possession of an amendment, LCO No. 7114. I ask that the Clerk please call the amendment.

CLERK:

LCO No. 7114, Senate Schedule A.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Mr. President, I move the amendment --

THE CHAIR:

Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

-- and seek leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, Senator.

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SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, the amendment before us is a bipartisan amendment. I thank my Ranking Member, Senator Sampson, for his cooperation on this. It makes a small change to the underlying bill and removes the words "settled or."

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Is there additional comment on the amendment? Will you remark further on the amendment -- on Senate Amendment Schedule A? If not, I'll try your minds. So, all in favor, please indicate by saying aye. ["Aye" in background] Opposed? Hearing none. The amendment is adopted. Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. With the adoption of the amendment, I hope that many of my colleagues will support this bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Senator. Any additional comment on the bill as amended? Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I just want to state for the record that I appreciate the cooperation with the Senate Chair on the modification of the language that was in the amendment before us a moment ago. And with the adoption of that amendment, I think that this is a

good bill and it oughta pass. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Sampson. Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. If there's no objection, I move that we place this bill on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. The bill has been moved to be placed on the Consent Calendar. Is there objection to placing the bill as amended on our Consent Calendar? Seeing none. The bill will be placed on our Consent Calendar. Thank you, Senator.
[Crosstalk] Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, may we stand at ease for a moment?

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease. [Chamber at ease]
The Senate will come back to order. Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, may we go back to the item that was previously marked PT and mark it as go?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 6, Calendar No. 69, Senate Bill Number 809, AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN PERSONS FROM LICENSURE AS A LEAD GENERATOR.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bergstein.

SENATOR BERGSTEIN (36TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. The bill has been moved. Will you remark, Senator Bergstein?

SENATOR BERGSTEIN (36TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is a technical fix that has been sponsored by the Connecticut Bankers Association, has had unanimous bipartisan support in committee. It is simply a bill that exempts certain persons from licensure as a lead generator. For instance, in a bank, when one

department refers a client to a mortgage lender, that person in the other department should not have to be licensed as a mortgage lender. It's a technical fix.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark further on the bill? If not, Senator Bergstein.

SENATOR BERGSTEIN (36TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. If there is no objection, I would ask that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. The bill has been moved for placement on the Consent Calendar. Is there any objection to placing the bill on the Consent Calendar? Seeing none. The bill will be so placed. Thank you, Senator. Mr. Majority Leader.
[Crosstalk]

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, if the Clerk can call the items previously marked for our Consent Calendar for a vote on our Consent Calendar please?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

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CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar No. 22, Senate Bill 796; page 4, Calendar No. 45, Senate Bill 21; page 6, Calendar 69, Senate Bill 809; page 7, Calendar No. 71, Senate Bill 821; page 7, Calendar No. 75, Senate Bill 916.

An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 1. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 1. Immediate Roll Call vote in the Senate, Consent Calendar No. 1.
[Crosstalk]

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted, Senator Sampson? Have all the senators voted? We will close the machine, and would the Clerk please announce the tally?

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 1.

Total number voting	36
Total number voting Yea	36
Total number voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

Measure passes.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon to you.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. Madam President, I move for a suspension to take up Calendar page 50, Senate Calendar No. 323, Senate Resolution Number 26.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection. Without seeing any objection, hearing any objection, so ordered. Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Would the Clerk please call that item?

CLERK:

Page 50, Calendar No. 323, Senate Resolution Number 26, RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND RESIDUAL BARGAINING UNIT P-5.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten, good afternoon.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. It's wonderful seeing you up there today. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and passage of the resolution.

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THE CHAIR:

And will you remark please?

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Yes, Madam President. Madam President, this is an accretion of six members into the P-5 bargaining unit. It's a very small accretion of former members who are not in a collective bargaining environment. The total cost, according to the Office of Fiscal Analysis, of this contract accretion is \$88,012 dollars. It allows these tax attorneys to become a member of the P-5 bargaining unit, and I would urge my colleagues to support this resolution, as this is a fair assessment for these employees to get the proper wages for their classifications. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further?
Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

I rise for a few questions and comments on the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon, Senator. Would you please explain to us about the -- the wage increases for these -- for these bargaining members. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, through you to the -- to my colleague, these members that are tax attorneys are seeking to become members of the P-5 bargaining unit, and they follow the same pattern as the P-5 bargaining unit in regards to wage increases. And over the last ten years, these -- excuse me -- these members have seen little to no wage increases, and in this current -- in this current agreement, they would see a \$2,000 dollar bonus in the current year. They would also see a 3.5 percent general wage increase and a 2 percent annual increment in fiscal year '20, and in '21 they would see the same pattern. And if they were already at maximum, they would get a lump sum payment. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Osten. Senator Formica.

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SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator. Would these -- these benefits that they're going to accrue -- these were new bargaining union members, and were they managers before, and what are their average salary please? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

So, I'll try to remember all the questions in the order that they were given. And if I miss one, you'll just have to restate it.

So, these members were not -- they were considered unclassified. They were not in a bargaining unit. They did not meet the statutory definition of manager. While they may have been considered managerial employees by many, they did not meet the statutory definition and were allowed to accrete into this bargaining unit P-5. And I believe one of your other questions was -- (He's whispering to me so I know that it's average salary, so.)

I would just like to clarify. So, in -- in January of 2009, there was no wage increase for this group. In January of -- in 2010, there was no wage increase. In 2011, there was no wage increase. In 2012, there was no wage increase. In 2013, there was no wage increase. In 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, there were no wage increases. So, their average salary -- I don't have their average salary in front

of me, but according to the Economic Policy Institute, lawyers, judges, magistrates, and other judicial workers have, in the private sector, an average salary of \$212,463 dollars, and in the public sector they have \$108,586 dollars. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Osten. Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator, for the answers. I don't believe I have any more questions, but I appreciate your responses. Madam President, this -- my discussions today have no real merit on the quality of the work as proposed -- as put forth by this -- by these employees. My objection to this -- to this wage package increase is overall for the state of Connecticut. The former secretary of OPM has argued about the state's inability to pay. The discussions ensued about all of the problems Connecticut is having with its deficit, with its budget, and this, I believe, is the fifth now either expansion of a bargaining unit or installation of a new bargaining unit, where we are now adding \$2,000 dollar cash bonus, a 3.5 percent raise plus an annual increment -- in this case, it's 2, the others were 3.1 or 3, and I understand there may be more coming with regard to being at 3 for two years.

We have a situation that we need to get under control, and adding more people to the payroll is not really the way to solve the problem with regard to the issues that we have moving forward in

pension. I'd like to specifically mention that the Undersecretary for Labor Relations, in her comments before the committee, made the comment that the ability of the employer to pay this conservative increase pay is minimal when the state's budget is considered as a whole. And I take particular exception to that comment, Madam President, as we move forward with this budget process.

You know, my grandfather came over from Sicily and got himself into business, and one of his best sayings were, "If you watch the pennies, the dollars will follow." And, in this case, we seem to be losing sight of the pennies. And I bring to the circle's attention a memo from the current office of secretary -- the current secretary of OPM with regard to what is -- what is on the horizon for these pay increases, and it looks like we'll be adding another hundred -- I'm sorry, excuse me -- another 1,039 employees that will be coming forward as a list of bargaining contracts anticipated to be submitted to the General Assembly.

So, it's just going to be more conversations about a \$2,000 dollar cash bonus, a 3.5 percent plus a 3, a 3.5 percent plus a 3 or a 2 in this case, and I just find it difficult to be able to vote in favor for this when we're having such trouble putting our budgets together and managing our pension capabilities to pay for that moving forward.

So, Madam President, I thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion here this morning, but I urge my colleagues to consider the implication of this vote, not just for these six employees but for the thousand-plus employees that we're going to be considering again. And then what is the -- what is

the compounding benefit and the compounding cost of this as we move forward if we keep adding and adding and adding. So, thank you very much, Madam President. Thank you to the senator for her answers, and I urge rejection.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further, Senator Osten? I see it's Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Madam President, this is, as I understand it, the fifth contract we're gonna have in front of this Chamber here today so far with respect to contracts that our body has to vote on yes or no. I would note that earlier on, the first contract had a wide percentage difference, and as each contract came down the pike, the narrowness of the vote got closer and closer. And while I understand that 2019 there's only a \$90,000 dollar increase in the budget, when you add all the contracts together, if you include this contract, we have added to our budget roughly \$12 million dollars. So, in a budget that we have a deficit, we have added \$12 million dollars that we have to work out over the next two years. People may say, you know what, that's really not a lot of money. Out of a \$17 billion dollar

budget, it's nothing. Well, out of a \$17 billion dollar budget, \$50 million is not a lot of money, but what -- what could we do with that \$13 million dollars, that \$12 million dollars? What could we do?

So, I looked and said, what do we have as deficiencies in the Governor's budget where he had to make some calls and how we may wanna use that money differently? Our community -- our Connecticut Community Colleges have a \$9 million dollar hit. Well, \$12 million dollars would pay for that. Our mental health -- we just had some press conferences in this building about mental health. That was cut \$4 million dollars. Well, maybe we could use this money for mental health, Care 4 Kids. Every year we do something good for Care 4 Kids, which is a program I believe wholeheartedly in and fought hard on a bipartisan budget to make sure we do it, so that people can go to work and their kids can be taken care of. We wouldn't be able to continue our pledge of adding money for Care 4 Kids.

We're talking at a time that this contract before us adds a 3.5 percent COLA increase each and every year, but yet, in the Governor's budget, we are removing the cost-of-living increase for the blind. We're removing the cost-of-living increase for the disabled. We're removing the cost-of-living increase for TANF in lieu of a new contract that we could reject.

We talked about -- just the other day, we heard about the nursing homes, and they're gonna go on strike. If we did a 1 percent increase in our nursing home that would cost us under \$12 million dollars -- 11.8. Wouldn't it make more sense to put

money in those programs I just talked about? Wouldn't it make more sense, rather than adding to folks who are well paid in this building, plus the fringe benefit at 96 cents for every dollar that we pay for salaries -- 96 cents is fringe benefits -- wouldn't it make sense that we say what we said as a bipartisan group for the last two years? We can't afford what we can't afford. We didn't give these folks raises -- I admit to it -- not in the bipartisan budget, not in the partisan budgets because we couldn't afford it. Because we wanna fund TANF. We wanna fund mental health. We wanna give raises to those nursing homes.

Budgets are choices. And be clear, you are making a choice if you vote yes or no today. What is more important? Folks that are making 100 -- \$100,000 dollars, \$80,000 dollars pure salary, not the benefits, to give them a 7 percent increase plus 3.5 percent increase, or folks that are making \$25,000 or \$40,000 and saying we wanna help you. You need to help up in today's economy. You need to help up in social services. That's the choice.

Let me add to this. If you vote yes, you have taken on two obligations. First obligation by voting yes, you own this contract. Second obligation, in less than one month, in three weeks, a budget out of Approps and out of Finance has to come out of both committees, and many of you, on both sides of the aisle, sit on that Approps and Finance. You have an obligation when you hit a green button that you're saying not only do I think this right for maybe policy reasons, but I think it's right for money reasons. And when I vote yes, I know in Appropriations or in Finance, both committees are gonna come out with a balanced budget. Both

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committees are gonna come out and say we are gonna make this obligation that we're signing onto today by hitting a green button, and we are gonna balance a budget. Because if you vote yes, and you're unable to balance the budget, somebody is gonna get hurt. It's not gonna be these contracts 'cause they're done. You have sent a whole bunch of messages. I'm either gonna make the cuts to do it that I didn't do in committee -- it's you're obligation to do it in committee -- or I'm gonna raise taxes. Then you better do that in Finance, but don't come out of those committees with an unbalanced budget. Don't come out of those committees with an unbalanced budget if you're gonna make a promise when you hit that green button that I'm gonna pay for these contracts. Then you have an obligation to say how are you gonna pay for these contracts and balance the budgets. That is your obligation.

So, when you hit the green, you have to be willing to say I'm gonna make the hard decisions to make sure these budgets balance. We are denying people that we have made promises to every year. Every time we increase a cost, a fixed cost, we deduct our discretionary funding. How many of us have stood in front of IDD, the adult disabled families, and said we'll get you off the waiting list. We promise we're gonna move you off the waiting list. This is \$12 million dollars further from moving those people off that waiting list. That's what it's about. It's easy to say yes. It's tough to say no. But, when you say no for the right reasons, people get it. They understand -- 'cause there's people who need more help than others, and I mentioned who those people were. Madam President, I'll be voting no on this contract. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, thank you so much. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? With that, if the Clerk would please call this, and the machine will be open.

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Senate Resolution Number 8. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. [Crosstalk]

An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Senate Resolution Number 26. Senate Resolution Number 26, an Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? With that, we will close the vote. And Mr. Clerk, if you would announce the tally?

CLERK:

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Total number voting	36
Total number voting Yea	19
Total voting Nay	17
Absent and not voting	0

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[Gavel] Resolution passes. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Would the Senate stand at ease please. [Chamber at ease]

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I think we're gonna recess till 2:30, and the Clerk will announce the Republican Caucus as well.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

There will be an immediate Republican Caucus. There will be an immediate Republican Senate Caucus. An immediate Senate Republican Caucus. There will be an immediate Senate Republican Caucus.

THE CHAIR:

[Gavel] See you all at 2:30. Thank you.

On the motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 2:13 p.m. recessed.

The Senate reconvened at 2:28 p.m., the President in the Chair.

CLERK:

The Senate will convene immediately. The Senate will convene immediately. The Senate will reconvene immediately.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff, good afternoon.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Stand at ease for a moment, Madam President. [Chamber at ease]

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, for markings please.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, please proceed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar page 11, Calendar 96, Senate Bill 81 go. On Calendar page 14, Calendar 118, Senate Bill 594 go. On Calendar page 15, Calendar 121 Senate Bill 750 go. On Calendar page 16, Calendar 130, Senate Bill 922 go. On Calendar page 19, Calendar 149, Senate Bill 932

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go. On Calendar page 20, Calendar 152, Senate Bill 956 go. On Calendar page 20, Calendar 154, Senate Bill 26 go. On Calendar page 25, Calendar 181, Senate Bill 1024 go. On Calendar page 30, Calendar 209, Senate Bill 1039 go. On Calendar page 32, Calendar 224, Senate Bill 533 go. On Calendar page 34, Calendar 232, Senate Bill 265 go. On Calendar page 34, Calendar 235, Senate Bill 1041 go. On Calendar page 35, Calendar 240, Senate Bill 857 go. On Calendar page 35, Calendar 242, Senate Bill 965 go. On Calendar page 45, Calendar 300, Senate Bill 921 go. On Calendar page 19, Calendar 147, Senate Bill 812 go. On Calendar page 3, Calendar 41, Senate Bill 829 go. And if the Clerk can please call in that order please.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 11, Calendar No. 96, Senate Bill Number 81, AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS INELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC FUNDS AND LICENSURE. There is an amendment.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you, Madam President. It's good to see you this afternoon.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report on the passage of this bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Yes, Madam President. This act makes certain institutions of higher education and private occupational schools ineligible for public funds and licensure. There is a problem nationally, Madam President, of students who enroll in certain for-profit colleges and private occupational schools and in doing so are forced to sacrifice some of their due process rights. This bill would empower OHE to provide a strong consumer protection regulatory standard for those institutions. I would encourage my colleagues to support this bill, as there was bipartisan support, although not unanimous, in our committee.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Yes, Madam President. If I may just add, the Clerk is in possession of an amendment, LCO 7047. I would ask that the Clerk please call the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

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CLERK:

LCO No. 7047, Senate Schedule A.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

I move adoption of the amendment, Madam President, and ask that its reading be waived and seek leave of the Chamber to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Yes, Madam President. This bill -- this amendment clarifies language in the file copy. It specifically deletes certain sections in line 20-33. It's largely technical changes.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any more discussion? Will you remark further? Senator Hwang.

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I, as the Ranking Member in the Higher Education Committee, am aware of this bill and I wanted to make sure for legislative intent a couple questions to the

proponent of this bill. Through you, Miss -- Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

One of the biggest concerns of this bill was to ensure that certain for-profit schools actually require students to sign non-disclosure agreements. Is that one of the major proponents of this bill -- to address that concern? Through you, Madam President.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you, Madam President. To respond to the good senator from Fairfield, the bill specifically empowers OHE to deny licensure or public funding for institutions that do the following thing -- place the following requirements upon students on enrollment: Any institution that limits participation in a class action lawsuit against the organization, any institution that limits any claim students may have against the institution or the damages associated with the claim, or, and very importantly, Madam President, this bill empowers OHE to get involved if said institution requires students to bring claims against the institution in a forum that is less than convenient, more costly, or slower moving than in-state -- than an in-state judicial forum. With regard to the good senator's question, non-disclosure agreements are not covered, but we do want to make sure that there are strong opportunities for consumer protection available to

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students, whether that means legal resource in a class action lawsuit or the other scenarios outlined in the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Hwang.

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

Thank you, and through you, Madam President. On sections 5 and 8, it gave investigatory authority to the Office of Higher Education. Did that exist prior to this bill, or is this a new legislative action? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Through you, I thank the good senator from Fairfield for his question. The background here is that any degree-granting institution in Connecticut is actually accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education. Existing law requires OHE to accept regional accreditation unless it finds cause not to rely upon such accreditation. This bill would, in fact, give OHE cause to deny accreditation based on the previously outlined criteria.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Hwang.

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I wanna thank the good rep -- good senator from Westport for these answers, and I urge support of this bill, although it is important to get a further point of legislative intent in regards to protecting non-disclosure clauses. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much. So, why don't -- Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I rise in support of the bill and the amendment. I wanna thank the Chairman of the Higher Education Committee for putting this bill forward. This is legislation that I've worked on for a year now, and I think it is an important additional protection that we will providing to students at occupational licensing school and for-profit colleges in the state. And I wanna thank the Chairman of the Higher Education Committee for his leadership on this issue this year and urge all the colleagues to support it.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I just wanna thank the good senator from Middletown for all of his work on this legislation. I must confess that it came to the Higher Education Committee, and we decided to make it a priority through his leadership

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and his vision for protecting the students of Connecticut. So, I'm grateful for all of his work on this issue. Madam President, if there is no objection, I would ask that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Before we place it on the Consent Calendar, let me try your minds on the amendment. All in favor of the amendment, as described by Senator Haskell, please signify by saying aye. ["Aye" in background] Opposed?

Amendment is adopted. Now we can move it to the Consent Calendar, unless there is any opposition to that. Senator Fasano?

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Just to Senator Haskell, a quick question if I may. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Yes.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Senator, it's my understanding that the Higher Ed Department has the resources to conduct these investigations, and these investigations are done as part of their current protocol for other matters. Is that correct? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Through you to the good senator from North Haven in response to his question, we did not receive any testimony in opposition to this legislation, and in fact, OHE has indicated that there are not many instances in Connecticut, if any at all, of students being denied certain crucial due process rights when they sign up for enrollment. I would categorize this bill as more preventative in nature, but certainly OHE has indicated that they have the resources to support this bill should this become a more widespread problem in Connecticut. Thank you. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Haskell. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator Haskell, for the response. Madam President, I did have an amendment, which was going to change this to the Consumer Protection Department. The reason why I was doing that was I was unsure that there were the proper facilities in which to conduct investigations and in which to do the requirements that this bill asks for. I have come to find out that my amendment is not in good order because there are the sufficient resources at Higher Ed to do this. So, Madam President, where I had some reservations, I am more likely than not voting in

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favor of this bill, and I thank you, Madam President, and thank the senator for his answer.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you very much to my Senate colleagues. If there are no further comments, Madam President, and if there is no objection, I would ask that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Any objections? Seeing none. It'll go on the Consent Calendar. Thank you. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 14, Calendar No. 118, substitute for Senate Bill Number 594, AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR THE SALE OR LEASE OF CATS AND DOGS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark?

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Yes, Madam President. Thank you. This bill prevents the deceptive practice of leasing cats and dogs. It will void any contract entered into on or after October 1 of 2019 that is a lease with an option to buy or transfers ownership provided payments are made. It was unanimously voted out of committee.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Cohen. Will you remark?

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Hwang.

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

Thank you. I rise to support this legislation as well. We had public hearing, didn't hear any testimony to the contrary on this bill. I think the committee was made aware that there are certain circumstances where maybe people that have service dogs or working dogs may in fact have contracts. This language permits that to continue as long as you have willing participants, but I would urge adoption and -- that's it.

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Thank you. Senator Miner. Senator Sampson.
SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'm gonna be voting no on the -- the bill before us, and it's certainly not because I'm not sympathetic to the concerns of those that wanna make sure that animals -- pets, cats, and dogs -- are treated properly in our society. It's just understood in our laws that animals, including pet cats and dogs, are property, and this bill speaks to a private contract among citizens. And I don't believe it is the duty or jurisdiction of this body to interfere with the rights of private citizens who wanna engage in some sort of payment release arrangement for private property, even if that is a pet.

I hope no one finds that offensive. I just think that it's overstepping the bounds where there might be certain situations where it's beneficial to both parties and to the animal involved to allow that transaction to take place, and I don't see any reason for us to interfere and pass a law prohibiting it. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Sampson. Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I just rise very briefly to support the legislation. It's a bill that Senator Fasano originally brought to the attention of the legislature -- I think it was two

years ago -- and then many of us got behind the idea when we understood that you could actually lease a pet. And, as a pet owner myself, I could never imagine leasing a pet, and then after six or nine months, or whatever it is, having to give it back in addition to what are a tremendous amount of costs that consumers have to abide by because of the fact that they may actually think that they own the pet rather than leasing the pet. And I could never imagine giving my -- my pet away. That would just seem awful. So, I wanna thank Senator Fasano and Senator Looney, who's been instrumental in this. I know the Animal Welfare Caucus as a body -- as a caucus has supported this bill as well. So, there's been a tremendous amount of support in the building on this issue, and Connecticut always has been a leader in animal welfare, and I think this is just another step. So, thanks to everybody who's been so involved in this. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, this body last year approved this bill as it came through, and I think with the amendments -- what the Ranking Member and the Chair have done -- have made the bill better, taking into account unique circumstances. So, I look forward to its passage, and equally I wanna echo the words of Senator Duff to the many people who have worked on this bill, and I'm glad to see it's gonna make its way out early and hopefully get through the house. Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if there's no objection, I'd ask for a roll call on this vote at this time.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. We will open the machines.

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. [Crosstalk/Ringing]

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted?

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? Seeing that they have, we'll close the vote. And Mr. Clerk, would you call the roll please?

CLERK:

Senate Bill 594

Total number voting	36
Total number voting Yea	34
Total voting Nay	2
Absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

Resolution passes. And now I would like to call upon Senator Berthel for a point of personal privilege and introduction.

SENATOR BERTHEL (32ND):

Thank you, Madam President. I appreciate the indulgence. Today is actually 4H-H Citizenship Day here at the Capitol. If the members have not gone downstairs to the Nathan Hale statue, they should. There's ice cream from the University of Connecticut there. But, Madam President, we are joined in the Chamber today by Madeline -- excuse me -- Margaret Hall, who is the mother of 15-year-old Olivia Hall and 13-year-old Madeline Hall, who are all from the great town of Woodbury. They are all involved with 4-H, and again it is 4-H Citizenship Day, which is -- in large part, the intent of today is to bring honor and respect back to our communities. So, if the Chamber would join me in welcoming these fine ladies to the circle today and extend our normal

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greeting, that would be appreciated. Thank you.
[Applause]

THE CHAIR:

Senator, thank you so much, and young ladies,
congratulations. Thanks for visiting us today.

Mr. Clerk, would you please return to the call of
the Calendar?

CLERK:

Page 15, Calendar 121, Senate Bill Number 750, AN
ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF
MENTAL ILLNESS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I move
acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report
and passage of this bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Yes, thank you very much, Madam President. First of
all, I want to thank my colleagues in the Higher
Education and Employment Advancement Committee on
both sides of the aisle for their work in support of

this bill -- this very important bill -- to address what I believe to be an epidemic. As somebody who was recently on a college campus, I think that we, as public policy makers, too often overlook the mental health crisis that exists among young people.

We know that 75 percent of chronic mental illness develops by the age of 24, but we also know that one of every -- *only* one out of every five college students with a mental health or substance abuse problem seek help in a given year. We have to dramatically increase the number of students who seek the help that they so desperately need, whether it be from stress, anxiety, depression, or a variety of other mental illnesses that plague students on college campuses. So, this bill is not a silver bullet, but I do believe it's a step in the right direction towards a more comprehensive approach, and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator Hwang.

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of this bill as well. It is a task force that is going to evaluate the critical importance in understanding mental health supportive services that exists in our academic institutions. As the good senator mentioned earlier, I am a parent of someone in college, and I understand the immense pressure that our young students experience going through the rigors of academic pursuits. That being said, I think this task force is critical with its specific goals that are outlined in this bill that we need to

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accomplish. And I hoped and urged that this body as well as the General Assembly convened this task force because unfortunately sometimes in this building task forces are passed through legislation and are never convened. I hope in the case of this, because of the mental health -- health of our students in colleges, that this is convened and that we have solutions to help our students in academic centers. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Hwang. Will you remark further?
Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If I may, just a question or two to the proponent of the bill?

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you. Through you, Madam President. As I look to see the makeup of the task force, I have noticed that there's only two appointments that require a representative that has dealings with a mental health care provider. And I'm just curious, through you, Madam President, is it the goal of this committee through this bill to offer a more substantive representation of folks in that community rather than just a political appointment? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Witkos. Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President, and through you to respond to my good colleague's comments. The bill, I think, has an interesting and important composition in terms of the task force, as is outlined in -- starting in lines 28. Of course, the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives will have an appointment. It was important to those of us who worked on the committee to make sure that this bill is bipartisan but also, to some extent, nonpartisan, to respond to the good senator's comments. That's why we have the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services or the Commissioner's Designee serving on the committee in addition to the Board of Regents of Higher Education. And I will say that the Board of Regents has been actively involved in supporting this legislation. They are already working incredibly hard to connect their students to the resources they so desperately need.

But, while it's a slightly separate issue, I do believe that academic advising and mental health treatment are intimately connected, as students often can't exactly determine the difference if they're suffering from anxiety or stress on college campus. And on the Board of Regents, the ratio of students to academic advisors is now up to 900 to 1. So, we have to be doing more and involving the Board of Regents as well as those who are working in the field towards finding a solution. And I hope that the leaders -- the legislative leaders in this

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Chamber as well as those in the House will consider carefully the qualifications of those who are appointed to this task force. Through you, Madam President. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Haskell. Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I thank Senator Haskell for those -- that answer, and I think the reason why I -- I posed that question was because of the importance of the work that this task force will be doing to address some of the concerns of the ratio of students to counselors on a campus, which is untenable. I do -- the time that some could have, you know, the ability to seek services when you have that kind of ratio is deplorable to me. And we've seen unfortunately in the news, and we hear about it from our own constituents, the negative things that happen on college campuses, and I think it's up to this body to strive to put something like this together. And I think that the Ranking Member addressed some of my concerns that we've often developed task forces here in the state and nothing becomes of them, and I don't want the same fate to happen to this task force. So I urge adoption of the bill, Madam President, and I urge all of those who have an appointment to this committee to fulfill their duties as timely as possible and allow this task force to get to work and report back to this General Assembly. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Witkos. Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Through you, to briefly respond to those remarks, I certainly am sure the good senator knows how this building works far better than I do, but it is certainly my intent, and I believe the intent of everybody else who worked on this legislation, to make sure that the task force does get to work immediately. In fact, you'll note in section G, Madam President, that not later than January 1, 2020, we've asked the task force to submit a report on its findings and recommendations. This issue is present. In fact, it's been overlooked, I think, for years, and I have the enormous honor and privilege of serving as the youngest member of this General Assembly. I think that today we're starting to turn a new page and starting to finally address the very serious mental health problems that too many young people in Connecticut face. It's long overdue that we take this issue on, and I wish the task force not only the best of luck, but I beg for their expediency in addressing this issue.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Haskell. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Madam President, if there's no objection, I would ask that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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Seeing no objection. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 16, Calendar 130, Senate Bill Number 922, AN ACT ALLOWING STUDENTS TO APPLY SUNSCREEN PRIOR TO ENGAGING IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. There are amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Representative Daugherty Abrams.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Thank you. This bill allows students age eight or older to possess and self-apply over-the-counter sunscreen in school before outdoor activities if a parent or guardian gave written authorization to the school nurse. This bill passed unanimously out of the Public Health Committee in recognition of the serious health consequences of unprotected sun exposure for our children.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Madam President, the Clerk is in possession of amendment LCO 6829. I would ask that the Clerk please call the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

[Gavel] Mr. Clerk

CLERK:

LCO No. 6829, Senate Schedule A.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Abrams, yes, sorry about that.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

That's okay. I move adoption of this amendment. It asks that we strike eight and insert six to move the age down to age six for students to be able to apply the sunscreen.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

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I would like to --

THE CHAIR:

Further?

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

-- adoption of this amendment, yes.

THE CHAIR:

Okay. Will you remark further on the amendment?
Okay, and so we will try your minds on the adoption
of the amendment as described. All in favor, please
signify by saying aye. ["Aye" in background]
Opposed? The amendment is adopted. Will you remark
further?

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no
objections, I would ask that this bill be placed on
the Consent Calendar. [Crosstalk]

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Great to see
you this afternoon. Certainly not to object to this
eventually getting to the Consent Calendar, but I
wanted to thank Chairman Daugherty Abrams for moving
this bill forward as well as Ranking Member Heather
Somers and all the members on the Public Health
Committee. This is a bill proposal that came to my

attention in the last few years from one of my constituents. Her name is Lori Gates. Lori Gates is well known in Enfield and north central Connecticut for all the hard work she does for Enfield Hooah, which is a veterans advocacy group, but of a more personal nature to Ms. Gates, who is beloved by all the people in Enfield and north central Connecticut, is unfortunately her husband died an untimely death due to skin cancer. And she's got small children, and they have pale skin, and this is one of the things that has always caused her a great concern when her children would go off to school and they would have outdoor activities. And so, there's a personal motivation behind the call for this bill.

I was happy to learn that folks came on board from industry representatives and folks in public health, but I really wanna thank the leadership again -- Madam Chair and the Ranking Member of the Public Health Committee. This is a very important bill, not only for my constituent but for all the young people out there that are out doing outdoor activities. And again, thank you so very much for moving this bill forward. Happy to support it, and again, hope all my colleagues do as well. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Senator Daugherty Abrams.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Thank you. Through you, Madam President, I'd like to thank my Senate colleague for sharing that

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personal story. I wasn't aware of that, and I really appreciate you bringing that out. And I would ask then that -- if there's no further objections, that we place the bill on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 19, Calendar No. 149, substitute for Senate Bill Number 932, AN ACT CONCERNING THE STAFF QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS. [Crosstalk]

THE CHAIR:

Senator McCrory.

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I have -- I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Yes, Madam President. This bill delays the timeframe in which certain early childhood education programs must meet staff qualification requirements.

The bill has no fiscal impact, as it does not impact state payments for such programs. I move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator McCrory. Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Not at this time.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Thank you. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Are we moving this to the Consent Calendar?

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Oh, oh, I'm sorry. [Laughing] I'm sorry. Seeing no objections, I would like to move this to the Consent Calendar, Madam President. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Seeing no objection, we will move that item to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Clerk.

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Page 20, Calendar No. 152, substitute for Senate Bill Number 956, AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, we're gonna PT this item for hopefully a little bit later on today.

THE CHAIR:

Okay. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 20, Calendar No. 154, Senate Bill Number 26, AN ACT MAKING PERMANENT THE MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF PROGRAMS AT INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of this bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Yes, Madam President. First off, I wanna thank the good senators both from New Haven and North Haven for their bipartisan work on behalf of the students and the business community in Connecticut. Madam President, as I've often said in my work on the Higher Education Committee, I do believe that our institutions of higher education are our greatest resource in Connecticut. We, in this state of -- in this wonderful state of Connecticut, offer 23,000 students every single year their bachelor's degree. However, we need to do a better job of making sure that our private institutions are able to rapidly adapt and reflect the needs of the business community.

We know, based on the State of Connecticut Plan -- Strategic Plan on Higher Education, that 70 percent of jobs in Connecticut will require a degree beyond a high school diploma by the year 2025. We wanna make sure that those students who are investing in their own education to go to one of these wonderful private institutions really are absolutely prepared to meet the needs of the business community as soon as they graduate. That's why we are looking to eliminate the program approval process, making permanent the current moratorium and creating greater parity between what exists for public institutions and private institutions.

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Thank you, Senator Haskell. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Hwang.

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

Thank you, Madam President. It's been a busy day for higher education. I rise in very strong support of this bill, and it's important for us to acknowledge the leaders in this arena, which is Senator Fasano and Senator Looney in leading this. But I also want to acknowledge the presidents of our private universities that took time from their busy day and shared the values that they hold to the highest, highest level of academic excellence and recognizing that this program review process and elimination of the oversight is consistent with providing the highest and best quality of education. When going through the accreditation process, they were meticulous in sharing with us the rigor and challenges they have to meet those standards. So, passage of this bill, rest assure, will meet the highest academic standards for every single student that attend those private universities.

The second part of this is critical as it relates to jobs. Our private universities along with our public schools provide curriculum and education and talented pools of people to work in this arena, but the marketplace is changing dramatically, and what we're looking at this bill is to be able to provide innovative, time-sensitive, market-reaction type of curriculum. This bill allows to do that -- to create the most demanded and the most innovative curriculums that meet the needs of the marketplace.

And ultimately, number three, it is about helping institutions that are the largest employers in some

of our communities. They are the best neighbors in our community. It is a win-win in a proposition that helps everyone in this state. So, I urge strong passage of the support. I wanna thank the committee leadership for the support of Senate Bill 26. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Hwang. Will you remark further? Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I wanna thank the leadership of the Higher Ed Committee for putting this bill out. I wanna thank my good friend, Senator Looney, and the work on this bill. This is something that I think makes a lot of sense for the reasons that have been articulated by Senator Hwang and Senator Haskell. Competition is what's gonna drive the private institutions. We don't need to have state involved. They are gonna put out the best curriculum. What you heard was testimony during that hearing of how long it takes to change a curriculum, what the processes are, and that goes through with all the private institutions we have across this great state. So, Senator Haskell has been very busy today with a bunch of his bills, and I thank him and Senator Hwang for getting this bill out and look forward to its passage. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Will you remark further? Senator Haskell.

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SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. And, Madam President, I would ask for a roll call vote on this bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Mr. Clerk, would you please call the roll, and the machine will be opened?

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? The machines will be closed, and the Clerk would please call the roll.

CLERK:

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Total number voting	36
Total number voting Yea	35
Total voting Nay	1
Absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk. [Gavel] Resolution passes. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 25, Calendar No. 181, substitute for Senate Bill Number 1024, AN ACT CONCERNING A MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM IN REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICTS.

THE CHAIR:
Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill, Madam.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark, Senator?

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Yes, indeed. Thank you, Madam. The bill before us is essentially a way to continue to support our tourism district in the state of Connecticut. Presently, we have three regional tourism districts, and their task is to promote and market as travel destinations the state of Connecticut.

Actually, in 2015, Madam President, the tourism industry in the state of Connecticut supported about 122,000 jobs in this state. That is 1 out of every 19 jobs rooted in tourism. And in 2015, we brought in 200 -- 900, excuse me, \$910 million dollars, which was generated in state and local taxes. The underlining bill will allow for us to leverage

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additional tourism money by allowing the districts to administer a matching --

THE CHAIR:

Senator? Senator, thank you so much, but it is getting very loud in the Chamber, and I would just ask for a little bit of quiet so that we can hear your good remarks, Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Thank you so much, Madam President. So, essentially, the underlining bill will allow the districts, if they so choose, to establish a matching grant program, once again to leverage private funds and to further promote a very robust industry. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Senator Henri Martin. Senator Martin, please.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of this bill. I think -- I believe most of us have some type of nonprofit tourism in our communities or perhaps it's a performing arts organization. I, personally, in my districts -- district, I have the Clock Museum in Bristol. I have the Carousel Museum along with the Lock Museum in Terryville, Thomaston Opera House in addition to the Railroad Museum of New England. So, these funds, the way that they're being planned to be distributed as a matching grant, would be huge to each of these organizations should

they apply and raise the money for them. So, I rise in support of this. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Martin. Will you remark further? Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If I may, just a question or two to the proponent of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you. Through you, Madam President. When the grant is matching, is there any type of a competitive grant process, or it's once the dollars are raised then they are automatically matched? And who is the matching entity? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Witkos. Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Thank you and through you, Madam President. So, the dollars that are garnered to each of the three districts in the tourism area can, if they so choose, establish this mechanism to provide a match. It so happens that, as you know so well in following

the history of the budget -- that there was a time when we were not providing any money into the tourism districts, and it was through the ingenuity of one of the districts that they went out and actually talked to all of those entities -- those designations in their district -- and asked them if they would be interested in trying to participate in promoting their -- their destination as well as the district. They had a great response, and so as a result of that, they came to us and said this is a model that worked for us, and we were able to raise significant amount of dollars to promote -- to continue to promote our district, and so we wanted to share our experience and offer it as a model that maybe the rest of the state could use. And so, that was the genesis of this proposal, and it simply allows them, if they so choose, by virtue of a district to use some of their tourism money to create a matching grant program to once again leverage private funds so that they have even greater ability to promote their destination and their district. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Hartley. Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And through you, as we are embarking on the closure or the completion of our budget for the biennial, has the dollars amount in the tourism's account -- have they increased, are they remaining the same, or have they decreased, if the good senator's aware? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Witkos. Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and through you to the senator. We have flat funded -- I think the word that was used in the budget presentation was "at historical levels." I -- that translates into as it had been in the past. Thank you. Through you.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

I thank the senator for those answers. I wanted -- I was concerned that we may be providing a false hope by passing legislation today that would -- would allow -- I'm glad I was misunderstood -- that the tourism folks could come in, once they matched -- raised that dollars, the state would match that, but it's actually those individual tourism things that would match it within their constituent areas. And I think what a great -- since if they've already tested it, it works. And I know that we're all aware of, and we've heard many times, especially since I actually stopped in for the first time at the Tourism Caucus last week and they changed their name to include the arts -- and it was very well received by the audience members there -- but for every dollar that we invest in tourism, \$4 dollars goes back to the state. So, anything we can do to help tourism help themselves and showcase what Connecticut's all about, I certainly support. So, thank you, Madam President. I thank Senator Hartley for those answers.

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Thank you, Senator Witkos. Will you remark further?
Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

With apologies to Senator Witkos, I'd just like to
make a comment on this bill please. Thank you,
Madam --

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. The history of the
tourism districts goes back a long way, and we have
good money into the districts now for three -- for
three such opportunities. The new contracts that
they'll be willing to -- they'll have to sign in
order to receive the state allocation, limits the
amount of administrative costs for them to spend out
of that -- out of their budgets. And so, this is a
good opportunity to spread the money around
throughout the communities to actually maximize the
multiplier. So, I'm in full support of this, and I
urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Formica. Will you remark
further? Will you remark further? Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and if there is no objection, I would ask that this be put onto the Consent Calendar, Madam.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 30, Calendar No. 209, Senate Bill Number 1039,
AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF STATEMENTS
OF FINANCIAL INTEREST.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President,
I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable
report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the bill before us makes a small change to the statute concerning our -- the statements of financial interest that certain public officials and elected officials have to file. The bill before us would make it clearer that the names of dependent children who are listed on a statement of financial interests could be maintained confidentially. Those names would no longer need to be disclosed if this bill were to move forward. Thank you, Madam President, and I hope that my colleagues will support this bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Flexer. Will you remark further? Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, Madam President. This bill's a very simple bill, as was just stated by the Chairman. It increases the protection and safety of dependent children. It has bipartisan support. It passed out of the committee unanimously, and I encourage my colleagues to vote in favor. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Sampson. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I move that we place this bill on our

Consent Calendar. Seeing none. So ordered. Mr.
Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 32, Calendar No. 224, substitute for Senate
Bill Number 533, AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DIAPER
CHANGING STATIONS IN PUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL
BUILDINGS. There are amendments.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Thank you, Madam President. I move the acceptance
of the Joint Committee's favorable report and
passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Yes, Madam President. I also ask the Clerk to read
LCO No. 7126. Would the Clerk please read the
amendment?

THE CHAIR:

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CLERK:

LCO No. 7126, Senate Schedule A.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Madam President, this bill proposes to place a changing station in both what now exists obviously in female restrooms but also in male restrooms. As we know, we live in a world where there's a lot of single fathers who need the ability to change their children. And also, we've moved and progressed as a society where we, as men, also have a responsibility to change the diapers of our children, and I'm sure my female colleagues here appreciate that very much -- the equity that exists in that. So, I think that it obviously highlights where we are as a nation, where we are as a state. I ask that -- that this be accepted, and I encourage my colleagues to enable 'em to do that.

The amendment that was proposed was proposed by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, where they suggested that this be exclusively for new construction, and I think that, as a caucus, we think that that's a mighty fine suggestion and we consent to that amendment. So, what we'll move from this point forward is that for new construction, you will see male changing -- you will see in male restrooms, changing stations or there will be unisex bathrooms that will have changing stations in them as well.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator, and the question is on adoption of the amendment. Will anyone remark further on the amendment? If there's no further remarks on the amendment, let me try your minds. All in favor of the amendment, please signify by saying aye. ["Aye" in background] Opposed? [Background talking] So then, we would order a roll call vote on the amendment. No, sorry -- okay, the amendment is adopted. And, Senator Bradley?

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

If I could call a matter, Mr. Clerk, to please read another amendment. I believe it is amendment file number, oh, LCO No. 7083.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk. [Ringing]

CLERK:

LCO No. 7083, Senate Schedule B.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Thank you, Madam President. So, this particular amendment just gives a timeline as to when this will take effect. We're looking at a timeline of January 1, 2020, as -- for new constructions moving to that day forward will have that timeline to make sure

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that those changing stations are located in the unisex or male restrooms.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the amendment?

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

No, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the amendment? If not, the question is on adoption of that amendment. All in favor of adoption of the amendment, please signify by saying aye. ["Aye" in background] Opposed? Amendment is adopted. Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

So, moving to the heart of the -- of the bill you're -- Madam President -- I think I've elaborated plenty as to what it entails to do, what it proposes to do, and I'd ask my colleagues to please vote for it. And if there is no objection, I ask for it to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no -- ah, Senator Somers.

SENATOR SOMERS (18TH):

(I'm not sure why this -- okay, there we go.) Thank you, Madam President. I just have a question for

the proponent of the bill. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, Senator Bradley, prepare yourself. Senator Somers.

SENATOR SOMERS (18TH):

Yes, thank you. In reading the bill, I believe the language -- I don't have it in front of me -- read to the safety and -- to provide a safe, sanitary place to change your child. And I would like to know what standard or what method are you going to use to provide that this particular surface is sanitary and safe? What are -- what is the requirements to provide that?

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

I think that it's gonna be the same level of sanitary safety that we currently have in place. And I don't want to kind of expound upon what those sanitary levels are because I would be lying to my fellow colleague, but I think that those -- those stations already exist in female restrooms, so the same standards that are currently in place are gonna obviously be also transposed to now the unisex and male restrooms.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Somers.

SENATOR SOMERS (18TH):

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Yes, through you, Madam President. Thank you for that answer. My concern is that if we're putting that in the language of the bill, I am not aware of what those sanitary requirements are currently. And, therefore, if we're putting that in the language of the bill, does that leave the establishment owner subject to lawsuits should that surface not be sanitary -- 'cause I cannot imagine it being sanitary. It would be a huge bioload. So, that's my concern that that's actually written in the bill. Through you, if you could answer that. Thank you.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Sure.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Thank you, Madam President. So, again, I think that there are building codes that give us -- or health codes that give us what those sanitary levels are, and I think that we're not looking to change that. We're just simply saying that whatever is in place now in female changing stations -- diaper stations -- is gonna also be the same standards that are gonna be placed in the unisex and male restrooms as well. So, it's -- it's really uniformity there.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Somers.

SENATOR SOMERS (18TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I will just leave with this, which is -- I am not aware of what the sanitary codes are. I don't know whether the current baby changing stations right now have to adhere to certain criteria to be considered sanitary or safe. I don't know if they're inspected by the Department of Public Health, if they swab the surface. And when we put that language into the bill, I think it leaves an open liability for the establishment if they're not providing a sanitary space the way it's written for someone to change their infant, I think that leaves them open to liability. In an age where we're now seeing something like a measles outbreak, I think it's very, very important that we're clear in the language, and therefore I cannot support this bill. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Somers, thank you. Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

I just -- I just would like to state that -- and I could move it from the Consent agenda and place it as a roll call vote if it pleases Madam President and my colleague -- but I'd just like to simply state for any other concerns with my fellow colleagues is that obviously when it comes to sanitary levels or criteria, I think that we have that in place. I think it would be simply the law of negligence and looking at what a reasonable standard would be when you -- where you were to change somebody. If a facility were to have, you

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know, fecal matter or what have you at this place or something that made it unsafe for the consumer, obviously they open themselves to liability. They open themselves up to lawsuits. So, I think the law clearly defines what reasonable standards would be and what a negligent action could be. So, I don't think that this law proposes to change -- to change what has kind of been common law and what's kind of clearly been established as law in the state of Connecticut. So, if any other senators have that, I have no -- I have no problem addressing it further. But seeing obviously there's an objection, then I'd ask Madam President if we could have a roll call vote?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further ["No" in background] prior to the roll call vote? Senator Haskell and then Senator Hwang.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And first and foremost, I wanna thank my colleague from Bridgeport for his leadership on this bill. I also wanna thank the good representative from Mansfield for his many years of work in passing this legislation. I believe it's an absolute necessity, not just for heterosexual couples, as we know the studies indicate and thanks to social justice initiatives moving forward, parenting is becoming more equal and equitable in the 21st century, but it's also a dire necessity for same-sex couples -- for children who have two dads. And Madam President, if I may briefly share that I have a niece, who's almost a year old. Her name is Mimi Haskell, and she is --

she has two fathers, my brother and his husband Dave. When they are out in public, it is very difficult to find a changing station, and it is absolutely a matter of public safety and public concern because too often they have to resort to a floor or a counter by the -- in a sink of a public restroom. It isn't fair to the child, and it also isn't fair to other customers in a particular public building who might be using that -- that restroom.

So, I believe it's absolutely crucial for couples, both heterosexual and same-sex couples in making sure the parenting of the 21st century is fair and equitable. Thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Haskell. Senator Hwang.

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

Thank you again, Madam President. As the Ranking Member in Public Safety, I wanna acknowledge the leadership of the Public Safety Committee in the collaboration and the working relationship we have on that. It truly is an effective way in how we do things. And when this bill was initially raised, my concern was it is an important bill for anyone who has gone through the parenting process and understanding the challenges that you have going out to public places to be able to be ensuring the safety and health of your child. There's nothing more important. But then rest against that, my initial impression was what is the fiscal note on this mandate in our community. And I wanna compliment Senator Winfield for being such an advocate in the Public Safety Committee in

articulating some of the nuances of the bill and sharing that there were some considerations to building owners. And this amendment that was just approved on a bipartisan basis reflects again the committee's working relationship in recognizing that this will have no additional fiscal note in our businesses that we will impose this mandate on.

It is a positive direction to ensure that when we, as parents, bring our small children in environments -- can we absolutely guarantee the safety -- no -- but can we ensure a setting and a proper arrangement to ensure that we are at least making an effort. And through this bill, without additional cost burden because it will be on new buildings, it is a step forward to say this is the right thing to do without adding additional costs to our businesses and our landlords. So, this is a direction that I applaud, and I will support moving forward. But this is a way that I wanna thank the leadership of the Public Safety Committee and the membership that articulated that there are solutions that can be reached in this Chamber, and it is good for moving forward. So, thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Bradley -- ah, Senator Cassano, will you remark?

SENATOR CASSANO (4TH):

Brief comment. I live over in Manchester. It's the other side of the river. Most people don't cross that unless they're going to Boston, but in a -- I was pullin' into my grocery store a couple of days ago and went into the men's room, and there was a

changer there, and there was a date on it that it was inspected by the town. So, it is something that we all should be doing. It was in the men's room, so would have access, and I was pleased to see that. I would not have seen it. I would not have been aware of it had it not been raised in Public Safety. It's a good bill, needs to pass.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Cassano. Will you remark further? Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Madam President, if there is no other further objection, I ask for a roll call vote please.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. [Crosstalk]

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? With that, Mr. Clerk, could you please announce the tally?

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Total number voting	36
Total number voting Yea	34
Total voting Nay	2
Absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

Measure passes. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 34, Calendar No. 232, Senate Bill Number 265,
AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF MODERATORS AND
ALTERNATE MODERATORS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Madam President, I move for acceptance of the Joint
Committee's favorable report and passage of the
bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Yes, Madam President. Madam President, the bill
before us changes the length of time that a
moderator or alternate moderators in our election
their certification lasts. The current law is two

years. The bill before us would change that certification to lasting for a four-year period of time. I encourage my colleagues to support this bill. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Flexer. Will you remark further?
Senator Sampson. Senator Sampson?

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Sorry, the microphone's in and out, I guess. This is a good bill before us. It simply, as was stated by the Chair -- Chairman of the committee -- it extends the certification of a moderator from two to four years. It's a good bill because it's gonna save our municipalities some amount of money and make sure that there is adequate coverage for election day when it occurs. I encourage my colleagues to support it. And thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Sampson. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if there's no objection, I move that we place this bill on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

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CLERK:

Page 34, Calendar No. 235, substitute for Senate Bill Number 1041, AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Madam President, I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Yes, Madam President. Madam President, the bill before us comes from our auditors of public accounts. It makes several changes to our statutes to improve the ability of the auditors to do their work with auditing public money and public accounts. It limits the conditions under which waivers can be used for competitive bidding. It strengthens the ability of the auditors to look at certain records of state agencies. It requires that certain private contractors that are conducting state business provide records and any information related to those contracts to the auditors. It makes a few technical changes and makes it clear that this applies to any contracts that are entered into after October 1 of

2019. We appreciate the good work of our auditors, their bipartisan efforts to make sure that state monies are being used efficiently and appropriately, and I hope that my colleagues will support this bill. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Flexer. Will you remark further? Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, Madam President. This is a good bill before us. This provides some additional tools to the state auditors of accounts. They use that ability to help save the state taxpayer money, and I encourage adoption of the bill before us. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the bill? Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Madam President, if there's no objection, I move that we place this bill on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

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Page 35, Calendar No. 240, substitute for Senate Bill Number 857, AN ACT CONCERNING EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS SUBMITTED BY CONTRACTORS TO THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, good afternoon, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. This is a bill that comes to us through the Judiciary Committee. It was a unanimous vote. What the bill does, it mandates that the approval of the plans that are -- that come to the CHRO from contractors be approved within 120 days or conditionally approved or disapproved. If that does not happen, then it will be deemed to either be approved or to -- approved right out or approved -- or deficient without consequence. Within 15 days, contractors will be provided with a written notification of what is to happen with the plan after that point. This is part of a conversation that's been going on for a long time to expedite the process that we have of contracts in the state of Connecticut, and I would

ask all of my colleagues to join me in voting favorably for it.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you again, Madam President. If there's no objection, I'd ask that this be moved to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 35, Calendar No. 242, Senate Bill Number 965, AN ACT CONFIRMING AND ADOPTING VOLUMES 1 TO 13 INCLUSIVE OF THE GENERAL STATUTES REVISED TO JANUARY 1, 2019.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you again, Madam President. This bill literally does what the title suggests. It confirms and adopts the statutes suggested in the title. It's a good bill. It came to us unanimously, and I

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would ask that all of my colleagues join me in voting affirmatively.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark? Will you remark? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask that this also be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 45, Calendar No. 300, substitute for the Senate Bill Number 921, AN ACT CONCERNING THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Abrams.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further?

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Yes, this bill gives advanced practice registered nurses, or APRNs, it adds them to various statutes that currently only reference physician or other healthcare providers. It gives APRNs the specific authority to perform certain actions that under current law are generally reserved for physicians, such as entering into collaborative drug therapy management agreements with pharmacists, and other topics such as matters related to insurance, workmen compensation, and behavioral health. And the behavioral health area APRNs, that relates to APRNs who are certified in psychiatric -- as psychiatric mental health providers. The bill also makes some technical and conforming changes. It was unanimously approved by the public health committee and -- thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Abrams. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I just have a quick question for the proponent of the bill, through you, if I could?

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed. Senator Abrams.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

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I just wanted to clarify for the record. It was stated that this bill adds APRNs to a number of state statutes. I just wanna confirm that those are conforming changes, and that there's no additional scope of practice that's being provided or given to APRNs. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Sampson. Senator Abrams.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

It is my understanding, through you, Madam President, that this -- that any of these changes are within the scope and practice of the APRNs.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Abrams. Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and thank -- thank you for the kind lady for that -- that answer. With that said, I will support the bill. I just wanted to make sure that it was more technical in nature and it's not making any substantive policy change. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark further? Senator Abrams.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Madam President, if there's no further objections or questions, I would ask that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 19, Calendar No. 147, substitute for Senate Bill Number 812, AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD STATUTES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McCrory.

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Thank you, Madam President, once again. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark?

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Absolutely. Madam President, this bill makes technical and conforming changes to the education and early education statutes, including replacing the obsolete reference to the Connecticut Law

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Journal with the E-regulation systems regarding the place where the Early Childhood Commission must post notice of intent to adopt regulation. Also, Madam President, this bill also makes conforming changes to the statute about executive branch agencies and the agency's heads related to the outdated doors and the Office of Health Strategy and the now obsolete Department of Aging. Madam President, I ask my colleagues to support this measure.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator McCrory. Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark further? Senator McCrory.

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Thank you, Madam President, once again. Madam President, since this bill came out of committee with complete support from everyone, I asked that it be placed on the Consent Calendar. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Seeing none. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 3, Calendar No. 41, Senate Bill Number 829, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW VOLUNTARY NEEDS OF THE STATE OMBUDSMAN NURSING HOME PROGRAM.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Maroney.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Yes, Madam President. This bill will create a task force to study the volunteer needs of the long -- long-term care ombudsman's program. We have volunteer patient advocates who serve in the nursing homes. In 2003, there were 156 volunteers. We are down to currently only 12 volunteers serving, and so we wanna study ways of increasing those number of volunteers. There are an estimated 26,000 patients in the nursing home; 21,300 of them are estimated to not receive any visits, and these volunteers would serve the needs of visiting them and making sure they're being served.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. I also rise in support of this bill. As Senator Maroney indicated, we have an increasing aging population. There are greater needs in that population, and therefore we need

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greater protection. In this current fiscal situation, wherever we can find assistance to meet those needs we should be looking, and this bill actually goes toward that to see if there are any volunteer initiatives to fulfill that role. So, I support the bill and would urge its adoption. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kelly. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Maroney.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Madam President, if there is no objection, I would ask that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 20, Calendar No. 152, substitute for Senate Bill Number 956, AN ACT CONCERNING --

THE CHAIR:

The Chamber will stand at ease. [Chamber at ease]

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I'd like to go back to a bill that we'd previously marked PT.

THE CHAIR:

Yes.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

That would be Calendar page 20, Calendar 152, Senate Bill 956. If we can mark that item go and be the next item of business please?

THE CHAIR:

Yes.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Is the Clerk in possession of the amendment?

CLERK:

The Clerk is in possession of that amendment.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 20, Calendar No. 152, substitute for Senate Bill Number 956, AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR A

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COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM. There's one amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McCrory.

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Thank you, Madam Clerk. Madam Clerk, we have an amendment for this bill. The Clerk has in his possession Amendment No. 7133, AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption of the amendment.

CLERK:

I gotta call it. LCO No. 7133, Senate Schedule A.

THE CHAIR:

Excuse me, Senator McCrory. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I guess we do have an amendment. I believe that we need to bring the bill out first before we bring out the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McCrory.

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move the acceptance -- acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Yes, Madam President, thank you. Madam President, the Clerk has in his possession Amendment 7133, AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM. The amendment asks that in line 1 we strike January and insert the -- the month of July in lieu of therefore.

THE CHAIR:

So, the -- Mr. Clerk will call the amendment again so that everyone is clear.

CLERK:

LCO No. 7133, Senate Schedule A.

THE CHAIR:

So, the question is on adoption of the amendment. Senator McCrory, will you remark?

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Yes, I move adoption.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you. So, the question is on adoption. Will anyone remark further on the amendment? Seeing no one wanting to do that, we will try your minds. All in favor of the amendment, please signify by saying aye. ["Aye" in background] Opposed? Amendment is adopted. Senator McCrory.

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President -- Madam President, this bill as submitted will have the State Department of Education and the Connecticut School Counseling Association set guidelines and recommendations for the best practices in school counseling. As we know, Madam President, in today's society our guidance counselors are asked to do a lot more things than just guide and counsel students on to higher education. There's much more involvement. So, we're asking our State Department to develop some guidelines for best practice, as amended. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Will you remark further? Senator McCrory.

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Seeing there's no more questions or concerns about the amend -- the bill as amended, I ask that this bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered. Mr. Clerk. Ah, excuse me, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, that concludes the items on our go list. If the Clerk can now please call the items that have been marked on Consent for a vote on the Consent Calendar please?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 3, Calendar No. 41, Senate Bill 829; page 11, Calendar No. 96, Senate Bill 81; page 15, Calendar No. 121, Senate Bill 750; page 16, Calendar No. 130, Senate Bill 922; page 19, Calendar 149, Senate Bill 932; page 19, Calendar No. 147, Senate Bill 812; page 20, Calendar 152, Senate Bill 956; page 25, Calendar No. 181, Senate Bill 1024; page 30, Calendar No. 209, Senate Bill 1039; page 34, Calendar No. 232, Senate Bill 265; page 34, Calendar No. 235, Senate Bill 1041; page 35, Calendar No. 240, Senate Bill 857; page 35, Calendar No. 242, Senate Bill 965; and page 45, Calendar No. 300, Senate Bill 921, Consent Calendar No. 2.

THE CHAIR:

The machine will be opened for a vote on the Consent Calendar.

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CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 2. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 2. Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 2.

[Crosstalk]

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? The machine will be closed, and if the Clerk would announce the tally.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 2

Total number voting	36
Total number voting Yea	36
Total voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

[Gavel] Bill passes. Thank you so much. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, that concludes our business for today. And a good note, there will be no session tomorrow, and so I just wanna wish everybody a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter. And I would just like to mention that there will be a 5 minute Democratic Caucus immediately

following the end of session. And again, I will wish everybody a good weekend, but I before that will yield to any points of personal privilege or announcements. Oh, and then next Wednesday and Thursday, hold for session at 12 and 12:30, respectively.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff. Seeing -- ah, Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Just as a friendly reminder to our side of the aisle, we will be caucusing tomorrow morning at 11 a.m., on time. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Further announcements? Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Again, there will be an immediate Democratic Caucus for 5 minutes right after the end of session, and again wish everybody a very good and happy and safe weekend. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Happy Easter and Passover to everyone.
[Gavel]

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On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 4:43 p.m. adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Monday, April 22, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 2:18 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

We ask that each day we have the patience to understand those who disagree with us; sensitivity to the needs of others; and, the prudence to make decisions which work toward the common good.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Monday, April 22, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and

that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund - American Legion, Quarterly Report of Disbursals for the Quarter ended March 31, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 27-140 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: April 17, 2019

Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Veterans' Affairs

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - CT Department of Labor - yearly reports for Fiscal years ended June 30, 2013 and 2014 (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes). Received April 18, 2019

Referred to Labor and Public Employees Committee

Report - Connecticut General Assembly - Office of Fiscal Analysis - Agency Overtime Report for 3rd Quarter ended March 31, 2019. (Pursuant to Section Sec. 2-53n of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: April 22, 2019

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Joint Committee on Legislative Management

SENATE RESOLUTION FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SJ NO. 29 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **CARLETON J. GILES** OF MIDDLETOWN TO BE A MEMBER AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES.

BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:

HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5521 AN ACT EXPANDING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREEXISTING CONDITIONS.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. HB NO. 6403 AN ACT CONCERNING A CHILDREN IN CARE BILL OF RIGHTS AND EXPECTATIONS AND THE SIBLING BILL OF RIGHTS. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 7128))

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HB NO. 7105 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON STATE PARKWAYS.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

HB NO. 7112 AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT A TOWN MAY DEPOSIT INTO A NONLAPSING ACCOUNT FOR UNEXPENDED EDUCATION FUNDS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

HB NO. 7178 AN ACT CONCERNING DISCLOSURES BY REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HB NO. 7249 AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING IN HEALTH CONDITIONS COMMON TO FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

SUBST. HB NO. 7257 AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD-INSECURE STUDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 7038))

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

HB NO. 7313 AN ACT CONCERNING HOMELESS STUDENTS' ACCESS TO EDUCATION.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

HJ NO. 57 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SEAVIEW VILLAGE IN BRIDGEPORT AS A MUNICIPAL ENERGY SAVINGS AREA.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

HJ NO. 162 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **MATT FLEURY** OF HARTFORD TO BE REAPPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION -

HB NO. 7402 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS DISPLACED BY HURRICANE MARIA.

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The Senate at 2:20 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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Tuesday, April 23, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:47 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kevin Ricciardi of Branford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KEVIN RICCIARDI:

Grant our Legislators the ability to be of reasonable mind, to form a right conscience so that all their judgements will benefit our society's welfare.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Tuesday, April 23, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and

that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Department of Banking for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2016 and 2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes)

Date received: April 23, 2019

Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Banking

MATTER(S) RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE - to be tabled for the calendar.

NO NEW FILES

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 20 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORT, SALE AND POSSESSION OF AFRICAN ELEPHANTS, LIONS, LEOPARDS, BLACK RHINOCEROS, WHITE RHINOCEROS AND GIRAFFES.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 47 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF GOODS AND USE OF BUILDING MATERIALS CONTAINING ASBESTOS.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 359 AN ACT EXTENDING WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS TO EMPLOYEES OF BUSINESSES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 380 AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND WELLNESS TRAINING AND SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 608 AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPROVEMENT OF RENTAL UNIT SAFETY.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 706 AN ACT CONCERNING EPINEPHRINE AUTO INJECTORS.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 795 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 863 AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 884 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WILDERNESS SCHOOL.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 936 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

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SUBST. SB NO. 967 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES REGARDING EMERGENCY MEDICATION.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 972 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 1078 AN ACT CONCERNING DOULA
CERTIFICATION AND MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOULA
SERVICES.

The Senate at 11:50 a.m. adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the
chair.

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Wednesday, April 24, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 3:21 o'clock p.m.,
President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

[Gavel] The Senate is Called to Order. Senators
please take your seats and it is my great pleasure
to call forward Reverend Bonita Grubbs of New Haven,
our Senate Chaplain to lead us in prayer.

DEPUTY CHAPLAIN REVEREND BONITA GRUBBS:

Wise and loving God, you have called all of us to
this noble task of promoting Connecticut's most
promising future.

You have shown us many times how the impossible can
become possible. Most recently, astronomers proved
Albert Einstein's theory that black holes exist. We
could never even view the light in them.

Therefore, I beseech you to lead us - legislators,
staff, policy advocates and people in these hallowed
halls - to see the light, be the light and show the
light in, through the literal and metaphorical black
holes around us. Amen

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Reverend Grubbs and I would like to call Senator Christine Cohen forward to lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR CHRISTINE COHEN:

(ALL) I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk would you please call the Calendar. Oops, so sorry, good afternoon Senator Duff, how are you?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon, how are you today?

THE CHAIR:

Very well thank you and looking forward to starting business.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Absolutely. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, does the Clerk has Senate Agendas No. 1 and No. 2 on his desk?

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The Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda No. 1 and Senate Agenda No. 2, dated Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. Madam President, I move all items on Senate Agendas No. 1 and No. 2 dated Wednesday, April 24, 2019 be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda be incorporated by reference to the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator, so ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I have some referrals before we get to our Go List please.

THE CHAIR:

Okay. Please proceed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar Page 1, Calendar 28, Senate Bill 560 like to mark that item to the foot of the Calendar, please.

THE CHAIR:

So noted.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 13, Calendar 141 Senate Bill 927 would like to refer that to the Energy and Technology Committee. Can the Senate stand-at-ease for a moment, please? Senate stand-at-ease for a moment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President and on that last marking encounter Page 1, Calendar 28, Senate Bill 560, we are going to take that off the Calendar and PR it.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, so ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 3, Calendar 51, Senate Bill 753 I would like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 11, Calendar 126, Senate Bill 4 would like to refer that item to Insurance Committee please.

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So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 13, Calendar 141, Senate Bill 927
like to refer that to the Energy and Technology
Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 16, Calendar 162, Senate Bill 42
like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 18, Calendar 176, Senate Bill 356
like to refer that item to the Appropriations
Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 21, Calendar 192, Senate Bill 134
like to refer that item to the Appropriations
Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 21, Calendar 193, Senate Bill 320
like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 23, Calendar 207, Senate Bill 48
like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 26, Calendar 228, Senate Bill 434
like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 30, Calendar 259, Senate Bill 702
like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

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THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 34, Calendar 290, Senate Bill 140
like to refer that item to the Finance Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 37, Calendar 216, Senate Bill 372
like to move that item into the foot of the
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 37, Calendar 317, Senate Bill 393
like to move that item to the foot of the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 38, Calendar 319, Senate Bill 161
like to move that item to the foot of the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 42, Calendar 353, Senate Bill 1070 like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President and for our markings please.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, so proceed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Our Go List, on Calendar Page 2, Calendar 40, Senate Bill 827, go.

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Calendar Page 24, Calendar 216, Senate Bill 839 go.

Calendar Page 14, Calendar 150, Senate Bill 935 go.

Calendar Page 24, Calendar 217, Senate Bill 5 go.

Calendar Page 23, Calendar 208, Senate Bill 683 go.

Calendar Page 2, Calendar 42, Senate Bill 800, go.

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Calendar Page 22, Calendar 198, Senate Bill 977 go.

Calendar Page 2, Calendar 46, Senate Bill 226 go.

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Calendar Page 41, Calendar 344, Senate Bill 1107 go.
And if the Clerk could please call in that order.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much. Mr. Clerk. Would you please call
the Calendar.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 40, Substitute for Senate Bill
827, AN ACT CONCERNING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND
DEMENTIA TRAINING AND BEST PRACTICES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Maroney.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Madam President I move Acceptance of the Joint
Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the
Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Madam President, the Clerk is in possession of a
Strike All Amendment LCO 7372, I would ask that the
Clerk please call the Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

LCO No. 7372 Senate Schedule "A."

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

I move adoption of the Amendment and ask that its reading be waived and seek leave of the Chamber summarize.

THE CHAIR:

The Question is on Adoption of the Amendment.
Senator will you remark further?

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Yes, thank you very much, Madam President. This amendment is a Strike-All Amendment and it is the result of work done by the Alzheimer's Association and the Aging Committee to help promote awareness of Alzheimer and implement recommendations of a taskforce that had been previously established. What the Amendment does it requires, well it doesn't require, it adds within one of the six categories concerning medical education to offer education on Alzheimer's Disease awareness for both medical doctors and also Section 2 does the same for nurse practitioners. Currently, Connecticut is one of the, depending on what ranking you look at, it is the sixth or seventh oldest state in the country. This is going to be a rising need the education and there is no cure for Alzheimer's right now you can only hope to slow down the progression of the disease so early recognition is critical. Currently there are 5.7 million Americans with Alzheimer's and it is costing \$259 billion dollars over the next 15

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years the cost to treat dementia is expected to double.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Will you remark further? Senator Kelly.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise to discuss the Amendment. I do recognize the Chairman's good work with regards to this issue both in Committee and subsequently working with stakeholders surrounding this issue because as he stated Connecticut and particularly with Baby Boomers our aging population is exploding for two reasons. The Boomers are unfortunately getting older as well as individuals over 80 are the fastest growing segment of our population. Because of those trends it is becoming more and more important to recognize Alzheimer's both from it's early onset for two reasons, one is to protect the patient itself as well as to diagnose and to treat that disease because we know as Senator Maroney indicated it is a progressive disease. That is why the underlying Bill I think was so important and it is now important just for gerontology or gerontologists to understand Alzheimer's. It is actually more important for individuals in the medical profession who do not treat Alzheimer's to recognize, to detect and treat individuals at the earliest point.

For that reason I think the underlying Bill is the way to go with that. It is a Bill that came out of conversations with Yale School of Medicine, UConn

Health so it is medical professionals have brought this to the Aging Committee and while I recognize the good work of Senator Maroney in bringing forth an Amendment the Amendment, I think, waters down the underlying Bill. And I think in this day and age with this population growing at the rate that it is, being able to identify and treat Alzheimer's is becoming more and more important not only for the patient's healthcare but also from a fiscal perspective because of its impact particularly on the Medicaid program. So I am going to rise in opposition to the Amendment because I think the underlying Bill is the better policy to pursue. It is the one that is more robust and will do more good for more people than watering it down. So for those reasons, I will be voting no on the Amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kelly. Senator Maroney will you remark further? Senator Anwar will you remark?

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise to support the Amendment but I do want to make a couple of comments and as a physician in the community and interacting with the physicians and other clinicians in the community there are about some 11,900 physicians in the community so every time as a legislative body we say they are going to be required to do some continuing medical education programs that are mandated by the State of Connecticut you are, we are collectively 11,900 hours just from the physicians alone away from their work to take care of the patients and then the challenges people say we are

not able to get the patients in to be able to be taken care of because 11,000 human hours have been lost in some of these mandated medical education additions which most people would know without further training if you will. So I just want to make sure that while this is critical, it is a public health issue, it is important to have that education but we have to have a mechanism of protecting some of the time and every body has a passionate disease, disease is a public health impact we just need to be cautious about this but I will be supporting this Amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, thank you so much. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Senator Maroney.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

I just want to thank Senator Anwar and Senator Kelly for their perspectives and their input. I thank Senator Kelly for all his work he was an invaluable resource throughout the Committee process and I would ask that a vote be taken by, a role call vote be taken on this Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you and with that we will open the machines to vote on the Amendment. Mr. Clerk would you please let everyone know.

CLERK:

An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted, have all the Senators voted? The machine will be closed and the Clerk, will announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

LCO 7372 Senate Amendment A.

Total number voting	32
Necessary for Adoption	17
Those voting Yea	24
Those voting Nay	8
Those absent and not voting	4

THE CHAIR:

[Gavel] The Amendment is adopted and now for discussion on the Bill as Amended. Will you remark. Will you remark Senator Maroney.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Thank you very much Madam President. If there is no objection I would ask that the Bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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Seeing no objection, so ordered. And Senator Duff for a Point of Personal Privilege.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President I would like to yield to Senator Lesser please.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I want to rise for a Point of Personal Privilege and I appreciate Senator Duff's yield. I want to follow the House's lead and for a moment of, take an opportunity to thank two exceptional young individuals who have helped my office out enormously this session without whom the Insurance and Real Estate Committee wouldn't get anything done and they are my two interns, Olivia Frankline who is a student at CCSU studying political science and public administration and Dallas Emerly who is a student at Trinity College who is studying poly sci and sociology. So I would as that the Chamber please extend congratulations to them and I want to thank them for the work that they have been doing in my office. Thank you, Madam President. [Applause]

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, both and just watch carefully while you're here before you make your final career choice. Senator Somers.

SENATOR SOMERS (18TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I rise for a Point of Personal Privilege. I would like to introduce today Krista and Ray Jones they are up here in the gallery, Krista is a young student at Stonington High School and she is here to see the legislative process in, I guess, heated action today. Her and her father have come up and they have toured the Capital, looked at all the facilities and had a really interesting day looking at how we operate here and she will bring back the information to Stonington High School so I ask that you give her a warm welcome from the Senate. {Applause}.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 33, Calendar 280, Senate Bill 1001 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF SMOKE DETECTORS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of this Bill.

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Thank you. Will you remark?

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. This Bill concerns the recycling and disposal of smoke detectors. There are two types generally of smoke detectors, one that is commonly used contains an ionization chamber. In that chamber are the contents of radioactive isotope which obviously would cause some conflict upon disposal. There are conflicting instructions on how to dispose of these types of smoke detectors between agencies such as DEEP and our United States Environmental Protection Agency, so this Bill requires the Department of Energy and Environment Protection to submit a report inclusive of Best Practices with respect to the disposal and recycling of these particular smoke detectors.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you Senator Cohen. Will you remark further?
Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President if I might just a few questions to the proponent of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President there is language here in Section 1 that talks about developing and program, let's see, "Producer Responsibility Program" if I could, through you, is that been defined anywhere and in order for there to be some next step would the Agency be required to come back to the Environment Committee before establishing a fee if that is what the choose to come back with as a recommendation such as the fee that was established for disposal of mattresses or paint or anything else.

Through you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Through you and thank my good colleague for his question. The Bill states that the Agency would need to explore the efficacy of such an extended producer liability or responsibility program rather and as such would required them to come up with recommendations if you will but not go as far as to implement and EPR Program requiring any such fee from a manufacturer.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And as I recall during the testimony the concern was that in comparing the

number of smoke detectors that are sold on an annual basis and then knowing the pathway those might take for disposal the concern is I recall was that it ends up our MSW which could very well end up in an incinerator as opposed to some other recycled process where the topics of concern, the items of concern could be removed prior to that occurring. Am I correct?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

That is also my understanding. Thank you.

And through you, Madam President.

To my good colleague it is my understanding that these particular portions of the smoke detector can indeed be removed from the smoke detector itself and again I would just reiterate that we are requesting that the agency report back on a means of disposal and recycling these devices and the hope would be that there would be some solid direction with which to take moving forward.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator, Senator Cohen. Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President it is my intention to support the Bill here today. I did in the Committee. I think the Committee was very concerned that while we didn't want to establish a policy that we were uncertain of we recognized that there was really something here that we should be sending a message about and trying to establish some process where the citizens of the State recognized perhaps the environmental defect in throwing them in their garbage. And so I think this is a good first step and I do support the Bill. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Will you remark further on the Bill? Will you remark further? Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection I would ask that the Bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing, ah Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to object to the Consent Calendar. I would like a vote on this Bill.

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Thank you, Senator Sampson. Mr. Clerk if you would call the roll and the machines will be open.

CLERK:

An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators vote? Have all the Senators voted. The machines will be closed and the Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 1001

Total number voting	32
Necessary for Adoption	17
Those voting Yea	31
Those voting Nay	1
Absent and not voting	4

THE CHAIR:

[Gavel] The Bill is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 12, Calendar No. 129, Senate Bill 919 AN ACT REMOVING THE TERM "HOMEMAKER" IN REFERENCE TO HOME HEALTH AIDE AGENCIES AND SERVICES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Daughtry-Abrams.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. This Bill makes a technical change updating the terminology in the Statutes related to home healthcare by removing and replacing the obsolete term "Homemaker" with a more appropriate term "Home Health Aide."

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Daughtry-Abrams.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Madam President if there are no objections I would ask that the Bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

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Page 4, Calendar 54, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 832 AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRIES OF PERSONS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSAULTS OR OTHER ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION OR ABANDONMENT OF ELDERLY PERSONS OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. There are Amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Maroney.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Madam President, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Madam President the Clerk is in possession of a Strike-All Amendment LCO 7379. I would ask the Clerk please call the Amendment.

CLERK:

LCO 7379, Senate Schedule "A".

THE CHAIR:

The Question is on Adoption. Will you remark Senator Maroney?

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Yes. I move Adoption of the Amendment and ask that its reading be waived and seek leave of the Chamber to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Please proceed.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

So this is a Strike-All Amendment and what we are doing is we are creating an information portal on the Website of the Commission Women, Children and Seniors that will link to seven existing public databases that can be searched and so the existing databases there are the National Sexual Offenders database, the Connecticut Sexual Offenders database, The National Judicial Criminal database, the State's database, the Certified Nurses Database and a DPH database to check certifications. This will make this information readily available for people who are looking to find home healthcare aides for either elderly or disabled. Unfortunately over the last seven years the number of incidents of elder abuse in the State of Connecticut, investigations of elder abuse in the State of Connecticut have doubled. And so this will help provide a measure of sense of security to people who are looking for someone to provide care for their loved ones. In addition we will create an working group to help publicize this information and create an information campaign around the awareness of this.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Maroney. Will you remark further? Senator Sampson.

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SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Just a question for the proponent of the Bill.

Through you if I could, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, Senator Maroney.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

I would just like to ask if the Committee on Children, Families and Seniors currently hold any other registries or maintains this portal for any other type of, you know, searchable database vendors.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Sampson. Senator Maroney.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Thank you, Madam President.

At this time they do not.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Okay, thank you very, very much and I appreciate the gentleman's answer. So I support this Bill. I think it is a good concept and I am very much in favor of maintaining such a registry. I am going to vote for the Bill today but I do want to express a minor concern and that is, you know, some of these state agencies including this one, while they may do good work they are nonetheless state agencies and established for very little purpose other than to lobby the legislature and they exist on an expense to the taxpayers of the State. I don't think that they are necessary and when we continue to give them more and more responsibilities its an inevitability that these different state agencies and bureaucracies will be with us forever and I would like to see our state government shrink and I think that our individual jobs as legislators is actually improved by having direct contact with constituents rather than hearing constantly from state agencies that exist for no other purpose than to lobby us. So again I will be voting for the Bill but I would just express my concern about continuing to move these type of responsibilities into these lobbying agencies that are created by our bureaucracy. Thank you, Madam President

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Senator Wong.

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of this Amendment because it reflects the collaboration of our Committee leadership in Aging and listening to the concerns of people as it relates to

registries and to incorporate in this Amendment an existing registry to maintain contact of individuals that have violated the trust and have committed criminal action against our disabled as well as our seniors a very vulnerable population. And indeed I think the feedback that was raised by the fellow Senator Sampson is the fact that this Bill through its Amendment also incorporates local input. It is looking at the Commission on Women and Children and Seniors as well as local senior groups to offer input into this registry design. So I think that is important to note and I want to thank the leadership of the Committee to incorporate that into this Strike-All Amendment. That being said, this registry is critical because elder abuse and disability abuse is one of the most prevailing bases of abuse that we have in our society with an aging population but it is so underreported and there are perpetrators that commit these crimes that never, even get on a call to acknowledge their actions. So they go to the next town, they inflict this kind of pain and criminal action against other individuals without their ability, the innocent to find out where those people have purloined their criminal actions. So I support this registry. I want to thank the Chair for leadership and I want to thank the Ranking Member in the Senate for doing the great work in collaboration as well. Thank you, Madam Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Hwang. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Will you remark further?
Senator Maroney.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Madam President I ask a vote be called by voice on this Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Senators, all in favor of the Amendment, please signify by saying "Aye".

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? Amendment is adopted. Senator Maroney.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection I would ask that the Bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 24, Calendar No. 216, Senate Bill 839 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVISOR'S TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

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SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Thank you, Madam President. This is a Bill that comes to us through the Judiciary Committee on a unanimous vote. It is a technical Bill that assures that we have clarity and internal consistency and I would urge passage.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much Madam President. Great to see you there this afternoon. I stand in support of this Bill, its our annual tech revisors Bill. We do this every year and it just brings our Statutes into comportment with the intention underlying and I urge my colleagues to support it. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Thank you, Madam President. If there is not an objection I'd ask that this be moved to Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Calendar Page 14, Calendar 150, Substitute for Senate Bill 935 AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD TO DEVELOP A PROPOSED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATIVE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Mr. Clerk. Senator McCrory.

SENATOR MC CRORY (2ND):

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to PT this Bill as currently, right now. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator McCrory.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH): Thank you, Madam President can we stand-at-ease for a moment?

THE CHAIR:

Yes, thank you. The Senate will stand-at-ease.

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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Madam President for the purposes of some markings on some of the Bills that I marked go.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar Page 14, the last Bill Calendar 150, Senate Bill 935, going to mark that PR.

THE CHAIR:

Okay, so ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 24, Calendar 217 Senate Bill 5, just going to mark that PT. We'll come back to that.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 23, Calendar 208, Senate Bill 683 we're gonna mark that PR.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

And on Calendar Page 2, Calendar 42, Senate Bill 800 just gonna mark that PT and we will come back to that Bill as well.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

So next Bill up, the next two Bills that we will go with are Calendar Page 33, Calendar 283, Senate Bill 850 followed by Calendar Page 22, Calendar 198, Senate Bill 977.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff. So ordered on both of those items. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 33, Calendar No. 283, Senate Bill No. 850 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS. There is an Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator McCrory.

SENATOR MC CRORY (2ND):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR MC CRORY (2ND):

Yes, Madam President. Madam President the Clerk is in possession of a Strike-All Amendment LCO 7211. I will ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment.

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CLERK:

LCO 7211 Senate Schedule "A".

SENATOR MC CRORY (2ND):

Yes, thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McCrory.

SENATOR MC CRORY (2ND):

I move Adoption on the Amendment and ask that its reading be waived and seek the leave of the Chamber to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR MC CRORY (2ND):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President we have here an Amendment which will actually become the Bill and actually all it does is add the organization LEAP to the list of exempt organizations in regards to not having to go through the licensing certification from Early Childhood Education.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. The Question is on Adoption of the Amendment. Will you remark further?

SENATOR MC CRORY (2ND):

Yes, thank you. Madam President the Amendment becomes the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you Senator, so what we will do is we will have a voice vote on the Amendment. All in favor of the Amendment please signify by saying, "Aye."

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed. Amendment is adopted. Will you remark further on the Bill.

SENATOR MC CRORY (2ND):

Thank you, Madam President, if there is no rejection, I will ask that this Bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator McCrory. Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I am not standing to object to the item to be placed on the Consent Calendar. I had drafted an Amendment but in deference to THE CHAIR Pro Tem I will not call the Amendment because I wanted to make sure that those folks that are associated with the LEAD Program would fall within the guidelines of mandated reporting for certain offenses that are already on the Statutes and I am sure that will take place so there is no need for that. So I will stand or I will set and defer back to Senator McCrory for Consent placement.

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Thank you so much, Senator Witkos. Senator McCrory.

SENATOR MC CRORY (2ND):

Wow, thank you my colleague and again Madam President I request this item be place on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Page 22, Calendar No. 198, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 977 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPLANATIONS OF BENEFITS. There is an Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you Senator Lesser. Will you remark?

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President this is a vital Bill concerning medical privacy. The privacy of medical records designed to protect people who have an interest in protecting the privacy of the care that they receive. In most cases the person who is paying for medical care, or the policyholder has, there is no issue sharing medical records with the person who pays. But in certain circumstance, there is a vital public

interest in keeping medical records, medical information private. What are those circumstances? Incidents of domestic violence. We now have a large swatch of the adult population, people from 18 to 26 who are still on their parent's health plans who need access to healthcare. This Bill would allow them in some cases when requested to suppress private medical information. Madam President the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO 7188. I ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be granted leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

LCO No. 7188 Senate Schedule "A".

THE CHAIR:

The Question is on adoption of the Amendment. Will you remark. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President this is a Strike-All Amendment but it preserves the intent of the underlying Bill. What it does do though is make some a variety of changes designed to ease implementation so it requires that a request, an explanation of benefits, that is the notice of the services that have been rendered, that request be suppressed, that be made in writing and it gives up to three business days for an insurance company to comply with the request. Madam President I move adoption and as I ask that when the vote be taken it be taken by role.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Senator Kelly.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. Through you to Chairman Lesser. What is the underlying purpose of this Amendment to the Bill?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you Senator Kelly. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Well this Amendment is the Bill. But the purpose of the Amendment which would become the Bill is to protect the people who receive medical care. The privacy of the care that they receive. So if a woman is survivor, a man is a survivor of domestic violence we want to make sure it's possible that people, that they can go and get the medical care that they need without having that information disclosed via an explanation of benefits form to someone who might be the abuser. The idea is to protect the privacy in certain circumstances where there is a public interest in allowing someone to have that level of privacy.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Kelly.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. But specifically not so much to the Bill itself but to the actual purpose of

the Strike-All. Why do we need this instead of the Bill as drafted in Committee.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Keely. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you and through you Madam President to the Honorable Ranking Member, that is actually a good question. And it is simply, we were working with the industry on figuring out ways to ease implementation of this and it was their request that the request be made in writing. The underlying Bill had allowed verbal request and this is intended to ease implementation and make it easier to actually work in the real world.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Kelly.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. Now you did mention some, with regards to the issuance of this EOB which is the explanation of benefits. Now if I am an insured and I don't want that shared with the individual who is actually paying the policy, how do I go about actually asking or achieving that information being withheld from the person who is the policyholder?

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Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kelly. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, Madam.

Presently that is done in writing.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Kelly.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. In writing to whom?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

To the insurer.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Kelly.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

So in this event, you have an individual who would write a letter to the insurance company saying I

want the EOB withheld from the actual policyholder.
Is that the way this is the framework is
constructed?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kelly. Senator Lesser

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Well it depends. So either in some cases it may be
withheld altogether in other cases the EOB may be
sent to a different address but the intent is the
same is to keep the EOB from being seen by the
policyholder.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Kelly.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. Would this also be
applicable if I had a high deductible insurance
plan?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I think the answer is it depends. Certain high deductible health plans are governed by rules set forth in the Internal Revenue Code or by Administratively by the Internal Revenue Service and I would refer to Senator Kelly to Lines 99 through 101 or 98 through 101 which clearly state that no provision of this Bill is intended to trump a Federal Law. So we are trying to tread carefully on that because of that Federal Preemptive issue.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Kelly.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. You indicated that it depends. So you indicated one situation where it might be covered by ERISA what would be the other areas where you could withhold the explanation of benefits in a high deductible plan?

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kelly. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you. While there are other circumstances so for example if there is cost sharing that explanation of benefits would have to be issued. If there is a denial I believe an explanation of

benefits would have to be issued. Also the Bill as drafted does not apply to all covered individuals, it is simply limited to covered individuals who are capable of consenting to care, so most, the vast majority of cases, minors would not be able to access the EOB suppression.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you Senator Lesser. Senator Kelly.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

You indicate cost sharing. Isn't a high deductible a cost share?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kelly. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, yes that's why I indicate to the Senator, yes in many cases high deductible plan may not be eligible for this. Unfortunately we do not have the ability, much as we'd like sometimes, to trump the supremacy of Federal Law.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you Senator Lesser. Senator Kelly.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

I'm not quite sure, Madam President whether this is applicable to high deductible plans or it is not applicable to high deductible plans. So I guess my question is, is this applicable to high deductible plans, yes or no?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kelly. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Much as I would like to give a yes or no answer to Senator Kelly, I think the problem is it depends on a few different criteria. Are we talking about a self-insured plan, are we talking about a fully insured plan and a high deductible vignette.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Kelly.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. I'm trying to get clarification on the Bill, so could you explain to me the differences between a self-insured plan and the fully-insured plan and why the difference between the two has an impact on the issuance of an EOB?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kelly. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Well self-insured plans, through you, Madam President are regulated via that ARISA Act by the U.S. Department of Labor and are not subject to regulation normally by the State of Connecticut. I would also add though that I think that the issuance of EOBs in general is governed by Federal Law in cases where there is cost-sharing. Whether or not a deductible counts as cost-sharing I think depends on the kind of policy but my sense is that if the person pays and there isn't, and there isn't a Bill sent to the policyholder then an EOB would not necessarily be required under Federal Law.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Kelly.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. So if I understand what you said correctly, if there was no Bill sent to the policyholder then there would be no necessity for the EOB.

Through you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kelly. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

That is my understanding but again this is, that is a question of Federal Law and not anything that is on our Statutes here in Connecticut.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Kelly.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

Because one of my concerns is in the event you have a situation in where there is a policyholder, there is an insured under the plan or under the policy who opts to have the EOB sent to their address. The policyholder then gets a bill but they don't get the corresponding EOB so they don't know exactly why they are getting the bill or what the services provided under that bill are. And let's say there is a dispute between the policyholder and the medical provider. Are the EOB benefits at that point going to be available to the policyholder who is being perused by the medical provider so that the policyholder can properly defend themselves in that, what would be a contract claim?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kelly. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, Madam President.

This is specific to the EOB form. So there are a variety of circumstances I think we could imagine where the EOB form might not be the only way a policyholder might understand what claims have been made under a policy and I want to emphasize that. This is not a perfect privacy Bill. There are ongoing concerns but this is an attempt to listen to the advocates out there who are dealing, who are serving vulnerable populations and trying to protect them to close one particular avenue whereby perpetrators of abuse are able to determine the care that their family members are receiving and that is imperfect and I fully concede that and I am humble about the limits of this Bill but it is an attempt to restrict one avenue whereby those folks might be able to get information about the care that covered individuals who are receiving the care are getting.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lessor. Senator Kelly.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. And I understand that and that was one of the concerns at the Committee level with the Bill is that it really wasn't at least in my opinion drafter particularly well and narrow to achieve the goal of the protections that I think folks are looking for and the advocates are

looking for and that while we are endeavoring to get to a place for protection we can't just look and turn a blind eye to the unintended consequences and I think in one area in particular we can actually, while we think this is a protection or a shield for individuals who may be subject to abuse, it could also be a sword in the sense that you can have somebody now ask for the EOB to go somewhere else to the exclusion of a policyholder who might be the protector of a insured child but now isn't going to get the information and a now potential abuser could have those EOBs sent to them rather than to the individual or parent policyholder who would be the individual who would be there to protect the child. So until we properly and narrowly draft the Bill there are these concerns, that's one. The other is in this context where as a policyholder I am responsible for financial payment of these medical providers and would like to matchup in these instances the bill that I received from the medical provider with an EOB. But if that doesn't come in and just this medical provider says I want the money, there is a potential for abuse there by the medical providers and if I am not going to get the information to be able to defend that claim, it is really putting policyholders at a disadvantage. So while we strive for perfection and protection I think there is a way to do it, I don't think this Bill necessarily gets us there and while there is, you know, an effort to make sure that we're trying to make this a little more administratively friendly, it still doesn't overcome these other substantive problems that persist in the underlying Bill and still persists in the Strike-All Amendment. Now you mentioned earlier that there is an age of consent what is that age of consent?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kelly. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you Madam President.

The age at which a person can consent to medical care is not set in Statute. It is a matter of Common Law and as a matter of practice as I understand it in Connecticut, the Common Law in most cases has the age of consent at the age of 18. Now there are specific exceptions that exist in Statute that are carved out of that but except for those exceptions it is normally 18. Now there is one other exception which is in the case of an emergency but by understanding, my expectation is that because of the three day limit regarding an emergency here it would be unlikely that a person facing an emergency would be able to write to their insurance company and wait three days prior to receiving treatment.

So Through you, Madam President 18 but with a few carved out exceptions that exist in existing law and Statute and I am happy to detail those if the Honorable Ranking Member so choses.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Kelly.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President and thank you Senator Lesser for that explanation. That is what I thought is that you have generally speaking an age of majority at 18 but there are some circumstances when someone younger than that might have the requisite standing in order to assert consent. But in all instances I think when we look at this issue, the issue is really one where the policyholder as I was indicating before is the one at risk. They're the ones that have to financially bear this burden and it's often a parent. And when we're looking at situations of particularly children below the age of consent as well as individuals under the age of 18 who may have or possibly fit into one of those categories. Maybe then what we should do is allow or enable the parents to continue to have the proper responsibility over their child and in those instances maybe what we should do with the Bill is to give the parent the ability to choose whether or not to allow the EOB to go to another place and this way we would have that protection I just spoke about before where you may have a potential abuse. You have a parent who is a policyholder and this information could be held without their consent or knowledge. This would put that ability back in the hands of the parent to protect their child and so to that end the Clerk has in it's position Amendment LCO No. 7462.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kelly, what we will do is have the vote on the Amendment that is being considered and then we can consider yours.

SEANTOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam Chair or Madam President for that clarification. Okay, we can do that at a time in the future here today. So that is the point I am going to make in a couple of minutes when I call the Amendment but for now getting back to your Strike-All I do have these underlying reservations. There are, I understand the intent, I know where you're going. I believe that medical privacy and privacy with regards to medical records is a very important and personal issue and that there are individuals that need protection. This Bill doesn't get there. I think there are enhancements to the Bill that could make it better, that would be more comprehensive in its protection and where the Bill could not be used as a sword as I mentioned before. So at this point I would urge all my colleagues to vote "no" on the Amendment. Thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kelly. Senator Lesser will you remark further?

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I will pretend to act surprised in a few minutes when Senator Kelly does put another Amendment on it, but speaking seriously to the underlying issue, you know, this is a complicated issue protecting medical privacy but it is so important if you look who testified in support of this Bill, we heard from the people providing frontline services, some of the most vulnerable individuals in Connecticut. This is a serious

issue. We have to figure out in most cases, in the vast majority of cases we're fine. Everybody is fine sharing whatever medical information with every member of their family but there are exceptions. We know they exist and we heard from the Connecticut Collation Against Domestic Violence which serves something like 44,000 residents in our State each year. And what they said was this was a vital tool to making people safer. So it is not perfect, Senator Kelly is absolutely right, it is not perfect. This Amendment isn't perfect. There are ways around it. There may be ways people in some cases who are perpetrating abuse may still be able to find out the care that people received and that is why we need to strive for even strong legislation going forward and we need to work with our friends in Congress to make sure that Federal Law also protects the privacy of people seeking care but it is a step and the folks in this State know this, the healthcare advocate, the Connecticut Collation Against Domestic Violence, clinics providing care to women all say that this will help increase privacy for people in this State and I urge all of the members of this Chamber to follow the Insurance Committee and support this Amendment as the underlying Bill and move it forward. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on this Amendment? Will you remark further on the Amendment? Seeing, ah, Senator Miner. Please proceed.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President if I might just a few questions to the proponent of the Amendment please.

Through you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President am I correct that this language of the Amendment is gender specific or is it gender neutral?

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you.

I hope it is gender neutral.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I thank the gentleman for his answer. I thought I understood the gentleman to say in his conversation with Senator

Kelly that in the case of an emergency room visit in all likelihood this would not occur in a timely enough fashion and so for the most part an individual would not be able to avail themselves of having this information send to another address. Is that correct, did I understand that correctly?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Thank you, Senator Miner. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

So the Bill, through you, Madam President.

Allows three business day for the insurance company to put the EOB suppression into effect. One once the EOB suppression is in effect, it remains in effect until the end of the policy or such time as the person who has sent in that request sends another request that it be lifted. So it depends on whether there is an EOB suppression currently in effect.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And so with that explanation so my son seeks treatment for sexually

transmitted disease. Is that a circumstance under which he would be able to give permission and that treatment then would in theory, qualify for this type of EOB suppression.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Yes, Through you, Madam President.

STD testing and treatment is one of the conditions specifically carved out in Statute that a minor is permitted to consent to. So Senator Miner is correct that is something a minor can consent to but whether or not and EOB is still generated depending on whether or not there is cost sharing associated with that insurance policy.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And so sticking with the same subject matter of my son, so if my son were to get stabbed after that is there a treatment that he can consent to on his own or would he be required to wait around at the age of 17 for his mother or father to come sign paperwork?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

So I am happy to defer to my good friend, Senator Abrams the Chair of the Public Health Committee on what procedures are and aren't covered by the existing carveouts but I don't see anything about stabbing as a or a treatment for trauma as something that a minor can consent to without their parents and this is all a matter, I would remind Senator Miner.

Through you, Madam President of existing law that exists and is governed by the Public Health Law.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. So Madam President where I was going with this is that I thought I understood the gentleman to say that there is a timeframe under which you probably couldn't avail yourself of this even if you wanted to. And so I was establishing that once you have availed yourself of this opportunity and my son has chosen another address to have the EOB sent, I thought I understood him to say that unless there was some other direction from him to change it back to his parents

or somewhere else it would continue to go there for any treatment after that, was that not correct?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

So except that like another procedure would fall within the ambit of emergency care that would also be something that a minor could consent to. But to the extent which it is not fall within the specifically to limited categories, regardless whether it is covered under this Bill the parent would have to consent before treatment could begin. There are only a very few specifically delimited conditions that a 17-year-old child could consent to and all other procedure would require a parent's or guardian's consent?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

An so while, you know, it has nothing to do with the money end of this, my concern and where I was going with this was that there certainly seems to be a growing population within the State of Connecticut that makes the news whether it is stealing cars, gang violence, whatever and it is this age group in may cases and so I would want to make sure that this language doesn't provide an opportunity where

someone maybe involved well beyond what their parents maybe aware of and but for the notification that might come through on something not related to a sexually transmitted disease but rather something far more violent, something that might be one of those things as a parent I might say, boy if only I'd know, it might have been helpful to me in the process. And I think about drugs, I think about alcohol, I think about all those things.

And so through you to the gentleman, are any of those that would qualify for this type of an EOB exemption?

Through you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I do want to answer that but before I get to that specific answer I do want to say that I don't believe any insurance policy in Connecticut would lack some level of cost sharing. I think in every circumstance I can think of an EOB would be generated for an issue regarding trauma when an emergency room visit happens, I think an EOB would be generated in that case and I don't think this Bill could necessarily cover that except if the, so I think that probably would not apply in that circumstance. But in the case you question so you had asked about substance abuse, so treatment of drug and alcohol abuse is one of the exceptions as is hospitalization for mental disorder, for outpatient mental health treatment up to six visits.

Those are all things that minors can consent to today. The question is whether or not they can consent to that on their own without a parent or guardian's weighing in. That is something that exists today. The only question is whether or not they are able to use their insurance at any point in the process and that is what we are trying to discuss today is the use of insurance and whether or not that is disclosed to the parent. So it is difficult for me to understand why we would allow a child to use their insurance, to consent to a procedure without their parent's permission but we still require them to tell their parents that they are doing this anyway.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam Chairman. As the father of three, I'll tell you why. I have had conversations with many constituents that are concerned about the direction their child's life has taken. And on occasion it is because they weren't aware. They didn't know that their child had developed an opioid dependency. They weren't aware that alcohol had become a large part of their life. They didn't know some of the things that I think under this provision they would never know and we're facilitating that. And that is the concern that I have. On a prior Bill I had an Amendment drafted that would allow teachers and administrators to administer Narcan because I've had teachers say to me under the current law the only one that can administer it is a school setting is a nurse.

Madam President, we are at a critical point in this State, maybe in this country, we are taking away any of the tools a parent might have to try and assist their children in the growth process in the maturing process is critically important. I get some of them are very sensitive and I've lived long enough to have some very difficult conversations with my children which I would not trade for anything in the world and the decisions did not always go my way. But this has very serious consequences, very serious. If we want to be serious about opioid use we can't provide an opportunity for the very individuals that are drowning to somehow fly under the radar until it's too late. And so that's my reason for opposing this. I get the fact that some of these are difficult. I get the fact that growing up today is very different that it was growing up in the 70s. I would argue much more difficult now than then but I think this is a bad mistake, Madam President. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I want to align myself with the remarks of Senator Miner. I think he touch on many of the same topics that I was going to speak about. I also want to acknowledge the proponent of the Bill for stating several times that the Bill is not perfect. I certainly echo that sentiment, in fact I think on some levels this Bill is very not perfect. It is absurd in some of the situations that might result be from this policy. I understand

that the focus of this legislation is pretty singular in nature and that is to potentially protect the victims of abuses by allowing the medical records to go directly to the victim instead of the perpetrator. But I first start by taking about whose insurance policy are we referring to. It seems to be that if you are concerned about your medical privacy that you should purchase your own insurance policy. It is hard for me to imagine a situation where me as the person making the purchase of my insurance plan that I don't have the right to understand what the plan is covering and what claims are being paid out on my behalf. I think that is somewhat even absurd. Do we have a right to medical privacy if we are not providing for our own payment for that medical procedure or that insurance plan? The other question is simply in these cases where minors are carved out, I would argue that the vast majority of parents would think that it is completely relevant whether or not their child is being treated for an STD and certainly for drug abuse.

My main concern on this Bill though really is that it has the potential of protecting abusers and not just protecting victims. Imagine a situation where a young person is caught up in drugs or they are raped or there is some other situation that comes up and they are coerced by their abuser to have a medical procedure and with this policy in place the records of the medical treatment from that could be hidden from that parent forever. This is the main problem I have with this is that it potentially protects the abuser as much as it protects the victim. I don't think it is well thought out and unless it is amended to basically reflect those concerns and change that situation so that we are

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not enabling potentially negative activity I am not going to support it today, Madam President. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Sampson, thank you so much. Will you remark further on the Amendment before the Chamber?
Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if I may to Senator Lesser? Thank you Senator Lesser. Madam President, you had stated earlier or.

Thank you, Madam President.

You had stated earlier that the EOBs was not the only documentation for which you would receive that if a parent were to receive it that they may receive that medical information from another source. Wondering if you could describe for me, other than an EOB, what those other sources are?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President and it is difficult for me to describe all of the ways with absolute certainty but it is possible that a policyholder may be able to access the information via patient portal. It may be that they may be able to get it one way or another through a provider. This is not

a comprehensive medical privacy Bill, this is a Bill about protecting the privacy of explanations of benefits which are specific documents that are issued at the time of service.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

So there would be, if a policyholder had access to portals there is nothing in this Bill that prohibit the parent for instance to go into the porthole to find the information relative to his or her child. Is that accurate?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

I think that is correct. I would also just remind the Chamber that the Bill is not just specifically to parents. In fact it is very difficult for me to imagine a circumstance where one of the carved out provisions that apply to miners would also not have cost sharing associated wouldn't automatically generate the EOB. So when I hear parents I want to remind folks that we are talking about people who are parents of children 18 to 26 or other individuals who might be on their parent's health plan or spouses or other folks who are covered and are seeking this EOB suppression.

Through you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

So if the Bill were to be amended that to say above the age, 18 and above, this law would apply but 17 and below this Law would not be applicable as you have Amended it. Would that relieve the concerns that you talked about just now?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

While in the vast majority of cases, I suspect, they would be difficult if not impossible to come up with a circumstance which a person under 18 can access this, my concern would be that you would have a circumstance that we might not be able to imagine every possible circumstance. For example emancipated minors exist and they can consent to medical care. I don't know if that is something that would be addressed by the Amendment that Senator Fasano just mentioned. The other question is how that interfaces with a policy choice that the Public Health Committee made when it specifically carved out those statutory exemptions. Do we really want to second guess with the EOB Bill or Law to sort of be passed and signed into Law, the policy choices that the Public Health Committee made when sometime ago it carved out those different areas. I

think that would be confusing and unnecessary and unless there is a specific concern that the Senator can articulate I would not support that recommendation.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

So I think I heard the answer from the question before I asked that question was when I said about the portal and privacy you indicated in the EOBs you indicated that well remember there are folks who are, from 18-26 the policyholder would access to the EBOs and there might be certain adults in that household which would have access and there is some privacy issues for which I would argue, yes at 18 and above we treat them as adults in various degrees in this building in our Laws and our Statutes. So I can understand perhaps a argument that 18 and above you are a able to make certain decisions and clearly medical procedures at 18 and above are decisions that you can make that it is what it is. Parent can't come in and say, "No." However 17 and below we limit those decisions quite a bit, number one and number two, they're not adults in the eyes that we have said adults here. So I am wondering if the real concern is adults 18 and above who are free to make their decisions that those decisions through the EOB be reflected in the synopsis of their procedures. If we say, okay, argument valid. But those were 17 and below perhaps don't have, as we talk about how many times in this Chamber the mental

capability of making decisions. We talk about justice reform, when we talk about jail, when we talk about rehabilitation we always stress in this Chamber the mental capabilities of making decisions that the mind is not mature. I would argue that from 17 and below that would be amplified with that as the background to my other question, would it serve the purpose of your protection to say 17 and below would still be allowed to be visible arguably by the parent who would have the EOB going to them and 18 and above be exempted as per your Amendment?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President And through you to Senator Fasano, no with respect no. That would not work and I think the reason is because we have to trust the judgement of this General Assembly in carving out those exemptions. Why did they do that? Why did they say a teenager can get up to six visits with a mental health provider without their parent's consent? Why did they do that, because we have a problem in this State of teenage suicide. Why did we say that teenagers can get STD testing without their parent's consent, because we have a real problem there. Why do we allow drug or alcohol use? Because we don't want the stigma of seeking care or going to see your parent prevent someone getting the lifesaving care that they need. Now I didn't write that, those exemptions, that isn't anything that came out of the Committee that I am privileged to be

the Co-Chair of. That is something this Committee, this General Assembly did dating back years I think as much as 50 years ago was the first exemption that was put in the Statutes regarding the ability of minors to consent to practices. We should not come in now in an unrelated Bill, a Bill about making sure that we are protecting the access to an insurance policy and have a second path, a whole different structure in place that doesn't parallel our existing Public Health Statutes that address the issue of stigma and allow young people to get the care that they need. I think that is a problematic way of doing it and you don't have to trust me, look at the experts, the frontline providers who testified in support of this Bill who see this Bill without that change as an important public health advance.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

So your argument boils down to this. This legislature knows better than a parent. That this legislature knows better, you know better what to do with my child than I do. You know that I can't make the right decision for my child but this Building and this Government knows better, what's better for my child. I am impossible to make that decision for my child. This is a relevant portion and those people who are saying we're filibustering, shame on you! Shame on you! This Bill is important because you as this, not you Senator Lesser, I meant you

collectively, in this Chamber are saying this Bill is not that important, what are you doing standing talking about it, because what is important is that Government knows better for your children than I do and I've got three. They know better. We just had a Senator in our Chamber who lost their grandson to drugs. You're gonna tell me you know better than that parent of that grandson? Is that what you're telling me? You are telling me that this Chamber can't have this discussion without somebody arguing a filibuster? Is that what we've come to in this Circle? Is that what we've now said, you dare to disagree with the majority therefor you are filibustering? Is that the place we've now come to? Not me, that isn't the place I remember when I came here 15 years ago. I remember a place that you could have discussions without people categorizing it one way or the other. I remember a place when you had freedom of discussion and because you honorably disagree with a point of view and feel adamant about it that you don't get called a name. Shame, shame.

Now back to the Bill. I just want to be clear. Your statement is, that under the age 17 and under, you believe a parent should not be able to, this would take the parent's choice away for making a decision for knowing an ailment of their child through the FOB it is, EOB, whatever it is, would know it through that EOB what the diagnosis of that child is so they can intervene as a parent, that notice would be removed from the parent's knowledge at the request of the child?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Under existing law, the vast majority of cases, the vast majority of cases, if a child, anyone under the age of 18 wants to go to see a doctor, they want to go to get medical care, they can't do it. They cannot do it unless their parent or guardian says okay. That is not something that is in this Bill, that is not talked about in this Bill, that is outside of this Bill. That is the law. Also outside of the law, outside of this Bill are several exceptions where we have said that there is an overriding interest in a minor getting medical care without their parent's consent. What are those? I'll go down the list because there is just very few of them. There is an emergency. If there is an emergency and the parent isn't there, the kid can go to the emergency room without having to get a signature from their parent. There are issues, HIV AIDS, STD testing and treatments, there is outpatient medical health treatment up to six visits and there is abortion coverage. Those are the only cases that a child can consent to treatment in existing law without the consent of their parents.

If Senator Fasano or any member of this Chamber disagrees with those provisions, I encourage you next year introduce a Bill, or write or ask us to tackle that issue but that is not in the Bill that is before us today. The Bill before us today is an insurance Bill. This Bill is if you are covered on someone else's plan and you are concerned that you think there is a safety issue or some other overriding concern about the person who is paying

the Bill knowing your personal medical history you can get that suppressed. But this Bill is silent on the issue of what a child can consent to or what they can't because that is a matter of existing law and that is not something that this General Assembly is taking on. I think there was a hearing this year on whether or not, in the Public Health Committee, about whether or not children could consent to vaccines without their parent's consent. That is not in this Bill that has nothing to do with this Bill. There are no changes to the existing law about what a child can consent to, when they can consent to it, why they can consent to it. That is existing law that has existed I think for half a century.

Through you, Madam.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President perhaps Senator Lesser missed the point of my conversation or my question. I do not believe that this Bill changes the ability of the child to make those decisions of those Bills, that give them, the Law that gave them the right to make the decision. What I am challenging is the notion that this Law would change the ability of the parent to be reading a medical after the child does this procedure, getting the medical and be notified, not only of those but of everything else so not only simply the ones we gave them the right to make those procedures but any procedure, any illness, any addiction, any allergies and the list goes on from age 17 and below the

parent without the EOB would have no objective notice or that information, isn't that accurate?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, Madam President.

The Bill is clearly stating in Line 30 that it applies to statements disclosing that each consumer who is a covered individual and legally capable of consenting to the provision of covered benefits can apply. So if the child is not legally capable they cannot access this EOB suppression. That is true now, that is true under this Bill and so looking through the list of procedures that a child is able to access and matching that up with what I said prior which are the issue of cost sharing which I spoke at some length with Senator Kelly on, there aren't a whole lot of circumstances I think in which a child would ever be able to access a procedure that would not have those cost sharing provisions. So I don't know the extent but because I don't know, that is why I am hesitant to second guess the judgement of Public Health Committee and try to change some of those existing areas of the law.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

So perhaps I should do this by hypothetical. If there was a child at the age of 14, and this child wrote to, as prescribed by the Bill to the insurance company and said I don't want my EOBs to go this address, I want it to do to that address and I don't want the policyholder to have the information that is why I am sending it to this address. Is it true that the EOBs would be sent under this Bill to a different address no matter what the medical attention was?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Senator Lessor.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, Madam President to Senator Fasano.

I think that is a great question, but because this is only the, the suppression would only extend to the end of the plan year, the maximum your concern would be if that were the case, I don't think it would be. I think it would only apply, in the case of a minor to that specific issue reading this Bill were that they were able to consent to. But even in that parade of horrors we are talking about the policy year because then there is a new policy in effect and there is no suppression and the EOB in effect.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

I know it is a difficult question. Thank you, Madam President. I know it is a difficult question for you to answer because the answer is somewhat damning to the Bill. But let me see if I can try this one more time. I have a 14-year-old child. And the 14-year-old child writes to my State policy insurer and says I do not want my EOBs going to my father Len Fasano at his home address. I want my EOBs going someplace else. Would the insurer send the EOBs to that someplace relative to my minor child who is 14?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, Madam President.

The answer is no. The reason I think the answer is no is because I think the vast majority of cases the child cannot consent under the provisions of this Bill to receive medical care. So I think the answer in that case would be no. It would be difficult for me to understand a circumstance where a child would say yes, that doesn't mean there isn't one, I think, you know and maybe Senator Fasano has a more precise hypothetical but I don't think so actually.

Through you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

So I'm a bit confused. I thought, as I understand Lines 102-120 anybody who is covered without any age requirement under the plan who is not the policyholder can write to the insurance company ask the EOBs to go some other address and the insurance company writes back and say I got your request, we'll send it to the other place. Is that not an accurate reading on the Bill?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

No, because the Lines that Senator Fasano is referring to refer back to the language in Line 83 that reference that the person must be capable of consenting. If the child cannot consent then the child cannot request the EOB suppression.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

So with respect to those that they can consent to, now we will go from broad to narrow. So the ones that they can consent to 14-year-old child consents to this procedure, that EOB, they write that EOB would go to a different address. Is that correct if that's the request of the minor?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

If that, if there are any procedures, to the extent that there are any procedures that a 14-year-old can consent to in each of those specific carveouts have specific rules around them. There is not some sort of blanket Statute that applies across the board. Each of them has a specific statutory requirement that exists and caselaw around that. But if the child is able to consent to a procedure under existing law then they can request that, and there is no cost sharing associated for which an EOB would be automatically generated per Federal Law then in that circumstance then the EOB could be suppressed entirely or if it is generated it could be sent to another address.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

With a due respect to Senator Lesser I read this Bill much differently. I think it is much broader than what is being interpreted. If I could address the issue by having you look at Line 36 and 37 which says, "*Not issue explanations of benefits concerning covered benefits provided to such consumer.*" It doesn't say those for which are consented, a minor could consent to. I don't see the language that limits it only to those issues. So we are clear those issues they can consent to EOB goes someplace if that is the request. But I believe the language in this Bill is much broader than that, not that I agree with that with the Bill but I think the language of the Bill is written to say that any covered benefit as long as you do that notification would go to a different address. That's how I read the Bill and if you could show me, maybe I missed it, the exact language that limits it.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Fasano. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President my father always used to warn me never argue the Law with a lawyer and I am not a lawyer and Senator Fasano is. So I am going to try to do my best to answer Senator Fasano's question while also respecting that admonition. But I think in Line 30, there's the answer which is that, "*a statement disclosing that each consumer who is a covered individual and legally capable of consenting*" that is the language under which the provision Senator Fasano is referring to lines and I think that is the governing section of this Bill.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

I hear what you're saying and my pushback would be that you could get medical procedures for which you don't have to give consent under certain circumstances. You come in and you are drug overdosed. They are not going to wait for consent, they are going to do whatever they have to do. I would argue if someone is written in saying in that EOB, whatever it is, is not disclosable to my parents or goes to a different address, that would go to the different address because you didn't consent to it, arguably but it would go to a different place would be my argument. I think the language is too broad and should be narrowed. That is just how I would read it. But as another point would that require this insurance company to look at those items that are under our Statute consentable so they have to know which EOB goes where? So in other words, if someone went in and had a procedure 14, consented to whatever we limit those consent things to, and had other procedures they would have to take those EOBs that carved out those consent, send them to a different address and the ones that weren't under that Statute sent to the policyholder. That's what you envision they would have to do?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Fasano. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, Madam President.

That is a hypothetical wrapped in another hypothetical with another hypothetical on top because as I mentioned, I think earlier, it is difficult for me and I appreciate the concern. I appreciate the concern about parental consent and why that is so important and why it is essential issue here. But just to be very clear it is, I have not heard a hypothetical yet in which would satisfy the test outlined at the very front of the Bill which is that this has to be an EOB that we can't, that is not automatically generated for Federal Law. There is a very limited number of issues. But Senator Fasano is correct in one respect which is that if the person is able to write their insurance company and show that this is procedure that they can consent to then that would apply in that case but it would no apply in other cases because in those cases the person would not likely receive, be able to receive the medical care without their parent's consent.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And Senator Lesser I only have one more question for you. In Line 104 it talks about a written specification. Then it talks

about if you could help me out, 105 to 106 it says, "*or a third party administrator for different method.*" I just don't know what that means, the third party administrator says, rather than doing written we would accept an email. Would an email suffice, this is for legislative intent or would it have to be literally a letter or some written as opposed to an email?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President.

Through you, Madam President.

For purposes of legislative intent an email would suffice.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Fasano, sorry.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Sorry, Madam President. So an email would work? Is that what you said? I'm sorry, I missed it.

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SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, Madam President.

Yes.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Okay, Thank you, Madam President. So where you were talking to Senator Kelly asked a question, you said by the time they get the letter three days, talking about an emergency I think it was, it is up to three days, so they could get the email and do it within half a second in this technological place we live in, they could do it within an instant. So three days would be the max under your law but they could do it fairly instantaneously is that correct?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Yes, I think that is probably correct but the, particularly with the question of minors, which I think a lot of the discussion is centered around, even though I think that is very much the exception not the rule in regard to this Bill. The insurers are going to have to do a fair amount of due diligence and this is the time period the industry has suggested is necessary to fully vet this to establish identity. This is not something we want to go into casually. The insurers are going to have to verify the identify the person making the

request, verify that they are able to consent to it in the case of a minor and this is really important stuff so I don't believe that it is going to be an instantaneous process because there is an incredible amount of due diligence that is going to have to go into this and that is something I am not saying, that's something we heard in testimony from the insurance industry would have to comply with this law.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I thank Senator Lesser for his answers. You could be lawyer after this, I'll say that [Laughter], so. But thank you very much, I appreciate it. Madam President we're still on the Amendment to become the Bill so perhaps I will reserve the rest of my comments for, and I can count pretty well so I preserve the rest of my comments for after the vote on this Amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Senator Anwar and then Senator Anwar.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

Thank you, Madam President. I wanted to, through you ask a couple of questions, not a couple a few

questions from the proponent of the Bill for the Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, thank you Senator Anwar, please proceed.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

Thank you, Madam President.

It is my understanding that there are a number of organizations that are supporting this Bill, can I get a name of some of those organizations and entities.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, thank you Senator Anwar. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. This may not be an exhaustive list but I have testimony here from the Office of Healthcare Advocate, the Connecticut Legal Rights Projects, the Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers, NARAL Pro-Choice Connecticut, from the State Comptroller Kevin Limbo, from the ACLU, from Planned Parenthood. There are others as well and of course the Center for Children's Advocacy and I mentioned the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, there may be others as well.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Anwar.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

Thank you, Madam President.

So, Through you, Madam President.

These organizations have been focusing on the wellness and wellbeing of domestic violence victims but also the children and have been in the field identifying challenges and problems. Is that a fair understanding, Madam President?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Anwar. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

I don't know if that would describe all of them but I certainly think it would describe some of them.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Anwar.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

Thank you, Madam President. And it is my understanding that in some of the situations if there is a victim of domestic violence, if there is a victim of child abuse they have hesitancy in seeking medical care because they are concerned that the perpetrator may have access to that information?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Anwar. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, Madam President.

That very much aligns with the testimony we received from the people providing the services to the survivors of domestic violence. I don't have that knowledge but that is what they tell us. Thank you.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Anwar.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

Thank you, Madam President. And based on this understanding the people who have been the victims, lived that challenge, have felt that this is very critical to have this protection in place so that individuals who need the healthcare, who need the benefits from the protection of their protected health information would remain protected and not go to the individual who may use that and then may hurt them further.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Anwar. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, Madam President.

Yes.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Anwar.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

Thank you, Madam President

Tryout, Madam President.

Again this is believed by a number of people and the proponents of this Bill that this maybe a matter of life and death for individuals who are experiencing some of these difficult circumstances?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Anwar. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, Madam President.

Yes.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Anwar.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

Thank you, Madam President. And as we learn about some of these challenges it is fair to assume that overwhelming majority of the people may not necessarily not be impacted by this but a segment of vulnerable community members may benefit from this and sometimes our responsibilities as legislators is to make sure that we protect the ones that are the most vulnerable.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Anwar. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, Madam President.

I would agree with those sentiments. I can't speak to the exact numbers of people who would rely on it but I don't know that they would be vulnerable individuals.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Anwar.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

And, Madam President it is my understanding that individuals over the age of 18 to 26 who may be under an insurance company, they maybe of somebody else's insurance plan may have every right to be

able to, should be able to get every right to be able to suppress their EOB from that person as an adult?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Anwar. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):
Through you, Madam President.

Yes.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Anwar.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

Thank you, Madam President.

And through you Madam President.

It is my understanding if there are certain situations where somebody who is less than the age of 18 have the right to be able to consent for some medical procedures and tests.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Anwar. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President.

Yes.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Anwar.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

Through you, Madam President.

This Bill is only looking at the minors with respect to only those areas where they can consent are the ones in those situations that they can suppress the EOB's.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Anwar. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, Madam President.

Yes.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Anwar.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

Thank you, Madam President.

Through you.

I think it is pretty clear that this is focused on protecting specific segments of the community that are vulnerable, that are being impacted, that are being threatened, that through this Bill we will be able to protect them and we are not taking away any rights from any parents for some aspects of already areas where the minors have the right to be able to consent.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Anwar. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

It was just a statement.

THE CHAIR:

Ah, no problem. Senator Anwar, thank you.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the Bill? Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President we're just gonna PT this Bill temporarily, for a very short amount of time and I would ask that the Clerk call the items on the Consent Calendar followed by a vote of the Consent Calendar please.

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Thank you. Mr. Clerk and the Senate will stand-at-ease.

The Senate will come back-to-order. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No 1, Page 2, Calendar No. 40,
Senate Bill 827;

Page 4, Calendar 54, Senate Bill 832.

Page 12, Calendar 129, Senate Bill 919.

Page 24, Calendar 216, Senate Bill 839.

And Page 33, Calendar 283, Senate Bill 850.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Would you please call the Bill and the machines will be opened and Senators can commence voting. Thank you and with that we will open the machines and Mr. Clerk if you would announce a vote.

CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 1. Immediate Roll Call cote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 1. Immediate Roll Call vote in the Senate, Consent Calendar No. 1.

THE CHAIR: CLERK:

An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted. Have all the Senators voted. Seeing that all have, the machine will be closed and the Clerk will announce the tally. Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 1.

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THE CHAIR:

[Gavel] Measure passes. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President we can continue debate now on Calendar Page 22, Calendar 198, Senate Bill 977 please and mark that as go.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff. Will you remark further on the Bill? Senator Lesser. So Senator Champagne.

SENATOR CHAMPAGNE (35TH):

Thank you, Madam President.

And through you to Senator Lesser.

There's hundreds of thousands of families in Connecticut that have high deductible policies and, you know, as part of that, the first couple of thousand dollars have to come out of the parent's pockets to pay these bills. So my question to you is without the EOB how am I gonna pay that bill?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Champagne, thank you so much for your patience. Before we proceed any further and Senator Lesser answers that question, just to be clear Mr. Clerk, could you please let everyone know what we are debating. Please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 22, Calendar No. 198, Substitute for Senate Bill 977 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPLANATIONS OF BENEFITS. There is an Amendment 7188.

THE CHAIR:

And we are debating the Amendment. Senator Lesser to Senator Champagne's question.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President.

Through you to the Senator from Vernon. I think that is a great question but I believe it was, or a similar version was asked previously. What I stated was specifically there are other ways that a policyholder may be able to access information such as via a patient portal. So there are ways of finding out whether or not service has been

accessed. We are talking about giving specific details in, often in a letter to a person at the time of service detailing what the member, the person covered by the policy is actually getting and there are real safety issues in why we might want to suppress that. So in terms of being able to access it through some other way of accessing a patient portal to find out what ability you have to satisfy the terms of a high deductible plan, with the extent that those are even covered at all and they are not preempted by some provision of Federal Law then those would be accessed potentially via a portal or some other mechanism.

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Champagne.

SENATOR CHAMPAGNE (35TH):

Okay, I guess you didn't answer my question. But with this high deductible, if I haven't met my deductible, I have to pay this in cash. I have no explanation as to why they are demanding money from me and in fact if I don't have the EOB which usually comes first because the medical doctors or the provider usually sends a bill months later because of the high deductible insurance policies. So I get this bill two-and-a-half months later. I can't, I don't have an EOB, I'm not online. It creates a problem for me and I know I heard somebody say the rights of the parents aren't affected here. But they are because I am responsible for that bill. I don't understand how somebody can sign-off that I'm responsible unless I signed it, but it comes down to

you're taking something away from the parents to pay and we are not providing, you know, my colleagues have already explained other parts of it but this concerns me because I have a high deductible policy. I didn't take the State policy, I stayed with my high deductible and if this law goes into effect, and my 25-year-old daughter goes out and gets a procedure, whatever it is and decided not to tell me, and then three months later I'm getting a bill for thousands of dollars, I think I should, I personally would like to know why. And I do believe the rights of the parents have to come into effect here. My daughter would never do that, but that is another hypothetical. So besides the everything else that has already been stated we do have to look at the parent's rights because somebody has to pay this bill. And if it is one of those circumstances when they are under the age say 14 years old, I don't understand how a 14-year-old can sign consent for the procedure and then I get billed for it. How would that happen?

Thank you, Madam.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Champagne. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. That could happen today.

Through you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Champagne.

SENATOR CHAMPAGNE (35TH):

And through you, Madam President.

Thank you it could happen today but who is responsible for the bill and who does collections go to?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Champagne. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, Madam President.

If a minor child is able under existing law to consent to a medical procedure and does and receives the care then the bill would go to the child but the parent would be responsible as the, if in fact the parent is the guardian for paying the bill. That is today, that has nothing to do with this bill. That is existing law.

Through you, Madam.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Champagne.

SENATOR CHAMPAGNE (35TH):

Thank you, Madam President. So the child can make that decision and I have to pay in the end and I do have a problem with that. Take it to the age of 18.

My child is still in high school, same circumstances, who is responsible for the bill?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Champagne. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, Madam President.
Every policyholder covered by this Bill has already consented to placing their child or their spouse or dependent of some respect on their plan. So when they went in and they listed their spouse as. If you have a spouse and you list them on your health insurance and they, and you are, you have made a decision, where you have made a decision that you're spouse can go out and get healthcare. That is the decision. If you don't trust your spouse for some reason, you don't have to put them on as a dependent on your employer provided health plan or any other health plan that you have in Connecticut. And the same is true for a minor child or an adult child. So in the specific hypothetical that Senator Vernon outlines, if you don't trust your adult child with making medical decisions then don't place them on as a dependent on your health plan. But if you do then do. And that choice is something that parents have currently and would have under this Bill.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Champagne.

SENATOR CHAMPAGNE (35TH):

Thank you. And you're right, they are on that policy and they can pay but under a high deductible plan, I have to pay that out of pocket up to a certain percentage or up to a certain amount. So this is actually cash coming out of my pocket and yet you are basically telling me there is no need for me to know what is going on, just pay the money and I don't believe that is right. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Champagne. Will you remark further on the Bill. Senator Miner. Excuse me, will you remark further on the Amendment for clarity. Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President I have a few comments. I don't have any questions. Apparently somebody has misunderstood what I said. I don't know if they were in this room, I don't know if they are in this State. But I want to make it clear I don't need anybody speaking for me. The questions that I've asked are legitimate. People are dying in this State everyday from opioid abuse and addiction and many of them start at this age group. Somebody want to challenge my motives, let's have that conversation. Let's be real about it. A 16-year-old was found in a car in Hartford shot dead in a stolen car. My wife says, how did he get out of his house? Who let's that kind of thing happen? This isn't about filibustering ladies and

gentlemen, this is about reminding us about the real facts of life. I believe that parents in many cases would choose a different route for their children had they known. Now maybe some people here don't believe that, maybe they think it's cute to like some post because I am apparently against women's rights. It's not cute and it's not right. I think we should consider the problems with this language. I'm not saying I am inconsiderate of some of what the goals are in this Bill but I want to make it clear, addiction generally doesn't happen overnight. People generally present problems for gang violence, not overnight. This Bill I believe will harbor some of the indicators that we all as parents would love to know and that is what the passage of this Bill does. So you folks want to make this about whether or not I believe in a woman's right to choose, you go ahead and do it, that is not what this is about. That is not what my statement is about and I want to make it clear, that is not what this is about. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner and I would just note that Senator Miner is speaking for the second time on the Amendment. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Will you remark further on the Amendment? If not, the machines will, the machine will be open and the Clerk will call a vote on the Amendment.

CLERK:

An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on LCO No. 7188. An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate LCO 7188. An immediate

roll call has been ordered in the Senate on Senate Amendment "A" LCO 7188.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted, the machine will be closed and the Clerk will announce the tally on the Amendment.

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment "A" LCO No. 7188

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Necessary for Adoption	16
Total voting Yea	18
Total voting Nay	12
Absent not voting	6

THE CHAIR:

[Gavel] The Amendment is adopted. Senator Duff.

Senator Duff:

Thank you, Madam President. The Senate will stand at ease for a moment.

The Senate will please come back to order and we are under consideration of Substitute Senate Bill 977 as Amended by LCO Schedule "A" LCO No. 7188. We can return to the Bill as amended. Will your remark. Mr. Clerk do you want to call the Bill again for the purposes of setting us back on track.

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Page 22, Calendar No. 198, substitute for Senate Bill No 977, AN ACT CONCERNING EXPLANATIONS OF BENEFITS as Amended by LCO No. 7188.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark on the Bill as Amended. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Good evening, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Good evening, Senator.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Can I ask the Clerk to call LCO 7462.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

LCO No. 7462, Senate Schedule "B."

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move the Amendment and seek permission to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Please proceed.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you. Mr. President with respect to the Bill that is before us, you might have heard my comments that to Senator Lesser that I think there is a point to be made for 18 and older that perhaps as an adult parent should be less engaged perhaps because the adult if you would could make certain decisions and we leave the adult to make a lot of different decisions after the age from 18 and above. And in that conversation back and forth with Senator Lesser, we talked about, I think with other people as well, that between the age of 14 and 17 which I understand to be that area we're talkin about, it is a very rare of exception type of time that this Bill would be applicable to the group that is under the age of 18. So assuming that to be true and I think that might be, if the more, more strict reading of the law or this bill as Senator Lesser proposes which is only those procedures under the age of 18 that include if defined by statute, there was a few of them there, it is such a limited circumstance and a limited amount of time, what happened this is a very narrow margin, it seems to me that rather than the State making a blanketing rule that we have better judgement than the parents and we are gonna remove all children between 18 and 14 relative to those exceptions and give them permission even at the age of 14 or 15 to write a letter to say I don't want the EOB to go to my parents. What this Amendment says is the parent, if the parent believes that is in their best interest of their child, they

can opt by this Amendment to give the child the right to have the EOB sent to another address. So in other words the conversation between the parent and the child would be such that the parent and child would have a conversation and if the parent felt comfortable believing their child to be one who can make certain decisions that they, the parent would give that permission by doing the opt out.

In other words take government out of our lives and allow a parent to determine based upon their judgement of their child whether that makes sense. So rather than the State saying we know best, rather than the State saying we know your parent better than you do, rather than the State we will take on an obligation without the consequences of those obligations such as further medical problems, such as other issues perhaps psychological to get involved maybe yes, maybe no or support that may be needed given different scenarios we are going to decide that we know better than them. So what this Amendment does is say lets put it in the hands of the parent not the State because clearly I think all of us that have kids know everykid is different, every kid matures differently, you don't raise two kids who are the same, I don't care how many kids you have, even if you have six or seven they're all different and you may have more confidence in one than the other. But that is not us, we should leave that to a parent to make that decision.

So, through you Mr. President.

I would move this Amendment and ask for a role call vote. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Appreciate the intent of the Amendment. Today under existing law if a 16-year-old walks into a school psychologist and reports that they are suicidal. The psychologist can refer the student to seek medical care. In most cases you would hope that the child would tell their parents but lets say the child says, I can't tell my parents because I am concerned of the stigma, I won't do that. The child can still, under existing law, go six times to see a psychiatrist, to go see a mental health practitioner without telling their parents. They have six times under the law. That is a decision that the General Assembly made to protect, to save the life of a suicidal child. That is something we've done. The seventh time you have to tell your parent, that is the law. That is the tough choice that we wrestled with. Mr. President the Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers testified in support of this important legislation.

And through you a question to the proponent of the Amendment.

Prior to introducing this Amendment which would seek to restrict the protections of this Bill did the Senator or any other Senator or member of this body consult with the Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you Senator Lesser. Senator Fasano would you care to respond to the questions?

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Absolutely. First of all that organization does not speak for me as a parent, that organization doesn't speak for parents across the State that have kids. I speak for someone who has three kids. I speak for someone we all know the opioid addiction is out of control in this State and we all know that what this Bill would do is say if your child was under the age of 18 and went in for some addiction, as I understand the law, and did that emailed, did that the day before that I want the EOB to go someplace else and went in for addiction treatment the next day that parent would not know. I will tell you that the parents that I talk to and the parents that we've all heard from probably the most common thing we hear is, I didn't know my son, I didn't know my daughter was addicted. I just didn't know. I didn't know how bad it was. If I knew damn right I would have interceded into that life of my child or my grandson and I would have stopped it whatever it took because that life matters more than the blue Statute that is behind me. That is what I hear. And what this Bill does is say, yeah you know what, we talk a lot about drug addiction in this building but what this Bill says is a 16- or 17-year-old is addicted to opioids, parent you're gonna be in the dark if the kid wants you to be in the dark and I would defy anybody in this Chamber to say an opioid addicted 16-year-old is gonna say I want my parents to know so I won't do this waiver. Of course the kid is going to sign the darn waiver, he's hooked on

drugs, and a parent is going to wakeup to a dead child and I object to the policy!

I object to that policy. This isn't about domestic violence. This is about saving kids' lives with a parent who loves them and cares for them and makes sure they are safe everyday of the week, not some organization who shows up for who knows what self-serving purpose they show up for, they are not my, they don't take care of my child, I take care of my child. I have that responsibility. It ends and begins with me. And you're taking a red flag away from me to save my kid and I object to it. It is not the policy we should have in this State. That is not the direction we should go no matter what's on the other side of the ledger. If this is about because we want kids who want to have abortions, their parent's don't know about it, I get that argument. But that is one argument. Let's look at the other side. What is the risk for that? What is the risk for that? Opioid addiction. What is worse in this country, can anybody tell me what is most afflicted are kids in Connecticut and anywhere across this country. Opioid addiction and we are going to give a pass if we pass this Bill and say no red flag, no notice parents because we think that child who is addicted knows better than you. I object to that policy. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Lesser you can take the floor.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. And I respect Senator Fasano and I respect his position on this but I strongly, strongly disagree. There is nobody giving anybody a pass with this Bill. I have been to too many funerals, for too many constituents who are victims of this opioid epidemic and the policy of the General Assembly is to say if a child needs to get treatment for addiction, lifesaving treatment they can get it. Now I don't, as a member of this body, I don't make policy just based on my own whims, I listen to the experts and what the experts told us, what Dr. Rahul Shah told us is that studies have shown that adolescents and young adults are less likely to see critical health services when there is concern that their confidentiality will be breached. If you have a young man or young woman in Connecticut who is addicted to an opioid medication I want them to get the lifesaving care that they need. I want them to get treatment and if they are concerned that they have to tell their parents first, and they won't get that care and they might end up dead, that bothers me and that is why we passed this law, that is the existing law in this State. We have a two tiered system under this, right. If we take this Amendment, if they are from a wealthy family and they can afford to pay cash, they don't have their parents insurance, they just pay the cash on hand to go seek treatment, their parent never finds out because that is the law. That doesn't change with this Amendment. And if they're poor, well they may be covered by Medicaid. They also, they also don't get an explanation of benefits under Medicaid but if they're in the middleclass and they are covered by their parent's insurance, oh then, then we tell the parents. That doesn't make sense to me. Why we have a system where the wealthy who can pay cash, they can keep this from their

parents, the poor can keep this from their parents but the middleclass then we're gonna say, you know what, you're not entitled to privacy.

We don't want you to get the lifesaving drug addiction treatment that will at least make sure that you are stable. And was discussed before permit the health practitioners the seventh time you get to tell the parents. There are rules, there are parameters around this because we do want parents, kids to talk to their parents. We do want to encourage that. The testimony that we got in the Insurance Committee, I don't know if Senator Fasano has seen it, it don't know if the members of this Chamber have seen it was very clear though on this topic. That with regard to children, this is what Dr. Rahul Shah said who is at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center that unless we protect privacy we are going to put an already vulnerable person into immanent peril. I take that seriously. I take that very seriously. And I want to refer now to some other testimony that we got, from Veena Muraleetharan who is a student at Yale. But she talked about growing up as a young woman. She says, "As a young woman, I have considered seeking mental health or reproductive health services in the past, but hesitated because I am dependent on my parents' plan and was not sure what would show up on an insurance statement." We should be very careful about the message we are sending in this Chamber. Do we really want to send a message that people are not entitled to medical privacy. People who are already allowed under the law to consent to healthcare are not able to do so. They have to disclose to the policyholder whether it is there, in the case of this Amendment, to their parents but maybe in a future Amendment to their

spouse. We are saying because you write the check you lose the right to medical privacy. What are the consequences? According to the experts that puts vulnerable individuals in eminent peril. Well that's bad policy, that is why this General Assembly carved out those specific sections and that is why we should reject this Amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Will you remark further on the Amendment. Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President in the moments between the time that I spoke on the underlying Bill, now amended and now, I was able to get some information. The good gentleman makes reference to how important it is for us to provide some level of protection in knowledge to the individual that is seeking treatment. I think it is important for the Chamber to know that while he referred earlier to the fact that some of these decisions were made some 50 years ago, some of these decisions were less than 50 years ago. For instance the legislature decided back in 1992 that outpatient mental health treatment was something that a parent shouldn't be able to withhold from a child and a child could make that decision. In 1969 we decided apparently that drug addiction and the affects of alcohol were something that they should be able to seek treatment for and I as a parent, a policyholder couldn't withhold that. I would suggest to the gentleman that the world has changed. The world has changed dramatically Mr. President. We've had a

number of mass incidents here in Connecticut that are directly related, directly related to mental health. I don't think there is person in this Chamber or person in this State that would argue with that statement. We have a very significant problem with opioid addiction. I would argue that it's not the heroin of 1974 when I was in high school and I'm not sure anybody knew what Fentanyl was. But these treatments are critical and I don't think anything in this Amendment is intended to withhold the medical care that someone seeks. I would suggest that the people that are troubled and not thinking clearly, not making the right decisions with regard to mental health or not making the right decisions with regard to addiction, someone needs to know. We teach our children that if it appears to you that someone in your class is troubled, you should reach out to them and you should ask them, "Is there something bothering you, is there some way I can help." We teach adults that they should do the same with fellow workers yet I think what we're trying to get at with this Amendment at least at a very young age when people are very vulnerable we shouldn't take this tool away from a parent. So, Mr. President I think for the reasons that I've just stated and looking back and the date at which this legislature perhaps last looked why it made some of those decisions it is worthy of another look. It just so happens to be today. I don't serve on this Committee but I do think that you can still maintain an individual's right to seek treatment and it wouldn't necessarily be jeopardized just because the Amendment says under the age of 18, you cannot avail yourself of an opportunity or an option to send a bill somewhere else. So the very individuals that we expect will care the most about their children would never know. And so I am asking, Mr. President

that we kind of sit back and think about what this Amendment might to, how far it might go in trying to seek the protections that I think some people are trying to seek for the residents of Connecticut and yet how it will protect the populations that I'm speaking about in a way that we can't afford not to protect. We can't afford to not to have an opportunity to look them in the eye, whether it is at the kitchen table or somewhere else, and say, we're here to help, we're not here to pull the rug out from underneath you, we want to help. And that is what this Amendment does. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Will you remark further on the Amendment? If not, I believe a roll call has been requested on the Amendment. So the Clerk will please call for roll call vote on Senate Amendment Schedule "B".

CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on Senate Amendment "B" LCO 7462. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on LCO 7462, Senate Amendment "B".

THE CHAIR:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted. So, Mr. Clerk I believe the machine will be closed and the Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

LCO No. 7462, Senate Amendment "B"

Total number voting	30
Necessary for Adoption	16
Total voting Yea	12
Total voting Nay	18
Absent not voting	6

THE CHAIR:

The Amendment fails. We are back on the Bill, Substitute Senate Bill No. 799. Is there additional commentary or discussion on the Bill as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A"? Yes, Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Just a couple of questions for the proponent of the Bill if I could? We talked a lot about what the intent of this legislation is and, you know, the policy behind it but I just want to touch on a couple of questions about how it might work in practice. I was reading through the Bill and I understand that someone who is a member of this policy but not the policyholder Themselves is going to be given this ability to make a determination about where the explanation of benefits is sent. But it is not really clear to me reading the language exactly when that change happens.

Through you, Mr. President.

Can you let me know where that actually occurs?
Does it occur at the time that the patient is seeing

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the doctor or does it happen subsequent to that and how is it conceived to be processed.

Through you, Mr. President.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Lesser would you care to respond?

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Through you, Mr. President.

I would refer the Senator to Line 109 which specifies that the insurer shall comply within three business day. So from the moment that the written request is received there is a ticking timeline of three days by which for the suppression to go into effect. It would not be from the moment that the request was received but it would be three days, three business days subsequent to that.

Through you, Mr. President.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Thanks, Senator Lesser. Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you very much. Mr. President I thank the gentleman for his answer. So if the person has to contact the insurer and make a request to redirect or withhold the explanation of benefits from being sent, I am curious to know does that policy state in effect for any future claims or would the member or

patient have to make such a request each time a claim is filed?

Through you, Mr. President.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Thank you, Senator Sampson. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you.

Through you, Mr. President.

That would stay in effect for the duration of the policy unless the member writes a request to revoke that previously existing change.

Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Sampson you have the floor.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. And so the policy of not sending or redirecting where the EOB would be sent will remain in effect from the time that the patient requests it. That brings up a few other questions. Does that mean that if a patient asks for the EOB to be withheld or sent somewhere else is the person at the insurance company, they are supposed to review each of these requests to determine whether or not the member has the ability to make that

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determination on their own based on the conversation we've had about whether or not someone might be a minor and they have the ability to make certain medical decisions in their own case rather than being required to have parental consent?

Through you, Mr. President.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. President.

Through you.

I don't know if the gentleman heard some of the discussion earlier but I think the application of this Bill to minors is very much intended to be the exception rather than the rule. So that in those very rare cases, exceedingly rare cases where a child who is a dependent walks into a provider with an insurance card and is then consenting to one of the very specific statutory exemptions that exists under the law and those specific cases, you're right, the insurance company would have to determine whether this is a, whether or not this is something that would apply or not and that would probably tricky to administer but the vast majority of the cases because it would apply to adults who are able to consent to all medical treatment that I am aware of and that would be covered for the duration of the policy or until such time as they notify in writing the insurer that they wish to waive the suppression of the EOB.

Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thanks, Senator Lesser. Senator Sampson you have the floor.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. And I thank the Chairman of the Insurance Committee for his answer. So I heard you say tricky to administer which I think might be an understatement in this case because I can only imagine a situation where a minor makes this request for something that they do have the authority to make the determination on and then subsequently they file another claim where they do not, it will be incumbent on the insurer, I'm guessing, although it is not laid out in this Bill to make that determination once again. I think that is a tremendous burden to be placing on an insurance company.

You've mentioned the testimony that is before the Committee a number of times but you didn't mention the testimony from the insurance industry which basically said that we would be the only State to make a policy such as this that there is a similar policy in place that does allow the policyholder who is the owner of the policy to make a determination about where to send an EOB but even that requires special circumstances. So here in this Bill we are actually setting up several different hurdles for an insurance carrier to accommodate our small State and how they are going to process these type of determinations. And I guess my further question is

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what happens when they screw up? What happens when the insurance company does not send the EOB to the redirected address and they accidentally send it to the parent and ultimately the parent finds out about a medical procedure that they were not aware of. What happens in that point, is there a penalty in this Bill, is there any liability created for the insurer in that case?

Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Sampson. Senator Lesser will your respond?

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I do want to respond to that question but before I do I want to correct several misstatements that Senator Sampson I believe may have inadvertently made. First of all this is not, we are not the first State to pass such as law. Massachusetts passed a similar law and this Bill that is before us is closely modeled after the existing law that protects people in Massachusetts.

Second I think the policy to which the Senator was referring regarding allowing a policyholder to change the destination to which an EOB is sent completely misses the point of this proposal which is if we're really talking about protecting the rights of women, of people who are dependent of allowing people to get life-saving domestic violence treatment because they are afraid that the policyholder who was also the perpetrator of the abuse might then retaliate against them for

receiving medical care. That is the genesis of this Bill saying that we don't need this Bill because the policyholder, the person perpetrating the abuse, could send it to another address, this is why we are even here on this evening. So I hope that isn't missed by many members of this Senate that there is a reason for this Bill. The idea is to protect medical privacy of people who are on someone else's policy. That is what we are here to do. We are here, in response to specific concerns raised by people on the frontlines for finding lifesaving care to survivors of domestic violence saying that you don't have to go to the person perpetrating that violence for permission or to inform them that you are going to try to save your life. That is what we are here to do. We are not saying to women, wives, daughters, that they have to tell before they can get lifesaving care after a rape, that they have to tell the person who has, in many cases, perpetrated that they are going to get that care. That is why we are here.

Now, who enforces this law? That is the Commissioner of Insurance. These are regulated insurance companies and they have participated, they have worked in good faith with the Chairs of the Insurance Committee and the members of the Committee and the Amendment that we just voted on reflected the request that they asked. I did mention it was tricky to implement but we have worked with the insurance companies, we have taken their concerns into account and those concerns are reflected in LCO 7188 that we just voted on. And now we are talking about the underlying Bill that satisfies those concerns.

Through you, Mr. President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Senator Sampson you have the floor.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate the response although I would disagree that I mischaracterized anything. This Bill is not exactly the same as the one that exists in Massachusetts and most notably in the State of Massachusetts the exceptions that are allowed to minors are radically different than the ones in Connecticut. In particular Massachusetts requires parental consent for a minor to have an abortion. That is something that is not the case in this Bill.

This brings me back to the start of this conversation which is whose policy is this? I don't know of another case where someone who is not the owner of the policy has the right to make determinations and changes to it but is ultimately responsible for everything that happens with it. This particular Bill essentially would allow someone who is not the policyholder themselves to get medical treatment and be billed for it but yet, when the policyholder themselves who may have been left out of the loop discovers that they owe a balance of a payment of there is some other thing that might happen in an insurance claim, an adverse determination, any number of things could happen in an insurance claim and yet the policyholder themselves is left in the dark. I'll go back to my statement and my be it is not the most politically correct one but simply put, if you're concerned

about your medical privacy, I think you should purchase your own insurance policy. What this Bill does unlike what was characterized as a restriction on people's rights, the Amendment that sadly failed which I think would have corrected every issue I have with this Bill, that Amendment didn't restrict anyone's rights what so ever. It actually provided choice which is something I know we're all very much in favor of. It gave the choice to the policyholder to make a determination of whether or not the other folks that are on their policy would have the right to medical privacy. If you don't like that as someone on someone else's policy and the person paying the bill says otherwise, then I suggest you get your own policy. What this bill is about is about the rights of parents That is what is eliminated if this law passes because if I am a parent who wants to choose a policy where I know what is happening with my child, I don't get to anymore cause you have taken my choice away from me entirely. The Amendment would have given us the chance to do either or. It would have said in some cases parents might say yes, my children have right to their own medical privacy but I think the vast majority of people when asked if they believe that their minor child should have the right to seek medical care without their knowledge even if it includes the billing and the processing of a claim, and a potential adverse determination by an insurance company, I believe most people would say, yes, I need to know that is happening with my child. Now I understand that there is some carveouts in our laws that are valuable protections but that is what this is about, it is a question about whether or not we are attempting to replace the parent's decision making process with the government's decision making process. It is also a not so thinly veiled attempt

to take the rights to know what is going on with their children away from them. And in particular and I know it is a subject that has been amazingly avoided throughout this entire conversation I believe this Bill is before us for one expressed purpose and that is to create a further impediment for parents to be aware of minor abortions. You can have any position you want on that policy but it should be quite clear to everyone in this room that that is what this Bill does. It is yet another impediment so that a parent would not be aware. We are one of only a handful of States that does not provide for consent or at least notification for a minor to have an abortion and this Bill only reinforces that by making so a parent is going to be completely devoid even if they are responsible for the payment of that abortion. I would also point out that the purpose of parental notification of abortion is something that is unbelievably mischaracterized by people on the left is not to prohibit the choice of minor girls from getting an abortion, the point is to catch predators which is what this Bill is allegedly before us is about. It is the mechanism to find out if the step-father, or the babysitter, or the neighbor or some predator did something to some minor girl. If someone has the ability to do that, to rape and make someone pregnant then they also have the ability to coerce that person into going to get an abortion and in this case I think they would have the ability to coerce to not, to make sure that the medical records don't show up in the parents also. Parental notification catches criminals and predators. It is a good policy, this is going in the absolute wrong direction Mr. President, I think it is a mistake for us take parents out of the loop when it comes to the

medical interactions that their children have and I am going to be voting, 'No' on it. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thanks, Senator Sampson. Will you remark further on the Bill as amended? Will you remark further on the Bill as amended? Senator Lesser.

SENATOR LESSER (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President I want to say a few things but first I want to respond to Senator Sampson, I am going to share some personal information. In a few days open enrollment begins for those of us who participate in the State health plan and my wife and I have talked about out various employers and the plans that are available to us and our current plan is for my wife to come on my plan as a State employee, as a State Senator and she will be joining the plan that I am offered as a dependent listed on that plan in a few days. And when she does she will be entitled as any dependent is on any employer sponsored plan in Connecticut to the same benefits that I receive. You know what I don't get, what I don't get that's not a part of this discussion is whether I get to make medical decisions for her. That is not what this is about. That seems to be what it is about for some folks, that seems to be the last comment, whether or not I as the policy holder get to make the decisions, whether she has to consent to me making medical decisions for her body, no, that is not what we are into this for at all. We are a family. And when people go on as dependents, when a policyholder decides to enroll their adult child, or their minor child or their spouse it is about figuring out we

are going to pay for the cost of healthcare. It's not about saying I want to control an adult human's medical decision making. But to hear some people in this room talk about what we are going to be doing, it sounds like we want to have that decision. I am paying so I get to decide every time my wife gets to go to the doctor what medical care she is allowed to get and what she doesn't. That is the logical conclusion of the conversation I think I just heard.

Now we heard some discussion about whether or not this is an effort, this could inadvertently allow perpetrators of abuse to shield somehow the fact that they have been committing abuse, but that is not true. And the reason it is not true is one we know because we have heard from the experts, the frontline providers who are treating 44,000 survivors of domestic violence every single year. We heard from Planned Parenthood, provides frontline clinics, critical healthcare services to women all across the State that this is necessary that this is about protecting women, this is about protecting women in this State, about protecting kids. That's what we heard, we heard from the experts they said that this Bill helps, it doesn't hinder abuse and frankly the idea that an abuser is going to go in and use the parent's health insurance policy rather than paying cash that to me strikes me somewhat, there is a word that I think would describe that, this is hutzpah. Twenty-three years ago Congress passed something called HIPAA. It is a law designed to shield people's medical records. It was designed to protect families. To say that everyone should be entitled to healthcare privacy that my healthcare needs aren't any of your business. That is a law that's existed that Connecticut has grown used to, that the country has grown used to. But there is

loophole in that law which is that through the explanation of benefits a policyholder can find out what care was accessed even with HIPAA in place. The Bill before us is an attempt to close that loophole. To say that in cases where a woman has a need to access vital reproductive care, doesn't want her father or her husband to know, she can get it. This Bill is designed to shield survivors of assault and domestic violence, to allow people to get lifesaving care that they need. The experts all weighed in on one side of this debate. There is not two sides, there is one side of this debate. That this bill strengthens HIPAA. It provides additional lifesaving privacy protections and I urge all the members of this Senate to support it. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lesser. Is there additional comment on the Bill as amended. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, as Senator Lesser indicated that people's private health insurance or medical attention should be kept private among adults, I don't think there is much argument in this Chamber relative to that issue. The issue that I think some of us in this Chamber focused on are the kids. And the issue within that is we have to balance as we always do, rights and health and life and death issues. And as Senator Miner pointed out in 1969 when we passed that Bill, the laws in this Chamber, talking about drug addiction I would argue it was no where near what it is today. We are losing kids in this State at an incredible rate and we all know about it. And I am

sure, as I stand with this mic right now, there is going to be a Bill regarding opioid addiction and we are all going to stand up and say how horrible it is and how kids are losing their lives and we need to either fund it or do more of this, that and the other thing and we have the opportunity now to do something and some of us in this Chamber would rather not. The Amendment that was put forth that was voted down would have said Senator Lesser is right, adults 18 and over deserve privacy for their medical conditions, not arguing. But 17 and under, as a parent I think I do have a right to know. I am not stopping them from getting their procedure, they can go do it, they don't need my consent, but I am asking to know about it. And the argument is that somehow we are affecting that. We are not affecting that by the Amendment. If it is truly this issue, we are not affecting that cause they have a right to that, to do the procedure. Then the argument is somehow it is impinging on it, it's not. We are just gonna know about it. Is that so wrong to know what your kid is doing? Is it really all that wrong? I would argue that there is a lot more here that goes into kids than words and look there are experts all over the place and I was not part of the Insurance listening to them, but I do know what I feel as a parent and I humbly, disagree with the experts who are trying to tell me how to raise a kid. So I'm a lot calmer than I was a few minutes ago, but I will say that I know how this vote is going to go. But I think this is a tremendous setback for opioid addiction and for kids health. I think it is a tremendous setback, but I can count. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. You may stand-at-ease for just a moment. Will you remark further?
Majority Leader, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President may I thank the Republican Leader for his graciousness, I am batting here last I guess, our President Pro Tem is on the Chair so taking your place will be very difficult to do.

I want to certainly thank Senator Lesser for his hard work on this legislation today. He and his Committee have worked on this Bill for a number of months now perfecting it and bringing it debate today. I think many of us and though we had a spirited debate today on the proposal, I think many of us understand the need for an explanation of benefits and what and how this will help consumers and those who need to have the information and how it can help them in their privacy also. It says in the ORL Report the health carrier must make available to consumers an easily readable, accessible and understandable format and I think a lot of that talks about what we are trying to get at here in the legislation and how Senator Lesser has worked so hard and so diligently to try and articulate what the explanation of benefits covers and what it does not cover. I think that we can certainly have a debate on what might happen or what could happen in the future but I know that he painfully has worked on a Bill that is not overly broad, that does not take into consideration some of the things that may make people fear the unknown or fear that their parents might lose control of what

their children may or may not do, or information that they may need to be responsible.

Let's face it we all as parents, those of us that are parents, want the best for our kids. We want to make sure that we understand what is happening in their lives and we want to do things that we can do that would help them if there were various addictions. We want to make sure we are standing with them and protecting them. But on the other hand also, not everybody lives in a perfect world. And there are times in which those who are younger need to take and make decisions that positively impact that them that they may not be able to always share with everyone else. And so while, you know, while some of us can maybe not see that scenario play out in our own households, there are certainly places in our State and in our Nation where we need to have those protections for minors and others so that they are able to be able to have their healthcare benefits as well. So again, I want to thank Senator Lesser and Senator Looney for their hard work, members of the Committee and others. I think this is an important piece of legislation and I would certainly urge my colleagues to vote in favor. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader. Will you remark further? If not, Mr. Clerk if you would call for a roll call on Substitute Senate Bill No. 977, Calendar No. 198, as Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

CLERK:

An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Substitute Bill No. 977.

THE CHAIR:

If all members present have cast their votes, Mr. Clerk, if you would, having closed the vote, announce tally.

THE CLERK:

On Senate Bill 977 as amended by Senate "A".

Total number voting	29
Necessary for Adoption	15
Those voting Yea	18
Those voting Nay	11
Absent not voting	7

THE CHAIR:

The Bill as amended passes. {Gavel]
Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Mr. President, I'm gonna just mark two Bills that we had PT'd as go. Calendar Page 24, Calendar 217, Senate Bill 5 and Calendar Page 2, Calendar 42, Senate Bill 800. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader. Those items are both marked go. Mr. Clerk if you would call those

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items in the order announced by the Majority Leader.
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 24, Calendar No. 217, Senate Bill 5, AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A WORKFORCE PIPELINE AND JOB CREATION
TASK FORCE.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Kushner, the Distinguished Chair
of the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. I move for Acceptance of
the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of
of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. The Bill has been moved, Will
you remark further? Senator Kushner.

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

Mr. President, the Clerk has an Amendment LCO No.
7467. Will the Clerk please call the Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

LCO No. 7467 Senate Schedule "A".

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kushner.

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

Mr. President, I move the Adoption of the Amendment and move to waive the reading. I would seek leave of the Chamber to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator please proceed with summarization.

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a Bill that will create a task force to study workforce pipeline and we want to add a Substitute Amendment here to include not just the creation, job creation task force to prepare the State's future workforce for well-paying manufacturing and technical jobs but also as amended it would be to study the availability and location of apprenticeships.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Will you remark further on the Amendment? If not. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. After the last Bill it is nice to have a kumbaya moment. Thank you, Mr. President. [Laughter]

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator it certainly. Will you remark further on the Amendment? If not, we will try your minds. All those in favor, please indicate by saying, "Aye."

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed, "No". The Ayes have it, the Amendment is adopted. Senator Kushner.

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

Mr. President as I mentioned this is the underlying Bill is a Bill to create a taskforce to study the workforce pipeline and job creating to particularly prepare our State's workforce for well-paying manufacturing and technical jobs as well as amended, it would locate apprenticeships. And so I think this is a good Bill. As you have heard it is a Bill that was bipartisan vote in our Committee and it was unanimous so I'm very pleased that we could bring out this Bill today. If there is no objection, I would ask that you move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. The item has been moved to the Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Hearing none it is so ordered. The Bill will be on our consent calendar. Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 42, Senate Bill No. 800 AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE MEDAL OF MERIT FOR CIVILIANS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Maroney the Distinguished Chair of our
Veterans Committee.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Mr. President, I move for Acceptance of the Joint
Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the
Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, the Bill has been moved. Will you
remark? Senator Maroney.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Mr. President, the Clerk is in possession of an
Amendment, LCO 7457. I would ask that the Clerk
please call the Amendment.

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Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

LCO No. 7457 Senate Schedule "A".

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

I move adoption of the Amendment and ask that its reading be waived and seek leave of the Chamber to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, Senator Maroney.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

This Amendment in line 5, we will insert the words "within available appropriations" so it merely changes the Bill so it will only be done within available appropriations.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Will you remark further on the Amendment? Senator Logan.

SENATOR LOGAN (17TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of the Amendment and the underlying Bill. It is important to recognize and support our Armed Forces Members both on and off the field. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the Amendment, on Senate Schedule "A"? If not, we will try your minds. All in favor Senate Amendment Schedule "A" please indicate by saying "Aye."

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed, "Nay." Hearing none, the Amendment is adopted. Senator Maroney.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. President. This Bill is part of the Adjutant General's goal of engaging the community and it will allow him, the Military Department to create a Civilian Medal of Merit for civilians similar to the Connecticut Medal of Merit which is currently given to Military Members and as I previously stated would allow him to go out and engage the community and also to thank civilian partners. In his testimony he had mentioned one case where they were working with representatives from Yale and I believe Central Connecticut and this would be a way for him to thank them and recognize them. So if there is no objection, I would ask that the Bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. The Bill has been moved for placement on the Consent Calendar. Senator Duff.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President for another item on our Consent Calendar please.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Majority Leader we need to move to place it on the Consent Calendar first, thanks. The Bill has been moved to the Consent Calendar. Is there objection to placing the item on the Consent Calendar? Hearing none, it is so ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. A little too excited about this next item I guess. [Laughter] On Calendar Page 2, Calendar 46, Senate Bill 226, would like to place that item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

The item has been moved for placement on the Consent Calendar. And is there objection? Hearing none, it is so ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. The Clerk can now call the items on Consent Calendar No. 2 followed by a vote.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 2, Page 2, Calendar 42, Senate Bill 800.

Page 2, Calendar 46, Senate Bill 226.

Page 24, Calendar No. 217, Senate Bill No. 5.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will proceed to a vote on the Consent Calendar No. 2.

CLERK:

An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 2. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No 2.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Have all the members voted, if you would please check the machine to make sure that your vote is properly cast. Machine will be closed, the Clerk will announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

On Consent Calendar No. 2

Total number voting	29
Necessary for Adoption	15
Those voting Yea	29
Those voting Nay	0
Absent not voting	7

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Consent Calendar No. 2 is adopted. For points of personal privilege, Senator Berthel.

SENATOR BERTHEL (32ND):

Thank you, Mr. President. Actually it is for an announcement if I may?

THE CHAIR:

An announcement, please proceed Senator.

SENATOR BERTHEL (32ND):

Thank you, for Senators who have legislative interns, I have been asked to remind you all that your final evaluations for your students are due this Friday. This Friday if you have an intern you should have received a link to, for completing that survey and evaluation from Lisa Roy, our Director of Legislative Interns. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. So we draw everyone's attention to that so that the student evaluations can be in on time for them to be properly awarded academic credit for this semester. Thank you, Senator. Are there any other announcements or points of personal privilege before I call upon the Majority Leader for concluding remarks? Seeing none, Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President that concludes our business for today. It is our intention to reconvene tomorrow at 12:30. There will be a Democratic caucus at noon tomorrow and we will hopefully get on the floor after that. With that, Mr. President, I move that we adjourn subject to the call and for the Republicans they have a caucus at 11:30 and again our intention to get in at 12:30 on the floor. So, Mr. President with that I move subject to the call, we adjourn subject to the call of the chair.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, the Senate is adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

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The Senate was called to order at 1:45 o'clock p.m.,
the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel) Good afternoon, everybody. We'd like to
call the Senate to order. And it is my pleasure to
bring forward Monsignor Schmitz of New Haven for our
opening prayer. Monsignor.

DEPUTY CHAPLAIN MONSIGNOR GERARD G. SCHMITZ:

Thank you, Your Honor. Let us pray.

O God, in whom we move and live and have our being,
we thought, be with us this day as our State Senate
convenes.

In this time of world turmoil and violence, we stand
with solidarity with our brothers and sisters of
various faith traditions who have lost their lives
or been injured while at worship or in hotels in Sri
Lanka. We commend them to you in a moment of
silence.

Guide our senators this day as they deliberate on
issues that are critical for our State of
Connecticut and its citizens.

We give thanks for the many blessings that we have in the State of Connecticut and for our beautiful natural resources which are so evident this Spring. With our observance of Earth Day earlier this week, may we continue to be mindful of our responsibility to care for the earth which you created.

Gracious God, protect all who are dedicated to public service, especially our first responders and those in the United States Military. We are grateful for their service and their sacrifice.

Bless and protect us this day. Watch over our coming and our going. Give us the grace to fulfill our tasks to the honor and glory of your name, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Monsignor Schmitz. I'd now like to call forward Senator Champagne to lead us in the Pledge. Senator.

SENATOR CHAMPAGNE (35TH):

[All] I pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Thank you.

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Thank you so much. And it's great to be here. And Senator -- Senator Duff -- Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, Senator.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Madam President, I rise for a point of personal privilege today.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you, very much. I want to introduce to the Chamber, a -- a good friend of mine and somebody who serves the community that I represent so dutifully and tirelessly, and that's our esteemed Probate Judge, Judge Lisa Wexler, who's here with us today. As I'm sure the members of this chamber are well aware, the probate court system serves folks who are in absolute dire need in very tricky situations. And the work that probate court judges do every single day, including Judge Wexler in Westport Town Hall is so crucial to protecting children, crucial to protecting senior citizens at times in their lives when they are most vulnerable. So, I want -- I hope that the chamber will join me today, not only in welcoming Judge Wexler but also her clerk,

Jackie, who's here with us today, as well. Thank you both so much for being here and I -- as I've learned is the tradition here, I hope that the chamber will join me in giving them a warm welcome.
[applause]

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Judge. [applause] Senator Needleman.

SENATOR NEEDLEMAN (33RD):

Am I on? Oh, thank you --

THE CHAIR:

There you are.

SENATOR NEEDLEMAN (33RD):

-- Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

You're always on, Senator --

SENATOR NEEDLEMAN (33RD):

Oh, geez.

THE CHAIR:

-- Needleman.

SENATOR NEEDLEMAN (33RD):

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It's so nice of you to say that. Point of personal privilege --

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR NEEDLEMAN (33RD):

I'd like to acknowledge our Judge of Probate for the towns -- she -- she'll have to remind me, a lot of towns in the southeastern Connecticut area and one of her clerks, Val Shickel, [phonetic] Jeanine Witkowski [phonetic] Judge Jeanine was elected in a special election and then reelected six months later. She's a fabulous judge. And I knew she was going to be great when she told me that on her law school application she told people that her highest goal was to be a Judge of Probate. So, I want to thank her and honor her for her service, along with her clerk, Val. So, thank you all for coming. [applause]

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Needleman. Senator Hwang.

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I also rise to recognize my Probate Judge, Lisa Wexler. But as you have just seen, she does very well for herself in articulating her viewpoints. [Laughter] She's charismatic. She's even-handed. She's an absolute delight, and we're very lucky in the communities that I represent to have her.

But I also want to take a moment to acknowledge all the Probate Judges that are in the -- the -- the capital today, but also back at home and doing the work that they do. It is important to recognize that they are, in most cases, the first point of contact for family members going through the emotional loss of family and loved ones. And they are the -- the pillar of patience that guide people through these difficult times. So, they don't always get the credit, but I know for many of the families that they have supported and -- and handled, they are an important part of the healing process. So, I want to acknowledge them and thank them for being part of our system.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, thank you so much. Point well taken.
Senator Maroney.

SENATOR MARONEY (14TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I also rise to introduce my Probate Judge, Judge Beverly Streit-Kefalas from Milford and Orange. And I'd like to echo the sentiments of Senator Hwang. But Beverly and I are -- Judge -- Judge Kefalas and I are both Rotarians. I know her family, Nick, her daughters Dee and Barbara, and she is one of the most compassionate and sincere people you will ever meet. And I've heard from friends who've unfortunately been going through the probate process of how wonderful she has been with them. So, she's there for people in their times of need and we know that often the -- the probate judges are at a family's worst time. It's when the death of a -- a loved one or children, unfortunately, there are

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issues there, and I couldn't imagine someone better to be servicing -- serving our -- our fellow residents in Milford and Orange. So, I rise to thank her and recognize her.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. Judge Kefalas, so nice [applause] to see you. And if you ever have the occasion to go to the St. Barbara's Greek Festival, she will show you around. You'd want her as your guide. Any other points of personal privilege? Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Nice to see you this afternoon. I rise for a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you. I have had the great pleasure of serving in this wonderful position, but would not have been able to do it without the wonderful help of people like our aide, but this year, particularly, we have a wonderful set of interns that help and support us. And I notice one of 'em tried to sneak in on me up here in the galley today. And I'd like to just take a moment to recognize the hard work of Lauren Riley, as she has really made a great impact, not only on the people that she works with but on the process that she's learned and moved forward. She goes to

Eastern, lives in Colchester, and has just been a wonderful addition to -- to our staff. And I'd ask if the Senate would help in joining me and thanking her for that and giving her a warm welcome to the chamber today. [applause]

THE CHAIR:

Any other points of personal privilege? If not, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, does the Clerk have Senate Agendas No. 1 and 2 on his desk?

CLERK:

The Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda No. 1 and No. 2, dated Thursday, April 25th, 2019.

THE CHAIR:

Senator --

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move all items on Senate Agendas No. 1 and 2, dated Thursday, April 25th, 2019, be acted upon as indicated, and that the agendas be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and Senate transcripts.

THE CHAIR:

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So, ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Also for a journal notation, I just wanted to mention that Senator Hartley is not in the chamber, and has not been the last couple of days, yesterday and today, due to the fact her daughter is getting married. And she wanted to make sure that we're aware of that and that she's not in the chamber because she's celebrating something very important and a major milestone in her life.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you and it will be so noted in the journal.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, now for our goal list, I will mark the items in our goal list.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar page 47, Calendar 324, Senate Resolution 27, go. On Calendar page 46, Calendar 376, House Bill 7402, go. On Calendar page 2, Calendar 48, Senate Bill 233, go. On Calendar page 18, Calendar 185, Senate Bill 1020, go. On Calendar page 26, Calendar 247, Senate Bill 1052, go. On Calendar page 27, Calendar 260, Senate

Bill 709, Madam President I would like to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Okay. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar page 30, Calendar 285, Senate Bill 1067, I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar page 32, Calendar 304, Senate Bill 585, go. On Calendar page 34, Calendar 321, Senate Bill 1104, go. On Calendar page 37, Senate Bill 343, Senate Bill 1105, go. On Calendar page 37, Calendar 345, Senate Bill 1108, go. On Calendar page 41, Calendar 373, Senate Bill 1058, go. And on Calendar page 10, Calendar 120, Senate Bill 893, go. And if the Clerk can please call them in that order. And if the Senate will stand at ease for a moment, please.

CLERK:

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THE CHAIR:

We're at ease, Mr. Clerk. Senator Duff.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I also wanted to mark one more item, Calendar 42 -- Calendar page 42, Calendar 382, House Joint Resolution 162, as a go.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. We were wondering about that one.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

[Laughter] In the order that is on the sheet here please. Thank you, Madam President. And while we -- we'll stand at ease for another moment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if the Clerk can now call Calendar page 47, Calendar 324, Senate Resolution Number 27.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk?

CLERK:

Page 47, Calendar Number 324, Senate Resolution Number 27, RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN INTEREST ARBITRATION AWARD BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES

ASSOCIATION, SEIU LOCAL 2001, CORRECTION SUPERVISORS COUNCIL, NP-8 UNIT.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. It's a pleasure, as always, to see you up there. I move acceptance of this resolution and passage of it.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark?

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. This is an arbitration award. It's been adjudicated, already gone through the collective bargaining process, been sent out to an independent arbitrator, and approved through that arbitrator, and is waiting approval through this -- through this body here.

I would like to talk a little bit about the deputy wardens and -- who make up this bargaining group that are creating into an already standard bargaining group. There are 34 deputy wardens who work in Connecticut's prisons. In 2018, the deputy wardens organized and voted to join CSEA, SCIU, local 2001. This is their first contract.

There was some issues that were not resolved during the normal course of negotiations. The deputy wardens in the State entered into binding

arbitration. What is now before the Senate is the arbitrated award as decided by an independent arbitrator. Since State employees do not have the right to strike, binding arbitration is a tool that is -- that ensures positive labor relations within the State. Deputy wardens were not successful in negotiations and they were not successful in some of the issues put forth in arbitration. For example, they did not receive any retroactive pay, on-call pay, or an increase in the wage at the top step.

Deputy wardens our second in command at Connecticut's prisons, and like many of our local police departments who are organized up to the level of right below the chief, this is a similar sort of set up. Deputy wardens are in, what I would pause it as being some of the most difficult and dangerous jobs. They are on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The average life expectancy for a front-line correctional officer who becomes deputy warden is 66 years of age. This is information that was received from the Office of Comptroller in 2005 to 2015. This is 15 years earlier than the average Connecticut resident.

Many deputy wardens currently earn less than the people they directly supervise. This first contract ensures a fair level of compensation. This agreement fixes the problem that will allow qualified people to apply to be a deputy warden. Deputy wardens shared an all previous SEBAC concessions including pension contribution increases, pension changes, health insurance premium share increases, benefit changes, and many more. However, because they were not members of a

collective bargaining environment, they had no voice in the concessions agreements.

By joining a union these working men and women now have a real voice on the job. This contract provides no compensatory pay and deputy wardens receive no over-time pay. This agreement cuts sick time accruals from -- for deputy wardens from 60 days to 30 days. Deputy wardens will receive no general wage increase. They received no general wage increase in FY-16, FY-17, FY-18, or -- and FY-19.

Wage increases that are in the agreement are reasonable but necessary to ensure that we fill the ranks of deputy wardens with the most qualified individuals. The arbitration award sets the salaries for 34 deputy wardens. This agreement adds no new State employees to the State's workforce as deputy wardens are already current employees. Included in the award, is an agreement to pay wage increases averaging 1.08 percent each year over 12 years.

The public safety workers are also eligible for an additional increase for the performance assessment and recognition system. The maximum system average PARS increase equals 1 percent annually over the same 12-year period. Taken together, deputy wardens could possibly receive -- realize a maximum of 2.08 percent annual pay increase over the 12-year period. Between fiscal year 2010 and fiscal year 2019, deputy wardens received no wage increases in eight out of those ten years.

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Deputy wardens also had shared in and continue to share in the SEBAC 2017 concessions. In effect, deputy wardens received pay cuts during this timeframe. Meanwhile, according to the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average yearly private sector wage in Connecticut increased 11.4 percent from 2010 to 2017.

Over the past year according to the most recent State Department of Labor Report, private sector weekly pay in Connecticut has increased 3.4 percent. I also have a breakdown of -- of wage and benefits for deputy wardens. 2010 there were no changes, zero percent increase. 2011, zero percent increase, no changes. 2012, zero percent increase, no changes. 2013, zero percent increase, no changes. 2014, it was a 3 percent increase through PARS if they received it. It was done on an individual basis, so not everyone received a 3 percent increase. That was exactly the same thing that happened in 2015. In 2016, there was a zero percent increase, no changes. In 2017, there was a zero percent increase with no changes. In 2018, there was a zero percent increase, 2 percent additional pension contribution increases. In 2019, three sick days lost, zero percent increase. They have a \$2000 dollar lump sum payment to workers.

Wage only increase over the past 12 years, 1.08 percent. I don't think that can be stated -- said enough, 1.08 percent. Maximum potential increase through PARS, 1 percent. If you combine the two, a possible increase of 2.08 percent dependent on the individual evaluations of the individual deputy wardens.

Again, deputy wardens do some of the toughest jobs that are available here in the State of Connecticut. They lead statewide correctional programs, something that we count on. Many currently earn less than correctional captains or correctional counselor supervisors who directly report to deputy wardens. I think these people are well deserved of a wage increase.

I think we need to pay our State employees a wage that allows them to be what they are, that is good, taxpaying residents of the State of Connecticut -- good, taxpaying residents of the State of Connecticut.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution and I stand ready to answer questions. And I think it will be very easy to see 100 percent of the senators around this circle vote in favor of this arbitration award, an award that's already been adjudicated and gone through the process. Thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Osten. Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Good afternoon, once again, Madam President. Thank you. I rise for a question or two and some comments and discussion on this item, please.

THE CHAIR:

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SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you. Good afternoon, Senator. And thank you for your passion on this issue. And I couldn't agree more that deputy wardens are so deserving of our respect here throughout State government, throughout the General Assembly. And I know that it's particular importance to you as one of your many careers has been spent supporting our great correctional institution.

I rise from a different perspective than you do on this particular issue. This is the fifth expansion of our Union's roles this particular session. And I want to go back, as the State has to defend against these wage increases, to the information that was provided to us on a submission by Secretary Brown, yeah, Brown -- Ruten, misspelled the name, I'm sorry, with regard to the defense that the State made, particularly the comments by the OPM Secretary which are found on page 4 of that particular submission. Then Secretary Barnes focused his testimony where he highlighted the overall Connecticut credit rating and heavy tax and debt burden, was not sufficient to support this particular raises. He also testified that Connecticut has the third worst credit rating of the 50 states and the impacts on their ability to borrow and obtain funding.

Other issues raised by then Secretary Barnes included the declining population, the out-migration of millionaires, the aging population, and appreciable budget gaps, and he testified in opposition to this. With regard to the fiscal note, my question to you Senator Osten, through you, Madam President, would be the 1.8 percent that you

quoted, I didn't understand if that was for the past 12 years or for the future 12 years. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Formica. Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. It's since 2010 through the ten year of this particular contract. And I would also like to comment on the fact that my colleague stated in his opening statement that they deserve our respect. Respect is empty and hollow if it is not followed up with compensation. Respect is empty and hollow if it does not mean anything. We can't just talk the talk, we have to walk the walk.

Quite frankly, these people deserve a pay raise as commiserate with the other people in the State of Connecticut. And as you also talked on the State of Connecticut's financial standing, as has been said, the many changes that this body has made over the last four years has increased our financial standing in the -- in the eyes of Moodie's and other rating agencies. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Osten. Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you very much. Thank you, Senator. I appreciate that. And I -- I do acknowledge that the

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rating agencies outlook has improved for Connecticut, but our rating standards have declined numerous times over the last few years, and have not shown improvement. But with regard to the -- the past 12 years that you spoke from 2010 moving forward, raises were not given to this group because they were considered management. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Formica. Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Through you. These -- these groups were not in a bargaining unit. They were not classified as managers. They've never been classified as managers. Managers have a specific statutory classification -- specific statutory classification. They did not meet that standard. If they had met that standard, they would not have been allowed to join a bargaining unit. The -- the statutory definition of manager requires you to have the ability to hire and fire. To develop policy for the agency. There are four specific standards in statute. They don't meet those standards. And therefore, they are not considered managers by State statute. Thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Osten. Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. So, thank you, Senator. So, in response to that, the reason that they got no raises were because they were not part of a bargaining unit. And they were just deemed unworthy of raises through the -- those ten years or why did they not get raises through that time? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Formica. Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. And -- and through you. The raises through four managerial employees were decided, not by the -- not by a bargaining contract. So, the executive branch or the Office of Policy Management, and in some cases, the General Assembly made decisions revolving around employees that did not have the ability to talk in concert as a whole voice for particular job classifications. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Osten. Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you Senator for that. Listen again, we -- we know that this particular group and many groups, all of the groups that work for the State of Connecticut work very, very hard. And as I said, this is the fifth such expansion of the Union roles coming. We have ten more to follow. And if I may ask, what is the

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budget deficit that is projected for this coming cycle? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Formica. Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. And if we're going to go into the whole budget, which I look forward to talking to you and with you about, quite frankly we -- Connecticut has had its difficult times. It doesn't mean that we pay our people so that we can't have people here. What we have done in order to develop the State budget is, as you well know, we have decreased the number of State employees there are across the Board. I think we're about down 20 percent of State employees now today. That helps our bottom line.

We have developed what is called the volatility cap. I know you know about the volatility cap. We have increased our money that's in our -- our fund balance. We're margining on 10 percent in the fund balances. As a matter of fact, the other day, based on the amount of revenue that's coming into the State, we will see a surplus this year. So, we are working on things on a day-by-day basis. That does not mean that we should not appropriately reward people who will protect us each and every day.

This is a public safety job -- a public safety job where workers should have an ability to be respected and part of that respect is appropriate compensation for the people that put their lives on the line and have for their whole career. And that's what this

is about. That's what this is about. And we need to remember that.

Again, we need to do more than talk about respecting people. We need to respect them with all the tenants that -- that -- that has to do with. And part of that, is an appropriate compensation so that these people are not making less than they were five years ago, ten years ago. We need to pay people an appropriate wage so that they can be successful and stay here.

These people are Connecticut taxpayers. They are part of the group of us that pay taxes here. And they put their lives on the line for us to protect us, to make sure that the most dangerous people in the State of Connecticut who have been incarcerated are kept incarcerated. And they do so without weapons. They do so through interpersonal communication skills. They do so by helping us each and every day.

I'm very proud to have worn the uniform of a correctional person in the Department of Corrections. And I'm proud of these people who do so today, who know that they're on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I think they deserve a pay increase after many years in the last decade without a pay increase. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Osten. Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

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Thank you very much, Madam President. Thank you, Senator. I might not that the answer to my question was \$3.7 billion dollars in projected deficit over the next two years.

I don't know that I'll have further questions for the Senator but I appreciate her time. I will just simply say that the SEBAC Agreement calls for a \$2000 dollar cash infusion, than a 3.5 percent raise, followed by -- with a 3 percent increment, annual increment which is otherwise known as a step or a merit increase, followed by a 3.55 percent raise the following year with an additional step or merit increase or annual increment after that. They are, in this particular contract, awarded premium payments for different levels of educational degrees. And also for members who have a -- a skilled premium payment with regard to whether they are certified as emergency medical technicians. So, these -- this -- this bargaining unit is being rewarded as it's moved into the -- the roles that are governed by or negotiated through the parameters that were the SEBAC Agreement as passed by this Assembly in 2017.

My objection is, again, not to the good work that the people do, but to the fact that the State of Connecticut is just having a difficult time right now. And to add more dollars, both in terms of salary, and in terms of benefits, in terms of fringe, and the multiplier that's going to happen on our pension, I think is a difficult time for us to do that. As I said, we're five of these in, we have ten to go. And so, we're just kept adding and adding to the roles.

With regard to the affordability, I would point to the deficiency appropriations that we're going to be discussing I believe tomorrow in the Appropriations Committee, where the Department of Correction, who note by the way in the Arbiter's Award did not budget for this particular increase, is projecting a \$36 million dollar shortfall deficiency. Some of which are -- is a \$20 million dollar personal services shortfall that we're just adding to in this particular situation.

With regard to the -- to the other shortfalls in the Department of Correction, overall other expenses, show a deficiency and inmate medical shows a significant deficiency, all within this one department. And again, it's not that these workers, these Deputy Wardens, these 34 folks are not worthy of being paid. It's just, we're in an environment where, if this were our homes, or if this were our business, or if this, you know, were our municipalities we would not be able to -- to afford this, and we would find ways to offset and cut this.

So -- so, Madam President, I stand here with the respect of all the state workers in mind, but also the respect of all of the taxpayers, not just those who will receive State wages, but all of the taxpayers in the State of Connecticut. As we try to maneuver our way through a budget deficit, as we try to maneuver our way into the -- into fiscal stability, which by the way, I -- I might add, I thank the good Senator for reminding me of the volatility cap because -- because it reminds me of the good work of the historic bipartisan budget that we are operating under today, that has a spending cap. And the spending cap calls for us to spend a little bit less next year. And yet, the -- the

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personal service line items due to the increases in the SEBAC Agreement wage increases are showing a \$300 million dollar added expense for next year. So, I ask the circle to be mindful of this. And I urge rejection of this resolution today. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Formica. Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

So, seeing as I have one senator that's opposed to this Arbitration Award that's gone through the collected bargaining process, I would ask for a Roll Call Vote. [laughter] And I would remind people that the total on this contract is, total dollars, \$579,206 dollars. That's for people who haven't had a raise in a decade, and I urge my colleagues to support this Arbitration Award that has gone through the process duly have, I believe, proven themselves to be employees and, as taxpayers themselves, should be awarded this contract.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Osten. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Senator Osten, did you say toll, only kidding, on this. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, this is the fifth or sixth contract that we have had of increasing wages. It's not that these people don't deserve to

be paid fairly. That is something we all can agree upon. And as Senator Osten, certainly knows, this is a hard line of work. The question is, what we're giving is a contract that I would argue is not keeping pace with what the real world is getting out there, 3.5 percent increase and all the other increases in there multiplied to 7 percent increase is something that is continually burdening the State of Connecticut. And when you look at what we're doing, everyone here talks about, once again, the fringe benefit is crushing this state.

Let me just give you an idea from 2006 to 2018, the fringe benefits have gone up 5.1 percent to our budget. On the same token, human services, all those social services that we want to support and need to support only went up 1.4 percent. So, these fringe benefits are outpacing the core services we want to fund for the State of Connecticut. And the reason why the raises weren't given, right or wrong, was because this body said, we can't afford these raises at this time. All these contracts so far, are the direct result of this chamber and the one downstairs, and a Governor who has said, we're tapped out. We just can't afford to do it. And now, we're putting into a contract that is going to go on to at least 2021, if not further, and say that these increases continue.

And I don't know how many of you read the Arbitration decision that was given in this matter, I have. And what is really telling of approving this contract is the following. In virtually every single decision, where they couldn't agree, and the Arbiter came and waited, it said, that based upon the statutory criteria, number one, I find the State LBO to be more reasonable and is so awarded.

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So, the question is, what is criteria number one. Criteria number one is, the history of negotiations between the party, including those leading to the instant proceedings. It's a merry-go-round. How do we get off of this? If you're not going to take a stand, particularly as a legislature, that means if we're always going to look at the negotiations that have been going on and the history of the negotiations, past as well as current, we're never getting off this merry-go-round. We're never going to have a case that's an arbitration that says it's less than 3.5 percent, because that's what this legislature proved each and every contract.

We need to take a stand and say, we just can't do it. They're good people, they're hard workers. But we can't afford to do this anymore. And if we don't put our foot down and slow that puppy up, we are setting the state for a stage of no return. That's why,, just the other day, Finance is talking about more taxes, because we can't afford where we're going and the obligations that we have to our social services.

Madam President, I show -- the last time I show again, all the waiting lists divided by districts of those people who are waiting for funds for disabled adults that are waiting for money. We are now over \$12 million dollars more to this budget; not just this year, but for future years. And as Senator Formica said, we still have ten more contracts to go. I just don't understand where we're going. I don't understand how we stop this, other than the legislature say, we've got to stop. Arbiters understand what we're saying. We can't continue down this path. We'd love to, but we can't. And until we decide to stand up as a legislature, as one

group and say, enough is enough, we need to redo where we're going.

And I might add, that's what Governor Lamont said. He said, we can't continue down. I'm going to be a tougher negotiator when it comes up in 2021. Well, if the Arbiter in his decisions time and time again refer to criteria number one, past negotiations, then I would argue, he's going to have a tough time negotiating contracts when the Arbiter says, well, gee, those came up in front of the House and the Senate, they approved 'em. What's the problem? That's past negotiations. That's approval of what you're doing is right, and they're going to use that against the State.

So, Madam President, I was going to say, I don't beat a dead horse and I've already done that, so, I'll end by saying that we need to think long and hard what we're doing with the state economically. And I would suggest that voting for this is not a vote to say that these workers don't deserve praise for what they do and consideration for the hard work, because it is hard work for what they do. But there's a whole set of other folks who also have a story to tell on social services and high property taxes that are also a part of this when you make this decision. So, I urge rejection. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Will you remark further?
Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon, Madam President. Madam President, I rise up in -- in strong support for the approval of this Arbitration Award. And it was determined by a neutral third-party Arbitrator as we know after hearing from both sides and balancing the -- the equities, these 34 Deputy Wardens are -- and again, this is not adding new -- any new employees to the state workforce, and what it amounts to is a pay increase averaging 1.08 percent for each year, over 12 years. This is a -- a very modest increase in the aggregate when you look at the -- at the length of the time period covered and factors in for how long a period of time and how many years they went without raises at all; almost as bad as the legislature.

The -- the public safety workers here are also eligible for an additional increase through the performance assessment and recognition system in some year. So, the average increase in -- in that -- that category equals also about 1 percent annually over that same 12-year period. So, it would be a maximum of 2.08 percent annual pay increase over that 12-year period, going back to -- to 2000 -- to fiscal 2010. And during this period, they received no wage increase at all in eight of the ten years. That really is untenable situation under which they've been -- been working. And they also shared in all of the SEBAC 27 -- 2017 concessions including the -- the 2 percent pension contribution increases that began in July of 2017. In fact, that resulted in -- in pay cuts for them in fiscals eight -- fiscal years '18 and '19, with no raises during that period and an extra contribution to make. Meanwhile, the average yearly private sector wage in Connecticut had increased about 11.4 percent in the

aggregate between 2010 and 2017, moving from about \$60 thousand to over \$67 thousand dollars a year. So, there is -- is just a plain equity on the side of -- of recognizing the hard work and service of these employees who, in many cases now, earn less than people whom they are supervising. And that -- that SEBAC Agreement in 2017 provided over \$24 billion in savings over -- over 20 years through the wage freezes, the furlough days, the pension healthcare changes that were made at the time. Employees saw increased healthcare co-payments and premiums, new restrictions on health insurance, increased pension contributions, increased contributions toward retirement healthcare benefits; all of which the -- the Deputy Wardens participated in.

It is really a matter of fairness and a recognition of the quality of the work that they do and the fact that their compensation really has fallen behind equitable levels in the -- the year since fiscal 2010. I think it -- it's -- it's important to recognize that -- that state workers should be fairly compensated for the work that they do, especially those who are in demanding and stressful positions as -- as these workers often are.

I think it's -- it's unfortunate, to often, Madam President, that we have, you know, arguments about state employee contracts or Arbitration Awards, damaging polarization set up arguing against the provision of benefits for state workers even when those are quite modest. Because they -- it's pointed out that in some cases they're not now, necessarily, available under private sector contracts. My answer to that would be, is that there should be a whole lot more strong union

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organization in the private sector rather than that union employees in the public sector should not see their awards -- not see their efforts rewarded. So, I would -- would strongly support this award. I think it's fair. I think it's equitable. I think it's something that will, I think, at least restore some equity for this category of employees, very small group, 34, and recognizing the quality of the work they do and the responsibility they bear in supervising others. Thank you, Madam President.
THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, we will open the machine. And Mr. Clerk, would you please announce a Roll Call Vote?

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. Senate Resolution 27. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. Senate Resolution 27.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? We will close the machine. And the Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution 27.

Total number voting	34
Those voting Yea	20

Those voting Nay	14
Absent and not voting	2

THE CHAIR:

(gavel) Motion adopted. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, we had an item on our Consent Calendar, Calendar Page 27, Calendar 260, Senate Bill 709. I'd like to remove that from the Consent Calendar and PT that item.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered. Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 46, Calendar Number 376, House Bill Number 7402, AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS DISPLACED BY HURRICANE MARIA.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

I'd like -- again, thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance and passage of the Bill in concurrence with the House of Representatives.

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Will you remark further?

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President.
Madam President, this is not -- this is a Bill that fixes some technical problems which did not allow the money appropriated in fiscal year '19 of about \$500 thousand dollars in the DSS budget to assist Puerto Rican, United States citizens who had been displaced by the awful hurricane, Hurricane Maria. In the language, there is an adjustment listing the correct location of the Caribbean youth leaders as being in Bridgeport. Similarly, the budget incorrectly labeled \$90 thousand to the Family Resource Center in Hartford, when the money was meant to be directed to the Welcome Center in Hartford.

This Bill does not allocate any new money. All of these funds were previously appropriated in the fiscal year '19 budget. These are merely technical questions. I would urge my colleagues to support this e-certification as already passed in the House of Representatives. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

I believe that this is needs a Roll Call Vote, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Bradley. We will do a Roll call, Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Thank you, Madam President. I just -- I just want to highlight for my colleagues here and to Madam President that this is much needed aid. We've received thousands of American citizens who are in need in places like Bridgeport and Hartford, and obviously it creates a huge burden in our school system. It creates a huge burden in our general municipality. And this really goes to satisfy a lot of the basic needs that a US citizen has. And I think, often times, we neglect the fact that the -- the good people of Puerto Rico are United States citizens. So, I just encourage my colleagues here to make sure they have the appropriate outlook and -- and allow this funding to go forward. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Bradley. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Mr. Clerk, would you please call a Roll Call Vote and the machine will be opened?

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate.

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Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? Mr. Clerk, if you would please announce the tally and the machine will be closed.

CLERK:

House Bill 7402.

Total number voting	33
Those voting Yea	32
Those voting Nay	1
Absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

(gavel) Motion is adopted. Legislation is adopted.
Mr. -- Senator Duff, good afternoon.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Madam President,
for some change of markings, please.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar Page 18,
Calendar 185, Senate Bill 1020, if we can mark that
item as PT?

THE CHAIR:

So noted.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

And if -- on Calendar Page 26, Calendar 247, Senate Bill 1052, if we can mark that as PT?

THE CHAIR:

So noted.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

And on Calendar Page 32, Calendar 304, Senate Bill 585, if we can mark that item also as PT?

THE CHAIR:

So noted.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

And if the Senate can stand at ease for a moment.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, would the Clerk now please call Calendar Page 42, Calendar 382, House Joint Resolution Number 162.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

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Page 42, Calendar Number 382, House Joint Resolution Number 162, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MATT FLEURY OF HARTFORD TO BE REAPPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution in concurrence with the House.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. The position is a six-year volunteer position. Mr. Fleury was unanimously voted on favorably after his April 9th nomination hearing. He came from -- he -- his schooling is the Yukon School of Business, has an MBA there. Also the Charter Oak State College, he has a BS in business communications, and Yorkshire Community College with an Associate's Degree. He is being reappointed as a member of the Board of Regents. He has also served as the President and CEO of the Connecticut Science Center since 2009 and as the center's Executive Vice President from 2003 to 2009. Madam President, again, Mr. Fleury was voted on unanimously in the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. And I certainly

urge adoption of the resolution. Thank you,
Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff. Will you remark further on
the resolution? Will you remark further on the
resolution?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. We need a vote on this
resolution, please.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. So noted. Mr. Clerk, would you please
announce a vote on the resolution, and we will open
the machines.

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the
Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been
ordered in the Senate, House Joint Resolution 162.
An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the
Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators
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Clerk please announce the tally?

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Those voting Yea	31
Those voting Nay	1
Absent and not voting	4

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, would the Clerk call an item that I had previously just marked as PT, Calendar Page 32, Calendar 304, Senate Bill 585.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered. And Mr. Clerk, would you please announce the tally on the resolution, please.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution 162.

Total number voting	32
Those voting Yea	31
Those voting Nay	1
Absent and not voting	4

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel) Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, would you please return to the Call of the Calendar?

CLERK:

Page 32, Calendar Number 304, Senate Bill Number 585, AN ACT CONCERNING AIR QUALITY MONITORING IN TOWNS NEAR THE CRICKET VALLEY ENERGY CENTER.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed. Will you remark?

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I ask to yield the floor to my good colleague, Senator Kushner.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kushner.

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I would like to remark on Senate Bill 585, and it's, AN ACT CONCERNING AIR QUALITY MONITORING IN TOWNS NEAR THE CRICKET VALLEY ENERGY CENTER. And this is a Bill that would provide for a baseline air quality study of the area prior to this plant going online. And it would ask -- it would require that Deep Wood provide technical assistance and support and a municipality

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that purchases, leases, or is provided with the use of air monitoring equipment for the purpose of a baseline study.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kushner. Will you remark further on the Bill? Senator Kushner.

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

So, in having had this yielded to me, I neglected to bring out the Bill, so I would like to move the acceptance of the Joint Committee favorable report and passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. The question is on passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

I'll go back to my previous comments. This is a great Bill that will provide for a baseline study of air quality in areas affected by a new power plant.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kushner. Will you remark further on the Bill? We will stand at ease. I understand that Senator Miner would like to speak. So, we'll stand at ease for a moment while we wait for Senator Miner to remark. Never mind. [laughter] So, will anyone remark further on the Bill? Senator Kushner.

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

Present -- Madam President, if there's no objection, I move to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR KUSHNER (24TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, if you could return to the Call of the Calendar?

CLERK:

Page 34, Calendar Number 321, substitute for Senate Bill Number 1104, AN ACT CONCERNING GENDER NEUTRALITY IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Noon -- good afternoon, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

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Madam President, I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage. Will you remark further?

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the Bill before us would establish a commission to review the texts of our State Constitution and to recommend the removal of any gendered language within our Constitution. This commission would be made up a variety of people who have expertise on constitutions. And I think it's an important conversation to be had in our state, so that our State's Constitution is up-to-date and inclusive of all of Connecticut's citizens. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Flexer. Will you remark further on the Bill? Will you remark further?
Senator Flexer. So, are we going to do a roll call on this?

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Yes.

THE CHAIR:

Okay. So, with that, Mr. Clerk, would you please ask for -- call the roll and the machines will be open.

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate on Senate Bill 1104. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate.

An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate, Senate Bill 1104. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? Mr. Clerk, the machine will be closed. Will you please announce the tally?

CLERK:

Senate Bill 1104.

Total number voting	32
Those voting Yea	31
Those voting Nay	1
Absent and not voting	4

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel) Legislation passes. Mr. Clerk, would you continue with the Call of the Calendar.

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CLERK:

Page 37, Calendar Number 343, Senate Bill Number 1105, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS CONCERNING VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND FAMILY VIOLENCE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage. Will you remark further?

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the Bill before us extends nondisclosure protections to certain victims of family violence, crimes in our state to ensure that the safety of family and domestic violence victims can be protected, and that we have laws that encourage victims of family and domestic violence to come forward and don't do -- don't chose to not come forward out of fear that their personal identifying information may be disclosed. The Bill enjoyed strong bipartisan support in our Committee, and I'm hopeful that my colleagues here in the circle will choose to do the same. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Flexer. Will you remark further?
Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you and good afternoon, Madam President. So, this Bill came before the GAE Committee and we passed it out of the Committee unanimously, and we did so with my support, because I believe very strongly in the concept that was just put forth by the very talented chairwoman of the Committee. And I want to just acknowledge that I am struggling a little bit with this vote, because I just spent the last 15 minutes or so kind of reviewing the testimony, and we did have some folks speak in opposition, mostly from the press and also from the Freedom of Information Commission.

And this Bill is really a balance between protecting individuals who may not have any culpability in a domestic or family violence situation because of another provision in our law dealing with dual arrests, and the right of the people, the public, and the press to know about that arrest. It's a -- it's a difficult situation. And I don't know how really we could develop a policy to balance it fully in a way that respects both positions.

I'm going to support the Bill today. I just hope that we are not back here because it's gone too far in the future, and we have too much gone down the road of restricting the press's ability to inform the public about records, which many would argue they have the right to have access to. I hope that

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the public benefit of protecting the victims in these cases outweighs that. And thank you for the opportunity to speak, Madam President. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Sampson. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. It is great to see you up there this afternoon. I appreciate the concerns raised by my friend and colleague, Senator Sampson, the ranking member of the Government Administration and Elections Committee. But I also want to acknowledge that it's been a tremendous pleasure working over the years with Senator Flexer and battling domestic violence in our great state of Connecticut. And actually, just over the last two years coming to grips with the dual arrest problem.

And in so many ways the state of Connecticut has been a leader when it comes to reforms, to drive down the incidents of domestic violence. We have reform, police response to domestic violence matters. And finally, we got grips on how to respond so that we don't have this outlier of having too many dual arrests as compared to other states in the United States of America.

So, I think that on balance, as much as I respect freedom of the press and the fourth estate and people's right to know, I think that I'd rather err on the side of protecting individuals that are involved in these pernicious incidents that can

really ruin lives if they're not addressed in a holistic and proper manner.

And I am so proud that our law enforcement officers have embarked on the training to allow them to work with the reforms that we worked through the Judiciary Committee over the last two years. And again, I stand in strong support of this Bill this afternoon and urge my colleagues to support it, as well. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further on the Bill? Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I want to thank Senator Kissel and Senator Sampson for their remarks on this Bill and their -- their -- their work on this issue in -- in general. And if there's no objection, I would move that we place this Bill on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 37, Calendar Number 345, substitute for Senate Bill Number 1108, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE CONCERNING CONSUMER PRIVACY. There is an Amendment.

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Thank you. Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage. Will you remark further?

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the Bill before us would create a task force to look at our state's laws concerning the protection of consumer information, people's personal information, and their data. It would -- the task force would look at these issues and also look at an existing law in the State of California and see if there are measures that the State of Connecticut could adopt to ensure that our laws are the best at protecting the personal information of consumers in our state here in Connecticut. The Clerk is in possession of an Amendment, LCO Number 7538. I would ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be given leave of the chamber to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

LCO Number 7538, Senate Schedule A.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption of the Amendment. Will you remark further?

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the Amendment before us a Bipartisan Amendment and I thank Senator Miner for his recommendation here. It makes a small change to the language of the Bill regarding the timeliness of the work of this task force. And I would encourage my colleagues to support this Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Will you remark further on the Amendment? All those in favor of the adoption of the Amendment, please signify by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

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Opposed. Amendment is adopted. Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there's no objection, I move that we place this Bill on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Before we place on our Consent Calendar, did one of our senators want to speak on the Bill? I'd like to yield to Senator Sampson.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Sampson, we got our signals crossed, so please proceed.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Not a big deal. This is a -- a -- a noncontroversial Bill. It's simply a task force. I just wanted to get up and speak briefly in favor of it. When this Bill originally came to the GAE Committee earlier this year, it was a much larger, 30-page document, on a -- on a controversial, but very important topic, which is consumer privacy as it relates to how citizens interact with corporations; something we're all concerned about. It's something we all know definitely needs attention. The problem is that I

think that the -- the Bill got a little ahead of itself, and was not ready for primetime. This task force, I think is the proper step in the right direction. Let's take a look at this issue, make sure that we have the facts necessary to right good policy in the future. And I wholeheartedly support it. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Sampson. And we'll ask one more time, is there any objection to placing this on the Consent Calendar? Seeing none, so ordered.
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 41, Calendar Number 373, substitute for the Senate Bill Number 1058, AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF TATTOO TECHNICIANS. There is an Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Daughtery-Abrams.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

This Bill is for the licensure of tattoo technicians. It just clarifies that adding the requirement that they would have to have some compliance with the DPH's infection prevention and control plan guidelines, as well as, some criteria for supervision, including that the supervising technician have up to two years -- or I'm sorry, up to five years of experience and be limited to supervising only two students. There is an Amendment, and I would ask that the Amendment be read by the Clerk, and please [laughter] --

THE CHAIR:

That's good -- Mr. Clerk, would you please call the Amendment. Apparently --

CLERK:

LCO Number 7383, Senate Schedule A.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Abrams.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Thank you. The Amendment just reinstates a previous requirement for two thousand practical training and experience hours before licensure that was inadvertently left off of the original Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. The question is on adoption of the Amendment. Will you remark further on the

Amendment? If not, we will have a voice vote on adoption of the Amendment. All in favor please signify by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed. The Amendment is adopted.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Madam --

THE CHAIR:

Senator Abrams.

SENATOR ABRAMS (13TH):

Madam President, if there is no objection, I would ask that this Bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Could we stand at ease for a moment?

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The Senate will stand at ease. Mr. Clerk. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, would the Clerk now please call Calendar Page 21, Calendar 208, Senate Bill 683.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, would you like to mark the Calendar first --

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Oh, I'm sorry.

THE CHAIR:

-- for the court policy.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

I have to mark that go, and if the Clerk can please call that next. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Great.

CLERK:

Page 21, Calendar Number 208, Senate Bill Number 683, AN ACT CONCERNING A PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENTS

OF STATE CONTRACTORS BY THIRD-PARTY ENTITIES. There is an Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Madam President, I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the Bill before us would create a monetary penalty when dealing with state contracts for third-party entities that do not receive their payments in a timely manner after the primary state contractor has been paid. Madam President, the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment, LCO Number 7537. I'd ask, leave of the chamber to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

And why don't we have the Clerk, before you do that, please call the Amendment, and then you can remark after that. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

LCO Number 7537, Senate Schedule A.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Abrams. I mean, Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you. Thank you, Madam President.
Madam President, the Amendment before us, again, comes from my good colleague, Senators Miner and Sampson. And it just clarifies under the Bill that the -- the penalties would kick in once the initial -- the primary contractor had been paid by the agency with which they held the contract. I encourage my colleagues to support this good Bipartisan Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Flexer. The question is on adoption of the Amendment. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Will you remark further on the Amendment? If not, all in favor of adoption of the Amendment, please signify by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed. The Amendment is adopted. The question is on passage of the Bill as amended. Will you remark? Senator Sampson.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I just want to speak in favor of the Bill now that it's been amended. This is a good Bill to begin with. It basically essentially protects contractors who are doing business with the State of Connecticut by making sure that they are paid in a timely manner.

The Amendment that just passed fixed an omission in the Bill that made sure that we were not forcing folks to -- to make payments before they, in fact, received the payment from the State. And I'm -- I'm pleased the Amendment passed. It makes a good Bill even better and I encourage adoption. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Sampson. Will you remark further on the Bill? Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Madam President, I rise in support of the Bill. I want to thank the chairs of GAE for introducing this Bill. I had received many complaints from different parts of the state from nonprofits who are not being paid on time and slow to pay. And I think this incentive will move them to pay these providers on a more timely basis. So, I thank both of them for this bipartisan support.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Moore. Will you remark further on the Bill as amended? Senator Cassano.

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SENATOR CASSANO (4TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I was not intending to speak but this is a -- this is not just a Bill. This is a significant Bill. I can remember years ago when -- when I was a Mayor, I think Ella Grasso might have been the Governor at the time, and we were like three years behind in the payments to drug stores for medical supplies, and so on. And we have had a long history of that in the State of Connecticut. If this Bill does what I think it says, in that it says, the State will pay its bills on time, and then the contractors will get paid on time, that is, in fact, a major step forward for this state. And I'm pleased to see it. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Cassano. Will you remark further on the Bill as amended? Senator Flexer, would you like a roll call or would you like to place this on the Consent Calendar?

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Madam President, if there is no objection, I move that we place this Bill on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none, so ordered. Mr. Clerk. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Would the Senate stand at ease for a moment, please?

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will come to order. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you,
Madam President. We're going to call -- if we can
call a Bill that I previously marked PT --
Madam President, yes if we could still stand at
ease, please.

THE CHAIR:

We'll be back at ease.

CLERK:

There will be an immediate Senate Republican
Caucasus. An Immediate Senate Republican
Caucasus. There'll be an Immediate Senate Republican
Caucasus.

(Gavel) The Senate will come back to order.
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if the
Clerk can now call on item that I previously marked
PT at Calendar page 27, Calendar 260, Senate Bill
709.

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Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 27, Calendar Number 260 substitute for Senate Bill Number 709, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY CYBERSECURITY.

THE CHAIR:
Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Okay. Thank you, Madam President. I move for acceptance of Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. The question is on passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Madam President, I'd like the Clerk to add Amendment LCO Number 7536. Will the Clerk please call the Amendment?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

LCO Number 7536, Senate Schedule A.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bradley.
SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Thank you, Madam President. In regard to the Amendment, Madam President, we're looking to strike line number 49 and 48 or 48 and 49, and add language allowing the Adjutant General to have himself or his designee present on this task force, and also allow for the Chief Court Administrator, himself or his designated -- I'm sorry, Madam President, designee on the task force, as well.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will -- will you remark further on the Amendment?

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

No, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. The question is on adoption of the Amendment. Will anyone remark further on adoption of the Amendment? If not, all in favor of the adoption of the Amendment, please signify by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

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Opposed. The Amendment is adopted. Now, the question is on passage of Amendment. Will you remark?

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Just briefly, Madam President. This is an outstanding piece of legislation that was really brought forth by Senator Hwang and I want to commend him for the hard work that he's done on -- on -- on working on this. We've had some really compelling testimony during our public hearing from high-level officials from the Obama administration who came forward and talked about the danger that we face not, only as a state, but as a nation when we don't protect some of our very most important assets like our utility and our government, and so forth.

I think we've all had seen the news of -- of Russia interference, of possible hacking, both domestic and foreign, and these are things that we really have to take a look at and see how we can go about protecting things that are -- are really of the utmost importance to use as a nation and as a state.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Bradley. Will you remark further, Senator Hwang?

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise in strong support of this. I want to take a moment to thank the leadership of the Public Safety Committee for their vision in citing this Bill. But I also want to acknowledge the administration through its

Department of Administrative Services and of Public Protection to -- to offer their expert input on this. I want to particularly thank Arthur House, the Chief Cybersecurity Officer for the State to offer his input. This is a task force that will get the best of the country to -- that resides in Connecticut to offer their input and give us a roadmap to address this important issue of cybersecurity. I urge passage. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Hwang. Will you remark further on the Bill? Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

If there's no objection here, Madam President, I ask that this be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, would the Clerk now be please call the items on the Consent Calendar followed by a vote, please?

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Consent Calendar Number 1. Page 21, Calendar 208, Senate Bill 683. Page 27, Calendar 260, Senate Bill 709. Page 30, Calendar 285, Senate Bill 1067. Page 32, Calendar 304, Senate Bill 585. Page 37, Calendar 343, Senate Bill 1105. Page 37, Calendar 345, Senate Bill 1108. And Page 41, Calendar 373, Senate Bill 1058.

THE CHAIR:

Yes. Would you please, Mr. Clerk, call the vote?
And the machines will be open.

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar Number 1. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar Number 1. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar Number 1.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff. Mr. Clerk, the machines will be closed. And would you please announce the tally?

CLERK:

Consent Calendar Number 1.

Total number voting	33
Those voting Yea	33
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel) The Consent Calendar is adopted.
Mr. Clerk, if you would continue with the Call of
the Calendar.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar Number 48, Substitute for Senate
Bill Number 233, AN ACT CONCERNING COTTAGE FOOD
PRODUCTS AND THE PRODUCTION OF HONEY AND MAPLE
SYRUP. There are Amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If we can PT this Bill
and go on to the next Bill, I think this Bill will
be ready once that Bill is done.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 10, Calendar Number 120, Substitute for Senate
Bill Number 893, AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM
FOR HEMP PRODUCTION. There is an Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Cohen.

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Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage, will you remark?

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Madam President, the Clerk is in possession of a Strike All Amendment. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Which Amendment?

THE CHAIR:

If you would specify the number --

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

LCO 7541, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator.

CLERK:

LCO Number 7541, Senate Schedule A.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

I move adoption of the Amendment, Madam President, waive its reading and seek the -- leave of the chamber to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption of the Amendment. Will you remark?

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I -- we have an exciting opportunity here today, over 40 states in the state -- in the United States, have passed industrial hemp laws. I am looking forward to Connecticut doing the same. It prevent -- presents a really incredibly exciting opportunity for not only struggling farmers in the state of Connecticut, new farmers in the state of Connecticut, but also an entire manufacturing industry. So, I, again am very excited about this Bill and hope to move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Cohen. So, the question is on adoption of the Amendment. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Senator Anwar.

SENATOR ANWAR (3RD):

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Thank you, Madam President. I would like to stand in support of this Bill. Like the senator has mentioned, Senator Cohen, that are a number of farmers that are very excited. There are a number of manufacturing groups that are very excited. This will be an excellent opportunity. This is potentially a billion dollar to begin with and a multi-billion dollar opportunity for the State of Connecticut if we move forward with this. And I, also, would urge the -- the entire senate to support this. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Anwar. Will you remark further?
Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I too, rise in support of the Amendment. We heard quite a bit of testimony during the public hearing process. And I would argue that we've heard even more since we had the public hearing on the possibility of providing an opportunity to grow hemp as an industrial product here in Connecticut.

The items that can be produced from this plant include CBD oil which is becoming more notable for its health effects, it's also becoming more notable for use as lubricant, and a number of things: food, supplements in a healthy way. I think we all probably remember that hemp rope or hemp string or -- but in fact clothing is becoming very common place to be made out of hemp, replacements for petroleum based plastic bags, plastic is an adjective rather than a noun, made out of this product, we think has a very viable opportunity here

in Connecticut in that it is a biodegradable as a plant matter. And so, again I -- I stand in support of the Bill. And I would urge my colleagues to support the Amendment. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Senator Somers.

SENATOR SOMERS (18TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of this Amendment and Bill. And I would just like to say that this provides a huge opportunity, I'm sure for other people that represent rural towns. The rural towns that I represent border the state forest, there's many farms that are non-functioning right now. It gives farmers a new opportunity, seeing as many of our dairy farms have been forced out of business here, to be able to maintain their farms and provide for their families.

Also, CBD oil, just from a public health standpoint, although there's varying concentrations and different forms, the US Food and Drug Administration has just approved a drug based on CBD oil to treat very rare childhood epilepsy. And there's trials right now going on for anxiety, for depression, and anti-inflammatory aspects.

So, I think we have an opportunity, here in Connecticut, because we have the right climate and temperature and soil conditions to be the CBD oil capital, the pioneers, the -- the standard that others will have to live up to. And I think it's a great opportunity for us. And I hope that we have full senate support. Thank you.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Somers. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I would like to congratulate Senator Cohen for her leadership regarding this, as well Senator Miner and all the folks involved in the Environment Committee.

I represent seven communities in north central Connecticut, and for well over 100 years the tobacco valley, which I represent those towns, has been noted for its world class shade grown tobacco. And, unfortunately, in the last few years, some of those seeds have been taken down to the Caribbean and our leadership in the worlds production of shade grown tobacco has taken a hit. And so, some of these beautiful hundreds of acres, whether it's Enfield, Somers, Suffield, Windsor, Windsor Locks, East -- East Granby or Granby, they've turned into either areas where there's large warehouses or some of the farmers have turned to fields of solar panels, and while I am certainly not against solar panels, they do not necessarily reflect the pastoral bucolic nature of the area that I grew up in.

And I did grow up in Windsor, first English settlement in the state of Connecticut, no matter what former Senator Doyle said about Wethersfield. Actually, my first job at 14 was picking tobacco. And so, on a very personal level, it's unfortunate, that I see the passage of these farms. Now, they haven't all flipped as of this point in time, but I'm seeing more and more land that is fallow.

And this is a golden opportunity for these farmers to plant a crop that will put us at the forefront in this area. The land of the tobacco valley is some of the most fertile, productive land in all of New England, and I would suggest in much of the country, that's why we led for decades and decades with the shade grown tobacco. To flip it over to hemp will give us a leg up and protect the nature of our communities. They will be beautiful with this crop, and hopefully, for decades to come.

I'd like to thank one of our staff members, Avery Gaddis, because he just informed that the biggest consumer of industrial hemp is the American military. We know that it's used for ropes but it's used for military uniforms. It's used for speed boats. It's used for so much equipment because the fibrous nature of this plant is as strong as the fibers in a tree and it can be harvested and used at a much less expensive cost. And when you marry this crop with the genius of Connecticut, our entrepreneurial spirit, and our ability to do things with what we have, our industrial nature, when you combine them I think there's no limit. So, I'm excited about this. The cost to get into this pilot program is, to my mind, minimal. And it's not dangerous, I would tell my constituents. There's nothing requiring fencing. You're not going to get high on hemp. If this legislature wants to go down that direction, there's another crop where the licensing fees and the ability to get into that is extraordinarily high.

And I heard from my farmers. They said, you're sort of locking us out if the state of Connecticut goes down the recreational marijuana path. Well, here's another path right before us. And it's got tons of

promise. And I got to be honest, I don't know what a spring field of hemp looks like, but I'd rather have this kind of crop out there in my hundreds and hundreds of acres in my district than warehouses or giant fields of solar panels because that's just not the nature of where I grew up.

And I think my constituents will really appreciate the economic benefit of this at the same time it -- it protects the -- the -- the livability and nature of our communities. This is a whole brand-new horizon. I -- I'm really excited about this. And to my knowledge, we jump in here, we're -- we can immediately leverage this and become one of the leaders in the nation. We already have so many industries that work with the military. Here's one fits in perfectly.

So, again, congratulations to the leadership of the Environment Committee. I know that the clock is ticking on this, so that we can get the seeds for this program in the ground at the right time for appropriate germination. But again, I see this as a boon to my neck of the woods and other parts of the state. And this is how we have to start thinking.

You know, shade grown tobacco was fantastic, but I don't think that it has the bright future that it might've once had. Here's a brand-new area that we can lead the nation. You know, 150 years ago, whaling we couldn't survive on whale oil. So, we had to start doing new things. And so, here we are turning the corner in other area. And I urge my colleagues to support this and I will tell my constituents I am strongly supporting this because I think this is a bright future for our state and for

north central Connecticut, in particular. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further? Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. And it's a pleasure to stand here today. And I really want to thank Senator Cohen and Senator Miner for all their work on the -- this piece of legislation. I think it's extremely important. It's something that the General Assembly has recognized over the last five years to -- we knew that it was a burgeoning business that we -- that we absolutely needed.

And I can just tell you that a field of hemp is going to just like exactly like a field of marijuana but it is going to be hemp. It's going to be that distance cousin, so don't be shocked. Facts are that are some 6,000 farms in the state of Connecticut with over 406 acres -- 406,000 acres of farmland. Many of the operations are around 73 acres of land, and quite frankly, it's a -- it's a billion-dollar business in the United States.

Fifty-two thousand products are made of industrial hemp. And while CBD happens to be the product that many people are talking about today, I think the rest of the plant is going to be provide bulk of the real dollars because there are so many other products that you will see made out of industrial hemp, from construction to motor vehicle parts. It is amazing what you can make out of industrial hemp,

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not to include the clothing that is made out of the fibers. This is a product that could be used from the roots all the way up to the flowers at the top. It's extremely important. This will stabilize -- I believe this will help stabilize our dairy farmers who have the predominance of the land.

I -- I think this is a great thing for us to great through. I'm hoping that we can see the Governor sign this Bill within the next weeks, maybe we can get it right over there, so that we can get seeds in the ground for this growing season. It's extremely important to do that, so that we can get our foot into this business and make sure that Connecticut has a thriving business that helps out its agricultural communities, many of which I represent.

I was so thrilled that this was coming out. And I know that Senator Cohen and Senator Miner have spent literally hundreds of hours working to get it through. And I can't tell you the number of businesses that have come forward to say that they're very interested in working with industrial hemp. As a matter of fact, many people in the town that I lived in, have called me and said, hey, listen do you think this can get through this year. We're looking to try to grow hemp on our farm and our land. I think that's wonderful. Again, billion-dollar industry currently in the United States. Fifty-two thousand products made out of industrial hemp currently. I'm extremely excited to see this happen. I ask my colleagues to support this piece of legislation so that we can have another thriving industry in the state of Connecticut. Thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Osten. Senator Needleman.

SENATOR NEEDLEMAN (33RD):

Thank you, Madam President. And thank you, Senator Cohen and the rest of the Environment Committee. I think this is an excellent Bill. I want to point out a couple of things. It is a completely renewable crop and -- and there are so many products on the market today made out of -- with CBD, none of which are regulated, none of which are tested. I think this will afford us the opportunity to regulate and control the market that may or may not provide you with products that meet the label claim. So, I think for all the reasons that my colleagues have mentioned, the need to preserve the use of our farmland and give them an additional crop, this is a great opportunity for the state of Connecticut. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Needleman, thank you. Will you remark further on the Amendment? And the question is now on adoption -- Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

I apologize, Madam President --

THE CHAIR:

For the second time.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

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For the second time. I -- I remember that when we were caucusing the Bill, there was just a -- a clarifying question on Section H, line 191 to 202. And if I could, through you to the general lady, the chairman of the Environment Committee, it's been my understanding that the renewal process, while it requires a fee, is almost an automatic renewal. And the reason the question is being asked is that whether it's the harvesting or the processing of this product, there is certainly going to be a fair amount of money spent, capital, for both of those circumstances. And I just wanted to make clear that it's my understanding that that would be absence some misstep on the part of the farmer or the processor, that means violating the rules of law, the permit would be renewed once that fee has been paid. Is that correct, through you, Madam President?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Thank you. Through you, Madam President, to my good colleague, that is my understanding as well. There is a biannual \$50 dollar licensure fee for these growers. And they would be able to reapply and receive their license subsequent to that \$50 dollar fee.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Cohen. Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I thank you -- thank the chamber for its indulgence for the second time.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. So, the question is on adoption of the Amendment. Will you remark further on the adoption of the Amendment? If not, all in favor of adopting the Amendment, please signify by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed. The Amendment is adopted. Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And I just want to take the opportunity to thank my good colleagues for their hard work on this Bill as well and for those in support of this Bill today. I just want to reiterate that, you know, per acre, we're talking about \$37,000 to \$150,000 dollars. This is real jobs we're talking about. This is real money we are talking about for farmers, for manufacturers, and halleluiah, for the state of Connecticut. So, without further ado, Madam President, if there is no objection I would ask that the Bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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Senator Duff. Senator Duff? Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Thank you, Madam President. Not -- and I'm not objecting per se to be -- this being placed on the Consent Calendar. And I am going to be voting for the Resolution, but I just want to note a lot of urban cities, Bridgeport specifically, that I represent with a great deal of zeal and passion, are often asked by the state of Connecticut to take on its burdens. We have 55 percent of our property that's non-taxable property. We have 55 percent of our property that's a lot of things that a lot of the people in this chamber and the state would not want. Housing projects, state owned property, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera. And very -- and very often times, when we ask for things like hey, Bridgeport would like to see a casino, they say no, Bridgeport can't have a casino. Very often times, when we say things like hey, Bridgeport would like to see a rail station so that our people could go to the city or other areas to find gainful employment, they say no, they can't have that.

And I've heard people remark about why they want these hemp farms and talked about things like solar panels which are blithe for some people, talked about things like possibly housing projects being built in the eastern part of Connecticut or other sections of Connecticut where they have beautiful farm lands now. And there's always reservations of wanting to do those things. And I understand this is profitable, and I will be doing that because for the greater good I understand it's that, but we also cannot ask for places like Bridgeport to always

carry the brunt of the burden of the state of Connecticut.

So, I also ask and I encourage my colleagues that when those opportunities come, that they consider the good people of Bridgeport, as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Bradley. So, we are back to the placing on the Consent Calendar. I see no objection to placing that item on the Consent Calendar as requested by Senator Cohen. So, that will be so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar Number 48, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 233, AN ACT CONCERNING COTTAGE FOOD PRODUCTS AND THE PRODUCTION OF HONEY AND MAPLE SYRUP. There are Amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the Clerk is possession of a Strike All Amendment, LCO Number 7546. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment.

THE CHAIR:
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

LCO Number 7546, Senate Schedule A.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Thank you. I move adoption of the Amendment, waive its reading, and seek leave of the chamber to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. This Bill is AN ACT CONCERNING COTTAGE FOOD PRODUCTS AND THE PRODUCTION OF HONEY AND MAPLE SYRUP. It seeks to remove honey and maple syrup from the cottage food product list and shift regulatory authority from the Department of Consumer Protection over to the Department of Agriculture. This is in agreement

with both of our Connecticut state agencies and places the authority where it truly belongs.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Cohen. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I, too, rise in support of the Amendment. The Amendment is more streamlined than the Bill I think we heard in Committee. It does establish the Department of Agriculture as the -- the authority over both the production of honey and maple syrup. And while I'm pretty dog gone sure, there haven't been any real issues with the consumption of maple -- pure maple syrup or pure honey, it does permit the Commissioner of Agriculture to adopt regulations and I wouldn't be surprised that we would see some of those in the future.

Our hope here is to allow an industry, you know we just spoke about hemp, I think there are only about 10 percent of the eligible trees in Connecticut that are actually tapped for the production of maple syrup, and many of the people that are in this industry believe that we could rival other New England states, and this might be very helpful to get us there. So, I would urge the chamber's support. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Will you remark further on the Bill -- on the Amendment? Will you remark

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further on the Amendment? We will now have a voice vote on the adoption of the Amendment. All in favor of the Amendment, please signify by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed. The Amendment is adopted. Senator Cohen.

SENATOR COHEN (12TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I move that the Bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, that concludes our business. So, if we the -- the Clerk would please call the Consent Calendar and followed by a vote on Consent Calendar Number 2, please.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar Number 2. Page 2, Calendar 48, Senate Bill 233. Page 10, Calendar 120, Senate Bill 893.

THE CHAIR:

Yes. Mr. Clerk, if you'd please call for a Roll Call Vote. And the machines will be open.

CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote on Consent Calendar Number 2 has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call Vote on Consent Calendar Number 2 has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? The machine will be closed. And Mr. Clerk, if you would, please announce the tally?

CLERK:

On Consent Calendar Number 2.

Total number voting	32
Those voting Yea	32
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	4

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel) Legislation. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, as I mentioned earlier, this concludes our business for today. At this point, I yield for any points of personal privilege or announcements.

THE CHAIR:

Any points of personal privilege or announcements?
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'm going to yield to Senator Slap, please.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slap.

SENATOR SLAP (5TH):

Thank you. I just wanted the chamber to know that I was out of the chamber very briefly on personal business.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Senator Slap. That will be so noted. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, does the Clerk have Agenda Number 3 on his desk?

THE CHAIR:

Yes, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

The Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda Number 3 dated Thursday, April 25th, 2019.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move all items on Senate Agenda Number 3, dated Thursday, April 25th, 2019, be acted upon as indicated, and that the agenda be incorporated by reference into Senate Journal and into Senate transcript.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move that we adjourn subject to call of the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. The Senate is adjourned. Go forth and govern. (Gavel)

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On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 4:55 p.m. adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Friday, April 26, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Timothy Kehoe of East Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN TIMOTHY KEHOE:

May the work that we do benefit all those we serve.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday, April 26, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR**Referred to Executive and Legislative Nominations**

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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Pursuant to Sections 4-5 through 4-7 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint **ESTELA LOPEZ** of East Hartford, to be a voting member of the State Board of Education, to serve a term ending February 28, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

April 26, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Pursuant to Sections 4-5 through 4-7 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint **ERIN BENHAM** of Wallingford to be a voting member of the State Board of Education, to serve a term ending February 28, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. HB NO. 6184 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTIONS. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 7432))

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

HB NO. 7087 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF THE TRIENNIAL AUDIT OF STATE CONTRACTING AGENCIES BY THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 7489))

HOUSING COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 7229 AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN RENTAL UNITS. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 7376))

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5517 AN ACT CONCERNING LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND CONTRACTS THAT INSURE THE LIVES OF CONVICTED FELONS. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 7364))

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5642 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE A STATE FUNDING AND SERVICE DISPARITY IN NORTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 7468))

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 6540 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 7452))

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SUBST. HJ NO. 161 RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT
TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR EARLY VOTING
AND NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING. (As amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 7493))

The Senate at 1:05 p.m. adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the
chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Monday, April 29, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 1:20 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

Help us to be honest and true in all that we say and all that we do. Give us the courage to do what is right.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Monday, April 29, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for
the calendar and printing.**

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **58** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING GAY AND TRANSGENDER PANIC DEFENSE.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **505** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.

JUDICIARY S.B. No. **653** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING OPEN FILE DISCLOSURE IN CRIMINAL CASES.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **691** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING ERASURE OF CERTAIN MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL RECORDS AND EXPEDITED PARDONS REVIEW FOR CERTAIN FELONY OFFENSES.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **693** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL HOUSING PROTECTIONS FOR A VICTIM OF FAMILY VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **831** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO SPECIAL PAROLE AND PAROLE DISCHARGE STATUTES.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **833** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING VALIDATION OF CONVEYANCE DEFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INSTRUMENT THAT WAS EXECUTED PURSUANT TO A POWER OF ATTORNEY.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **880** AN ACT INCREASING FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **910** (RAISED) AN ACT PROVIDING IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY TO A

PHYSICIAN WHO ACCOMPANIES AND ASSISTS A STATE,
REGIONAL OR MUNICIPAL SWAT TEAM.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **911** (RAISED) AN
ACT CONCERNING THE OPENING OF A JUDGMENT OF STRICT
FORECLOSURE.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **939** (RAISED) AN
ACT CONCERNING PSYCHIATRIC COMMITMENT EVALUATIONS.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **964** (RAISED) AN
ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **996** (RAISED) AN
ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO VARIOUS STATUTES
CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **1055** (RAISED)
AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE JUROR
SELECTION PROCESS, PROVIDING ACCESS TO CERTAIN
RECORDS POSSESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AND ADDICTION SERVICES, CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL
AND THE PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD AND
CONCERNING SENTENCING OF PERSISTENT LARCENY
OFFENDERS, NONFINANCIAL CONDITIONS FOR PRETRIAL
RELEASE AND CONFIDENTIALITY UPON APPLICATION TO A
DIVERSIONARY PROGRAM.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **1085** (RAISED)
AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGALIZATION OF THE RETAIL
SALE AND POSSESSION OF CANNABIS AND CONCERNING
ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS IN THE CASE OF
CONVICTIONS BASED ON THE POSSESSION OF A SMALL
AMOUNT OF CANNABIS.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **1098** (RAISED)
AN ACT CONCERNING THE TESTIMONY OF JAILHOUSE
WITNESSES.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **1112** (RAISED)
AN ACT CONCERNING COMMITMENT OF A PERSON FOUND NOT
GUILTY BY REASON OF MENTAL DISEASE OR DEFECT.

JUDICIARY Substitute for S.B. No. **1113** (RAISED)
AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO
THE SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRY, PETITIONS TO TERMINATE
PARENTAL RIGHTS OF INCARCERATED PARENTS AND SENTENCE
REVIEW AND SENTENCE MODIFICATION.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), the first reading of the following bills and resolutions was waived, the list of bills and resolutions as prepared by the Clerks was accepted, and the bills and resolutions referred to the Committees as indicated thereon in concurrence:

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

H.B. No. **5192** (COMM) FINANCE, REVENUE AND
BONDING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY
THE ROLE OF HOSPITALS IN THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID
ADDICTION', to establish a task force to study the
role of hospitals in the treatment of individuals
suffering from opioid addiction and require the task
force to submit a report to the legislative public
health committee.

H.B. No. **5600** (COMM) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE TAX IMPLICATIONS OF ALLOWING BENEFIT LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES UNDER STATE LAW', to require the Commissioner of Revenue Services to study the potential tax implications of allowing companies to organize as benefit limited liability companies under state law and submit a report to the legislative finance and commerce committees.

REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Office of the Secretary of State for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2015 and 2016. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: April 26, 2019

Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 59) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)

The Senate at 1:23 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 10:35 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain, Timothy Kehoe of East Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN TIMOTHY KEHO:

May the work that we do benefit all those we serve.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(f) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Tuesday, April 30, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR

JUDICIARY NOMINATIONS - to be referred to Joint
Committee(s)

Corrected Letter:

April 30, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 54-124a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **MICHAEL E. POHL** of Manchester, as a member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, as a full-time member, to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for
the calendar and printing.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 3 AN ACT COMBATTING SEXUAL ASSAULT AND
SEXUAL HARASSMENT.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 63 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF A SUPPORTED
DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENT BY A PERSON WITH A
DISABILITY.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 138 AN ACT MODERNIZING THE STATE'S
COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION STATUTES.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 440 AN ACT PROTECTING EMPLOYEE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND CONSCIENCE.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 504 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS FOR TREATMENT OR OTHER SERVICES IN MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT OR MISUSE CASES AND CONCERNING DETENTION OF JUVENILES.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 761 AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF HONEST RECOMMENDATIONS BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND PROHIBITING AN EMPLOYER'S USE OF A NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT RELATING TO ACTS OF DISCRIMINATION OCCURRING IN THE EMPLOYER'S WORKPLACE.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 941 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DURATION AND RELEASE OF ESTATE AND PROBATE FEE LIENS AND THE REPEAL OF THE SUCCESSION TAX.

MATTER(S) RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE - to be tabled for the calendar.

NEW FILE

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 811 AN ACT INCREASING PENALTIES FOR COMPUTER CRIMES AGAINST FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR CUSTOMERS.

The Senate at 10:38 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.