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The Senate was called to order at 10:18 a.m., by the Secretary of the State, Denise Merrill.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

(Gavel) Good morning. By the power vested in me, by Connecticut General Statute, Section 2-1, I Denise Merrill, Secretary of the State, acting as President of the Senate, call to order the 2017 Senate of the Connecticut General Assembly. Let us now join together for prayer, led by Rabbi Lazowski.

RABBI PHILIP LAZOWSKI:

Happy New Year to you all. I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of the newly elected Senators and to welcome back the re-elected Senators to the circle, and wish you and your families much health and happiness.

This year we are witnessing history: This year's Senate of the State of Connecticut is perfectly balanced between the two major political parties. In 125 years, this has not occurred: 18 and 18. And this places the Lieutenant Governor in a position to great responsibility, to cast a vote to break the tie.



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I just want to tell you that, from my perspective as a Rabbi, the number 18 is a very good number. It's called *chai* which means *life*. And 18 and 18 is called *double chai* which represents *good life* and a *full life*. Our thought today is from Deuteronomy 30:19, "Choose life."

Let us pray. May the Creator of us all bless this Senate to fulfill the promise of 18, *chai -life*. Help them, O God, to legislate in a spirit of cooperation, and to create a good life with all the people constantly in mind.

When they do not agree, guide the Lieutenant Governor to exercise her deciding vote with wisdom and good conscience for the good of all the people of Connecticut. Help them, O source of peace, to find common ground and to gather in a true spirit of friendship, mutual respect, and honor. Help our Senators to rise to the highest level of ethics and responsibility in the fulfillment of their duties.

Bless this Senate, our Governor, our Lieutenant Governor, the State government, and all of our inhabitants with Your spirit. Grant us courage and good will, and integrity, and bless our brave military who protect our country. May God bless all their efforts with success; hear us as we pray and to this, let us all say, Amen.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Thank you, Rabbi Lazowski. Now please direct your attention to our nation's flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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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.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Thank you very much. You may be seated -- those of you who have seats. I will now call the roll of the Senate and I would ask that you please speak up if you are present. John W. Fonfara.

SENATOR FONFARA (1ST):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

District 2 vacant. Timothy D. Larson.

SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Steve Cassano

SENATOR CASSANO (4TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Beth Bye.

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SENATOR BYE (5TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Terry Bielinski Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

John Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Kevin Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Paul R. Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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Gary A. Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Martin M. Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Edward Kennedy, Jr.

SENATOR KENNEDY (12TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Len Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Gayle Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

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Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Joan V. Hartley

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Joe Markley.

SENATOR MARKLEY (16TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

George Logan.

SENATOR LOGAN (17TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Heather Somers.

SENATOR SOMERS (18TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Catherine A. Osten.

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SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Paul M. Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Kevin C. Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Marilyn V. Moore.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Ed Gomes.

SENATOR GOMES (23RD):

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SECRETARY MERRILL:

Michael A. McLachlan.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN (24TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Bob Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Toni Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Carlo Leone.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Tony Hwang.

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

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Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Mae Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Craig A. Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Henri Martin.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

District 32 vacant. Art Linares.

SENATOR LINARES (33RD):

Here.

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Len Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Tony Guglielmo.

SENATOR GUGLIELMO (35TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

L. Scott Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ (36TH):

Here.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Thank you. Now if you will please 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 thereof and that you will faithfully discharge according to the law, the duties of the office of Senator to the best of your abilities so help you God.

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I do.

SECRETARY MERRILL:

Congratulations, you are now sworn in. [Laughter]  
[Applause] [Cheers]

And I also offer my sincere congratulations to all of you, especially the new members of the chamber. You're in for a wonderful experience and God go with you.

So I would now welcome to the dais, my wonderful friend and the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Connecticut, Nancy Wyman.

(The President in the Chair)

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Okay, now sit down. Sit down, sit down. That's enough. Thank you. Sit. Okay. Thank you very much.

Secretary Merrill, thank you very, very much. Sorry we kept you waiting but now you'll know. We do still run on Senate time.

It is great to be back here with everybody and I'm so thrilled. So at this time, we already have the - - we're figuring out what we're supposed to be doing. We got that taken care of and you're all sworn in, so that's great.

But I am going to -- as the Rabbi mentioned -- some group of people that I think we should be paying -- giving our thanks for and so I'd ask you to join me

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in a moment of silence to honor and remember our military men and women and their families. They are the very foundation of our democracy and their duty and commitment continues to sustain us here in Connecticut and across the country.

If you're able to stand, if you'd please stand for a moment of silence.

Thank you all very much. Hope everyone had a happy holidays and I want to wish you and your families a happy and healthy new year. We have some really very good news to celebrate today. All of your being elected but we have some good things that happened in the Senate that I want to talk about first, and one is Senator Looney, your health made us just a little bit nervous this past year. It's so great to see you here today. We are all thankful that your surgery went well and I know there's a gentleman here and I don't know where he is but -- that I want to thank. A man who truly gave part of his body to help Senator Looney and that's Superior Court Judge Brian Fischer. So thank you.

[Applause]

What a tremendous act of selflessness and it's not because you wanted to be a judge. You still were going to be judge anyway, sir. [Laughter] And remember, Senator Looney's still not feeling well, so we have to be nice to him. I'm trying, Marty. Anything I can.

And of course, I do have to also say, we -- you don't usually hear this very much but Senator Looney's Deputy Chief of Staff, Courtney Cullinan Grasso is also a recipient of a new kidney and we are so happy to report that she's here, back,

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working and feeling great. Welcome back and congratulations. [Applause]

Now, I also have to say that we have an addition, we have a new grandfather that's sitting in the chamber today and yeah, he's a first grandchild born to Senator Len Fasano. [Applause]

Len, we congratulate you and your family on your first grandchild and I'm really looking forward to meeting Griffin and I do hope that you'd bring him up here so I can hold him because everybody needs a Jewish mother -- grandmother, so I'd love to get him in here. Congratulations to you. That was some Christmas present that you got this year. That's great.

I want to welcome back the leaders of course. Senator Looney as I said, Senator Fasano, of course. Senate Majority leader, Bob Duff, and our new Deputy Senate Republican President Pro Tempore, Kevin Witkos. Now that's a mouthful. I can't wait to see that on the sign, Kevin, but -- really is great. I did hear another rumor the other day, I just bring it out to you and congratulate Senator Art Linares.

Congratulations on your engagement. [Applause] Of course, if you don't know it, he is engaged to Democratic State Representative Caroline Simmons. If we can't get you one way, we'll get you another way. [Laughter] You know, I just wanted to take also, a special moment to say hello and welcome to our three brand new Senators: Senator George Logan and Senator Heather Somers, welcome to our chamber. [Applause]

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Of course, I did not forget that we have others. Senator Suzio, welcome back to the chamber. [Applause, cheering] And the next Senator I don't want to forget and I won't forget. It's kind of odd for me that he's kind of new or welcoming back, but it is great to see Senator Craig Miner up here who joins us from the House. Many of us did this before. He has 16 years of service. Welcome to the Senate circle, sir. Thank you. [Applause]

You know, those of you returning, congratulations to all of you. To me, this circle truly is a family and it's great to be together again. Congratulations to all of you for the hard work, you know? The Rabbi talks about and the newspapers talk about it, that this is the first time since 1893 that the Connecticut State Senate is evenly controlled by Republicans and Democrats. We've been called, divided and split. Rumor is that I'm going to have to break tie after tie.

I'm urging all of you to help me show the people of Connecticut that what we actually do here, much more often than not, is work together. Our constituents should know that we listen to each other and while we do not always agree, the majority of the bills that come out of the state Senate have always been bipartisan. [Applause]

My breaking a tie vote news is only because it happens so infrequently and I hope that continues. Democrat or Republican, in this chamber we come together to work for the people of Connecticut and for the better future of our children and our grandchildren and I'd like us to start this term focused on unity, not on division.

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We face a budget -- a difficult budget year. It requires commitments from all public officials at all levels of government to make hard choices and find sustainable solutions but that's what the people elected us to do.

As we begin this work, it helps to remember that what we've been able to accomplish when we work together. Recently, the United Health Foundation rated Connecticut the third healthiest state in the nation. *24/7 Wall St.* ranked us the second best state to live in because of low crime rate and social -- strong social and economic climate. These numbers and others reflect our joint commitment to the residents that we serve.

What's true for all of us is we want to do the best for the people that we represent, the state we love, and the future that we all share. So thank you for letting me be part of your circle again. I look forward to a very successful session. God bless you all and I want to thank your families for being here for the support that you've given to all of the elected officials. We know that we couldn't do it without all of you. So let's give a round of applause to your families. [Applause]

Okay. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you Madam President and good morning and good morning to my colleagues. I believe now our Senate President will elect our Senate Clerk.

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Will you place the name of Garey Coleman on the record, sir? Oh, I'm sorry. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President --

THE CHAIR:

Welcome.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Madam President, it's my pleasure to place in nomination for the position of Senate Clerk, the name of Garey Coleman, who has performed admirably in that position for a number of years. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Are there any other comments? Are there any other comments? If not, I declare that the nominations be closed.

The Senate Clerk is elected by acclamation and Garey, congratulations and if you'll stand up here. There we go. [Applause] Wave. Put your right hand up. Do you solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case may be, that you will faithfully discharge according to law, your duties as Senate Clerk to the best of your abilities, so help you God or upon penalty of perjury?

CLERK:

I do.

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THE CHAIR:

Congratulations. [Applause]

Senate Clerk, I'm going to call on you to -- okay,  
never mind. I'm not calling on you then.  
[Laughter] At this time, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, now  
that we have a Clerk, does the Clerk have any  
business on his desk?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

A little slow on the trigger this morning. Clerk is  
in possession of Senate Agenda Number 1. It's dated  
Wednesday, January 4, 2017. It's been duplicated  
and should be on Senators' desks.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move all items on  
Senate Agenda Number 1 to be acted upon as indicated  
and that the agenda be incorporated by reference  
into the Senate Journal and Senate transcript.



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Madam President, does Clerk have Senate Agenda Number 2 on his desk?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Yes, I have Senate Agenda Number 2, also dated Wednesday, January 4, 2017.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move that all items on Senate Agenda Number 2 be acted upon as indicated and that the agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and the Senate transcript.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption. I will try your minds. All those in favor, please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? The ayes have it. The resolutions are now adopted by voice vote. (Gavel) Senator Duff.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Will the Clerk please call Senate Joint Resolution Number 1.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution Number 1, RESOLUTION  
CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. LCO Number 887, introduced  
by Senators Looney, Fasano, Duff, Witkos,  
Representatives Aresimowicz, Ritter, and Klarides.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the --  
there are obviously some changes this year in our  
joint rules reflecting new leadership titles, that  
we have the Deputy Senate President Pro Tempore as  
added as an ex-officio non-voting member of all  
committees. We also have other rules that say the  
House Chairperson and at least one Senate  
Chairperson shall jointly call organizational  
meetings, jointly schedule committee meetings,  
announce committee meetings, and that each committee  
bill or resolution, raised bill or resolution or  
favorable report shall be signed by the House  
chairperson and at least one of the Senate  
chairpersons, so reflecting in our joint rules our

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18 to 18 split, and the fact that we have amicably come to a resolution on that and reflecting that in our joint rules here, today. Madam President, I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption. I will try your minds then. All in favor please say, aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? The resolution is adopted by voice vote.  
(Gavel) Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, would the Clerk please call Senate Joint Resolution Number 2.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution Number 2, RESOLUTION CONCERNING PUBLICATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN, PRINTING OF BILLS AND THE EXPENSES OF THE 2017 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. LCO Number 883, introduced by Senators Duff and Fasano and Representative Ritter.

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THE CHAIR:

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, these are actual boiler plate -- this is a boiler plate resolution and it's pretty self-explanatory in the title. I move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on adoption. The question is on adoption. I will try your minds. All those in favor please say, aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

. THE CHAIR:

Opposed? The motion carries and is adopted -- Senate -- Resolution is adopted. (Gavel) Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Oh, I ask for immediate transmittal of the Joint Resolutions to the House of Representatives.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered, sir. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, would the Clerk now please call Senate Resolution Number 1.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution Number 1, RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RULES OF THE SENATE. LCO Number 871, introduced by Senators Looney, Fasano, Duff, and Witkos.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, again, as in our Joint rules reflecting the changes in the Senate, this term in the -- some of the key rule changes are leadership titles, obviously we have the President Pro Tem. in the Constitution, we have the new title of Senate Republican President Pro Tem., Senate Majority Leader, Deputy Senate Republican President Pro Tem., there shall be an equal number of Republican and Democratic Senators appointed to each standing committee. Each standing committee will have a Senate Democratic Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and a Senate Republican Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, and Judiciary Committee shall not have more than 11 Senators and Appropriations and Finance shall consist of not more than 13. I would urge adoption of the resolution.

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THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption. I'll try your minds  
again. All in favor, please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? The resolution is adopted by voice vote.  
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Would the clerk please  
now call Senate Resolution Number 5.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution Number 5, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING  
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 AS DEPUTY CHAPLAINS OF THE  
SENATE. LCO Number 878, introduced by Senators Duff  
and Fasano.

THE CHAIR:

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the resolution is self-explanatory and I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption. I will try your minds.  
All those in favor, please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

You're getting weaker. This only begun, you guys.  
All in favor?

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Anybody opposed? If not, the ayes have it and the resolution is adopted by voice vote.  
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Would the clerk now call Senate Resolution Number 3.

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Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution Number 3, RESOLUTION CONCERNING  
THE PRINTING OF THE SENATE JOURNAL. LCO Number 880,  
introduced by Senators Duff and Fasano.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, this  
is a boiler plate resolution. Pretty standard. I  
would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on adoption. I'll try your minds. All  
those in favor, please do say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Oh my God. This is going to be some year.  
[Laughter] Those opposed, please say aye -- or say,  
opposed or whatever, it doesn't matter. Okay, the  
eyes have it. Resolution is adopted by voice vote.  
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):



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Thank you, Madam President. I'll put a little more heart into this one. Would the Clerk please call Senate Resolution Number 4.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution Number 4, RESOLUTION CONCERNING ROLL CALL AND READING OF THE SENATE JOURNAL. LCO Number 879, introduced by Senators Duff and Fasano.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President, this is a really wonderful resolution that should be adopted unanimously by this body.

THE CHAIR:

We'll try.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

It's - and enthusiastically, it's a resolution concerning the roll call and reading of the Senate Journal, very important for our duties every day over the next term. I would urge enthusiastic adoption of this resolution, please.

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THE CHAIR:

The question is on an enthusiastic adoption. All --  
I'll try your minds. All those in favor, please  
say, aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

There you go. Opposed? The ayes have it and the  
resolution is adopted by voice vote. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Would the Clerk please  
call Senate Resolution Number 2, which is actually a  
very important resolution.

THE CHAIR:

[Laughing] It sure is, to you guys. Senator -- Mr.  
Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution Number 2, RESOLUTION RAISING A  
COMMITTEE ON CANVASS OF VOTES FOR STATE SENATORS.  
LCO Number 882, introduced by Senators Duff and  
Fasano.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move adoption and would ask the Clerk to read the contents of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

RESOLUTION RAISING A COMMITTEE ON CANVASS OF VOTES FOR STATE SENATORS resolved by the Senate that a committee consisting of three Senators be appointed for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the Canvass and return of votes for Senators.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I would ask for a voice vote.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption. I will try your minds.  
All those in favor, please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

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Just saying that you guys are all going to be elected. That's -- that gets them excited. Okay, anybody opposed? The ayes have it or the resolution is adopted by voice vote.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and I believe you're going to be appointing four members to the committee.

THE CHAIR:

At this time, I appoint Senators Hartley, Casano, Suzio, and Somers to the Committee. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, it's now time to elect the -- the leaders of the Senate and it is my honor to place the name -- nomination of Senator Martin Looney as Senate President over the next Biennium, the next term -- as was said earlier, we're -- we're very fortunate to have Senator Looney in this chamber for a number of reasons.

One is that he is a stalwart of this -- of this body and a stalwart of the legislature, someone who brings depth and passion and just a tremendous sense of history to the Senate. I think someone who most all of us could view as a fair and someone who when you looked him in the eye and shake his hand, you know that his word is his bond. Someone that is really just a remarkable, a humble, and a kind man as well, someone who represents his district with

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pride and grace and this great feeling of resolution -- resolute, and someone who is, I am proud and honored to call a friend as well. I don't -- I couldn't imagine this chamber today not having Senator Looney here with us and I'm so proud and pleased that he's here along with his family, so Madam President, it is my honor to place the name of nomination for Senate President Pro Tem. of Martin Looney.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano, Grandpa.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, it is my honor to second the nomination of Senator Looney for Senate Pro Tem. Madam President, Senator Looney and I have a relationship that dates back before we got involved in politics. Ones of friendship, both being lawyers in New Haven. We have known each other a long time, along with his law partner, Jack Keyes, Judge Keyes, who's here and even Brian Fischer, I've known for extraordinary long time and what you may not know is Brian is a great athlete, Marty with that kidney, I'm sure you'll be doing jump shots and playing tennis and -- [Laughter] and the basketball hoop. But Senator Looney, you know, our relationship was very important when we got to this historic time in the Senate. 1893 is the last time there was a tie and if you look at what other states have done, I think it's the relationship and the trust that Senator Looney and I have had over the years that helped us reach an agreement that I think will move this state forward. So I'm honored

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and proud to second the nomination of Senator Looney for President Pro Tem.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Are there any other nominations? I declare the nominations closed. The President and Pro Tempore is elected by acclamation and now I ask that Judge Brian Fischer administer the oath of office to Senator Pro Tem. Martin Looney -- joined by Ellen Looney.

JUDGE BRIAN FISCHER:

[Clearing throat] 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 thereof, and that you will faithfully discharge according to law, the duties of the Office of President Pro Tempore of the Senate, to the best of your abilities, so help you God?

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

I do.

JUDGE BRIAN FISCHER:

Congratulations, Senator Looney. [Applause]

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you all very much. I am happy and grateful to be here this morning. In fact, given what I've experienced the last few months, I'm happy and grateful to be anywhere and on my feet, but

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especially to be here and to have the support of the Democratic Caucus and the good will of the Republican Caucus to serve as President Pro Tem. of our beloved State Senate.

I couldn't begin my remarks today without acknowledging my loving, patient, smart, and beautiful wife Ellen. Words can't do justice to the depths of my love for you and just how lucky I feel to be able to share a life with you. [Applause]

[Clearing throat] To the honorable Judge Brian Fischer and his wonderful wife Katie, your kindness, generosity, and courage are truly awe-inspiring and will allow me to spend more Christmases and New Years with Ellen, our son Michael of whom we're so proud, his wife Becky [phonetic], and our grandchildren, Matthew and Anna Katherine. Thank you for this amazing gift and thank you for being here today. [Applause]

A little bit more about Judge Fischer. Many of you know him but I wanted to mention a couple of things. First of all, he is someone who if he had been born a generation earlier, probably would have been one of the original Mercury astronauts and with the temperament and courage chronicled by Tom Wolfe in *The Right Stuff*. He is exactly that kind of cool, confident, serene person who is matter-of-fact about things that would send other people into a panic. For example, on the day of our surgeries, I called him that morning to wish him well and thank him once again and his wonderful wife Katie answered the phone and she said, "Oh Brian's out at the hardware store running an errand." This is three hours before he's scheduled to donate a kidney. That's the kind of person that he is. And of course, Katie

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Fischer is in my mind, a great heroine in her own right because the -- one of the -- the coordinators at the transplant center at Yale said that often volunteer donors change their minds if the spouse is not supportive of that decision, or has severe misgivings about it, so Katie's role in this was absolutely substantial and critical in being so supportive of her husband's decision.

Volunteer live donors like Judge Fischer, like Mayor Dan Drew of Middletown, and former East Haven Mayor April Capone, are the heroes in our midst here today. Additionally, I'd like to thank Dr. Sanjay Kulkarni of the Yale, New Haven Transportation Center -- Transplantation Center for his wonderful care and for joining us today. Thank you, Doctor. [Applause]

My dear friend and law partner [clearing throat], our probate judge, Jack Keyes, reminded me that while this is my -- the beginning of my 19th term in the General Assembly, and 13th term in the State Senate, I have a freshman kidney to start the session with. [Laughter] I want to thank Jack for all of his love and kindness and for -- for being here today as well.

To my Democratic partner, our Senate Majority Leader, Bob Duff, the caucus has come to rely on your sound policy and political analysis and I look forward to that continued partnership and friendship.

To my friend Senator Fasano -- our friendship extends beyond the Senate chamber and the halls of the Capitol and while we may disagree on any number of policies, we have often been able to find common



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ground on important issues, notably, AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPITALS, INSURERS, AND HEALTHCARE CONSUMERS of the 2015 session that is increasingly seen as a national model on healthcare policy, especially regarding hospital acquisition of physician practices and un-regulation of facility fees. That was a proud bipartisan moment working on that bill and there have been others and there will be more.

And I would also like to acknowledge the presence of a number of my long-time and closest friends, Bill and Natalie Maneele [phonetic]. Bill has been my -- my friend for 55 years, since we were altar boys together at Saint Rose Church in New Haven, and his wife Natalie has been a dear friend for the last 46 years when she and Bill first met and started dating and have a large number of other friends here today, Dr. Leo Cooney [phonetic], Joe and June Patton [phonetic], John Cortmonch [phonetic], Professor Bob Farrell of the Quinnipiac University Law School and I have to mention also, my dear friend, Nick Neely, who has been either my Treasurer or my Campaign Manager in each of my 13 campaigns for the State Senate and is a dear friend, all of that time over the last 24 years, he's been instrumental in helping me to get back here each time.

So that -- all of these dear friends have been up here today, many of them are also close friends of Judge Fischer. So again, I want to thank everyone who has sent me cards and best wishes and it was a great sense of being supported and thought of and being the beneficiary of so many prayers over the last few weeks in particular and it is a great privilege [clearing throat] to address this chamber once again, as the Senate President Pro Tem. Your

faith in me reminds me again of the great responsibility we all have to this chamber and to the people of Connecticut.

And speaking of responsibility to the people of Connecticut, there is no one who feels that responsibility greater than our wonderful Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, who as we all know, is a warm and gracious person but also someone who cares deeply about the state and its success. Nancy and I have been friends for 30 years, when she first was elected as a State Representative from Tolland back in 1986 and the 1987 session was her first. We sat near each other in the House and have been very close all during her four terms in the Legislature and her 16 years as State Controller and the last 6 years as Lieutenant Governor. She's a dear friend that came to see me while I was in the hospital and has been calling me every other day since then to just check on me and make sure I'm doing well. That is the kind of warmth and kindness that Nancy always exudes. [clearing throat]

Now this evenly divided chamber should be a place where ideas no matter how ambitious or modest Republican or Democratic should be vigorously discussed in the open. [Coughing] With bipartisan power comes bipartisan responsibility [clearing throat] and accountability. If you have a proposal, bring it to the floor for a vote. Members from both parties should be prepared for this chamber to a place of intense and robust debate where the outcome of votes on legislation is not predetermined.

Let the next two years be a measure of our capacity to put aside our partisan armor and work together to build a better Connecticut, a stronger Connecticut,

and a more compassionate Connecticut, where no one is left behind. We must challenge ourselves to harness the innovation and talent overflowing from our Universities and State Colleges to create good jobs that pay well and offer the hope of advancement. We can build a future and a Connecticut that is the place of opportunity for all, not only for the privileged few.

Connecticut is not the only state facing challenges, but in a difficult national economy, we have risen to meet these challenges to build a better Connecticut and move our state forward. In recent years, in Connecticut, our General Assembly has had the courage to raise the minimum wage, enact paid sick leave, [clearing throat] create an earned income tax credit for the working poor, fight for cleaner air and water, bring greater equity to our automobile tax system, enable the largest expansion of prekindergarten in our history, fund job trainings through the *Step Up* program, and loans and grants of the *Small Business Express Program*, and we've partnered with our largest employers to keep high quality manufacturing jobs here in Connecticut.

And as we focus on businesses large and small, we must ask ourselves if we are doing enough for middle income families and those who hold two and three low wage jobs, trying to work their way into the middle class. We will also fight back against the tax on women's health, the environment, individual civil rights, and on Connecticut's families. We will not allow the bigotry, cruelty, and reckless character assassination that has turned national politics into a cesspool to undermine our public discourse here in Connecticut.

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This could be the year we continue that progress and enact an employee based paid family leave law because everyone should be able to care for a newborn child, a sick family member, or for themselves in the event of an illness without the added stress of a financial hardship.

Strengthen Connecticut's laws against hate crimes in the face of rising incidents of bias, and exempt all social security income from the income tax to help Seniors live financially secure retirements without a financial incentive to leave Connecticut. And we must resist the temptation to sacrifice essential services for short-term savings, and finally, we must recognize that sustained investment in physical infrastructure and human capital rather than across the board retrenchment is the best way to build toward a prosperous future we envision for Connecticut.

There are only 728 days left in this legislative term and no day is guaranteed. We can do this. I just mentioned the number of days in our term because after going through what I've experienced over the last several months, one begins to think a lot about numbers. So please, if you wouldn't mind indulging me, I have an opportunity here to offer a public service announcement.

Currently, there are roughly 120,000 people, nationally, on the transplant waiting list. The wait for a deceased donor could be 5 years. Some states it's closer to 10 years. I'm one of the roughly 16,000 people last year who received a kidney transplant and I'm one of the lucky few -- about 5,000 or so, in any given year, who were able to find a compatible living volunteer donor. The

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final number I'll provide you is 866-925-3897. That's the number for the Yale, New Haven Transplantation Center. I would encourage anyone who is interested, willing or knows someone in need, to call. Volunteer living donors can provide a literal lifeline to families in need. Thank you for that indulgence.

To our new colleagues, I say welcome to this historic chamber, to my returning colleagues, it is truly a blessing to be here with you today, and finally, a note of thanks to our wonderful staff led by Vinnie [phonetic] Mauro and Courtney Cullinan and Joe Quinn and Joe Rudikoff. They have been superb all the way through, year in and year out, in helping us manage the Institution and also to create quality legislation that the people of Connecticut can be proud of. So let's get to work on a new term. Thanks very much. [Applause]

And now it is my great pleasure, to call to the podium our Republican Senate President Pro Tem., my friend, Senator Len Fasano. [Applause]

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you very much. It is a pleasure and an honor to stand in front of you at this podium. Governor, Madam Secretary, President Looney, Members of the Senate, honored guests, today is an historic day for this chamber. I might add, I believe, a start toward a historic year for the State of Connecticut. Before I begin my remarks, Senator Looney said, you can't do this job and we all know this -- unless you have support of your family.

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And I haven't had the opportunity in a long time to do this. I would like to introduce to all of you, my wife who is so supportive and so beautiful and I thank her so much for all the help she's given me. My wife Jill. [Applause]

I also have with me, of my three children, one Robert -- my son Robert. Robert interned here in his senior year at high school. I think he was here like an hour and a half and then left for the rest of the day, but my son Robert, please rise. Thank you Robert. [Applause]

He is finishing his last semester at Georgetown LLM tax program after passing the bar. I'm very proud of his accomplishments. I have two other children. Two daughters who are not in the state, who could not be here, and as the Lieutenant Governor mentioned, I -- December 13th I did have my grandson -- a beautiful baby boy, Griffin, and I want to take this moment just to cherish who he is and the fact that anybody call you -- calls me gramps, you're in trouble, okay? Just for the record. [Laughter]

I also want to congratulate all the new Senators here today. Senator Logan, Senator Somers, Senator Miner, repeat Senator -- Senator Suzio, all of who worked grittily hard to get here. I welcome to this chamber and I know they're ready to represent their community, have their voices heard with honor, pride, and integrity. I also want to thank Senator Witkos, for the past two years as the Deputy Leader for helping me and running the caucus. He did a terrific job and look forward to the next two years.

Senator Duff, I want to thank you for your leadership as the Majority leader of this Senate and

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look forward to working with you for the rest of the session. Senator Looney, I'm going to get you in a little bit, and Lieutenant Governor, your humor up here is something that we always cherish. It keeps things light.

As note, this chamber's tied 18-18 for the first time since 1893 and on November 3, when it came obvious that there was a tie, many people questioned whether or not we would have a functioning State Senate, whether or not the State Senate would be able to do the people's business, whether or not we could all get along and work together. Other states that had a tie ended up taking a divisive role and those legislatures didn't work out so well.

And there should be no mystery why we have an agreement here today, because this agreement that will guide this Senate for the next two years was rooted and formed from the friendship that Senator Looney and I have had for over 30 years that dates prior to us being involved in politics.

As lawyers often say, when you're making a contract, I can never make a contract that can protect my client unless there's some sort of trust on the other side of the table. Trust is a fundamental element of any agreement. That's why when it comes to Senator Looney and me, we trust each other. That certainly doesn't mean we agree on all policy issues, we know that, but it does demonstrate the trust, admiration, and respect rises us above politics.

We all know what Senator Looney went through [clearing throat] -- excuse me, short -- couple of weeks ago and we're so glad to see him today in this

chamber. It is remarkable that he's able to be here but even more remarkable is this: less than 24 hours after having surgery, our agreement had met an impasse. There was some loose ends that couldn't be resolved with staff and Vinnie Mauro said give Marty a call. He'll talk to you from the hospital bed. This is within 24 hours. I called Marty. He sounded terrific. I asked him if he was on any drugs, he said, oh yeah, plenty. [Laughter] So when I talked to him, I said, here's some impasse issues and it was the trust and relationship that we had that in five minutes we put those issues to rest and we were able to solidify an agreement and this agreement is going to make us a stronger chamber because it requires conversation, compromise, understanding, and exchange of ideas that one could argue has been missing not only from this chamber but I would argue from government far too long.

There's not a doubt in my mind that all the members of this chamber has the best interest and share the goal of making Connecticut the best state it could be. However, we go at it from different avenues. This agreement will almost insist upon collaboration to achieve that end. I'm always so proud of the work ethic and the debate that we have in this chamber on each session day and although I may disagree with the policies that are passed, I will never question the motive behind the results. I'm proud to stand before this chamber of equal parties today. I'm proud to commit to working together to face the challenges that we know are coming.

This is a great state. We've got great opportunities but there's much more we can do. To start, we must reach out to our cities and bring hope where there's despair. Push for opportunity



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where people feel they've been disenfranchised. Educate our youth for the jobs of tomorrow and make prudent, responsible investments to ensure that everyone is truly given a chance to be successful and for those who need a hand up, we need to preserve our core governmental services for the ones most in need.

We cannot be content by saying we're open for business. We need to acknowledge that there is an exodus of people from our state. We need to stop this exodus by sending a message early that we understand the issue and we're ready to take action. We have to legislate both a short-term plan and a long-term plan to demonstrate some commitment to growing jobs and the economy to make Connecticut a better place.

We must propose and pass legislation that reduce burdensome regulations and end policies that scare businesses and jobs out of this state. We need to tackle our state budget head on and I propose we do it in three phases.

First, we do a plan, the next 30 days that solves our deficit at the end of 2017. Second, we immediately start working on our 2 year budget plan, and third, we lead a course that other legislatures can build upon for the future to move the state forward in the next decade.

As Winston Churchill said, he who fails to plan, is planning to fail. It's time we think ahead and start -- stop budgeting for elections and start budgeting for generations. All of these goals brings the most important goal. We need to restore confidence to this state.

If people are confident that our state is stable, a place where opportunity for all people exist at all economic levels. A place where people have a ladder to climb out of poverty, a place with sustainable, predictable budgets that allow businesses to plan for future expansion. Then we can make real strides to make Connecticut a better place to raise a family, obtain a job, and run a business. There's no doubt in my mind that this chamber collectively, can meet those goals. The strength in this chamber comes from the members themselves.

I have witnessed this chamber do remarkable things. We all have strong voices, strong opinions, and strong resolve, but we must remember that our voices are strongest when they're raised together. When all our ideas are heard and all avenues are explored, that is when the best legislation is created. I'm proud to serve with each and every one of you in this circle and I know that together Democrats and Republicans can surge Connecticut forward. God bless this chamber, and God bless the State of Connecticut. [Applause]

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. At this time, I'll recognize Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President, for purposes of a couple of announcements and points of recognition.

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Please proceed, Mr. --

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. First, it's my great pleasure to announce that the Senate Democratic Caucus has once again elected Senator Bob Duff as our Majority leader. That was of course, a unanimous vote, given Bob's strength and his great performance in his first term as majority leader and we're counting on that again this year -- his superb job on managing the floor operations and once again, it's my great pleasure to announce the results of that caucus vote. Senator Bob Duff as majority leader for the 2017-2008 [phonetic] sessions. Also, Madam President, I would like to introduce a couple of visitors here today, who are no strangers to us.

Two of our most beloved former Senators. Senator Billy Ciotto is with us and Senator -- [applause] [clearing throat] -- and also [clearing throat] -- and also [clearing throat] Madam President [clearing throat] someone who for many years was one of the most activist legislators we had, who was in many ways the conscience of the Senate and if you did something that she didn't approve of, you knew it pretty quickly, and that is the wonderful Senator Edith Prague. [Applause]

And [clearing throat] we also have among our alumni here today, Senator Cathy Cook as well, who served with great distinction in this chamber. [Applause] Thank you, Madam President.

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Thank you. At this time, I have been told that the -- that [pause] -- which one? [Laughter] Okay. Okay. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I want to just rise for a point of personal privilege and to thank Senator Looney for his kind words. Senator Fasano for his kind words as well and I am humbled by the support of the Democratic Caucus of re-electing me as Senate Majority Leader. I also look forward to the next two years and know that working together, we will produce good legislation for the people of the State of Connecticut and as I'm fond of saying, 75 percent of the legislation that we pass here in the Senate is unanimous and 95 percent is bipartisan, so we do have a strong record of working together and I know that that tradition will continue as well.

Also, as Senator Looney and Senator Fasano did, I would like to also just recognize my family for being here today. We all know as well that you cannot do this without the strong support of your family, whether it's this job, whether it's through the campaign season, or the phone calls or anything else that interrupts kind of the daily lives of things, but they are stalwarts and they are supportive and they make our jobs and our lives a lot easier. So I want to just recognize my wife Tracey, my son Collin [phonetic], my parents Bruce and Joanne [phonetic] and my aunt and uncle, David and Linda [phonetic], and thank them for being here in the Senate. If the Senate can give them a warm welcome, I'd appreciate it. [Applause]

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So thank you Madam President, I do look forward to working with Senator Looney, [phone ringing] Senator Fasano and Senator Witkos as we've worked very well together and as a body and as a chamber, we all work well together when we're putting our best ideas forward and rolling up our sleeves. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, our Senate Republican Caucus has made Deputy Senate Republican President Pro Tem. the title of Senator Witkos. I don't know how he's going to fit that on a license plate, but that's a whole 'nother issue [laughter] and we're proud to have Senator Witkos, who for two years, has done a great job and I know for the next two years will continue that on and with you, like to yield to Senator Witkos, please, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Witkos with that big title, will you accept the yield?

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Yes, yes, I do, Madam President. Thank you very much and I'd also -- I guess I'll offer a quadpeat and thank you to my family members here today. You know, my wife Esther, my daughter Kiera and her boyfriend Nick, haven't missed an inauguration,

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well, my -- I would say Nick wasn't there at the first one because my daughter was only in Kindergarten, she didn't have a boyfriend when she was in Kindergarten but they've -- they're up in the chamber -- I just want to recognize them.

[Applause]

And my son Casey, he follows in the Witkos, I think, family values. He couldn't be here today because a friend of his is a freshman transfer from a New York University to a Connecticut State University and he's helping him move into his dorm room today, so he couldn't be here so -- a good reason why as to bring our students and keep our students here in the State of Connecticut. So my remarks, folks, I just want to say it's so nice to see my colleagues returning to the circle after your reelection to do the things that people want us to do and that is to improve the economy of the State of Connecticut, allow businesses to grow in a more predictable, stable environment, and empower our residents to just succeed and endure as much happiness as they can and as lawmakers, we have that unique ability to help create this environment in our state where opportunity can flourish.

To do so, we must empower the people to pursue education, work force development, self-reflection, and I think most importantly, to invest their time, energy, and love into our great state's future. That being active and interested in their children's future, 'cause we all have to look ahead together to build a better and brighter future for today, tomorrow, and for generations yet to come.

To our new members, I say welcome. Your hard work and your clear vision for a prosperous Connecticut

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has enabled thousands and thousands of people to vote for you to come and represent them here in Hartford. You are their voice, you are their reason for change, I implore you to listen, to learn, and to act on their behalf and today you join a club of only 7,383 legislators across this great country we can all call home.

And finally, to the Senate leadership, it's been a privilege and an honor to have served with you in the past and I look forward to the future term which begins today, to continue our work in a bipartisan manner. The 2016 election has provided us the keen opportunity to create history together as equal partners in the state senate we must move our state forward and correct budgeting mistakes of the past. Together we must protect our most vulnerable citizens through finding efficiencies, eliminating duplication in government, we must bring all of our ideas together to do what's in the best interest of our state and the people we are all elected to serve.

Never compromising on our principles however, we will still agree to disagree at times, but all the while, we remember that we each -- all of our actions impact 3.5 million people in the State of Connecticut and they depend on us to create an environment where businesses will grow, jobs will flourish, and be able to keep more money in their pockets at the end of the day.

We will focus on becoming a destination state for businesses, students, families, and visitors alike and I promise to work side by side with each one of you as we tackle our state's deepest challenges this legislative session because unity can build

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confidence and confidence in our state is what we need to grow, to heal, and to thrive. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. [Applause]

Thank you, sir. Congratulations. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. For a couple of additional points of recognition.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you. Also with us today is Matt Fischer, who is the son of Judge and Mrs. Fischer, and Matt of course, is so proud of his parents as he should be and he works here in Hartford and is with us today as well. I'd also like to acknowledge the presence of Attorney Shari Murphy, another of my law partners who is also here today and to again, thank everyone who has been so supportive and also the fact that we, in this chamber, have an opportunity to do good work against all the odds that might be facing us and I think the will to be productive, as Senator Fasano said, will overcome everything else and Thank you Madam President.

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Thank you, Sir, and thank you all very much.

[Applause] At this point, I do want to report that the committee on Canvass votes has reported back and reports that all Senators are seated properly, so congratulations to all of you again. Good job.

[Laughter] Thank you to the committee, for all that hard work. At this time, I'm going to start with asking people if they all have points of personal privilege -- and the first one on the list -- I have a list and I'll see people -- all I ask -- the list is here and I'm adding the names, so the first one I'm going to ask is one of our brand new Senators, that's Heather Somers. [Applause]

SENATOR SOMERS (18TH):

Thank you, Madam President. First, I would like to say that I'm humbled to be here today, and I'm very excited to join this circle. It's a historic day here for Connecticut and I believe that together we can actually make history. I'm very excited.

I would like to recognize a few people that are here with me today. Some of them, most of them, are very, very important. The first person I would like to acknowledge for his unwavering support is my husband, Dr. Mark Somers, who is here with me today. [Applause]

My daughter who lives in Nashville could not be here today, but I have my son, who took time out of Fordham University where he will be graduating this May with a degree in Theology, Middle Eastern Studies, and Arabic -- Ian [phonetic] is here today from New York. [Applause]

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And of course, it would not be -- we would be remiss if we didn't introduce Grace Somers, who is missing first grade today. Also with me, I have my mother Karen Sherman, who is sitting over there and my father Roger Sherman, right here. [Applause]

In addition, my mother-in-law who is 81 years old, traveled all the way from Dayton, Ohio to be here today and she is up in the gallery. [Applause]

In addition, we -- I have some honored and distinguished guests who have joined me here today. She had a previous introduction but I would be remiss without reintroducing my good friend, someone who held this seat for 16 years, Senator Cathy Cook. [Applause]

And we have a former State Representative, a former DEP Commissioner, and a former Chief of Staff, Sidney Holbrook in the audience. [Applause]

And last but not least, I want to acknowledge everyone I have visiting from -- that's up in the gallery. We have first Selectman and Town Counselors and various representatives that have been very, very helpful to all of us and are excited to be here today from my district up in the gallery. Thank you for coming. [Applause] Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Logan. Welcome to the chamber.

SENATOR LOGAN (17TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. You know, it's a great pleasure to be here. I look forward to doing what I can to help improve the lives of those working and living in Connecticut. At this point, I'd like to thank my family for supporting me during the election period and the campaign, particularly I'd like to mention my mother who is undergoing cancer treatment now, but made the trek all the way up here. She's been very encouraging. She has throughout my entire life, has encouraged me to do - - find things and to make sure that education and giving back to a community was very important so I thank her for that.

I also like to acknowledge my president and CEO of Aquarion Water Company, Charles Firlotte who is here today. Without my company's support and understanding, I would not be able to be here as well, so thank you. [Applause]

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. I'm going to ask Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to be here and I can't tell you how thrilled and excited I am to be here. I enjoyed myself so much here, five and six years ago. I decided I was going to be determined to come back here no matter what and it was a long road but I'm back and I'm happy to see many of my fellow Senators still here.

None of us would be here without the support of our families and our friends and the community itself

and I do want to call to the attention of my colleagues, several important people. First and foremost, of course, is my wife Kate, up in the gallery. Kate, my wife for 45 years -- my best friend and the love of my life, for sure, and two of my children are here -- Kate up in the back row I think I see you up there, and Josh, my son. Katelynn and Josh. [Applause]

And I have a young man who is here with his mother, Jamaris Calderon [phonetic] and Angel [phonetic] Mendoza -- Angel -- he wore his three piece suit and he was waiting in line and he said to me, "Is President Obama going to be here? When does he get here?" [Laughing] I said, no, Angel, he's not going to be here. He said, "Well, President Trump's going to come, isn't he?" I said, no I don't think he's going to be here either, you'll have to settle just for us little ol' Senators but he hopefully will secede me someday in the State Senate, another 20 years from now.

I also want to thank the Bennett family up in the corner there, they're kind of a conversion of the von Trapp family, they've always been active in their community, doing wonderful charitable work, Ray and his family. [Applause]

On the floor of the Senate here, there's a special friend of mine, and my mentor from 53 years ago, I shouldn't admit it, but Richard Antonetti who not only taught me civics at Notre Dame High School but he taught Martin Looney over here, too. Martin knows him very well -- oh, and right back there -- okay. So -- and Dick has a number of alumni here in this in the Senate and the in the House and I don't know if there's another teacher in Connecticut who

has more alumni who have occupied a seat in the State Legislature one time or another. Richard, you've certainly inspired a lot of us to serve the public interest and I always remember you from 1963, if you can believe it, but I do want to acknowledge too, my Parish Priest Father Zonicci [phonetic] and Father Nadonelly [phonetic] is here as well. Thank you very much. [Applause]

They're just -- there's many people up there that volunteered and helped out in the campaign and again, people who went far beyond -- I've always said to people, you're fundamental responsibility and privilege in Democracy is to vote but it doesn't begin or end there -- it shouldn't begin or end there -- you can influence and have a lot more influence on public policy by getting involved and supporting people who you believe in and I was blessed with many, many, many good people who supported me and without whose help I wouldn't be here and I can't express my gratitude enough for them. There's so many of them up there, I know that you would probably terminate my point of personal privilege if I went on, so I will thank all of you up there in the audience, thank you very, very much.

Oh, I do want to -- Jerry Shephard [phonetic] and his mother Maureen [phonetic], who is in the back here in a wheelchair, I just want to call your attention to them too. [Applause] Yeah, so thank you all -- thank you all very much and I'm looking forward to an exciting and very active session here in the State legislature and the state senate. Thank you very much, Madam President.

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Thank you, Senator Suzio. Senator Miner. Sounds so different.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Feels very different, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

You'll feel comfortable with it, very soon.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

All right, I'll trust you. Madam President, I am honored to be here today, as a member of this chamber, having served for 16 years in the House and I'm even more honored to be here following Senator Clark Chapin who was, in my estimation, a wonderful legislator and a good friend and it's the first time in 16 years that I've been sworn in without him and so it's different.

Today, Madam President, I am joined for the first time, by my grandson and Margie's grandson, Jack Barecki [phonetic] who is up in the gallery to see the proceedings today. My wife, and best friend, Margie Miner is also up in the gallery and two very good friends -- I think all of you remember that first phone call when someone came up with the crazy idea that you'd make a good public official.

I was changing oil on a pickup truck that day and Victoria Sansing called the gas station and said can I talk to you about running for office? And I said, no. She didn't let up. I told her I would think about it, a week later, and she never let up and they are about the best friends you can have in the

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world. They listen, as does my wonderful wife, at times when I get frustrated and times when people get frustrated with me. So again, I am honored to be here and I hope that I can fulfill the obligation that those who have elected me have sent me here to do. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Senator Bye.

SENATOR BYE (5TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Great to be here with you today. What a joy to be with all of you and back in this center. It's going to be hard -- in the -- in the circle -- it's going to be hard but we're going to get through it, like we do most of the bills that go through this chamber. I liked telling people when I was on the phone, they'd say, well, why can't you people get along? And when I would tell a constituent that 75 percent of the time we agreed on bills, they said that's not true. No, it really is. And so I think it's important that those of us in this circle remember to tell people that we get along sometimes.

I think in the current media environment, it tends to be the extremes, but you know, I know what it's like to sit in Senator Linares' office and share ideas and the rest of you, so I think we've gotta stress that so that our residents see us getting along and we will move this state forward so it's a pleasure to be here.

I have a few thank you's. When I first was deciding whether or not to run for the Board of Ed, my wife

Tracey Wilson said, run and I had young children. I was a single mother [pause] and you've always been there. I -- I thought I could do it -- anyway, she's always been there, she's such a wonderful support and I'm so glad you're here today, feeling good. [Applause]

We often thank a lot of our public servants and Tracey was a public school teacher for 38 years and I think sometimes we need to make sure to go out of our way to say thank you to teachers. Spend a day in a high school classroom with 100 kids -- that's public service. So thanks for your service Tracey and thanks for always being there for me and our family.

We have five kids and representing our kids today is Caroline. Caroline and her boyfriend Josh Silver [phonetic] are here. They just graduated from University of Chicago, both interested in public policy and how to make this world a better place. There's so many great young people out there, I think we've got to figure out how to harness their power and speaking of that, I have two young women who helped on my campaign. I have Zora Duram [phonetic] and Sophia LePorta [phonetic] who both came. Stand up, girls. [Applause]

Sophia came out at 6 AM, three times to lit drop the mountains of West Hartford, so -- and Zora came to many events. Thank you girls, for your help, and they sort of represent so many people who helped to elect all of us and I think it's important that we involve our community in our elections.

Also with me today, I know she's around, is Beth Kerrigan over there from the Town Council in West



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Hartford, who's been an incredible support --  
Kerrigan v. Connecticut always an incredible  
advocate and public servant and we're so glad to  
have you in elected office now in West Hartford.  
[Applause]

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Next Senator is Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Well,  
congratulations to all the folks that won their  
first race and to all those folks who won  
reelection. I am tremendously honored to be here.  
I think it's now just Senator Guglielmo, Senator  
Looney, and myself who are marching into our 13th  
term here in the Senate. There may be others that  
when you add up your House service are still beating  
us. I don't think anybody's beating Marty anyway,  
anyhow.

I am tremendously honored to have with me,  
throughout this entire process over the last 24  
years going into now 25 and 26 -- my beautiful and  
wonderful supportive wife, Cindy is here with us.  
[Applause] As soon as Senator Fasano called his  
wife beautiful, I just want you all to know if you  
leave that word out, you're in trouble at the end of  
the day.

I also have with me, my two sons. They are out with  
me on the campaign trail, they are good sounding  
boards, they're ever supportive, but most of all,

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they tolerate me, they know what an idiot I am at home, on many occasions, and yet they're still there for me and believing in what I believe in and that's public service, so Nathaniel [phonetic] and Tristan [phonetic], why don't you stand up? [Applause] That's about all I'm going to get out of those guys. [Laughing] [Applause]

But they're here. They're here every two years and maybe at the end of this session too. Also, next to my wife is her mom and very supportive -- my mother-in-law, Saraphina Pallotta [phonetic] and guys my eyes just aren't what they used to be, somewhere up there is Ben Pallotta, [phonetic] my father-in-law, who worked so hard on my campaign and Mike Danhue [phonetic], my brother-in-law who did stealth lit drops, you were fabulous, my man, but last and not least, I want to thank all the people of the 7th district who have been so supportive of me for the last 24 years and giving me this honor and privilege to serve them here in the Senate for the next two.

I share with each and every one of you, the optimism that we can turn this tie that is so historic into something that will be an engine for positive change for not only the people of the 7th district, but for everyone in the State of Connecticut. God bless you all, thank you for allowing me to serve with all of you. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. [Applause] Senator Cassano.  
Senator Cassano, point of personal privilege.

SENATOR CASSANO (4TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. I first of all, want to congratulate everyone and tell you that I look forward to working as a collective team. I think we'll do a lot together. My wife -- I've been married 34 years and she knows better so she's at the beach. [Laughter] But I do have a very good friend with me. I've asked Bob DiBella to join me. Bob DiBella just completed his 50th year of Service to the town of Glastonbury. Bobby's been involved in every aspect of government in Glastonbury also, the legislative level -- level going back to Bill Carter.

I call him the Captain, Bobby's been one of the real founders in homeland security in the State of Connecticut, long before places even heard of homeland security or emergency response. I remember the October storm, the famous Halloween storm -- the 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning sitting in the shack over there in Glastonbury and the phone ringing off the hook and Bobby was taking care of one after another after another. He is known as Mr. Glastonbury and he's earned that title. He just works hard every day. He was involved in the committees that developed the first lifestyle program, to give you an example of some of his background. He's been teaching in homeland security for years. Bob DiBella from Glastonbury, welcome. [Applause]

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Guglielmo, for point of personal privilege.

SENATOR GUGLIELMO (35TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. I'll be very brief. I just want to thank the people of the 35th district for a great honor -- greatest honor of my life. I've been here -- it's my 13th term. I think that I've learned the lesson of public service from my mother who is here with me today. She was just selected about three weeks ago as one of Connecticut's health care heroes and -- [applause] with about 20 others from the State of Connecticut and they were honored at the Connecticut Convention Center. It was sponsored by the *Hartford Business Journal*. I was very proud and she has 34 years -- right? Of volunteer service -- I think I did the math. It totals up to about 10 years of full time service to Johnson Memorial Hospital and so I'm proud that she's here with me today and I want to thank all of you and I enjoy serving with you. I know we'll make this happen and again, thank you to the folks of my district.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. [Applause] Next person is Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY (12TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR KENNEDY (12TH):

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I would like to introduce to the chamber once again,  
my beautiful wife --

THE CHAIR:

[Laughing] You got it.

SENATOR KENNEDY (12TH):

The greatest friend in the world, Kiki [phonetic] please welcome her. [Applause] I would also like to introduce again, my son Teddy [phonetic] a Freshman at Wesleyan University -- [applause] to the chamber. I -- also as a lifetime advocate for the civil rights for people with disabilities, I also wanted to invite all of my colleagues to view the art exhibit that's on right now in the hallway between the LLB and the capitol -- [clearing throat] it's called *Art Expressing the Journey of Mental Health Recovery in Youth*. It's -- I'd like to introduce a young woman from my district, Janet Peterzyck [phonetic] and her friend Ann Nelson [phonetic].

You know, it takes a lot of courage -- [applause] It takes a lot of courage for anyone to talk about their journey of mental illness and Janet is a poet, she's an artist, and if you go along that hallway, you'll see the stories of young people who depict their lives of -- and their struggle and their success in addressing their mental health issues with courage and pride and I just invite all of my colleagues to take a look at that exhibit and thank you very much, Madam President, it's a privilege and an honor to serve with each and every one in this circle.

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Thank you, sir. [Applause] Senator -- points of personal privilege, Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. So nice to see you back again. You know, running for office is hard and always challenging and we always have so many people to thank that our backbone, our foundation for what we do and I have a wonderful family and also a beautiful husband [laughter] -- he's lovely actually, a lovely husband. [Applause]

You know those people that Heather Somers mentioned, that stake those signs out for you and do all that grunt work and drive you around, become your personal drivers and your families and children and I'm even lucky enough to have a daughter-in-law that is a huge support and campaign helper as well, but there's so many people -- some of them are here and I'm so blessed to have young and old here from the district, from Westport, our wonderful registrar of voters, Tim Beeble from Bethel who has not only been a registrar but he's worked for our municipalities in Connecticut, he's donated his time, he's been such a great supporter and friend over the many years and yes, for some of us, this -- we've done this before a few times and it's always so exciting when it's your very first time.

It's so exciting for me to welcome another female in our State Senate on the Republican side, which is wonderful -- integrating a little bit more and -- and the wonderful George Logan, who as you've just heard, is such a gentleman. So articulate. When he's in front of the cameras these days, it's as if

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he's been here for 20 years and he's going to be such an asset to our caucus and of course, the irascible Len Suzio who is always calm, right? Always mild-mannered, who in the past, when he served on Education with me, the chairs would say can't you quiet him down? And I would respond, no, I can't and if I could, I wouldn't want to anyway, so welcome back and certainly a good friend from the House as often happens, Craig Miner, we are so lucky to have his wisdom and his talent. It's absolutely wonderful.

My seatmates, all of you that I treasure the relationships that go beyond everything and Senator Looney, you know everyone -- everyone was rooting for your good health. No matter how we differ, you know you and I differ a great deal on big issues but there is no question the respect, regard, admiration, everyone has for you. We are so happy to have you back and so soon after your procedure. It's remarkable and the champions around you that helped to bring you here. We're grateful and certainly to my good friends here and Jill and Senator Fasano, you have now entered a club -- the best club in the whole world -- the grandparents' club and you'll see that little one will come up to you with a big smile on its face with great anticipation because they know that you will give them everything their parents said no to, always and you will find that.

But I will end and conclude with a happy, happy, happy note on some people that I have great affection and fondness for, Senator Art Linares and Representative Simmons from the House -- you have helped to inaugurate this session with a true bipartisan effort in having a romance that I'm over

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the moon about. I couldn't think of two wonderful people that have met and now are going to spend the rest of their lives with. I hope that that sense of bipartisan support will imbue the whole Senate this session. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. [Applause] Senator Osten.  
Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, Ma'am.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you. First I want to say I'm honored and humbled to come back and work with everyone here in this Senate, having as I've talked with my -- I know who you are -- [laughter]

THE CHAIR:

Seatmate.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

I'm trying to --

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Seatmate.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

My chair mate, here and his family who are here today, we agree, 86.6 percent of the time and I think that that's a wonderful thing because that means that we are all working towards the best thing for the State of Connecticut.

I have three people here that I want to personally thank. Of course, Senator Prague for always -- my predecessor -- someone who has always reminded everyone and has been that, as Dick Zecta [phonetic] says, that loud voice for those who have no voice. I every day when I come here [phone ringing] am reminded of her compassion, her work ethic, and her simple way of saying what is right and what is wrong and working for years and I'm honored to have her here today to remind us all what this is truly about, the people of the State of Connecticut and -- you're welcome. [Applause]

I also have with me, two fighters. One, the President Emeritus of the Norwich NAACP, Mrs. Owens. She reminds everybody every day about this is exactly why Senator Formica and I get along so well, we know all the best people. She reminds us every day how we have to act and how it is so important to recognize that all people need to be treated with respect. She has always stood up for the people of the 19th district, the people of this state. It is her great work on the Norwich NAACP that has led to the best relationships in the area and I want to thank you very much for all you have done, all you will continue to do, because while you say you're retired, I haven't seen any signs of that. I see

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you working every day to recognize the young people in this state in their assets and all of the work that is being done and your work with the young people in the Norwich area has always been something that I have admired and something that I look forward to emulating and I know that your Diane will work as hard as you have to represent the Norwich NAACP and I'm really pleased to have you here today.

And I've also with me, Sheila Hayes [phonetic] who has worked -- she's over here -- [applause] she is somebody that in Norwich has been that reminding voice of what to do, when we need to stand up for things, and she will not be quiet and I love it. I think it's great. I want to thank you for letting me stand here today and recognize three very special people from Norwich, even though Jackie lives in Lebanon. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. [Applause] Senator Larson. Senator Larson, please.

SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

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

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

In keeping with protecting the home front and the good graces of Mrs. Larson who couldn't be here

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today, she's the Principal at a middle school in South Windsor and I'm always comported by the Junior Congressman, former Senator Billy Ciado [phonetic] that in fact, I am a social climber because I did in fact, marry an Italian. So to you, Senator -- Senator Nonno Fasano, to my wife, tu sei la bello di mondo, that means you are the most beautiful in the whole world. Taught to me by Billy Ciado. I practiced that every single day. It's a tremendous honor to be here, again, representing the 3rd Senatorial district.

I have some friends that I would like to acknowledge but first I'd like to congratulate all of the new members. I think that there are six of us who have graduated to the sophomore class. I will leave the secret handshake to my great friend, Paul Formica to deliver to our new incoming Freshman in -- Representative -- Senator Suzio, I think you already have the -- the secret handshake.

I'm joined today, here, by several friends of mine. In the Larson family, when we all get together, there's 58 of us, so they're now at the Hartford Civic Center, but I'm joined here by my -- one of my big sisters, my sister Mary Lou Oneidi [phonetic]. Mary Lou. [Applause]

I also want to give a shout out to my oldest brother John, who's the Congressman from the first CD here in the great Capitol City -- he's -- was introduced and sworn in to his 9th term in the US Congress just yesterday, so this is a seat that John had held for several years before and I'm honored to continue that great, great tradition.

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I'm also joined here today by some great friends, in fact, the woman who signs my paycheck at the Tweed New Haven Airport and her husband -- Diane Jackson and Doug Jackson. [Applause]

Madam President, you and I, in October of '15 had a great opportunity to spend some time in Taiwan on a diplomatic mission with several colleagues and so forth and we have two of our very good friends with us today, in the gallery. So I'd like to introduce Joel Chen [phonetic] who is Council Joel, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York and the Director Ronnie Liu [phonetic], the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York. Thank you all so much for this great opportunity. [Applause]

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff, why do you rise, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the House is ready for us. We still have to form our committee to let them know that we are ready, however, I know we still have about five or six more people who want to make remarks so if we can just ask those who still would like to make opening remarks to keep them brief so that we can get down to the House chamber in relatively short order. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. The next person then would be Senator McLachlan. Good afternoon, sir.

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SENATOR MCLACHLAN (24TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN (24TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'm -- it's an honor to join everyone in the circle for our next legislative session. I'm honored to serve the 24th district. Today I have with me a very special guest.

When I was a youngster, my mother often said that volunteerism is the most God-like thing on Earth and community service as you've heard today, is very important, but one of the community heroes of my hometown of Danbury is Brendan Sniffin. Brendan is here today, President of the Korean War Veterans Association of Danbury, President of the Danbury Veterans Council, a consortium of all the Veterans Associations in the Greater Danbury area and I met Brendan when I was a volunteer for Special Olympics, 35 years ago, I think. Brendan spent a lifetime supporting Special Olympics. This is truly a community service hero in Connecticut, a dear friend and I'm -- I hope you'll join me in welcoming him here today. [Applause]

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir, for your service. We appreciate it. The next speaker would be Senator Hartley.

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SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, Ma'am.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Thank you. First of all, I just want to recognize your leadership in this chamber, Madam President. You lead this chamber with such distinction and grace and style. Not to comment on the shoes, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Love them -- and to all of my colleagues, I just want to say it is such an incredible opportunity to once again, be able to work with you and to serve with you in doing this most noble and important work and to our new colleagues in the circle, welcome and we are so glad to have you here. You have joined a group of most dedicated, passionate people and we are so happy to have you amongst us.

I would like to also congratulate our leadership, Martin Looney, you had us on pins and needles, and we are all breathing a sigh of relief and to Judge Fischer and his family, he is a wonderful friend and an incredible person and I recognize that Judge

Fischer has incredible style and decision making because I find out today that he is married to Katie Murphy who was one of -- whose sister was one of my dearest friends for so many years, left us to the State of California, and so it's just this reunion of all great people and we are so, so happy Marty, for you to be back with us.

And to our new leadership. To Len Fasano, Senator Fasano, and Senator Witkos, we congratulate you and look forward to this new dynamic because we all know collectively we can and we will, as we have in the past do the State of Connecticut proud.

But why I rise is to in particular, is to thank the voters of the 15th district for once again giving me the opportunity to serve them and to also ask that you welcome two very important constituents of mine who have -- one of whom is AWOL from school today. That's Johnathon Barney -- you want to stand Johnathon and his mother Suzanne -- [applause] Suzanne is a small business owner in the City of Waterbury -- runs a small business and Johnathon is one of the elite students at the Holy Cross School. He is a very accomplished pianist and he is an entrepreneur himself, having started a small business teaching children who could not otherwise have the opportunity to learn music and so, I'm so happy to have them as my constituents and very happy to have them with us today and ask the circle to join me in welcoming them. Thank you, Madam President.

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Senator Linares, would you like to stand.

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SENATOR LINARES (33RD):

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

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR LINARES (33RD):

Happy New Year, it's good to see you here and thanks for your kind words.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR LINARES (33RD):

I would like to congratulate our leadership and of course, very happy that Senator Martin Looney, that you are healthy and I wish you the best recovery. Of course, congratulations to Senator Fasano for his elevated position here, it's very well deserved and we look forward to seeing you lead this great state.

To our new members, Senators Somers, Senators Logan, Senator Suzio who has been here before, and Senator Miner, it's an honor to serve with you as we, together, take on this incredible responsibility, awesome responsibility of continuing to work to improve our state and I can't wait to get to know you better and to work closely with you on that.

I'm joined here today with my family. I have my father and mother, Robin, Art Linares from Clinton



who are here today. I also have my uncle Lou from New Jersey, made the trip all the way here. My brother Ryan who has ran my past three Senate campaigns could not be here. He and his girlfriend Ashley are hiking mountains in Iceland right now. It sounds like fun. I don't know why he would do that but that's what he is doing. And I'd like to also congratulate my smart and hardworking fiancée, Caroline Simmons for her reelection to the 144th --

THE CHAIR:

Beautiful.

SENATOR LINARES (33RD):

Beautiful, absolutely. And her family who she is joined with, here today. And of course, my best friend Chris McCarthy [phonetic] who is here. He had done an incredible job working on my campaign and Mark Lini [phonetic], Harry Rupernicker [phonetic], Cid Holbrook [phonetic], and of course, newly elected State Representative Bob Siegrist from Haddam. With -- I'd like to just ask that we offer a warm Senate welcome to some constituents who had did just an incredible job on my campaign. They are high school students from Old Saybrook, Eric Zultini [phonetic], Jason Rothman [phonetic], Lance Singersmith [phonetic], from Old Saybrook. They're high school students just very interested in serving our state in politics and government and I wanted to ask that we offer them a warm Senate welcome here today. Thank you. [Applause]

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Thank you, Senator Linares. Senator Flexer, why do you stand.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, Ma'am.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you, Madam President. First of all, I'd like to offer my congratulations to all of our leadership and a special welcome back to Senator Looney. We're all so happy to see you here so brisk and healthy today. We're so grateful for your leadership and for your good health.

I want to thank the people of the 29th district for the amazing opportunity they've given me to once again, serve as their State Senator and I would be remiss today if I didn't stand as a resident of the town of Killingly and acknowledge the tremendous loss our community has felt over the last several days. The loss of two students at Killingly high school, Emma Adams and Ryan French and the Assistant Principal at Killingly Intermediate School, Steve Tagen.

The young people in our community are dealing with an overwhelming sense of loss right now and I would ask that the members of this chamber, despite this being a day of celebration, please give a moment of

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silence in recognition of those lives lost in our communities.

THE CHAIR:

Please, all rise.

Thank you. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and thank you all for that recognition.

Those young people that we lost this weekend are our future and I know that every member of this chamber is very conscious of how much the decisions we make as State Senators will affect young people in our state moving forward and I'm very blessed to have three tremendous young leaders joining us here in the gallery this afternoon.

Breanna Divivo [phonetic] is here with us. She's a resident of Mansfield and she has been with me since the day I decided I wanted to potentially be a State Senator, so I want to thank her for being here today and two tremendous leaders I've had the opportunity to get to know over the last couple of years. I know we're going to be seeing great things from them in the future. Renato McGurza [phonetic] and Stephanie Sponzo [phonetic] are also here in the gallery today and I want to thank them.

I want to thank my friends Mike Prowless [phonetic], April Capone [phonetic], and Dr. Shannon Lane [phonetic] for being here and I want to thank Andrew

Illash [phonetic] who has been my partner in serving the people of the 29th district over the last two years and I look forward to doing that great work for the next two years together, and finally, I just want to take this moment to thank my family.

I am so blessed to be here this afternoon with my amazing family. My sister Helene [phonetic] is with us, she is a great leader in her own right. She worked with those young people that we lost this weekend. She serves on the Board of Education in Killingly and she's one of the fiercest and most brave and most loyal people you'll ever meet and I have such great admiration for her and I'm so grateful for support in allowing me to serve in the State Senate and then my mom and dad.

My mother, Margaret and my father Howard are just the most tremendous people you'll ever meet. They have given everything to support my sister and I. They've never had much, frankly, especially when we were growing up, we -- they didn't have anything but they gave it all to my sister and I and made sure that we'd have an education and have the opportunities that they never received as young people and I know that everyone in this chamber will follow the example that my parents have set in making sure that we're building a Connecticut that gives an opportunity to every young person in the State of Connecticut, whether they come from a wealthy background or a much more modest background, like I did. So thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. [Applause] Our next Senator --

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[applause] Let me -- I don't want to be rude or anything to the people that still have -- that still want to speak but the House is waiting for us, so the next speaker and I will -- the ones I have I'm going to call. Senator Leone.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'll keep it brief. Congratulations to you as well, it's a pleasure to have you back here. We are looking forward to working with you going forward. Of course, congratulations to Senator Looney for your wonderful, miraculous health achievements. We look forward to having you lead us once again and to the new leadership, with Senator Fasano, Senator Witkos, and of course, Senator Duff, it's a great team to be working with and I look forward to some great things and to our newest members, and those that are returning and those from the House, may you make wonderful lifelong relationships here in our Senate chamber. I know I have and I hope the same for you. This is a great place to be part of on behalf of our constituents and I look forward to some future memorable legislation coming forward in the spirit of equal partnership.

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I do have a couple of special guests. I wanted to say thank you to my wife and my son who couldn't be here today and my father as well. He couldn't make it, but in their behalf, representing them I have my mom who is in my mind, one of the best cooks in the world, Josephine. I have also a cousin, Serina Furita [phonetic] here, on behalf of our family, and I have the Mayor of our fair city of Stamford and his Chief of Staff, Mayor David Martin and Chief of Staff, Michael Pollard, here. So I wanted to give them a warm welcome. [Applause]

And finally, I'd like to say congratulations to Senator Art Linares for now joining the Stamford delegation, so we look forward to having you with us. [Laughter]

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very, very much. At this time, I can call on Senator Hwang.

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and I'll just kind of rehash what everything else -- everybody else has said, but I did want to take a moment to acknowledge my mother who is here with me. As an immigrant, she is truly an embodiment of someone who has given me an opportunity to succeed. I would not be here without her and she's here in recognition of my dad who was unable to be here, so I miss him every single day. At the same time, I know my family's here via my beautiful and incredibly talented wife -- and patient -- my wife Grace and my incredibly wonderful son.

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They are an embodiment of what makes us tick. They are an example of the patience and the tolerance and the unconditional love that they give us to do what we love to do here and in closing, very quickly, for all the people that are out here supporting the people that you love and really believe in, this is why this Senate is always late. And this is a reason why I say to my wife, what were you talking about? We're always running late, but it's an incredible privilege to serve. Thank you, Ma'am.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Martin, why do you stand, sir.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

Thank you, Madam President. Am I last?

THE CHAIR:

No.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

Okay. Nonetheless. [Laughter] Very quickly, then.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, sir.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

I'm truly humbled and honored to be -- have been selected again to represent the 31st district. It's really a privilege to serve. I do want to recognize

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a couple individuals from my family and friends that came with here today. First, I'd like to begin with my wife of 33 years -- we just celebrated 33 years this past Monday. My very extremely beautiful wife, Roxanne [laughter, applause] also -- also bipartisanship run in my blood. My daughter Heidi [phonetic] and son-in-law, Eric [phonetic] are here and Marilyn, Senator Moore -- you may want to go knocking on their doors because they'll be moving to Trumbull within the next couple of weeks.

My daughter Julie who, when my wife, I press the limits with all the political stuff, she -- my daughter Julie comes to my rescue every day and my mom who will be 81 years old who is -- who led the charge with all the literature drops in the district is here as well -- [applause] as I have a handful of people, relatives as well as friends that I've made throughout the whole 31st district who I can't thank enough for their countless hours of volunteer work for making sure that I return back here to represent the 31st district. So with sincere gratitude and thank you. Thank you, so much, bye.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Formica. Senator Formica. Why do you rise, sir.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Turn the light on. Thank you, Madam President. I rise for a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.



SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. 34 years ago, I opened -- I turned a small, single family home into a small business. Not having any idea what would happen the next day or the week after and it's been an incredible journey that's been -- as I've been able to serve not only my customers but my community, grow a family, and now thanks to the people of the 20th district, stand here in this wonderful circle and serve with each and every one of you. I am privileged and feel honored to be part of this historic session coming up and I look forward to working with each and every one of you to make our state even better than it already is. This is the greatest state in the greatest country in the world, and I stand here and say that. And I'd also like to introduce my family.

My favorite daughter Ally [phonetic], my favorite daughter Olivia, and my favorite daughter Hannah are here with me today. [Laughter, applause] Thank you. My son Matthew is in sunny California but his wishes are here and our good friend Julia Provost [phonetic], who though a student at the University of Albany is an East Lyme resident, born and bred, we're going to get her back here to be one of the great student leaders -- young people leaders in our future. So thank you very much for the -- the latitude of the time and for the opportunity. [Applause]

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Thank you, Senator Formica. [Applause] At this time, I'll call on Senator Duff for another resolution. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I would ask our beautiful clerk [laughter] to please call Senate Resolution Number 6. You're all beautiful.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk. [laughter] Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution Number 6, RESOLUTION RAISING A COMMITTEE TO INFORM THE HOUSE THAT THE SENATE IS ORGANIZED -- hmm -- [Laughter] AND READY TO MEET IN JOINT CONVENTION. LCO Number 881 introduced by Senators Duff and Fasano.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move the resolution and ask for a voice vote.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption. I will try your minds. All those in favor, please say aye.

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Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Those opposed. The ayes have it, the resolution is adopted. At this point, I am going to appoint Senators Moore, Gerratana, Logan, and Miner to inform the House that the Senate is ready for -- to meet in Joint Convention.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. To our beautiful lieutenant governor, please run -- don't walk, downstairs so we may start our joint session. I move that we adjourn for the joint session.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

(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 5, 2017

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 Noel R. Kidney of The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

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 January 5, 2017, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the

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

**REPORTS RECEIVED:**

Connecticut Innovations, Inc. - Annual Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 1-123(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 4, 2017.

**Referred to Committees on Commerce, Energy and Technology and Finance, Revenue and Bonding**

Connecticut General Assembly - Office of Fiscal Analysis - Agency Overtime Report through the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2016-2107, ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 2-53n of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 4, 2017

**Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Joint Committee on Legislative Management**

Judicial Branch - Biennial Report and Statistics for Calendar Years 2014-2016. (Pursuant to Section 51-1c of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 4, 2017

**Referred to Committee on Judiciary**

Judicial Branch - Connecticut Advisory Council on Housing Matters Biennial Report and Recommendations for 2017. (Pursuant to Section 47a-73 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 4, 2017

**Referred to Committee on Judiciary**

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

The Senate at 11:38 a.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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Friday, January 6, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 12:12 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 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 January 6, 2017, 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.

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INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND  
RESOLUTIONS (#3).

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

The Senate at 12:17 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.



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Monday, January 9, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 12:20 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

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 January 9, 2017 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:****Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.****Corrected**

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you the **Honorable Gerard I. Adelman** of Meriden to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from February 25, 2017.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

**Corrected**

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you the **Honorable Joseph P. Flynn** of Derby to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from February 7, 2017.

The Senate at 12:25 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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## SENATE

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:38 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

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 January 10, 2017 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.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR:

Referred to the Committee on Executive and  
Legislative Nominations.

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 4-1 and 15-120bb of the  
Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to  
nominate and, with your advice and consent,  
reappoint **Brett C. Browchuk** from Avon, to be a  
member of the Connecticut Airport Authority Board of  
Directors, to serve a term ending June 30, 2020 or  
until a successor is appointed and has qualified,  
whichever is longer.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 4-1 and 15-120bb of the  
Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to  
nominate and, with your advice and consent,  
reappoint **Mary Ellen S. Jones** from Glastonbury, to  
be a member of the Connecticut Airport Authority  
Board of Directors, to serve a term ending June 30,  
2020 or until a successor is appointed and has  
qualified, whichever is longer.

Dannel P. Malloy  
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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to sections 4-1 and 38a-1042 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, and with your advice and consent, appoint **Theodore M. Doolittle** of West Hartford to be the Healthcare Advocate to serve for a term ending January 9, 2020 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to sections 4-1, 4-7 and 16-2 of the 2016 Supplement to the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **Katherine Scharf Dykes** from West Hartford, to be a utility commissioner of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, to serve a term ending October 24, 2020 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 4-1 and 10a-179 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **Peter W. Lisi** from West Hartford, to be the Chairperson of the Connecticut Health And

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Educational Facilities Authority, to serve a term coterminous with Governor or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Dannel P. Malloy  
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**REPORTS RECEIVED:** to be referred to the Committees indicated.

Office of the Attorney General - Claims Filed Against the State of Connecticut for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 4-160k of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 9, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Judiciary**

Office of the Claims Commissioner - Annual Report for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 4-159 and 4-159(a) of the Connecticut General Assembly) Date received: January 9, 2017

**Referred to Committee on Judiciary**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (#5):**

The Senate at 10:43 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Wednesday, January 11, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:46 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, 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 January 11, 2017 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

**REPORTS RECEIVED:** to be referred to committee(s)  
indicated.

Office of Policy and Management - Connecticut  
Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations -  
State Mandates on Municipalities: Actions in 2016,  
for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant  
to Section 2-32c of the Connecticut General  
Statutes) Date received: January 10, 2017  
**Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Banking,  
Children, Education, Environment, Finance, Revenue  
and Bonding, Insurance and Real Estate, Judiciary,  
Planning and Development, Public Health, Public  
Safety and Security and Joint Committee on  
Legislative Management**

Office of Policy and Management - Connecticut  
Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations -  
Compendium of Statutory and Regulatory Mandates on  
Municipalities in Connecticut: 2017 Supplement, for  
Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to  
Section 2-79a(d) of the Connecticut General  
Statutes) Date received: January 10, 2017  
**Referred to Committees on Aging, Appropriations,  
Education, Energy and Technology, Environment,  
Finance, Revenue and Bonding, General Law,  
Government Administration and Elections, Housing,  
Human Services, Insurance and Real Estate, Labor and  
Public Employees, Planning and Development, Public  
Health, Public Safety and Security, Transportation,  
Veterans' Affairs and Joint Committee on Legislative  
Management**

State Department of Education - Mastery Examination  
Committee Final Report and Minority Report.  
(Pursuant to Public Act 15-238 of the Connecticut  
General Assembly). Date received: January 10, 2017  
**Referred to Committee on Education**



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RESOLUTIONS (#6).

The Senate at 10:50 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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Thursday, January 12, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 11:46 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

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 January 12, 2017 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.

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RESOLUTIONS (#7).

The Senate at 11:50 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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Friday, January 13, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 7:31 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

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 January 13, 2017 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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Referred to the Committee and Executive and  
Legislative Nominations.

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to sections 4-1 and 38a-1042 of the  
Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to  
nominate, and with your advice and consent, appoint  
**Theodore M. Doolittle** of West Hartford to be the  
Healthcare Advocate to serve for a term ending  
January 9, 2021 or until a successor is appointed  
and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 4-1 and 10a-179 of the  
Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to  
nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint  
**Peter W. Lisi** from West Hartford, to be the  
Chairperson of the Connecticut Health And  
Educational Facilities Authority, to serve a term  
coterminous with Governor or until a successor is  
appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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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 Kevin P. McMahon** of Niantic to be a Senior Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from February 3, 2017.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you the **Honorable Joseph P. Flynn** of Derby to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from February 3, 2017.

Dannel P. Malloy  
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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE:**

Referred to the Committee on Government,  
Administration and Elections.

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The Honorable Garey Coleman  
Clerk of the Senate  
State Capitol, Room 509  
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I am enclosing herewith the original of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 36** of the 2016 General Assembly entitled, **RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT REAL PROPERTY HELD OR CONTROLLED BY THE STATE.**

This resolution was approved by a majority, but by less than three-fourths, of the total membership of each house during the 2016 session of the General Assembly, and is being returned for consideration by the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly pursuant to Article Sixth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Connecticut.

Denise W. Merrill  
Secretary of State

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

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

SJ NO. 24 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. SULLIVAN OF WATERBURY TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

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**SJ NO. 12** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE **HONORABLE ELIZABETH A. BOZZUTO** OF WATERTOWN TO  
BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 13** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE **HONORABLE ROBERT J. DEVLIN, JR.** OF SHELTON TO BE  
A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 14** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE **HONORABLE BRUCE P. HUDOCK** OF OLD GREENWICH TO BE  
A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 15** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE **HONORABLE SHEILA A. OZALIS** OF NEWTOWN TO BE A  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 16** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE **HONORABLE WILLIAM J. WENZEL** OF SOUTHPORT TO BE A  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 17** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE **HONORABLE GLENN A. WOODS** OF MIDDLETOWN TO BE A  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 18** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE **HONORABLE SUSAN B. HANDY** OF OLD LYME TO BE A  
SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.



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**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

SJ NO. 19 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE **HONORABLE PATTY JENKINS PITTMAN** OF HAMDEN TO BE  
A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

SJ NO. 20 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE **HONORABLE PATRICIA A. SWORDS** OF STORRS TO BE A  
SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

SJ NO. 21 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE **HONORABLE GERARD I. ADELMAN** OF MERIDEN TO BE A  
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SJ NO. 22 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE **HONORABLE JOSEPH P. FLYNN** OF ANSONIA TO BE A  
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SJ NO. 23 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE **HONORABLE RICHARD P. GILARDI** OF STRATFORD TO BE  
A STATE REFEREE.

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND  
RESOLUTIONS (#8)**

The Senate at 7:40 p.m. adjourned under provisions  
of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the  
chair.

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Tuesday, January 17, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 2:48 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

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 17, 2017, 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.

**REPORTS RECEIVED:**

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Connecticut Innovations, Inc. - Performance Audit and Benchmark Compensation Study of Connecticut Innovations. (Pursuant to Section 14 of Public Act 16-3 of the Connecticut General Assembly) Date received: January 10, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Commerce, Energy and Technology and Finance, Revenue and Bonding**

Department of Motor Vehicles - Wait Time Report for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Public Act 16-55 of the Connecticut General Assembly) Date received: Tuesday, January 10, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Government Administration and Elections and Transportation**

Commission on Women, Children and Seniors - Two-Generational Interagency Working Group - Two-Generational Initiative for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 17b-1121 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 10, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Aging and Human Services**

Department of Motor Vehicles - Connecticut Emissions Program Statistics for December 1 through December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Executive Directive #3 and Section 14-164h of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 11, 2017

**Referred to Committee on Transportation**

Commission on Women, Children and Seniors - Trafficking In Persons Council Report for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 46a-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 11, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Children and Judiciary**

Department of Developmental Services - Annual Mortality Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30,

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2016. (Pursuant to Executive Order No. 42) Date  
received: January 12, 2017

**Referred to Committee on Human Services**

Office of Policy and Management - Certificate of  
Need Task Force Final Report. (Pursuant to Executive  
Orders No. 51A) Date received: January 17, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Human Services,  
Insurance and Real Estate and Public Health**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND  
RESOLUTIONS (NO. 9)**

The Senate at 2:53 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 18, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 12:59 p.m.,  
Senator Looney of the 11th in the Chair.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senate will please come to order. Senate will  
please come to order. We have present with us  
today, our Chaplain, Monsignor Gerard Schmitz to  
open the session with a prayer.

MONSIGNOR GERARD SCHMITZ:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Good to see you so well.  
Let us pray.

O God in whom we move and live and have our being,  
guide the members of our State Senate who assemble  
in session this day as well as all who are duly  
elected to serve us.

May they work in a cooperative effort that will  
enrich the lives of our citizens and continue to  
make our State a place of welcome for all regardless  
of their differences. Guide and bless our Country  
as we prepare for a new President, Federal  
Administration and Congress.

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May their work benefit all Americans especially the most vulnerable. Relying on your guidance O Lord, may those who lead our Country bring healing and harmony where there is discord and enhance respect for the dignity of each person who is created in your image and likeness.

Bless the men and women of our State who are serving in the armed forces at home and overseas. Protect them from all harm and bring them safety -- home safely to their families. Bless the students who are with us today, the future leaders of our state and our country.

And finally Lord, have compassion on those who are unemployed, homeless, and lacking the basic necessities of life.

Gracious God, bless each of us this day, our families and all members of the State of Connecticut, You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

We call now on Senator Fasano to come forward and lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

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.

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Thank you, Monsignor. Thank you, Senator Fasano.  
We will now proceed with the day's business. Mr.  
Clerk, is there business on the Clerk's desk?

CLERK:

Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda Number 1,  
dated Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Our distinguished majority leader, Senator Bob Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Good afternoon.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Mr. President, I move that all items on Senate  
Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, January 18, 2017  
be acted upon as indicated and that the agenda be  
incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal  
and transcript.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator, we will -- Senator Duff's motion  
-- all those in favor, please say "aye".

SENATORS:

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SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Opposed? Thank you, it is so ordered. All right, moving to today's calendar, we will begin calling the items in the -- in the order of the calendar. Judicial nominations will be the content of today's business and Mr. Clerk, if you would call the first item on the calendar.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution Number 12, RESOLUTION  
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH  
A. BOZZUTO OF WATERTOWN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE  
SUPERIOR COURT.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Paul Doyle, the distinguished Chair of the  
Judiciary Committee.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Good to see up there in  
good health. I --

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

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Thank you. Would you remark further?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Mr. President. First, I move adoption of the resolution.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes. Move adoption. It's been moved. Mr. President would you -- Senator Doyle, would you remark further on the matter?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes -- yes, Mr. President. Judge Bozzuto of the resolution before us, she's seeking her third term on our Superior Court bench. She was first appointed in 2000. Judge Bozzuto is a graduate of Manhattanville College. She got a Bachelor's of Arts in 1985. Thereafter, she graduated from Western New England School of Law. She is currently serving in the Hartford Judicial District and she is the Chief Administrative Judge for the Family Division which has significant responsibilities in addition to being a Family judge. She -- during this term, she served in Waterbury. She also served in the Waterbury Judicial district and as I mentioned, since 2013, she has been the Chief Administrative Judge for the Family division based in Hartford. I urge the Chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

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Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment on the resolution? If not, the Clerk will please call the roll.

Yes, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I move that -- I move the resolution to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Mr. Chairman, I believe there was a no vote in Committee, so we will proceed to a roll call on that.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Okay. Sorry, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Clerk will please call the roll.

CLERK:

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Have all members voted? Have all members voted?  
Please make sure that your vote is properly cast.

The vote is closed. The Clerk will please call the tally.

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CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution Number 12.

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| Total number voting   | 31 |
| Those voting Yea      | 30 |
| Those voting Nay      | 1  |
| Absent and not voting | 3  |

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

The resolution is adopted. (Gavel)

Mr. Clerk, if you would call the second item on today's calendar.

CLERK:

On page 1, Calendar Number 2, Senate Joint Resolution Number 13, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT J. DEVLIN, JR. OF SHELTON TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Our distinguished Judiciary Chair, Senator Paul Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

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Motion for acceptance has been made and Senator Doyle, would you comment further?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I first move adoption of the resolution.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes, move -- it has been moved for adoption. Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, Judge Devlin is a -- he's currently the presiding Criminal judge for the entire State of Connecticut and right now he's in the Fairfield Judicial district. He's been -- he was first appointed to the bench in 1993, so he's an experienced Jurist. He currently -- he graduated from Southern Connecticut State College, got a Bachelor of Arts. He graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

He also has been, for the past several years, a member of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission which has been doing a lot of good work for us and as I said, currently, he's Chief Administrative Judge of the Criminal division. He's based out of the Fairfield Judicial district. I -- he's got a distinguished career and I urge the Chamber to support the candidacy of Judge Devlin for another term on our Superior Court. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

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Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comments on this nomination? Any other members? If not, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you. The matter has been moved to the Consent Calendar. If there's no objection, will be so ordered. The Clerk will please go to Page 2 of the calendar and call Calendar Number 3.

CLERK:

On Page 2, Calendar 3, Senate Joint Resolution Number 14, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE BRUCE P. HUDOCK OF OLD GREENWICH TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. At this point, Mr. President, I'd like to yield to Senator Kissel.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

And Senator Kissel, do you accept the yield?

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SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I do indeed accept the yield, and it's great seeing you up there this afternoon.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

I move adoption of the Committee's joint favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Kissel. The matter has been moved. Senator Kissel, would you comment further?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Yes, thank you very much, Mr. President. Judge Bruce P. Hudock from Old Greenwich. He's married to his wife Theresa [phonetic] and father to Sean [phonetic] and was in an Old Greenwich where Judge Hudock also served as a Scout Master. He has served as Superior Court judge since 2000 and currently is the presiding judge in the criminal side in Norwalk. Judge Hudock is a Political Science graduate of American University and graduated from Catholic University Law School after also attending Temple University Law. He admitted to practice in Connecticut, Federal District Court and the United States Supreme Court bars and he served briefly as a per diem public defender -- and I would urge members

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of the Circle to vote favorably for this candidate.  
Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Members, will you remark further on this nomination? No additional remarks. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I would move this to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator. Matter has been moved for the Consent Calendar. If there's no objection, so ordered. The matter will be placed on our Consent Calendar.

Moving to Calendar Number 4, on page 2. Mr. Clerk, if you would call that item.

CLERK:

On Page 2, Calendar 4, Senate Joint Resolution Number 15, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE SHEILA A. OZALIS OF NEWTOWN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

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Thank you very much, Mr. President. I would move acceptance of the committee's joint favorable report on this nominee and adoption of the resolution.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Kissel. The matter has been moved. Would you comment further.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you. Judge Ozalis lives in Newtown, is married and is the mother of two. She was first appointed to the bench in 2009 and currently is handling the civil docket in Danbury. Before her 2009 appointment to the bench, Judge Ozalis practiced with Kenyon & Kenyon, Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts, and finally, was a named partner in Smith & Ozalis. I would urge members of the circle to vote favorably for this nomination.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Is there additional comment on this nomination? Seeing none. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I would move this nomination to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Kissel. The distinguished Co-Chair of the Judiciary Committee has moved the item



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to the Consent Calendar. Seeing no objection, will be so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, if you would call the next item, Calendar Number 5.

CLERK:

On Page 2, Calendar 5, Senate Joint Resolution Number 16, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. WENZEL OF SOUTHPORT TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

The distinguished Co-Chair of the Judiciary Committee, Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Distinguished President of the Senate, Senator Looney. I would move acceptance of the committee's joint favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Motion for acceptance has been made. Senator Kissel, would you remark further?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Yes. Judge William A. Wenzel hails from Detroit, Michigan and currently lives in South Port. He was first appointed to the bench in 2009 and currently sits hearing the criminal docket and GA-23 in New Haven. He is a graduate of Colgate University and

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the University of Tulsa, School of Law. Before his 2009 appointment to the bench, Judge Wenzel practiced with Pullman & Comley as well as a firm in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was quite active in the Bridgeport Bar Association and served on several local Fairfield boards and commissions. I would urge my colleagues here in the circle to vote in favor of Judge Wenzel.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Is there additional comment on this nomination? Seeing none. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I would like to move this matter to the Consent Calendar Resolution.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, the matter has been moved to the Consent Calendar. Seeing no objection, will be so ordered.

Clerk will call the next item, Calendar Number 6.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar 6, Senate Joint Resolution Number 17, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE GLENN A. WOODS OF MIDDLETOWN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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Chair recognizes the distinguished Chair of the  
Judiciary Committee, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Matter has been moved for adoption. Senator Doyle,  
would you remark further?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Mr. President. Again, I move adoption of the  
resolution.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes, it's been moved. Would you remark further?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Judge Woods became a -- was first appointed to  
the bench in 2009. He was a graduate -- he is a  
graduate of Trinity College in Hartford. He went to  
Antioch School of Law and he is currently sitting in  
Manchester Superior Court GA-12. He -- prior to  
that, he served in New Haven, several Hartford  
Civil, Hartford Housing, and Hartford Juvenile. In  
terms of awards, he's been recognized by the  
Connecticut Chapter of Men and Women for Justice.  
He also was the main speaker at Cheshire Academy's  
annual Martin Luther King Day celebration a few  
years ago.

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He's also serving the -- the Judicial Community by serving the task force to improve access to legal counsel in civil matters and in a final note, Mr. President, you may -- you may or may not be aware, but Mr. Woods is married to one of your long-time staffers -- known very well to the Senate, Cece Woods, a good friend of all of us, and he's an excellent judge and I urge the chamber to support this resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Seeing none. Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator. The matter has been moved to the Consent Calendar. Without objection, it will be so ordered.

Clerk will please call on calendar Page 2, Calendar Number 7.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar 7, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE SUSAN B. HANDY OF OLD LYME TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator. The matter has been moved for adoption. Would you remark further?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Judge Handy has a long, distinguished career on the bench. At this point in time, she's going for a senior status. She is a -- currently, she's a senior judge in New London Judicial district, but she was first appointed to the bench in 1993. She -- for her undergraduate, she went to the University of Massachusetts Amherst and got a Bachelor of Arts. Thereafter, she graduated from University of Connecticut School of Law. She has, you know, several awards through her career. I'll run through a few of them.

She was -- she was the OIC of New London Community Champion Award. She got an award from the MAD National Criminal Justice Award [phonetic], she got an award from the Connecticut Bar Association, and she received Public Service Award from the UConn School of Law Alumni Association. She's also served extensively in the Judicial world -- the Judicial

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Media Committee, [Advanced On 0:34:56] Committee, the Corp, Faculty, Prevention Orientation. She's currently still a member of the Connecticut Bar Association, New London County Bar Association. Judge Handy has a long, distinguished career and I urge the Chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to support this nominee, please. Judge Handy has served with honor and distinction and hard work, not only the people of the 20th district where she is located, but throughout the State of Connecticut and I urge support from this Chamber. Thank you so much.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you very much, Senator. Is there additional comment on this nomination? Seeing none. Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

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Matter has been moved to the Consent Calendar.  
Seeing no objection, it will be so ordered. Senator  
Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, may we  
have a vote on our Consent Calendar Number 1,  
please? If the Clerk can call those items followed  
by an immediate vote.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, we will proceed to a vote on the Consent  
Calendar. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered on Consent  
Calendar Number 1, which includes: on page 1 -- page  
1, Calendar 2, Senate Joint Resolution Number 13,  
page 2, Calendar 3, Senate Joint Resolution Number  
14, Page 2, Calendar 4, Senate Joint Resolution  
Number 15, Page 2, Calendar 5, Senate Joint  
Resolution 16, Page 2, Calendar 6, Senate Joint  
Resolution Number 17, and Page 2, Calendar 7, Senate  
Joint Resolution Number 18.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The machine will be open for  
vote on the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Mr. Clerk, if you would give another call that there  
is a vote in progress on the Consent Calendar.

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CLERK:

Roll Call ordered in the Senate. Roll Call ordered  
in the Senate on Consent Calendar Number 1.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Have all members voted? Have all members voted?  
Would you check the machines to make sure that your  
vote is properly cast -- and the machine will be  
closed. The Clerk will please call the tally.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 1

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| Total number voting   | 32 |
| Those voting Yea      | 32 |
| Those voting Nay      | 0  |
| Absent and not voting | 2  |

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Consent Calendar Number 1 is  
adopted. (Gavel)

Our distinguished Majority Leader, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move  
immediate transmittal of all items acted upon down  
to the House of Representatives, please.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):



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Thank you. Motion has been made for suspension for immediate transmittal to the House. The items on the first Consent Calendar and also does that motion also include the roll called item, Senator Duff?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Yes, all items that have been acted upon.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Good. Thank you, Senator Duff. Motion for suspension. All in favor.

SENATORS:

Aye.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Opposed? Thank you. Suspension is ordered and the matters will be immediately transmitted to the House. Believe that the House is in the process of sending us some business as well.

Chair will now entertain points of personal privilege or announcements. First, Senator Fasano, our distinguished Republican President Pro Tem.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Senator Looney. It's good to see you up around and leading the Senate. Senator Looney for a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

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Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Senator Looney. Senator Looney, I had the privilege of having my niece shadow me for the last couple of days to determine whether or not she likes politics. I think we all can give her some advice on that, I'm sure. So I'd like the Senate circle to give my niece Margaret Maribella [phonetic] a warm welcome. Margaret. [applause]

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

We're going to show Margaret that you'll never go wrong by listening to her uncle. Any additional points of personal privilege or announcements? If not, we will return to the call of the calendar.

On calendar page 3, if the Clerk would call Calendar Number 8.

CLERK:

On page 3, Calendar Number 8, Senate Joint Resolution Number 19, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE PATTY JENKINS PITTMAN OF HAMDEN TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

The motion has been moved for acceptance and adoption. Senator Doyle, would you comment additionally?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Judge Pittman was appointed to the bench in 1992. She's going for renomination today to be a -- to continue her status as a Senior Judge. She does have one flaw in her resume, I believe, and maybe others will disagree, but she's a graduate of Duke University, and I have to be a supportive a little more of UConn, but she's a graduate of Duke University. She's got a Bachelor's of Arts. Thereafter, she went to North Carolina Central School of Law, got a Jurist's Doctorate there.

Since that time, the last term she served, she was a presiding judge in New Britain for three years and then, then she went to Waterbury judicial district and presently, she's in a New Haven judicial district doing civil work, again, as a Senior Judge. I urge the chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Will the members comment additionally on this resolution? Seeing no additional comment. Senator Doyle.

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SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. The matter has been moved to the Consent Calendar. Without objection, it is so ordered. Clerk will proceed to Calendar Number 9 on page 3 of the calendar.

CLERK:

Page 3, Calendar Number 9, Senate Joint Resolution Number 20, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE PATRICIA A. SWORDS OF STORRS TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Acceptance and adoption having been made, the motion for -- places the item before us. Senator Doyle, additional comment?

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SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Mr. President. Judge Swords is today going for the status of a Senior Judge. She is currently serving the judicial district of Windham. Over the last term, she's served in -- again, in judicial district of Windham in civil, family, and some criminal. She was the first appointed to the bench in the year 2000. She's a graduate -- a dual graduate of UConn, University of Connecticut School of Law. She got a Bachelor of Arts and subsequent to that she received her Jurist's Doctorate from the University of Connecticut.

She currently has served for -- you know, for -- for us as a member of the Criminal Jury Instructions Committee. She testified to the Committee -- to the members of the public it might not seem of consequence, but there is many, many hours to -- to over several years, she worked on with others to basically help our criminal bar to have uniform jury instructions will -- which will be very beneficial to our criminal bar, so again, I urge the chamber to approve this resolution, we make Judge Swords a Senior Judge. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Additional comment on this resolution? Seeing none. Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

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SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator. The matter has been moved to the Consent Calendar. Seeing no objection. It is so ordered.

Clerk will please call Calendar Number 10 on page 3 of today's calendar.

CLERK:

On page 3, Calendar 10, Senate Joint Resolution Number 21, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE GERARD I. ADELMAN OF MERIDEN TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator. The matter has been moved for adoption. Senator Doyle, will you comment further?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Yes, Mr. President. Judge Adelman before us today is seeking to become appointed by this chamber to become a State Referee. He is currently serving a Hartford court -- in the -- in the Family court.

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Over the past eight years he served for criminal court in Waterbury. [background noise] He served where is he now family in Hartford -- he also served on the regional family trial docket and also on the family docket in Bridgeport.

He -- Judge Adelman is a graduate of Ohio State University, Bachelor Arts in History. Subsequent to that he was a graduate of University of Connecticut School of Law. He's received a few citations from the Chief Justice of Legislature at the time of his retirement as the Judge of the Superior Court because now of course, he's technically re-seeking to become a State Referee. At this time, I urge the chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Additional comment on this resolution? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I rise in opposition to this resolution. I want to start broadly and then focus directly and on Judge Adelman. The other day in Judiciary, when we were hearing Judges -- both Wednesday and Friday of last week, as per usual, there were some concern with some of the judges. Judge Adelman was one of them and I had the opportunity to speak with Judge Adelman and over the long weekend, had the opportunity to go back and review what Judge Adelman said and as he suggested to me, go through the testimony that was provided and the transcripts.

You know, I suggested that the hardest thing that we do -- or at least, that I do on the Judiciary Committee despite all of the controversial things that we do, is to take a vote on judges because I am often in a position where I'm not sure that I'm voting yes because that judge belongs on the bench, but I'm voting yes because I'm not sure that I've nailed down the fact that the judge does not belong on the bench and I'm, I guess, loathe to be part of ending someone's career potentially because I'm not sure.

You know, this past weekend, Mr. President, was Martin Luther King's holiday and his birthday and you know, a lot of us were talking about justice and it's interesting that we were talking about justice because while it wasn't Judge Adelman we blamed, a lot of judges come before us and a conversation about justice was had with a judge who doesn't actually appear anymore on the slate of judges and I think when the people who've come before us to testify against some of these justices, what -- judges -- what -- what they're looking for is justice in the court and what they often find is procedure in the court and the two don't always line up.

So in the conversation I was having with Judge Adelman, I think we had a little bit of that conversation. It was about decorum, but it was really about procedure and how that procedure sometimes, I think, precludes being as aware as we should be that people aren't having -- experiencing justice, so I think what happens is it appears at times to people that we're more concerned with making sure that the machine continues to operate as



it has been operating and some of these people have come, in a way, to throw their body against the machine and what happens is they get chewed up.

I think that some of these people have come to say to us that something is not right and so with Judge Adelman, there was a conversation about why do these people come in front of us to tell us what they've told us and Judge Adelman suggested in response to Chairman Tong how that some of these people who have never been in his court come before us for some reason he doesn't know. That's possible.

But I went back and I looked at the testimony and I'm -- I think of myself as a detail-oriented person and I recognize that Judge Adelman named off a couple of people in response to Representative Tong and one of those people perhaps they didn't appear in his court, but there was an ex parte order that Judge Adelman signed and so there is an exchange between Judge Adelman and this person but if you're on the Judiciary Committee and you're hearing this, what you hear is, there's no reason why this person might have issue with me.

Now that might not be a lie and untruth, but it also isn't the truth and it was interesting to me that a judge who seemed particularly interested with decorum, because he told me, in exchange he had with me, that one of the things they told him whether or not people were going to be able to follow the orders of the court was the way they operated in the court, so he was concerned with how people operate.

A judge who's concerned with the way that people operate, operate in a way that he raised his hand, he took an oath and then he wasn't transparent.

That should be problematic to all of the members of this body. I don't want to ever be in a situation where I'm voting against a judge. I -- I would love to believe that they all come to us and they all belong back on that bench.

But I cannot say today that I feel as though Judge Adelman belongs back on that bench and I think the people of the state look at us and wonder, you know, I remember when I was in House there often was this -- this conversation about what do people see when they see us in the General Assembly and what do they walk away with, and when it comes to this process, we hear, thank you very much Judge for coming before us today, congratulations on your reappointment.

They haven't been reappointed. They've been re-nominated -- and when we use certain words, when we operate in certain ways, it is hard for the people of this state to believe in justice and I know -- listen, I -- I understand that we're talking about people who have the funds to be able to -- even if they're pro se, they have the funds to be able to be pro se. Not everybody can even do that.

But I come from a class of people who haven't always gotten justice in our justice system and when we said we weren't getting justice, people looked at us and said, oh, you know, you guys, you just always fighting, you're always doing these things and you know, it's a system that works for me.

Well, it hasn't worked for us and it's not exactly the same situation but I can understand why people's individual circumstance becomes their cause -- which some of these judges told us was the problem.

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The problem is that they're not getting justice and if I can be a part of trying to get to justice, if I can be a part of doing something better for the people of the state, then that's where I want to stand, and so I rise in opposition to Judge Adelman today.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Is there additional comment on this nomination? Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Judge Adelman's nomination. I've known Judge Adelman since 1995, when we first served on the Board of Education together in Meriden. He showed me he was a public servant dedicated to the community and to -- especially to the children of the community. He's very well thought of and as a pillar of the community and has been very active in supporting the community in many, many ways and I want to enthusiastically register my vote in support of Gerard Adelman for the nomination. Thank you very much.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Seeing none, the clerk will please call the roll.

CLERK:

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

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SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Mr. Clerk, if you would again call, remind members of the pendency of our roll call.

CLERK:

There is an immediate Roll Call in the Senate.  
Immediate Roll Call in the Senate.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Would you check votes to make sure that they are properly -- check your machines to make sure the vote is properly cast and we will now close the machine.

Thank you. The Clerk will please announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution Number 21

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| Total number voting   | 32 |
| Those voting Yea      | 25 |
| Those voting Nay      | 7  |
| Absent and not voting | 2  |

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

The resolution is adopted. (Gavel)

Mr. Clerk if you would proceed to the next item on calendar page 3, Calendar Number 11.

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CLERK:

On page 3, Calendar 11, Senate Joint Resolution Number 22, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOSEPH P. FLYNN OF ANSONIA TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you. The matter has been moved for adoption. Would you remark further, Senator Doyle?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. As the Clerk mentioned, Judge Flynn is going at this point in time, for -- today we're voting on him -- the status to be a State Referee. Judge Flynn has a long, distinguished career on our -- our bench. He served as the Chief Judge of our appellate court for many years. He also has served distinguishably -- with distinguished terms on the Appellate Rules Committee, Chair of the Special Committee to Expedite Termination of Parental Rights and Appeals and the Chair of our Law Library Advisory Committee.

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Judge Flynn is part of the heavily noted Fairfield University class at our last Judiciary Committee meeting. He graduated a B.A. from Fairfield University, graduate of Georgetown Law School. So currently, he was designated by Chief Justice Rogers and Chief Appellate Judge DiPentima to sit on the appellate court.

So [although or et al 1:01:55] he's a state referees currently serving on the appellate court which our laws allow. He is -- has a very distinguished career and I urge the chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment on the resolution? Additional comment on the resolution? I would like to point out that Judge Flynn has actually held a position even more distinguished than his career in the judiciary and that is he a former member of this chamber -- was the State Senator for the 17th district some years ago and seeing no additional comments. Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Matter has been moved to the Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Seeing no objection. The matter will be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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Mr. Clerk, if you would proceed to call Calendar Number 12 on page 3 of our calendar.

CLERK:

On page 3, Calendar 12, Senate Joint Resolution Number 23, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD P. GILARDI OF STRATFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator. The matter has been moved for adoption. Would you remark further, Senator Doyle?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. The -- we're -- the committee is -- I mean, the chamber is considering today the status of Judge Gilardi to become a State Referee. Judge Gilardi was -- was appointed to the bench in the year 2000. He's a graduate with Bachelor of Science from University of Rhode Island. Subsequent to that, he was a graduate of St. John's University Law School. He is currently serving for civil -- the civil side of the Bridgeport Superior

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Court. He has -- he received awards for serving on the State of Connecticut Public Defender's Commission.

Also, he served -- he had received an award for serving on the Whiting Forensic Institute in my district -- in the 9th district at CVH facility. He has a distinguished -- in the last committee meeting there was some talk of whether members of the Judiciary get involved in civil community affairs sufficiently and certainly Judge Gilardi does. He served for 28 years as a member of the Stratford Civitan Club. He's an active member of his church. He's a [Jude 1:04:22] advocate for the New England District of Vatican International and many other matters.

He certainly has provided and he served for years prior to his serving as judge on the Stratford Chamber of Commerce. He also served in the Red Cross Fund Drive, so the bottom line is, Judge Gilardi serves his -- serves the state on the bench and also serves the community -- still serves in his community and I urge the chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Other members to remark on this resolution? Seeing none. Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.



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SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator. The matter has been moved to the Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Seeing no objection. It is so ordered the matter be placed on our Consent Calendar.

Thank you. Moving now to calendar page 4, Calendar Number 13. Mr. Clerk, if you would call that item.

CLERK:

On page 4, Calendar 13, Senate Joint Resolution Number 24, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. SULLIVAN OF WATERBURY TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, the move -- matter has been moved for adoption and passage. Senator Doyle, would you remark further?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Mr. President. William J. Sullivan commonly known as "Taco Sullivan" was appointed to the bench

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on 1978. He's a long time resident of Waterbury and he, as many of you are aware, he was the Chief Justice of our Supreme Court for many years. He's currently serving as Judge Trial Referee in the appellate and Superior courts and he's willing to serve us further in the capacity as a Senior Judge.

Chief -- former Chief Justice Sullivan is a graduate of Providence College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He also is a graduate of William & Mary Law School and with his distinguished career, I urge the chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment? Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Good afternoon, Mr. President and it's a pleasure to have you with us and see you there, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

I rise in unequivocal support to the nomination of Justice Sullivan to be a -- to continue to be a referee in the state judicial branch. Former Chief Justice Sullivan is an incredible man. He served in Vietnam with distinction. He came back to his home town, City of Waterbury and practiced law there and got very involved with all of the community

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organizations which he continues to be very involved with and support, in particularly those organizations dealing with youth and children.

He was honored by the Waterbury Veterans Memorial Committee several times for his service and for his passionate work also, on behalf of the Veterans in Waterbury and also on a statewide basis and throughout his judicial career, he has exhibited exemplary judicial demeanor and as he has also serving as a referee, so it is with great pride that I also join to support Judge Sullivan and look forward to his continued service on the -- on the bar. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Hartley. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Additional comment on the resolution? If not, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. The matter has been moved for placement on our Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Seeing none, the matter will be added to our Consent Calendar.

At this point, call on our distinguished majority leader, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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The Senate stand at ease for a moment.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senate will please stand at ease. [phone ring]

Majority leader, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, why don't we have a vote on the second Consent Calendar and if the clerk can read those items, followed by an immediate vote.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you. Mr. Clerk, if you would call the items on the second Consent Calendar and then move to an immediate vote on the Consent Calendar.

CLERK:

On page 1, Calendar 2, Senate Joint Resolution Number 13, page 2, Calendar 3, Senate Joint Resolution Number 14. Also on page 2, Calendar 4, Senate Joint Resolution Number 15. Page 2, Calendar 5, Senate Joint Resolution Number 16 --

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

I believe -- Mr. Clerk, I believe you're calling some items that were on the first Consent Calendar. [pause] I believe the second Consent Calendar begins with Calendar page 3, Calendar Number 8. [pause]

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CLERK:

Mea culpa. On page 3, Calendar 8, Senate Joint Resolution Number 19, page 3, Calendar 9, Senate Joint Resolution Number 20. Also on page 3, Calendar 11, Senate Joint Resolution Number 22, page 3, Calendar 12, Senate Joint Resolution Number 23, and on page 4, Calendar 13, Senate Joint Resolution Number 24.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Would proceed to a vote on the Consent Calendar. Mr. Clerk, if you would call for that vote, remind the members there will be a roll call vote in progress.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar Number 2. Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. [phone ring]

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Mr. Clerk, if you do another call.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call on Senate -- Senate -- Consent Calendar Number 2. Immediate roll call on Senate Consent Calendar Number 2 is in progress.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Have all the members voted? Would you please check the machines to see that your vote has been properly

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cast? The machine will be closed. And The Clerk will please call the tally.

CLERK:

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| Those voting Yea      | 32 |
| Those voting Nay      | 0  |
| Absent and not voting | 2  |

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Consent Calendar Number 2 is adopted. (Gavel)

Our distinguished Majority Leader, Senator Duff, from Norwalk.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move for suspension and for immediate transmittal to the House of Representatives on Consent Calendar Number 2.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Duff. Motion is for suspension. Is there objection? If not, all in favor.

SENATORS:

Aye.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

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Opposed? Thank you. It is so ordered. The items on Consent Calendar Number 2 will be immediately transmitted to the House of Representatives. For now, we'll take some points of personal privilege or announcements. Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Please proceed, Senator.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

I'd like to introduce my daughter and her family. They're sitting in the gallery up there with her children -- and my wife, Kate [phonetic], my daughter Rachel [phonetic] and her five little children. One who looks like she wants to nurse right now. [laughing] I hope there's no Senate rules against that. In addition, my sister -- my -- my other daughter Katelynn [phonetic] and my other daughter Faith [phonetic] from New Mexico, is a nurse in New Mexico visiting too. I'm proud to have them here and I welcome them down to the Republican caucus room for some cookies if they'd like, afterwards. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Suzio, and let's give a warm welcome to the -- the family of Senator Suzio.  
[applause]

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Thank you very much. Are there any additional points of personal privilege or announcements at this time? If not, I believe we are -- oh yes. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Thank you, Senator Looney. I would like a moment just to say I've had just the best news in the last couple of moments. I am a great grandmother.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Oh, congratulations. [applause]

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

It is my first. [applause] And if this is anything like my first grandchild, this one will be spoiled and loved to death also. Thank you.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Congratulations, Senator Moore. Let's -- let's give the proper acknowledgement and welcome and celebration for the first grandchild of Senator Moore. First grandchild -- great grandchild. [applause]

Thank you. Are there any additional points of personal privilege or announcements at this time? If not, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Is there business on the Clerk's desk, please?



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CLERK:

The Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda Number 2, dated Wednesday, January 18, 2017. It's been copied and is on Senators' desks.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move for suspension to adopt Senate Agenda Number 2.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Motion is for suspension to adopt Senate Agenda Number 2, containing items of business from the House of Representatives. All in favor, please indicate by saying "aye".

SENATORS:

Aye.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Opposed? It is so ordered. The Senate Agenda Number 2 is adopted and Senator Duff, would you proceed to mark the items on Senate Agenda Number 2.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. First, I probably should adopt the agenda. I move that all items on Senate Agenda 2 be acted upon as indicated and that the agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and transcript.

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SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Good.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I'd like to mark all items on Senate Agenda Number 2 as go and if the Clerk can please call the items in the order that they're listed on the -- on Senate Agenda Number 2. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Duff. The Clerk will proceed to call the items on Senate Agenda Number 2, business from the House, beginning with House Joint Resolution Number 18.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 18, RESOLUTION  
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE SALVATORE  
C. AGATI OF WATERTOWN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR  
COURT.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

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Thank you, Senator. The matter has been -- been moved for adoption. Would you remark further, Senator Doyle?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Mr. President. Judge Agati's similar to the recent Justice Sullivan is -- has connections to Waterbury. He is -- has been on the bench since the year 2000. He's a graduate of Fairfield University, a Bachelor Arts in politics. Also a graduate of Temple University Law School and over the past term, he's currently serving New Haven Superior Court, civil side but prior -- during the past term, he served as Waterbury Administrative Judge, the presiding judge of Waterbury. Prior to that, he was serving a Danbury civil and criminal assignment. Prior to that, he was Waterbury complex civil litigation docket and again, as I said, presently, he's in New Haven for civil assignment.

He has received awards from the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association. He also received an Humanitarian Award from the Waterbury Boys and Girls Club which is indicative of his service to the youth of Waterbury and the State of Connecticut and I have other evidence of his service to the community. He also served on Waterbury YMCA Board, Catholic Family Services Board, Holy Cross High School Board, he served as president there and then on the Parish Council of Our Lady of Loreto Church.

He's got a well-rounded commitment to our -- to the community in addition to his stellar service on the bench and I urge the chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

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SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment? Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, I rise to support the nomination of Judge Agati to the bench. Judge Agati -- we have been blessed to have him as a presiding judge for some time in the City of Waterbury.

Formerly, he was the Chief Administrator in that judicial district. Besides having a reputation of being an even-handed, fair-minded, thorough judge, he also is known in the community for all of his contributions that have touched the lives of so many and Judge Agati and his family have worked and supported the Literacy Volunteer Group for some time and they have indeed raised the quality of life and helped so many in our community aside from his official capacities serving on the bench and I wholeheartedly support his re-nomination. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Hartley. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Additional comment? If not, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

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SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Matter has been moved to the Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Seeing no objection, the matter will be placed on the Consent Calendar, beginning a Consent Calendar Number 3.

Clerk will please call the next item on Senate Agenda Number 2, House Joint Resolution Number 19.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 19, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MARY-MARGARET D. BURGENDORFF OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. The matter has been moved for acceptance and adoption. Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Judge Burghdorff has been on -- was appointed to the bench by the legislature in 1999. She's

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educated in the mid-West. She attended St. Mary's College -- I think it's part of Notre Dame in Indiana and got a Bachelor of Arts. She got a -- her Jurist's Doctorate degree from Gonzaga School of Law.

She's currently serving in the Superior Court in Hartford in juvenile matters. Prior to that, for the past term, she served in Middletown Criminal Court for -- for -- for a time. Then she went to Middletown Civil Court, then Middletown Juvenile Court and a court -- of course, as I just said, she's currently serving in Hartford Juvenile Court. She is a thoughtful jurist and I urge this chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Additional comment? If not, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Matter has been moved to be placed on our Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Seeing none. It is so ordered that the matter will be placed on our Consent Calendar Number 3.

Clerk will please call the next item on Senate Agenda Number 2, House Joint Resolution Number 20.

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CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 20, RESOLUTION  
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE KEVIN G.  
DUBAY OF HARTFORD TO BE A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Matter has been moved for acceptance and adoption.  
Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Judge Dubay is a -- I believe he still is a Hartford resident. He's got -- he was first appointed to the bench in 2000. He's a graduate of Tufts University. He got a B.A. en Cum Laude. He also graduated -- is a graduate of University of Connecticut School of Law. He -- in the past, he did serve on a judicial review council from 2012 to 2015. He's currently serving on the judicial branch's Rules Committee.

Over the past -- he's currently serving in the Hartford Superior Court civil docket but over the past eight years he served on the -- the GA criminal

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docket. Prior to that, he served in Waterbury's complex civil docket and as I said, he's currently serving in Hartford Superior Court civil docket. He's well-known, well respected in the greater Hartford area and I urge the chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Additional comment? If not, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator. The matter has been moved to the Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Seeing none, the item will be placed on our Consent Calendar Number 3.

If Clerk would please call the next item on Senate Agenda Number 2, which is House Joint Resolution Number 22.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 22, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE CORINNE L. KLATT OF MERIDEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):



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Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Matter has been moved for acceptance and adoption. Would you remark further, Senator Doyle?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Mr. President. Judge Klatt is appearing before us today to seek to be reappointed as a Superior Court judge. She was first appointed by the legislature in 2009. She was educated at St. Joseph's College in West Hartford. She was -- where she received a Bachelor Arts in Political Science. She's a graduate of University of Connecticut School of Law in 1982.

Over the past eight years, she served in the Meriden -- sorry, the Litchfield Bantam GA or criminal court. Thereafter, she served in family court in the Fairfield JD. Then, thereafter, she -- and where she serves now she's in the -- she's the Assistant Administrative Judge for JD and for civil and criminal matters in -- in the Meriden court. She also has served in the past as a member of the Connecticut Judges' Association. I urge this chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

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SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Additional comment on House Joint Resolution Number 22? Seeing none. Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Oh, Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Just briefly, I rise also to support the nomination of Corinne Klatt. She has served with distinction in her short term on the bench and I think that her judicial demeanor is one that we benefit from greatly on the judicial branch. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Hartley. Additional comment? If not, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

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Thank you. The matter has been moved to our Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Seeing none. House Joint Resolution Number 22 will be added to our third Consent Calendar.

Clerk will please call the next item on Senate Agenda Number 2, House Joint Resolution Number 23.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 23, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE KEVIN P. MCMAHON OF NIANTIC TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator. The matter has been moved for acceptance and adoption. Would you remark further, Senator Doyle?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Mr. President. Judge McMahon was first appointed to the bench in 1993. He's a graduate of Province College, also a graduate of Western New England School of Law. He does have a unique

background as we learned in the -- in the Judiciary Committee this week. His entire professional career, he was a member of -- worked for the judicial branch. He started out as a clerk in the -- in the judicial branch, then he was a prosecutor for many years, then he became a Superior Court Judge, so I think he does bring a unique perspective to the court, coming -- really working up from the -- from the base, moving up to the top as a supreme -- sorry, as a Superior Court Judge.

He's currently serving -- again, he's now -- he's before us today to be a Senior Judge. He's currently serving the London JD and Criminal judge -- he has extensive experience in the criminal court. He also is currently serving as a -- as an -- for Providence College, the alumni group for the Southern Rhode Island group and I urge this chamber to approve Judge McMahon as a Senior Judge. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Judge McMahon. His wide and varied experience has led him to be very hands on and an excellent jurist and I urge my colleagues to support Judge McMahon in his reappointment. Thank you.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

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Thank you, Senator. Is there additional comment on this resolution? If not, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator. The matter has been moved to our Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Seeing none, the matter will be placed on our Consent Calendar, Number 3.

Moving on, if the Clerk would call House Joint Resolution Number 24, from Senate Agenda Number 2.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 24, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS C. MINTZ OF REDDING TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

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The matter has been moved for acceptance and adoption. Would you remark further, Senator Doyle?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Judge Mintz was first appointed to the bench in 1993. He's a graduate of University of Michigan. He's also a graduate of course, he got a -- he got his Jurist's doctorate degree from Western New England College School of Law. He is currently serving in judicial district of Stamford-Norwalk as -- Norwalk, sorry -- as presiding civil judge.

Over the last eight years, he served in the judicial district of Stamford-Norwalk, then he was the presiding judge civil there also. He's also served his community in terms of the law library advisory committee and the Bench-Bar Foreclosure Committee.

Mintz also served for many years in the State House. He was Vice-Chair of the Judiciary Committees for member -- for many years and he had the -- he served under the legendary Richard Fasano as Chair and Judge Mintz served under him. He did express a bias -- at public he referenced that he had bias towards Vice-Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, so hold -- we may hold that against him, but more seriously, he's done an excellent job on the bench and I urge this chamber to approve him for re-nominating him as a Superior Court -- Judge Mintz as a Superior Court Judge. Thank you, Mr. President.

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Thank you, Senator Doyle. Additional remarks on this resolution? Additional remarks on the resolution? If not, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator. The matter has been moved to be placed on our Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Seeing none, it is so ordered. House Joint Resolution Number 24 will be placed on Consent Calendar Number 3.

Clerk will please call the next item, House Joint Resolution Number 25.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 25, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE FLEMMING L. NORCOTT, JR. OF NEW HAVEN TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

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Matter has been moved for acceptance and adoption.  
Would you remark further, Senator Doyle?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Judge or Justice Flemming L. Norcott, Jr. is before us today, seeking appointment as a State Referee. Many of you are familiar with his name because he served us from -- with distinction many years on our Supreme Court. Over the -- recently, he was a state referee and he was appointed to serve on the appellate court and I believe on the Supreme Court also for certain -- you know, cases, not as a full-time member.

Justice Norcott has a stellar academic background. He -- he got his Bachelors of Arts of Colombia College and then got his law degree from Colombia University School of Law. He received some awards through the years. He received the George W. Crawford 2014 Trailblazer Award. He also received award from the Connecticut Football Officials Association and Hall of Fame, which leads me to believe actually on the side he is a official for football, which is interesting.

Bottom line is, Justice Norcott has a stellar judicial career and it's our privilege and I hope the chamber will approve this resolution to keep him working for the Judicial Branch as a State Referee. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Additional comment on



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House Joint Resolution Number 25? Seeing none.  
Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I move this  
resolution to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator. The matter has been moved for  
placement on our Consent Calendar. Is there  
objection? Seeing none, it is ordered that the item  
be placed on our Consent Calendar Number 3.

Proceeding now to page 2 of Agenda Number 2. The  
Clerk would please call House Joint Resolution  
Number 26.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 26, RESOLUTION  
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE VERNON D.  
OLIVER OF PORTLAND TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR  
COURT.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

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Matter has been moved for acceptance and adoption.  
Would you remark further, Senator Doyle?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Mr. President. Judge Oliver is before us today seeking another eight year term on our Superior Court. Judge Oliver is a through and through UConn person. He got his -- he got his Political Science degree from the University of Connecticut. He got his Jurist's doctorate degree from University of Connecticut also.

He's currently serving in the Tolland civil court, working on habeas in criminal matters -- actually doing some criminal also -- civil and criminal in Tolland. Over the past eight years, he served in Danielson Criminal Court, then the Hartford-New Britain Housing Court, the Meriden Criminal Court, then the Waterbury Criminal Court and the Tolland Criminal-Civil and Habeas Court, so he -- over his -- over -- since his -- since appointment to the bench in 2009, he's had a varied degree of experience on the bench. I believe he's performed very well and I urge this chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Additional comment? If not, Senator Doyle.

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Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. House Joint Resolution Number 26 has been moved to our Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Seeing none, it is so ordered. The item will be placed on Consent Calendar Number 3.

Mr. Clerk, if you would now call House Joint Resolution Number 27.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 27, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE PHILIP A. SCARPELLINO OF NORTH BRANFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. At this point in time, I would ask that I yield the microphone to Senator Kissel.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Senator Kissel. Do you accept the yield?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

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Thank you, Mr. President, I do indeed accept the yield and Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's joint resolution and I urge acceptance.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you. The matter has been moved for acceptance and adoption. Would you remark further, Senator Kissel?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Judge Philip A. Scarpellino was born in New Haven and now lives in North Branford. He is married a proud father of one. He has served as a Superior Court judge since 2000 and has spent 14 of the past 16 years hearing criminal cases, most recently in New Haven.

He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut, while also receiving a Master's in education from the University of Bridgeport and his law degree from Villanova Law Center. Before his 2000 appointment to the bench, Judge Scarpellino served in the State's Attorney's office.

Judge Scarpellino has had a distinguished career on the bench and is deserving of reappointment and I urge my colleagues to support the resolution.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Additional comment on this resolution? I'll just take the privilege of

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the chair for a moment, to say that I heartily endorse Senator Kissel's comments, having frequently appeared before Judge Scarpellino who is a -- really, a model of what GA Court Judge should be. Based on his performance in New Haven, over the years. Thank you. No additional comments? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. President, for those excellent remarks and I would move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you. The matter has been moved to the Consent Calendar. Is there any objection? Placing this item on our Consent Calendar. Seeing none, it is so ordered and House Joint Resolution Number 27 will be added to Consent Calendar Number 3.

Clerk will please now call House Joint Resolution Number 28.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 28, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JANE S. SCHOLL OF FARMINGTON TO BE A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE -- A SENIOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

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Thank you very much, Mr. President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's joint resolution and I urge acceptance.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

The matter has been moved for acceptance and adoption. Would you remark further, Senator Kissel?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much. Senior Judge Jane S. Scholl lives in Farmington. She is married and the mother of two. Since she has served as a Superior Court judge since 2000 and is currently hearing housing and small claims matters. She is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and the University of Connecticut Law School. Judge Scholl has had an admirable career on the bench and is deserving of reappointment and I urge my colleagues to support the resolution.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Additional comment on the resolution? Seeing none, Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

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The item has been moved for placement on our Consent Calendar. Is there any objection? Seeing none, the item will be placed on our Consent Calendar Number 3.

The final item in -- from Agenda -- Senate Agenda Number 2 is House Joint Resolution Number 30 and if the Clerk would please call that item.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 30, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE DAWNE G. WESTBROOK OF GLASTONBURY TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Matter has been moved for acceptance and adoption. Will you remark, Senator Doyle?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Judge Westbrook was at first appointed to the bench in 2009, so today she's seeking our endorsement to become another term as a Superior Court judge.

Judge Westbrook was educated down South. She went to Fisk University, which I believe is in Tennessee. She received her law degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law. She, over the years, received an NAACP award in -- two times -- 2012, 2015, and in 2013, she received the Men and Women for Justice Honoree. She also has served our -- the judicial branch in -- she served the Judicial Education Committee for several years, the Judicial Media Committee, the Executive Committee and the Judicial [Schumann 1:42:31] Capital Committee.

Currently, she's serving in Rockville -- Rockville Court in juvenile matters and over the last eight years, she served in the Hartford Superior Court for Juvenile matters, Hartford Family Court, Hartford Criminal Court, and Manchester Criminal Court. So I -- I -- at this point in time, I think Judge Westbrook has done a fine job. I urge the chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Additional comment on the resolution? Seeing none. Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

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The item has been moved for placement on our Consent Calendar. Is there any objection to placing it on the Consent Calendar Number 3? Seeing none. It is so ordered. The item will be placed on our Consent Calendar.

Is the Clerk in possession of additional business?

CLERK:

Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda Number 3, dated Wednesday, January 18, 2017. It's been copied on Senators' desks.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, move for suspension to act on items on Senate Agenda 3.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator. Move for suspension to act on the single item appearing on Senate Agenda Number 3. All in favor, please indicate by saying "aye".

SENATORS:

Aye.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Opposed? The ayes have it. Senator -- Senate Agenda Number 3 is adopted. Senator Duff.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the item on Senate Agenda Number 3, dated Wednesday, January 18, 2017 be acted upon as indicated, that the Agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and transcript and if the Clerk can now call House Joint Resolution Number 29.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

House will please call House Joint Resolution Number 29.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 29, RESOLUTION  
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOSE A. SUAREZ OF CHESTER TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

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

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

The matter has been moved for acceptance and adoption. Would you remark further, Senator Kissel?

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SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Judge Jose A. Suarez was born in Puerto Rico and now lives in Chester. He is the married father of two. First appointed to the bench in 2009, Judge Suarez currently serves as the presiding judge of the Hartford family court. A graduate of the University of Dayton, where he studied International Studies, Judge Suarez then matriculated to the University Of Connecticut School Of Law.

He is a member of our state bar as well as the federal bar and many other bars. He spent numerous years in the Office of the Attorney General prior to entering state service, there. He practiced at Freidle Ustach, the law offices of Howard Schiller and House Council for United Technology Corporation.

While sitting on the bench, Judge Suarez has also served as a member of the Judicial Review Council and as a member of the Oliver Ellsworth Inn of Court, and I have to point out that I grew up in the town of Windsor, first English settlement in Connecticut and Oliver Ellsworth is one of our local heroes, as an aside. [laughing] Judge Suarez has done well in his first term as a Superior Court judge and is deserving of reappointment and I urge my colleagues to support the resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Is there additional comment on this resolution? Additional comment on the resolution? Seeing none, Senator Kissel.

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SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

House Joint Resolution Number 29 has been moved for placement on our Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Seeing none, the item will be placed on our Consent Calendar. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move for a vote on our Consent Calendar, Consent Calendar Number 3. If the Clerk can call the items on the Consent Calendar, followed by an immediate vote.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Mr. Clerk, if you would please call -- read the items on Consent Calendar Number 3, and then call for an immediate vote as requested by our Majority Leader.

CLERK: '

House Joint Resolutions Numbers 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, and 29.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you. We will proceed now to a vote on the third Consent Calendar. Mr. Clerk, if you would please call for roll call vote.

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CLERK:

On Consent Calendar Number 3, immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call in the Senate on Consent Calendar Number 3.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Mr. Clerk, if you would announce again that there is a roll call in progress.

CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar Number 3. Immediate Roll Call in progress in the Senate.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Mr. Clerk, if you would, we will close the machines -- and if you would announce the tally.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 3

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| Total number voting   | 31 |
| Those voting Yea      | 31 |
| Those voting Nay      | 0  |
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SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Consent Calendar Number 3 is adopted. (Gavel)

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I believe that concludes our business for today. Before we adjourn, I will yield for any announcements or points of personal privilege.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader. Are there any members seeking recognition for purposes of announcements or points of personal privilege? Senator Gomes.

SENATOR GOMES (23RD):

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to announce there will be a -- a Labor Committee meeting tomorrow at 11 a.m. and we will be in room 1-D. Thank you very much. Bye-bye.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Senator Gomes. Senator Logan.

SENATOR LOGAN (17TH):

Thank you. For the purpose of a general notation.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR LOGAN (17TH):

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Senator Guglielmo missed votes today, due to family business out of state.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Good, thank you, Senator. It will be so noted. Any additional announcements or points of personal privilege? Nope, seeing none. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, with no other announcements or points of personal privilege, I -- before we do that -- I would announce that the Senate should be in session on February the 1st, so if everybody can hold their calendars for February the 1st as our next session date and with no other business on our desk, Mr. President, I would move that we adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you. So ordered. The motion has been made and ordered that the Senate adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair for our next session on February 1st. Thank you. The Senate stands adjourned.

(On motion of Senator Duff of the 25TH, the Senate at 2:39 p.m. adjourned subject to the call of the chair.)

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Thursday, January 19, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 11:46 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 prayer was offered by 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 January 19, 2017, 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 and Legislative Nominations.



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To the Honorable Senate:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 1-205 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint **MICHAEL C. DALY** from Farmington, to be a member of the Freedom of Information Commission, to serve a term ending June 20, 2020 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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

Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund - American Legion, Quarterly Report of Disbursals for the Quarter ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 27-140 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 18, 2017  
**Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Veterans' Affairs**

Department of Children and Families - Screening for Developmental and Social-Emotional Delays for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 17a-106e of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 19, 2017  
**Referred to Committees on Children and Public Health**

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection - Water Planning Council - Status of the Development and Implementation of the State Water Plan for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 22a-352(g) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 19, 2017  
**Referred to Committees Energy and Technology, Environment and Public Health**

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INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND  
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indicated.

The following bills will not be read in:

H. B. 5830  
H. B. 5875

The Senate at 11:50 a.m. adjourned under provisions  
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the  
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Friday, January 20, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:38 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

As our nation undergoes this presidential transition, may our president embrace the sacred trust of administering the nation. Give our new president, his administration, and Congress the ability to do what is right, fair, and just for all citizens. May all people in our nation, irrespective of race, gender, ethnicity, or religious faith be treated with dignity, and may peace prevail with goodness.

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.

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It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated January 20, 2017, 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 RESOLUTION(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED** - to be tabled for the calendar.

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**SJ NO. 32 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT J. KANE OF**  
**WATERTOWN AN AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND**  
**RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. (12)).**

The Senate at 10:43 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Monday, January 23, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:54 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

Teach us how to love and work, that every deed we do may be to someone, in its turn, a service that is fine and true.

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, 2017, 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.

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indicated.**

Office of Policy and Management - Tobacco and Health  
Trust Fund Board of Trustees' Report for Calendar  
Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section  
4-28f of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date  
received: January 20, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Public  
Health**

Judicial Branch - Annual Rules Report for Period  
from February 3, 2016 to January 3, 2017. (Pursuant  
to Section 51-14(b) of the Connecticut General  
Statutes) Date received: January 20, 2017

**Referred to Committee on Judiciary**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND  
RESOLUTIONS (#13).**

The Senate at 10:59 a.m. adjourned under provisions  
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the  
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Tuesday, January 24, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:39 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

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 January 24, 2017, 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.

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

Report - State Department of Education - Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion in Connecticut for School Year 2015-16. (Pursuant to Section 10-236b of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: January 24, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Children and Education**

Report - Spending Cap Commission - Final Report and Special Statements. (Pursuant to Section 24 of Public Act 15-1 of the Connecticut General Assembly) Date received: January 24, 2017.

**Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Government Administration and Elections**

**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 10:44 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.



## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Wednesday, January 25, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 11:02 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

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 25, 2017, 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.

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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 10-153f of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 16-185 of the 2016 Regular Session, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **MICHAEL R. RICCI** from Guilford, to be a member of the Education Arbitration Board, as a neutral arbitrator, to serve a term ending June 30, 2020 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 10-153f of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 16-185 of the 2016 Regular Session, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **ELLIOTT LANDON** from Westport, to be a member of the Education Arbitration Board, representing the interests of local and regional boards of education, to serve a term ending June 30, 2020 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Dannel P. Malloy  
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The Senate at 11:07 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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Thursday, January 26, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 11:15 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

Justice is the only worship. Love is the only priest. Ignorance is the only slavery. Kindness is the only good. The way to be happy is to make others so.

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 26, 2017, 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.

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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS** - to be  
referred to Joint  
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**TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint **ALLAN B. TAYLOR** from Hartford, to be a member of the State Board of Education, to serve a term beginning March 1, 2017 until February 28, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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**TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 10-1, and 10-2a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **CORAL ORTIZ** from New Haven, to be a nonvoting student member of the State Board of Education, to serve a term ending June 30, 2017 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Dannel P. Malloy

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**TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 10-1, and 10-2a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **AMINA S. LAMPKIN** from West Hartford, to be a nonvoting student member of the State Board of Education, to serve a term ending June 30, 2017 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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**TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **DONALD HARRIS, JR.** from Bloomfield, to be a member of the State Board of Education, to serve a term beginning March 1, 2017 until February 28, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Theresa Hopkins-Staten.

Sincerely,

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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Department of Insurance - Property Casualty  
Insurance Rate Reviews for Calendar Year ended  
December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 38a-9(c) of  
the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received:  
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**Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate**

**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 11:20 a.m. adjourned under provisions  
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the  
chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Friday, January 27, 2017

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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

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 January 27, 2017, 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.



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

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 7 RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE  
STATE EMPLOYEES BARGAINING AGENT COALITION.

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

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 11 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
MICHAEL C. DALY OF FARMINGTON TO BE REAPPOINTED A  
MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION.

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

Auditors of Public Accounts - Annual Report for  
Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to  
Section 2-92 of the Connecticut General Statutes)  
Date received: January 27, 2017  
Referred to Committee on Appropriations, Finance,  
Revenue and Bonding, Government Administration and  
Elections and Joint Committee on Legislative  
Management

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.

The Senate at 11:38 a.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 30, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:28 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

Justice is the only worship. Love is the only priest. Ignorance is the only slavery. Kindness is the only good. The way to be happy is to make others so.

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 30, 2017, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and

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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 - Councils of Government and Mandatory Proportional Voting.  
(Pursuant to Section 116 of Public Act 16-3 of the Connecticut General Assembly) Date received: January 27, 2017

**Referred to Committee on Planning and Development.**

The Senate at 10:33 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

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 January 31, 2017, 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.

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**REPORT(S) RECEIVED** - to be referred to committee(s)  
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Criminal Justice Information System - Annual Report  
for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016. (Pursuant to  
Section 54-142s of the Connecticut General Statutes)  
Date received: January 30, 2017  
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

**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)  
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The Senate at 10:45 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

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 1:27 o'clock p.m.,  
the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon everyone. I ask the Senate to please  
come to order. Would the members and guests, please  
rise and address your attention to Reverend, Bonita  
Grubbs, who will lead us in prayer.

DEPUTY CHAPLAIN REVEREND BONITA GRUBBS:

Let us pray. On this first day of the second month  
of a New Year and the beginning of African American  
History month, we gather in this Chamber to affirm  
what appears on our legal tender, "In you we trust"  
and to ask for the strength to be tender in the  
legal proceedings of this day.

It's a challenge to do so in light of all that is  
swirling around us in Connecticut, our nation, with  
a new president and in our world that is so  
uncertain, unpredictable, difficult to understand  
and upsetting.

Therefore, God, I ask You for a dose of hope that  
sustains, springs eternal and refreshes all who  
gather to deliberate important bills and important  
decisions. I ask for a full measure of faith in the

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democratic process and the better angels who emerge to offer words of inspiration and just ways to proceed with a preferential focus on those who are the most vulnerable in our state.

I ask that the power of your presence to be palpable here today and in the tough times during the session to protect the families of all of the elected officials and appointed staff during their absence during this long process and the budget that takes center stage.

I ask that the sense of your spirit and of solidarity surround us as we watch and weigh in on the unfolding events at the national level and the effects that these deliberations and actions have on the people in this state.

Finally, drawing from the words of an African American Spiritual, I ask that you "Guide our feet while we run this race, (towards justice, freedom, peace and equality) for we don't want our running to be in vain." Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. I have asked Senator Flexer to come up and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

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.

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Thank you very much. Thank you. At this time, I will entertain any points of personal privilege, Senator Suzio, where do you stand, sir?

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you. Madam President, it's my honor to introduce to you today, Marc Youngquist, a Veteran from the War in Iraq, who served in the Connecticut National Guard, Military Police, the 143rd Country -- Company from 2003 to 2004. Marc was so moved by his experience in Iraq, and watching the heroism of his fellow soldiers around him, that he was compelled to write a book. And I'm doing a little --

THE CHAIR:

Chamber, please. Thank you very much.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Proceed.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):



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The book is "*The 143rd in Iraq: Boots on the ground training Iraq police in spite of it all.*" Marc was motivated because he knew that too few people knew of the heroism and bravery of our -- his fellow soldiers in Iraq, and he wanted to make certain that the people of Connecticut and the people of the world knew of the bravery and heroism that he saw firsthand and personally in Iraq. So, Marc is standing right back here with me, and his wife Marcia is behind him there. Marcia, why don't you just come up so we can recognize you, too.

You know, the families of these military Veterans basically sacrifice as much as the Veterans themselves, giving up time with their loved ones and worrying about them. And Marc is also joined by one of our state legislators, Brian Ohler, who is a State Rep. from the Hills of Litchfield. Brian joined the 143rd in Bagdad, and he was wounded there, and then returned twice for two more deployments and was wounded two more times. So, he was wounded three times while in service, combat service to our country. He is the first post-911 Veteran to be elected to the General Assembly here in Connecticut, and I just would welcome them all here and give them a big round of applause.  
[Applause]

THE CHAIR:

Thank you all very much for your service. We really do appreciate it and God bless you for doing it.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

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Madam President, may I just point out that there's two more folks who work here in the Capitol, who did serve in the 143rd as well. I just want to mention them, although they are not here in the room. We have Angelo Tosi, who is a security screener here at the Capitol. He was a Vietnam Veteran and served in the Marine Corps, and then he went to Iraq in Operation Desert Storm, and served with the 143rd Military Police Company there. He was a Master Sergeant and recently retired from the Connecticut State Police.

In addition, Anthony Lombardi, is a Capitol police officer and served in the 143rd, after returning from Desert Storm, too. And I just want to call their service to the country to the attention of my fellow Senators as well.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Senator. Welcome home, if we didn't say it before, we're saying it now. Welcome home. Thank you.

At this point, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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Madam President, does the Clerk have business on his desk?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

In addition to today's Calendar, Senate Agenda's Nos. 1 and 2, they've already been copied and should be on the Senator's desks.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move that all items on Senate Agenda No. 1 and No. 2, dated Wednesday, February 1, 2017, be acted upon as indicated and that the agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and transcript.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, would the Clerk suspend our rules and take up as the first order of business House Joint Resolution No. 58, and would the Clerk also mark all Bills on Senate Agenda No. 1 as go.

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THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk. Resolution 58, did you say, I'm sorry.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 58, RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE BETTY BOUKUS. LCO No. 3486, introduced by Representatives Aresimowicz, and Ritter, and Klarides. Senators Looney, Duff, Fasano, and Witkos.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, would the Clerk please read the resolution please.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE BETTY BOUKUS.

WHEREAS, on Friday, December 2, 2016, the State of Connecticut lost an admired and dedicated State Representative with the passing of Representative Elizabeth A. "Betty" (Castiola) Boukus, at the age of seventy-three; and

WHEREAS, she represented the 22nd House District with distinction for nearly twenty-two years until the date of her passing; and

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WHEREAS, she was born on April 16, 1943, in New Britain, Connecticut, daughter of the late Salvatore and Helen (McCooley) Castiola; and

WHEREAS, she attended Plainville High School, Mount St. Mary College, Central Connecticut State University and the University of Hartford; and

WHEREAS, she was a teacher at the Wheeler and Toffolon elementary schools, until she left teaching to raise her children; and

WHEREAS, she also had a career in real estate and insurance; and

WHEREAS, she was a member of the Plainville Town Council from 1989 to 1994 and was chairperson of the council from 1993 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, she was first elected to serve in the 1995 to 1996 term, representing the city of Bristol and the town of Plainville where she lived, and later representing the city of New Britain and the town of Plainville; and

WHEREAS, she served for eleven terms as a State Representative, and served as co-chairperson of the Bonding Subcommittee, member and vice-chairperson of the Select Committee on Aging and the Public Safety and Security Committee, member of the Appropriations, Banks, Commerce, Executive and Legislative Nominations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, General Law, Judiciary, Transportation and Internship Committees and member of the Select Committees on Children, Veterans' Affairs and Workforce Development; and

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WHEREAS, she also served as Assistant Majority Leader, Deputy Majority Whip and Deputy Majority Caucus Chair in the Connecticut House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, she served as chairperson of the Prudence Crandall Statue Committee and worked to commission a statue in the State Capitol to honor Prudence Crandall, the state heroine, at the request of students from the fourth grade class of 2000 at Ellen P. Hubbard School in Bristol; and

WHEREAS, she attended and spoke at meetings of the State Bond Commission as an invited co-chairperson of the Bonding Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, she worked tirelessly every December as an organizer of Secret Santa program that collected gifts and supplies for residents of the Veterans' Home and Hospital in Rocky Hill; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her beloved husband of fifty years, Gary Boukus, Sr., and her son, Gary Boukus, Jr., her daughter, Helen Santini and husband Jason, her four grandchildren, Zachary and Alexander Santini and Logan and Maddison Boukus, her brother, Steven Castiola, and her sister, Teresa Czak.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut General Assembly expresses its sincere sympathy and heartfelt condolences on the passing of one of its honorable members, Betty Boukus, whose death is a profound loss to the House of Representatives, her family and friends, the residents of New Britain and Plainville and the entire State of Connecticut; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to the family of Betty Boukus, as an expression of the high esteem and affection in which she is held.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Senator Martin.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

Good afternoon, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

I have remarks on the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

You know, I -- my first term here, I got to know Betty, and the only thing I regret that I wasn't able to spend a little bit more time with her. You know, she was a great advocate for Bristol and, in particular, the Bristol Hospital, and let's also, you know, the Connecticut Veteran's Hospital, who has lost a really great advocate. She was able to bring funding to Bristol, to Plainville, and Bristol

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in particular. The Bristol Boy's Club, and it's one of the highlights of Bristol today.

She also brought money towards a historic building that is now used for the handicapped families in Bristol, and she also recently brought money to the old Jennings School that was recently renovated, for the Bristol Preschool Program.

One quick story, Betty was a real estate broker, or a real estate agent, and I'm a broker, so she -- I had a listing on Cedar Lake, a year ago, and she wanted to take a look at it. So, we went out, and Gary came with her and we sat for about an hour on the lake and inside the house. And this house, I was getting some feedback. There was an odor coming from the living room and we were scratching -- I was scratching my head, where was this odor coming from. So, I'm sitting down with Gary, and he notices the same thing and we start talking about it. He says, "It's coming from over in this direction." And sure enough, it was a gas insert that was in the fireplace and we were able to solve the problem very, very quickly after that. But we thought there was a dead animal inside the wall at one point, so, it's just a short story of my, you know, of getting to know Betty and Gary a little bit.

But, you know, she represented Bristol and New Britain very, very well, and Plainville, where she came from. And I know without a doubt that the Bristol community and Plainville community are going to miss her tremendously, as well.

Thank you, Madam President.

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Thank you. Will you remark? Senator Gerrantana.

SENATOR GERRANTANA (6TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I don't think a day goes by when I don't miss my good friend and colleague, Betty Boukus.

I met Betty when she first came into the House. I was already a member of the House. She came in and took over Eugene Myrick's seat. And from that day on, it was just, I know you're shaking your head because I know you were in the House at the same time, too, Madam President, and from that day on, Betty just brought such sunshine into everyone's life. This was a woman, I hate to say it in this context, but she had a heart as big as the State of Texas, I don't think there is any other way to put it, just magnificent. And everyone, everyone in the district that she served and the State of Connecticut can be so grateful to Betty. I know in New Britain alone, all of the different bonding projects that we have gone through over the years, many of them, in fact all of them, have been mentored and shepherd by Betty Boukus. What an asset to our delegation in New Britain and, of course, to the state.

Just a little story to exhibit Betty's personality and her heart and; that is, there was a colleague who had a child, brought a child for one of our sessions and that child, of course, was getting a little antsy, you know, being outside and being with mom and that sort of thing. And Betty goes right over to that child and starts to have a conversation and says, "Well, you come with me. There are things

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that you can see and that we can do together," which gave a little bit of relief. The child was so happy to have this kind of attention, if you will, because we all know with children, that's basically what they need. And Betty took that child and showed the child different parts of the Capitol and what was going on in the Caucus. And when the child came back, the child was very calm and, of course, parents, mom was very appreciative.

So, it's just that kind of attitude that Betty would have to go up and to become a part of what was going on in any part of the lives of our constituents and the life of a child, of course. Now, every time you and I do this, every time I pass the portrait of Prudence Crandall, as we travel from the Capitol here, from the LOB here to the Capitol, you will see that portrait of Prudence Crandall, and I think of Betty Boukus. So, I feel that she will always be with us and, of course, her attention to Prudence Crandall was very appropriate. We have our state hero, which is Nathan Hale, and we have our state heroine who is, of course, Prudence Crandall. And it all goes to Betty's efforts. What a personality. We certainly will miss her. She was one of a kind. I miss her deeply in our caucus.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Senator Leone.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise for saying a few comments for Betty Boukus.

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THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

I got to serve with Betty not only in the House, but also as the Bond Chair in the Senate, while she was the House Bond Chairwoman, and all of the accolades that are being spoken about her are all valid and all true, but I really got to know her, as we had to work through some difficult items on the Bonding List, as we're tightening our belts, so we could be fiscally prudent. And she always had the uncanny ability to take a difficult item that was important to a legislator, or to anyone for that matter, and if we weren't able to do exactly what the request was, she had the -- as I say, the uncanny ability to make it seem a yes was really a no or a no was a yes.

She was able to deliver bad news with a smile and the person would walk out there feeling good. And I don't think too many people had that ability. And so, the last Bond Commission date in the last year she was very ill. And throughout her tenure she has been ill recently, but she was always working hard. She was always coming in when she really shouldn't have been there. And it comforts my heart, and hopefully her family and all that knew her, that she was able to attend that last Bond Commission meeting because she was able to say and tell everyone that she was not going to be able to do that any longer. And she got all the accolades that she deserved in a very public forum, and not everyone has that

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ability. So, I think it was rewarding for her to be able to have that happen for her.

She was always working not just for us as legislators, as colleagues, and her constituents, she also, as mentioned, was always working on behalf of Veterans. It was an extra hobby for her, even though that was a lot of work. And so, those are the kind of things that is a measure of her character. And to underscore that, in this final election, she attempted to run for reelection but, obviously, her health was failing her. And when a bad ad was put out there against her opponent that she nothing to do with and was unaware of, she personally went up to her opponent to say how sorry she was.

Now, that speaks volumes as to the character and type of person she was. It was the integrity that she held, and she never let that fail her. She never crossed her own world values to make a political point. So, she always did it for the right reason, and that's what I'm always going to remember. And I am just so happy that she was able to receive all of the public accolades that she so very much deserved.

So, I know we'll miss her. I know everyone here in this Chamber and downstairs will miss her, but I'm sure her family and friends will miss her the most. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I don't think anyone could have said it better as my colleague and seatmate, Senator Carlo Leone, has just mentioned; it was so true. And having being a seatmate of hers for so many years on the Finance Committee, we got to know each other fairly well and the part that I will always remember is her incredible sense of humor, and she would always tweak me on political differences of the latest news item, and I would tweak her on her party points of view at times, and it was just so funny, because she always had a twinkle in her eye about it and we could have a great amount of laughs and made the time together there so much more pleasurable. And I also was able to watch as the illness that she was fighting really took a toll. And there is no one that I have seen be so brave and work so hard and be so dedicated under such difficult circumstances, so my hat off to her. It was really an honor and a privilege to know Betty Boukus.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Will you remark? If I could take more points of personal privilege then, I'm one of those special people that had an opportunity to work and really care about Betty.

I have to tell you, that everything that is said here about the heart of gold, the woman that stands up for what she believed in, a fighter during her illness, the respect that she had for everybody, that the fact is that Betty Boukus, when she looked herself in the mirror, could look herself in the mirror because her word was her bond and she kept her word and she worked so hard to do it. But she

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put so much love and happiness into this world, just by her smiles, just by the way she dealt with people and made sure that everybody felt special. So, she is going to be greatly missed, but I hope that during this session and the sessions to come, that we won't forget her as somebody that brought people together, doesn't matter the sides of the aisle, doesn't matter what you do, but brought people together to get the good things done in the state. So, my words for Betty.

If there is no one else at this time, I'd ask for a voice vote on the resolutions for passage. All of those in favor, please say aye. Opposed? The resolution is adopted.

[Gavel]

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I'd like to go to our Calendar and mark our items go on our Calendar. So, if I can mark Calendar 26, Calendar No. 28, Calendar 29, Calendar 30, Calendar 31, and Calendar No. 27, as go. And if the Clerk can move in that order, please.

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Mr. Clerk.

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On page 1, Calendar 26, Senate Joint Resolution No. 32, RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT J. KANE OF WATERTOWN AN AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

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:

Motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Mr. Kane, former Senator Kane, has an MBA from the University of New Haven, a BS in Business Administration from Central Connecticut State University. His professional experience includes being the founder of Cartel Cellular phones. Obviously, a former state Senator, a general manager at the car phone store, and a former real estate agent at Caldwell Banker. Somebody -- obviously, that the circle is very familiar with has been nominated to be an auditor of public accounts, did not get sworn in on opening day so that he could be considered for this important post, somebody we have all worked with for a very long time, and certainly would ask for adoption of the resolution.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further on the resolution? Senator Fasano, good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Madam President, I rise to support Rob Kane for the position of Auditor.

Madam President, Rob Kane has been on our Appropriations for an extended period of time as ranking member, and then served on Appropriations prior to that and I might add that at the time that he served as ranking member were probably one of the most difficult times we had with respect to budgets. There are many nights he spent here burning the midnight oil, coming to as many meetings as he possibly could, while still trying to run a business. And as we all know, for those of us who serve in this building and work, this building can swallow you whole and it's a very tough balance to keep it going.

So, Madam President, I think Rob Kane will do a great job as Auditor, and I look forward to its passage. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the resolution? Will you remark further on the resolution? If not, Senator Duff.

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Thank you, Madam President. May we have a Roll Call vote on the resolution, please.

THE CHAIR:

Roll Call vote will be had. Mr. Clerk, will you call for a Roll Call vote. The machine will be open.

CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

If all members have voted, if all members have voted, the machine be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you please call a tally.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 32.

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| Total number voting         | 33 |
| Those voting Yea            | 32 |
| Those voting Nay            | 1  |
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THE CHAIR:

Resolution passes. Senator Duff.

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Thank you, Madam President. I move for suspension of our rules so that we may immediately transmit this down to the House of Representatives.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Senator Duff. Oh, Mr. Clerk, will you call the next resolution, I'm sorry.

CLERK:

On page 1, Calendar 28, Senate Resolution No. 9, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CHERYL ABRAMS OF BRANFORD TO BE REAPPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Motions on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. She holds an MS Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of New Haven, a BS in Correctional

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Administration from the University of New Haven. Ms. Abrams' professional experience includes an Adjunct Instructor at Quinnipiac University. She was formerly an instructor at the University of New Haven, formerly a President and Officer of Connecticut Probation and Parole Association, and I urge a favorable vote.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the nomination? Will you remark further on the resolution? Seeing not, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move this item to the Consent Calendar, please.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On page 2, Calendar 29, Senate Resolution No. 10, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SHEILA M. HENNESSEY OF WETHERSFIELD TO BE REAPPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD.

THE CHAIR:

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Thank you, Madam President. Move acceptance of the Senate's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Motions on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Ms. Hennessey holds a JD from Boston College Law School, a BA from Albertus Magnus College. Her professional experience includes formerly a judge of the Newington Probate Court, and formerly before that a sole general practitioner. She is currently the Chairwoman of the Psychiatric Security Review Board, and I urge a favorable vote.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Senator Doyle, good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I'd like to briefly speak in favor of the appointment of Sheila M. Hennessey to the Psychiatric Security Review Board. I have known Judge Hennessey for my whole life. I'm good friends with her children. She is really a legend in Wethersfield. She is for many years a practicing attorney, but she also served Wethersfield for many years on the Board of Education, became Chairman of the Board of Education.

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Thereafter, she served on the Council for several terms, was Deputy Mayor, and thereafter that, she served, I believe, approximately 20 years as the Probate Court for the Newington Probate, that consists of Wethersfield, Newington, and Rocky Hill, and she was highly regarded as a Probate Judge. But what provides her unique experience for this position is during her tenure, most of her tenure as Probate Court Judge, you'll remember we had the Cedar Crest Psychiatric Hospital, in Newington. She had to convene and supervise many hearings over there on a weekly basis, so she got significant experience with individuals with psychiatric needs. Therefore, as you know, this board deals with individuals that CVH and Middletown, and it's a very, very difficult board to serve on, but Sheila Hennessey, being a person beyond reproach with exceptional experience in here, I urge the Chamber to vote for this resolution and reappoint Sheila Hennessey to this important board. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further on the resolution? Will you remark further on the resolution? Senator Duff, will you -- Senator Duff, will you speak to me, thank you. [Laughter] Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

What would you like to hear, Madam President?

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We'll talk about that later. [Laughter]

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Okay. Wonderful. Thank you, Madam President, if there is no objection, I move this item to our Consent Calendar, please.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Also, on page 2, Calendar 30, Senate Resolution No. 11, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL C. DALY OF FARMINGTON TO BE REAPPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Motions on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Mr. Daly holds a JD from Western New England University School of Law, a

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BA from Trinity College, and is currently a managing partner at Furey, Donovan, Tracy & Daly, PC. He's a contributing author of Connecticut Evidence by Holden & Daly, a Member of the Board of Governors of the House of Delegates Representative at the Connecticut Bar Association, and I urge favorable vote.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the resolution? Will you remark further on the resolution? If not, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd like to place this item on our Consent Calendar, please.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if we can now move to Calendar No. 27, Senator Resolution No. 8.

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On page 3, Calendar 27, Senate Resolution No. 8,  
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN  
JUAN F., ET AL. V. DANIEL MALLOY, ET AL.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I would yield  
to my good colleague and vice chair of the  
Appropriations Committee, Senator Hartley.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Hartley, will you accept the yield, ma'am.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Yes, I do. Good afternoon, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

I do accept the yield. Madam President, I move  
acceptance of the Senate Committee's unfavorable  
report and rejection of the Settlement Agreement,  
Madam President.

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The motion on acceptance of the unfavorable report and rejection of the Settlement Agreement. Will you remark, ma'am.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, this settlement was the extensive subject of a hearing before the Appropriations Committee and I should first of all remark, Madam President, that the -- and recognize the unilateral -- uniformly the Committee felt that the leadership and the Commissioner's work had represented great progress in running the Committee and dealing with the incredible challenges of providing a safe haven and harbor for our children and families.

Madam President, Senate Resolution 8, subsequently it was the majority opinion of the Committee that there was substantial compliance with more than a majority of the 22 outcomes, the outcome measures that were before the court, and this was recognized not only by the members of the Committee, but also by the plaintiffs and it was reported by the court monitor.

The opinion of the majority of the Appropriations Committee, however, was that they were not willing to create fixed funding for the department, which had the effect of perhaps being an affect in perpetuity. The Committee, however, did recognize that the settlement did, in fact, have significant merit. And, however, on balance after a very extensive process and hearing, it was the majority of the Committee's opinion that in effect creating a fixed funding amount going forward would represent adoption of the legislature's role and; therefore,

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came the vote on the unfavorable report. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Formica. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and good afternoon to you. I rise for some comments on the resolution, please.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Just a few points of clarification. The motion is to approve and uphold the rejection by the Appropriations Committee so that a yes vote would mean this would not pass, provided it received the necessary number of votes; is that correct, Madam President?

THE CHAIR:

That is correct, sir. You know, the statute basically says that two-thirds of the legal votes cast are needed to adopt this unfavorable report. So, a yea vote does indicate the acceptance of the unfavorable report.

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Thank you very much. You know, we appreciate the hard work of this agency, and we understand the desire to get out from under Federal oversight, but this particular agreement does not settle the case nor set a termination date for the court oversight. And should this fail, then the parties would continue to operate under the current agreement and as the good Senator said, it does alarmingly, I think for the Appropriations Committee, create a judicial lockbox for the entire agency's budget inclusive of a new array of services that would be added and specified to be used by the agency, which would be outside the realm of many other child services that are provided in other great agencies throughout our government. Also, the open-ended opportunities for additional services and programs by the court administrator still would be at its determination. I have some concerns with that.

So, Madam President, in closing, I would say, let's work with DCF, let's include the Attorney General's office, let's include this legislature. Let's together craft a plan that will truly modify the existing outcome measures and to help move DCS out of court oversight, which I think is the goal for everybody, but in an equitable way that does not tie the hands of this legislature or future legislatures and addresses the systematic failures and do what's best for the children that we need to serve. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. And for clarification, Senator Formica, I did make a mistake, there is three-fifths of legal votes cast are needed to adopt the unfavorable report, not two-thirds, it's three-fifths.

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SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

So, this is one of those in government, a yes vote is a no vote, Madam President?

THE CHAIR:

Yes, and I'll go through that afterwards, but I had given the wrong numbers before --

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR:

-- yes. Will you remark further on the resolution? Will you remark further on the resolution? If not, at this time -- let me just remind everybody that the issue before us, Calendar No. 27, the Senate Resolution No. 8, THAT UNDER SECTION 3-125A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES ARE THREE-FIFTHS VOTE -- THREE-FIFTHS VOTE MAKES IT A LEGAL -- LEGAL VOTES CAST ARE NEEDED TO ADOPT THE UNFAVORABLE REPORT. So, a yea vote indicates the acceptance of the unfavorable report and a rejection of the agreement.

So, at this time, Mr. Clerk, I'd ask you to open the machine and call for a Roll Call vote.

CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call has been ordered in the Senate.  
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If all members have voted, all members have voted,  
the machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you  
please call the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution No. 8.

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| Those voting Yea            | 25 |
| Those voting Nay            | 8  |
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THE CHAIR:

The agreement has been rejected.

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Senator Duff. Mr. Clerk, will you call Calendar 31,  
please.

CLERK:

On page 2, Calendar 31, Senate Resolution No. 7,  
RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE STATE  
EMPLOYEES BARGAINING AGENT COALITION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten, good afternoon again, ma'am.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Madam President, I  
rise and ask for the circle to approve Senator

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Resolution No. 7, which is the agreement between the State of Connecticut and the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition, and I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on acceptance and adoption. Would you like to remark, ma'am?

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, this agreement is a simple agreement from my perspective. The provisions of the proposed agreement are that the unfunded liability will be computed using entry-age normal, currently the State Employee's Retirement System uses projected unit credit in general. In addition, the Pension Funding Method will be level dollar. Essentially the same in layman's terms would be as a mortgage with an equal dollar amount to be paid over a given number of years.

In addition, the unfunded accrued liability as of 1984 will be paid off in 2032, with the total SURS on accrued liability of \$14.9 billion as of 06/30/2014, to be paid off by 2047. An additional 15 years is being added to the current amortization period and the actuarial gains and losses will be amortized using a 25-year-layed amortization approach.

In addition to that, the Retirement Commission, as of 12/15/16, adopted an assumption rate of 6.9 percent, instead of what has been in as an 8 percent, which was clearly an unrealistic assumption.

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So, I urge my colleagues to adopt the resolution as this provides stabilization of the pension fund, and that's clearly what this is, a stabilization of the pension fund.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I rise for the purpose of discussion of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you very much. Madam President, this to me is a question of philosophy. This gives us an opportunity to decide, I think as a state, in our fiscal challenges, whether we are going to continue to address the symptom or whether we are going to try to address the problem. Is this a bill to -- a resolution to help us on our budget as we move forward, or this truly a pension refinancing agreement and simply just that?

The numbers that we receive show us that for purposes of the refinance, this is \$1.1 billion dollars in savings for the next two years, and I think, are we trading that savings for long-term stability and security as the cost moving out for

the final 15 years exceeds anywhere between \$8 and \$12 billion dollars in additional costs to the state of Connecticut.

Now, Madam President, I understand this has been a problem that has been simmering for many, many years, and this is of no fault of really anyone here as to how it began. It simply, the legislature did not fund certain pension obligations in the early days of those pensions, and it lead to costs overrunning returns.

We are on the verge of crafting a new budget. That budget, it has a two-and-a-half-billion-dollar proposed deficit over the next two years. Driven in part by the escalating annual contributions to this fund. Five years or so ago, there were some changes made to try to address this certain point. But again, it was an addressing of certain symptoms and not the full problem. Five years ago, there was a promise to erase the 2032 spike that we are all hearing about, and yet as the conversation occurs over the last few weeks for a promise of stability and predictability, we're hearing of the same spike about to occur in 2032, roughly 16 years from now. This plan proposes to do the same. The tradeoff is should we continue the problem by underfunding our pension by \$11 billion dollars over the first 15 years or should we kick the can down the road and pay an additional \$8 to \$12 billion dollars, take that savings and apply it to our budget?

This puts the real solution off, has been our history here. Now that said, as the good Senator said, as she introduced this, there are some good aspects that will begin to address some of the problems that we have. And she mentioned the



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allocation rate dropping from 8 to 6.9 percent, which will help us potentially move closer to achieving our investment assumptions.

However, Madam President, I remind the Chamber that over the last five years, our investment returns have averaged a little over two percent. The other good thing in this particular agreement has to do with the formulate change to level dollar. I see that as a positive change. But it's not quite enough. I did, at the Appropriations Committee, vote yes to get this out of Committee, based on a set of numbers that we saw on that particular day. It was until after that vote that we received some numbers that really showed that this was more of a budget opportunity over the next two years in attempt to really continue treating the symptoms and not really address the problems.

We need true stabilization in long term, so that we are not here time and time again addressing the same issues. This agreement does not save the pension money, it increases costs by extending the amortization schedule. This agreement does change the design on the system or improve the fund solvency for its members. This agreement does not do anything to shore up our woefully underfunded pension plan.

I suggest, Madam President, that we start with solving the problem at the same time that we begin to take these steps, and if there are discussions going on now with the union that ultimately resulted in this conversation, I think we should start with true pension reform. And that some ideas, and there are many of ideas, not just ideas that I'm going to say, I'm just going to mention a few. But adopting

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a defined contribution plan for new hires only, that will save money over time, especially with the reduced allocation rate. Increasing employee contributions will be helpful as we move to reform. And perhaps a change in the COLA to match closer to inflation with a two percent cap. These are proven money changers and system strengtheners.

Madam President, I submit in closing that I believe it's time to put us, this government, this body, this legislature, put our budget on a path to sustainability. Let's guarantee our great employees the confident future and the system stability that they so richly deserve and, at the same time, give our tax payers the affordability that it demands. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Senator Osten, for the second time.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, I would remind my colleagues around the table that this is not a philosophy discussion, this is a dollar's discussion. And, in fact, if this agreement is not affirmed, it will cost in the next budget \$570 million dollars, and I have not heard my good colleague, who I enjoy sitting next to all the time, come up with a resolution for that \$570 million dollars nor have they even discussed the \$6 billion dollars that on the spiked plan that is available. The facts are this, we have people all on the same side of the fence on this issues. Whether it's the comptroller or the treasurer or the

Connecticut Business and Industry Association, who has affirmed this resolution. In addition to that, both two of the rating agencies have said that this agreement is a good agreement and a start in the right direction. Both Moody's and S&P have said to us that these are things that Connecticut should be doing to move us in the right direction.

Unlike previous administrations, this is not a kick the can down the road, it would be nice if we could just do that and not discuss true -- a true discussion on our pension, unfunded pension liabilities. The facts are this, that we have a problem that has not been discussed and open in a very long time, and this was an open discussion. This was a discussion that was had between the unions and the executive branch that was a long time in coming. Are there other discussions that need to be had? Absolutely. Is this true pension reform? No, it is not. It is not because it was not designed as that. It was designed as pension stability, so that we can continue discussions and to my knowledge, those discussions are happening. And I can't wait to see the results of them because I know that state employees have always stepped up when the state needs them to.

The fault of previous administrations of not addressing the unfunded pension liabilities when the state had surpluses in the '90s has led us to this day. We need to affirm this, so that we stabilize next year's budget. We stabilize the future of the pension, and we meet our obligations in a clear and concise way.

Again, I remind my colleagues, all parties are on the same side of the fence, CBIA, Moody's, Standard

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& Poor's, CBAC, the treasurer, the comptroller and, I hope, this body. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Senator Frantz, good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR FRANTZ (36TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I rise in opposition to this resolution. And I'll just start by saying, democracy is a great form of government because it does allow you to talk about the causes and effects of problems, such as the one we're dealing with here today. And I think it is completely fair game. I know we're looking at a potential cash crunch in the next 12 to 18 months, if we don't act in some form or another, this is maybe perhaps the easiest way to come up with \$550 million dollars for next year's budget, but it's super important to be able to talk about these problems that we see today, what the causes are, and how we can fix it, all in the name of the health of the economy and the State's Fiscal House, here in Connecticut as well as the taxpayer.

So, you know, had the captain of the Titanic had a little meeting with his safety committee before entering the area where the icebergs were known to be and discussed what he could have done differently to avoid the iceberg, maybe they could have averted that disaster, we don't know. But that's what we're looking at here. And yes, we're maybe going into waters where there aren't as many icebergs if we pass this deal today in minimizing the risk of there being unpredictability and more instability in our

fiscal situation here in Connecticut, but we're still not eliminating the problem, and I would argue that we're making it worse.

We're taking a very high cost solution down the road, which I would consider amoral, because we're putting the obligation onto kids who we don't even know yet, probably aren't even in the world yet, when you're talking about 20 and 25 years down the road. We have been doing this, we, none of you necessarily have been here for 30 years plus, but for 40 and 50 years, we have been constantly generating promises that really can't be kept, and we have been very un-fiduciary like in the way that we've dealt with the numbers end of this and that we have not supplied the capital in the pension funds, there is not just one, there is several of them, and there is also the healthcare plan that we haven't even talked about.

Where, we haven't put enough capital into -- at the base. The two most important things you can have in the mathematical equation is, you have to have a big base. You have to have a high rate of return. We have had neither of those two for essentially 40 years now and particularly in the last maybe 16 years, 18 years, when we've seen a tremendous bull market, but also a big hiccup and incredible opportunity; we've had real mediocre returns on a very small base. That's a double edge sword that has essentially destroyed the mathematics of this particular pension scheme that we're dealing with. And you know, yes, we all acknowledge that the rating agencies say this is mildly positive to pass something like this. Well, you have to remember, these are the guys in 2008, who were saying things are going to be fine, they're going to be fine,

because we are going to be able to get through the next three and six months on all of these collateralized debt obligations and subprime mortgages, subprime mortgage instruments and all of that, but boy were they wrong because had they taken a longer view of say even just a year or what they should be doing is looking five and seven years down the road, these things were completely unsustainable given their financial makeup and also given what was going on in Washington, D.C., and also in the marketplace there were a lot of guilty parties there.

So, they are looking at this as how much can the State of Connecticut tax their citizens with their unlimited taxing power. And they look at it in a static situation. They look at it perhaps only going out six months or 12 months, can we get through to the next, you know, two or three payments on our bonds. And the answer there, of course, is yes. But what happens two years down the road, five years down the road? And I know this is trying to address it, but there is a better way to avoid a cash crunch in the state and have the kind of structural reforms that we need that will keep us solvent for the future and for future generations.

You know, it's this kind of obligation that we have that is on a crumbling foundation. It's a theme we know about all too well in this circle, in this building, and this is exactly what's happening with their pension plan and it's exactly why we have to address this problem head on today, and this is an opportunity for everybody to speak out about the issues. Yes, we know there is a cash crunch, we have got to do something about it, but now is our chance.

And if you look at the balance sheet of Connecticut, and you look at its \$12 to \$13 billion dollars in assets and it's close to \$90 billion dollars in unfunded liabilities as well as funded liabilities, we need \$23 billion dollars' worth of bonded indebtedness, that in the private sector world would put us in insolvency decades ago.

But some have, because as Moody's and S&P says, it can keep going to the next quarter or six months or whatever with unlimited taxing power they can just barely squeak through, but the private sector sees this and, you know, they're scared to death of the balance sheet of the State of Connecticut for reasons that we're dealing with and talking about today.

So, we need to fix that if we're going -- if we're going to cause predictability and we're going to cause stability, this is exactly what we have to reform, and today would be a great day to start to do that by certainly talking about it. And we know that business decision makers pay very close attention to the balance sheet as well as the cash flow statement, the income statement of the State of Connecticut, and they really don't like what they see.

I know for fact, because Jeff Immelt is still a constituent, he's not moved out of the state yet, but he certainly has moved his corporate headquarters out of the state. And his biggest fear was what was in store for the future based on the balance sheet, and this goes back two-and-a-half years, I think he'd be pretty appalled at what was going on here. In economic development, we talk to

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CEOs and CFOs all the time, they're very, very concerned about our balance sheet.

Also, you have our structural costs, a large portion of which are the pension fund payments and contributions that must be made have gone from 23 percent to well over 50 percent here in the last 15 years. This is an unsustainable trend, particularly because right now, as you all know, we're in a low interest rate environment. The only place for rates to go is up. We know it's going to happen. The economy will start to get heated up again, and we're looking at a 13 percent, close to 13 percent of overall budget cost for debt service. That could easily go to 15 percent when you get over 10 percent, the red flag should be going up, and I don't see enough red flags or even pink flags around the building.

So, the structural expenses have for many years now, certainly for most of our tenure here in the circle today, has been crowding out spending in the social services area. It has been brutal, as we all know. And this is why we're all here is to take care of the most vulnerable people in the State of Connecticut and we've effectively failed partially there anyway because we haven't kept our fiscal House in order where we can actually afford these different programs. And, if anything, it is going to get worse before it gets better.

So, again the math doesn't work on this. The original pension scheme was never really well thought out, never well-constructed, because those ended up being promises that could never be fulfilled over the course of time; especially, when you had such poor returns on investment and such



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neglect of the overall base of the capital, the principal that is in that account and other retirement accounts for state employees and teachers and the like.

So, the math doesn't work. I think today, let's not approve this. Let's figure out a way to get through our cash flow crunch problems and let's start to talk about serious pension reform; otherwise, it will destroy the State of Connecticut. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark? Senator McLachlan. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN (24TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Madam President, I stand disappointed over this proposal; however, I think it's really a special day in the Connecticut General Assembly because since my arrival in 2009, we haven't had an opportunity to have a discussion about one of the contracts that automatically is deemed approved without action by the General Assembly. So, I'm grateful that we're having a discussion about this agreement today. I think it's very important. I would like to, for those outside the state capitol, who don't really understand what's happening here today, I'd like to put it into layperson's terms.

We all know what happened in the late 2000s. In fact, when I began my term here in 2009, we were in the middle of the Great Recession. And being a former banker, I can tell you that I had personal

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friends and clients who, leading up to that Great Recession, were being creative in the way they financed their primary residence.

So, let me just remind people what was going on in those days. Unfortunately, it's still happening. People would have credit cards maxed out and roll all the credit cards into a refinance on their home. And then they would go and buy a car that they couldn't afford and they would cash that out and add it to the refinance on their home. And low and behold, banks were allowing refinance of homes, even though property values were dropping at this point. They were allowing a refinance for someone with good credit at 110 percent of appraised value of the property. So, low and behold as the property values continued to plummet, they were upside down. And low and behold, not too far down the road, they were homeless, looking for a rental because they were not able to purchase another home less expensive.

Now, everyone can think of a neighbor, a friend, or a family member who went through this. Because it was literally thousands right here in Connecticut that experienced that and across the country millions who had that experience. And what did that mean? That meant that it was living beyond our means, and that's exactly what this agreement is. We're not fixing any problems, we're just refinancing. That's what we're doing. It's a refi, and a refi is always, always postponing the agony.

The only person that -- the only reason to refi that makes sense is if you're decreasing your liability and getting a lower interest rate. But that's not what we're doing. What we're doing is postponing

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agony. We're not facing the problem that is vividly before us.

I urge rejection of this agreement with the hope, sincere hope, that the union negotiators and the state employees understand that we are not fixing their problem, their concern about their pension plan with this action today. And to the taxpayers, we are not fixing your problem today with this refi because all we're doing is adding \$11 billion dollars to your liability. So, we're not fixing the problem. This agreement should have been and certainly in the private sector would have been part of a bargaining chip, part of a wider discussion of pension reform in the State of Connecticut. Republican members of the Connecticut General Assembly have time and time again proposed alternative pension benefits for state employees, new hires.

I don't believe that we've ever said, at least not since I've arrived, have I ever supported the idea of slashing pension benefits. You know, I keep hearing that that's what republicans are trying to do. On the contrary, we understand there is a commitment to current and previous state employees, but there's a reality check right now, just like there has been in the private sector and in local governments, my own hometown, and in other states as close as Rhode Island, there is a reality check that this pension plan in the State of Connecticut is going to implode like California.

Does anyone know what happened in California? Well, eventually that's what's going to happen if we don't fix the problem. There was a story late last month, a cover story in one of the papers of a California

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retiree, California state employee retiree, whose pension benefit went from \$49,000, I believe, to \$19,000 in one swoop. Serious problem. And my point is, why aren't we fixing the problem? All we have to do is look at what's happened in other states and look at what's happened with government employee pensions in municipalities and in county governments elsewhere in the country.

We know we're on the precipice. We know it's a problem, but we're just doing a refi. And that's what happened to millions of fellow Americans in the Great Recession, and they had a very, very painful lesson. People that I went to school with, who at age 50 years old, were facing homelessness, had lost everything that they had in any equity in their home, because they were living above their means and now have no retirement and are just now, eight to 10 years later, starting to find their way back to home ownership, approaching 60 years old. You see what I'm saying, it's a very visible problem in individual family's budgets of living beyond their means. We saw it. We're still seeing it. And now state government is continuing to do the same thing.

So, I wanted to share with you, especially our constituents, this comparison that refi is the wrong way to go; unless, unless, it's also pension reform at the same time, it has to be. Because you need both of those items working together, refinance if necessary and reform, to be able to fix the problem. And I urge rejection of this proposal before us. Thank you, Madam President.

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Thank you. Senator Boucher.

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SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, this pension fund debate is just another reminder that the State of Connecticut has put itself in a very bad situation. It's a reminder to Connecticut's taxpayers that instead of making the really hard decisions that we really should make right now and change the perception of businesses that Connecticut has a bright future ahead. Instead, continuing a practice of pushing this very serious problem onto other legislators, onto other governors, onto other taxpayers. You know, much was made previously of administrations that didn't face the facts that they were confronting and moved the pension reform, which is really what this should all be about, they moved it out 10, 20, even 30 years. And here we are again facing what was perceived of problems of the past.

And at this time, a pledge was made not to ever do this again. And yet, here we are doing the very same thing. And you've heard that adage being said all the time, that insanity is doing the same thing time and again, over and over, and expecting a different result.

Well, this proposal that we're looking at is missing two very important points, and this is something that has not been discussed yet today. It is presuming that by taking the rate of return on this pension fund from 8 percent to 6.9 or essentially 7 percent, we're going to make a really big difference in the state. And, in fact, we couldn't be more wrong. Because let's face it, if you have been in the marketplace and studying pension investment

returns over the last 10, 20, 30 years, you know that when we face a recession and obviously in the next 20 or 30 years, we're going to face two or three, it's guaranteed recessions. And in those recessionary years, rates of return are not even in the plus area; many times, they are minus two or even three percent. I don't see this calculation that we're looking at right now, take that into consideration. To say that there will be years when you will never reach seven percent. In fact, in really good years, the good years that we're having right now, getting to a seven percent return is very, very difficult to do. Some of the very best investment managers in the country can't get there.

Beyond that one consideration, that really undermines the calculation of what we're staring at and why maybe that \$11 billion-dollar cost could be substantially more. When you extend the payments out into the future, you are actually paying more, that makes sense. You know that when you do that by getting a seven-year loan on your car instead of a two or three year, you do that when you take your 15-year home mortgage out to 30 years, you're going to end up paying more at the end of the day.

So, what we're really doing is increasing the cost to Connecticut taxpayers by not addressing pension reform, which we should be addressing right now. And the pressure to do that would be if we kept the numbers the same, if we did not vote in favor of this proposal, if we really looked seriously at addressing the issue at this moment. That is why many of our state employee pension unions have promoted and even encouraged this type of proposal instead of cutting back where we need to. Again, moving this issue to future pensioners, future

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employees. Quite frankly, this to me is not a stabilizing method at all.

It's just making a very bad situation worse. And I'm going to repeat that, it is not stabilizing the condition, the financial condition of the State of Connecticut, it is making a bad situation much worse and adding to Connecticut's reputation as a state with fiscal problems that companies like GE and God knows, I hope not ETNA, look at and make them consider another option than the State of Connecticut. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Leone.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of the measure in front of us, and I want to offer a differing point of view as a result of that statement. And I very much respect my republican colleagues for their point of view on this issue going forward, but I would posit that doing nothing is not the solution. Doing nothing is the clear message to the private businesses out there, the GEs, the ETNAs, their fear of how we're going to balance our fiscal sheet going forward. And this proposal is just one step towards that pension stability, that pension stability that will lead to pension reform. This is not a won and done, we passed this and things are going to be clear sailing going forward.

But in order to get the pension stability to lead to pension reform, you have to be able to pay your

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bills. You have to pay your bills now and what you're obligated to do. And right now, we're facing \$500 million next year, \$6 billion within a couple of years, with no clear solution on how to do that now if this measure does not pass. I haven't seen a proposal that fills that gap.

So, if we don't meet that obligation, we're never going to have the chance to worry about the future because we will never get there. This is about being able to pay your bills going forward. And this will allow us to do that by stabilizing the payments over, yes a longer period of time, but that will give us a chance to get to a place where we can put our fiscal house in order, generate the proper revenues so that we can then prepay not just our current obligation, but you can pay the interest on the principal, so that you can reduce that long-term payment schedule, that's how it's supposed to work. So, we have to take -- we have to make sure that we follow through that. This legislature, this administration, future administrations, future legislatures to pay their share when they're supposed to.

We didn't arrive at this situation overnight. Previous administrations, some from the other party, one independent, this is a long-time coming where previous officials didn't put their fair share into making the payments, and we're now faced with trying to undo that injustice. And if the revenues are not there, the revenues are not there. And, yes, there's going to be a lot of hard choices coming. We're not going to shirk our responsibility. This is just one of many more hard choices coming.



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In the 2008 recession, plenty of loans were being made that never should have been made. Some were on the fault of the individual, some were on the fault of the banks that wanted the easy money because they could increase their fees. But what was the fallout?

A lot of people lost their jobs, their homes become undervalued and they were under water, and there was total disruption out there. And if we didn't act or do something to help our fellow constituents that were faced in a precarious position, there would have been a whole lot more people homeless and destitute. So, people that were caught unaware, many times through no fault of their own, not through their lack of fiscal management, but through the fallout of the recession, the fallout of the financial firms, giving bad loans to clients they knew couldn't afford them, and then for the poor person who did all the right things, worked in those years and, all of a sudden, they lost their job and they couldn't get a loan because the market dropped. This esteemed body we passed a program for people that couldn't make their mortgage payments for those situations, mortgage foreclosure program, right? So, that they could go to an arbiter and put out a plan that if they can make payments going forward and extend the life of the mortgage from say 30 years to 40 years, if they could get a job or maintain their job, whatever job they had to generate income, if they could continue to make payments they could stay in their home.

And then if that could lead towards increased employment, increased salary wages, increased income, they could prepay their new costs and bring it back down. They had to get over that hump.

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Sometimes you are faced with a situation that is untenable and many times through no fault of your own. And I don't think it's the fault of this current body that has gotten us here, but it is this body that has to find the way out. And private businesses, the GEs of the world, their watching, ETNAs, they want to know what we're doing, and the plan that has been floated and the professionals, the Moody's, the Fitch's, they are all saying this is not the best plan, but it is a plan, and they support it. They are saying this will lead us towards getting to where we need to be. This is only one step of getting to that program.

So, I've seen private businesses refinance all the time, and then when they make a huge profit windfall they pay it down and then they'll do it again, so how you manage that is what's important. It's not shirking your responsibility and sometimes you're faced with doing things you wouldn't rather do, so we're faced with the same thing.

We have circumstances that are forcing our hand and it is not an easy answer. And doing nothing is probably the worst thing you can do because it just continues to continue the problem. So, until I see a clear plan on how we're going to pay for this, we still have to manage our budget this moment. Are we going to increase revenues? I don't think there is an appetite for that. Do we want to decrease services for those that need it? I don't think there is an appetite for that. Do we want to borrow any money? I don't think we have an appetite for that. So, what alternatives do we have? You have to pick a path. It might not be the path you want as your first choice, but at some point you have to make a difficult decision and find the way through.

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You have to break through the wall. This is a way to break through that wall to get to where we need to be. It stabilizes our payments, it allows us to catch up to where we need to be so that we can prepay those future payments so we don't have to make those balloon payments.

I would posit that this is the right course to take, and it will benefit our future. And I don't think destroying the pensions of the people that would be coming into public service is the only solution towards fixing that problem. So, I hope everyone finds a way to support this measure. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Larson.

SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

Thank you, Madam Chairman, I rise in support of this resolution. First of all, I would like to congratulate Governor Malloy on the successful negotiations with the state employees. Governor Malloy has made that in his tenure his mission to do his best efforts to fully fund state pensions, which will down the road save us millions of dollars. He has taken those bold steps and appropriated those dollars to eliminate future considerations.

I'd also like to congratulate the state employees who have actually worked on this negotiation and have been helpful in providing this particular solution. As my colleague, Senator Leone, has just mentioned, this is a step forward.

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Several years ago, I had the opportunity to be the Mayor in the town of East Hartford, and back in that time it was called Asset Smoothing, and we used a similar formula, if you will, to save the town of East Hartford and immeasurable amount of money and keep the lights on in the building. This is difficult times. There is no way around it. We understand what we need to do as a governing body.

This solution, I believe, is the step clearly in the right direction. You know, I'm a glass half full sort of a guy. I have been the recipient of Pratt & Whitney, developing their world headquarters in my hometown. We have seen the efforts of Sikorsky and what has gone on in preserving those great jobs here and in Eastern Connecticut, Electric Boat. I think our best days are ahead of us. We do have opportunities within the confines of these plans. There is a finite number of solutions that we would need to do prospectively, looking at different options prospectively, but for today, this is a very good plan. It helps us balance our state budget, and I would commend all of those involved in this.

We have often times, I think, take our state employees for granted and have this huge target on their back. Yesterday when we left here out of our busy Committee meetings, the roads were slippery, and all day long we heard about traffic and weather reports, and people driving trucks, and state police giving us safety on our way home. You know, the notion of overtime in pension calculations is a management tool. And certainly, you know, one can argue that those state employees put in the time for that overtime benefit. I believe that is certainly an item that could be addressed and potentially looked at down the road, but I think we often times

think that these calculations and so forth, that these state employees are contributing to their pension. They are putting in the work. They are getting to work each and every day to provide the services that we require of them. We are not a business. We are not a profit-making entity. We don't have the luxury of raising our prices here and there in order to accommodate swings in the market. We have obligations to our residents to keep us safe, secure, and moving forward. Again, I want to commend the state employee's union and our Governor, for reaching a consolidation on this and moving the state forward. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Cassano.

SENATOR CASSANO (4TH):

Thank you, Madam. I rise too in support of this bill. This is kind of interesting for me. As many of you know, I taught at the Community College of Manchester. I was a Sociologist. I knew nothing about numbers and I can tell you today, I'm still pretty weak at numbers. So, when I look at some of the graphs and the charts, I can't flip through them, I go through them line by line, trying to figure out what they mean, and doing the numbers the best I can. When I need advice or professional help, I go to an accountant or whoever it might be, a banker, and so on, because I very simply have never had that kind of background.

I have been now six years here in the Senate. I've heard many times the advice to us as democrats that we should be listening to the business community.

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We should understand when CBIA suggests that we do A, B, or C, it's good for the State of Connecticut. But the rating agencies, if they don't do this or they don't do that, or if we don't do this or we don't do that, half the time I have to figure out what you're talking about, but it has a negative impact on everything we do.

Today, the rating agencies and CBIA and the business community are saying, "Do this. Do this. Help stabilize Connecticut so that we can move forward and have a plan, so that we have an idea of where we're going." We also know, because we've heard negotiations just come up on this, for months they have been involved in negotiations. This is part of that probably. And we know there are ongoing negotiations. And quite honestly, I would bet anything that many of the suggestions from Senator Formica, from others here, are items that are very much on the table. As a former mayor, like Tim, I had to deal with these. We had two recent sessions in the 14 years I was mayor. And during that period of time we did sit down and we did negotiate, we did work out. Because honestly, the state employees are no different than local employees. They do what's best for the people they work for, whether it's the State of Connecticut or the municipality, or mayor of. If the business community and the rating communities are saying, "This is a good move. It helps us move forward. It helps Connecticut get out of the hole," then there shouldn't be a debate, we should move to pass it. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRANTANA (6TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I rise in support of this resolution. You know, we are talking here today about a resolution. A resolution that is long, long-time coming, I must admit. But it does go to the heart of what we're talking about and that is pension stability, something that certainly I care very much about. You know, there is always a lot of discussion about our state employees and what they do or what they don't do. I do know that they are and have been and will be part of this discussion and you know what, we are all state employees here too. We are part of this discussion. That discussion for reform is down the road, I believe it's appropriate, but right now, what we're doing is the right thing to do, the right thing to look at a solution that will bring stability here in our state that we need.

Now, I'll talk to my constituents too, because very often when I meet with them, I also speak in very plain English and certainly I can identify, as many of my constituents can, with the fact that very often when we do take out, if you will, a mortgage, we do have to refinance, and that refinance can sometimes mean avoiding balloon payments at the end and that's exactly the situation that we are in today. And, you know, I just want to say that, I think it was Senator Larson who mentioned that we would save millions of dollars. We will save billions of dollars down the road. This is absolutely an essential measure that we are taking here today. I believe it is good policy. It is a resolution. It is a resolution. We have a way to go before we actually tackle a reform. I hope that we will have that opportunity to do that. And I

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hope that we all remember we are all state employees and we are all part of this conversation. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Linares.

SENATOR LINARES (33RD):

Thank you, Madam. Good afternoon, Madam President. Madam President, I rise to discuss the matter at hand today, which is a debate and ultimately a decision over essentially refinancing our pension obligations as a state.

So, to first understand what we are debating today, I think it's important, we have to understand how we got here. And in 1928, we decided that a good way to attract folks to work for this state was to offer pensions. And it used to be that folks who worked for the state and for municipalities and I think it still is today, there was just a level of appreciation from the community for people that held these positions and that was -- that was a huge part of it. They also believed that these pensions would be sufficient for their retirement. And I think it goes without saying that all of us in this circle have a tremendous amount of respect for our state employees, for folks that get up every day and work to make this state better. And it's something that we all have a great amount of appreciation and respect for folks that help us, that helped us build this state.

One of the issues, however, is that since 1928, the economy has changed. There has been new forms of



retirement tools and mechanisms, and today if you look at the amount of pensions that are still out there as a means of recruiting new employees, it's very rare that you see someone getting offered a pension. Today, many young people, I'm 28 years old, many young people across the state and across the country don't expect to have any pensions, they don't expect to have Social Security when we retire. We don't, quite honestly, expect to have any support from government for retirement.

It's just very unlikely, and I think a lot of folks my age that are getting into the workforce or younger people leaving college getting into the workforce see the world a lot differently now. And we should be considering ways to make it so that people that are getting a job as a state employees for the first time, are getting a 401(k), so that they can look at and review their retirement plan every week, just like everyone else in the workforce, in the private workforce.

I think that would add to our retirement security. And today, instead of looking at 401(k)s, instead of looking at ways to ask state employees to add to the chance that they're going to be able to collect a pension by contributing more to their retirement. Instead of doing those things, we are essentially refinancing our debt that is owed, \$6 billion for \$22.4 billion more, from 2032 to 2047.

Now, I know that for some of you, you know, that's so far down the road it doesn't matter. But it matters a whole lot to young people in this state because that's a hurdle that we're going to have to cross and we're going to have to have -- watch -- see our children and grandchildren cross. That's a

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very concerning number, \$22.4 billion more. So, we're kicking the can down the road. What we really ought to do, as I mentioned before, is find ways to reform our pensions, our benefits with state employees. Now, as an employer myself, the one thing we look for when we are recruiting new people to work for our business is, what's market rate for a job, a CFO? What's market rate for a CFO? What's market rate for a marketing director? And that's how we're able to come up with a price and a 401(k) strategy for that employee.

I think that now we have to be looking at what's market rate for municipalities, for state employees across the country. And if you look at what's happening across the country, we actually have the lowest level of state employees required contributions out of any state. Right now, 25 percent of our state employees don't contribute to their pension. And the ones that do, can contribute as little as two percent to their overall pension; that's the lowest in the nation. As a result, we have the greatest amount of unfunded liabilities. If we increase that to six or eight percent, we would see solvency in our pension plan. Also, we have COLAs approximately three percent; that is, very high cost of living adjustments at that level are unreasonable in this day and age. Not many people get a three percent raise year after year.

Also, another area we can find a tremendous amount of savings is in overtime and travel reimbursement, which we budgeted for over \$200 million dollars for. I've gone around the district, talked to state employees about this and often times they will say to me. You know, I feel guilty almost about the health and copay benefits that they receive. Almost

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embarrassed by it, and they are actually suggesting to me that they would be willing to contribute more to the fund, to the pot, so they can guarantee there is something there for the future. And I think that there is a willingness from state employees to contribute more to adjust the COLAs, to change longevity and overtime pay. And I think they want to do that because they want the retirement security in the end.

Another area of concern that I think has been raised through this discussion has to do with the return on our capital. Now, I think it was last week the Wall Street Journal announced that Dow Jones hit a record 20,000 points, it's a record for the Dow and in the past eight years the S&P 500 had an annualized return of 16 percent. The state's capitol saw an annual return of two percent. So, we have to get a better understanding of why we missed that boat; how could we have missed the opportunity to see those returns from the State Treasurer's Office.

We need to dive into that a little more. But ultimately, I think that we have missed the mark here on this opportunity to really and truly reform pensions and businesses are paying very close attention to this because they see this \$22.4 billion more that we've contracted for, and CFOs and boards of directors are looking at these numbers and they are saying eventually, we're going to have to pay for that because government is not a business. It doesn't produce anything. It is simply here to allow commerce to flourish and to protect the people of Connecticut, but this is a hole that businesses, especially big ones, are very concerned about.

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Now, just across the street in Rhode Island, we are seeing pension reform. We are seeing real policy changes that are acting as a magnet for new businesses. Governor Raimondo is making those efforts clear, making it known that she has the backbone and the courage to make the right decisions, and that's the kind of leadership that we need. It's very simple. This decision can accelerate more problems for our state. But if we were to just make -- change the course, put Connecticut on the right track by making these more challenging decisions, we would see more businesses stay, we'd see more people trust and have more confidence in their own retirement plans, and ultimately it would be better for this state. That's why, Madam President, I will be voting against this bill. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Martin.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

Thank you, Madam President. I wasn't planning on speaking, but I've been listening here and first of all, I'd like to applaud the Governor for actually, for addressing this fiscal issue. It's been long overdue. And also to Senator Leone, you know, he mentioned that this was the first step in the process and I agree with him. I think this is a good -- a very good start in this, in this process of addressing the fiscal issue that faces our state. Simply though, what we have in front of us is simply a refinance. I'm a real estate broker. I see this on a regular basis. And it's really -- we are buying ourselves some time. I know that Senator

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McLachlan made reference to credit cards that were tapped out back in 2009 and people refinancing or adding those to their home equity loans and they're refinancing their homes and in the end the results weren't that good.

However, it is an opportunity for us to buy ourselves some time and the results from the spreadsheet that I have here in front of me is, you know, we are saving \$575 million dollars in the first year and then another half a billion dollars the following year and it will help. There is no two questions about it.

However, in the long run, it does concern me. And adding -- should we follow this and continue for the next 30 years, we are adding another \$11 billion dollars, assuming some of these, some of these projections or assumptions are correct. And then I just feel it is simply wrong for us to pass this along that future debt to the next generation. What I've heard here is reform and that there is going to be further conversation, which I'm happy to hear about. I think that's what everybody is anticipating on us doing is pension reform and getting our fiscal house in order. It sounds like it is going to take place.

What I haven't heard, though, is if should we agree to this pension financing agreement that this is going to be revisited, that this is going to be part of the wider discussion that Senator McLachlan made mention to. I don't think that we should just agree to this and this is set in stone for the next 30 years and we can't -- we should not be revisiting this. I think we do have to go back to it simply because we just cannot pass this along to our next

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generation. If that was the case, I think my vote would be different today. And let me just add one other thing, and I'll finish. It's that wider picture of the wider discussion not only should include the pension reform that we're all talking about here today, but also the ones that are ongoing from what I understand, but I should also address the definitions for the constitutional spending cap, I think that should be part of the discussion.

So, I'm going to close. I'm not going to be voting in favor of this today, but I did want to make my remarks known that there is a wider picture that we should be looking at and perhaps this -- reopening this agreement today, should it pass, should be part of that as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Martin. Will you remark?  
Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise to address the resolution before us.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you very much. First of all, I want to begin by thanking the state employees for their willingness to yet again allow the State of Connecticut to take advantage of their good will and

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to continue to underfund the payments to the retirement account on which their retirement security rests.

The fact that state employee's unions are willing to take the risk of continued underfunding of the retirement security, suggests a willingness to proceed and to step to the plate and address the larger issues that loom ahead and should be addressed now. Deferring the real solution indefinitely will only make the pain worse. It is the larger issues that we must address now.

When I was a community banker working with entrepreneurial companies, we helped many companies get started and we helped many companies grow. And occasionally, occasionally we would help them out of difficult situations. Ironically, doing something very similar to what is proposed today. We would do what was known as a troubled debt restructure that would allow the company time to buy time and to allow the company to get back on its feet. But our cooperation was always conditioned on a plan to address and a plan to correct the real problems causing the financial distress. We would never merely restructure the debt and allow management to continue business as usual. We always insisted on confronting and addressing the underlying problems as an indispensable part to a successful solution of a difficult financial situation.

The continuation of business as usual, delaying the payment of large obligations, while failing to address the real underlying problems, is not a solution. It is a repeat of the mistakes of the past. You cannot solve a fiscal crisis, like the one we're in, on a piecemeal basis. The longer we

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delay, the longer we procrastinate, the greater the pain and the stronger the medicine needed to restore our state to fiscal health. Every single person in the State of Connecticut will pay a higher price.

The mess we are in was foreseeable, and it should have been addressed long before now. This temporary solution that has been proposed is not a final solution and, in fact, what's being proposed today could be and may very well be a part of the larger solution, part of a comprehensive plan to address the real problems that are causing the financial distress we are experiencing now.

So, I want to again thank the state employees for their willingness to step to the plate and help us through the looming fiscal crisis. I hope you will come to the table again with the Governor and collaborate, not on a piecemeal solution one step at a time, but a comprehensive plan that will address the real problems and resolve our fiscal crisis now, not later. I hope that today we reject the plan that is before us, but at the same time send a message to our state employees that we do appreciate their generous offer and we do welcome them back with a similar offer, but only as part of a comprehensive plan that will address the real problems and be a real solution, not a piecemeal solution to the very real, very serious financial crisis our state is currently in. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark? Senator Kelly, good afternoon, sir. Senator Kelly, please.



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SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Good afternoon, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Like Senator Suzio just mentioned, I do thank the state employees for coming to the table to work with our Governor to try and fashion a response to a financial issue that we have before us, and I certainly believe and support the idea that our government needs to work collaboratively with their employees so that we can maintain and improve the quality of services that our constituents demand of their government. But I'm not sure that the proposal before us is the answer to that issue that we have.

What we're trying to fix with this, I'm going to say refinancing agreement, is a \$4 to \$6 billion-dollar problem that's going to be here in 15 years. And one of the things that went through my mind initially, was why now? Why does it have to happen today? And I never really got a good answer. Because quite frankly, there are other issues that are just as important, if not more so, and are just as financially troubling and yet in the six years that I've been here, I haven't really seen the focus that is needed to be placed on the issue. As a Co-Chairman of the Aging Committee and for the past six years as a ranking member, I have put forward initiative after initiative to deal with an issue called Aging in Place. I have put that initiative

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forward because people in Connecticut want to age in their home, which is what they want, it's less expensive and better. The demographic today is that 14 percent of our population is over the age of 65. We're spending greater than 10 percent of our state budget on that in regards to aid to nursing facilities, which is roughly \$2.8 billion dollars annually. We know that baby boomers moved in retirement two years ago, and in the next 15 years, they will be over the age of 65. One-third of Connecticut is a baby boomer, one-third. So, if we take the 14 that is already there, we know the fastest aging area is people over the age of 80, and you bring in a third of Connecticut, can we sustain and pay, to triple or double that 2.8 percent, \$2.8 billion-dollar appropriation? The answer is no. And those numbers are going to be in the same range as \$5 to \$6 billion dollars.

So, why isn't that being dealt with today? Why aren't we looking at those numbers? That's a fiscal cliff that's going to come, because the demographic is aging. God knows, we'd like to stop the clock on aging, but that's not going to happen, we know that. But this, this demographic, if we don't deal with our aging in place initiatives and start to put in place the right policies, we're going to have another problem in 15 years. And I want to know when we're going to start dealing with that issue? Because that's just as important. The only difference is the proposal before us, the Pension Refinancing Agreement, basically just smooths out what the state has to pay today and puts it on the backs of our children and future generations. We have a \$4 to \$6 billion-dollar problem, and what is before us is an \$11 billion-dollar solution. Let's state that again. We have got a \$4 or \$6 billion-

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dollar problem, with an \$11 billion-dollar solution, and we wonder why the state is in a financial mess. This is why we're in a financial mess.

Plain and simple, we're paying two to three times what we should. And this doesn't have to happen today and it's not the only way to do it. There are other ways to get to where we need to be, but they're not before us today. So, as a parent, I didn't run for this office to put the burdens, the financial burdens of today on the backs of my kids or the kids of the families of Connecticut. I cannot and I will not do that. Our kids deserve better. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further?  
Senator Witkos, good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I just wanted to make sure there were no other folks that wanted to speak before leadership spoke on the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

You know, I read in a comment because with today's social media, things happen instantaneously and somebody in this building declared that this is war, and it's not war, this is a difference of opinions on a public policy matter. And I think we're taking

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it to the extreme when we start classifying things to that degree.

You know, I have often spoke about my tenure as a police officer, being a member of a union, and having the ability to participate in a defined contribution plan and collective bargaining agreement process and negotiating pension plans. We always wanted to make sure when annually we got the actuaries report that the town funded their portion, because we as employees didn't have a choice, it was taken out of our paychecks, so we know that the employee portion was always 100 percent funded. For me it was a great career. I enjoy every month when I collect my pension check, and I know what I paid for my benefits. And here, as all of us sit around the circle, we are all part of the pension plan as a state employee.

So, we are all paying into our pension plan, it's taken out of our either monthly paycheck or five-month paycheck or six-month paycheck, however you wanted to opt your payment, we don't have a choice, it's just taken out. But what we've seen is, over the years, state government hasn't made their portion into the pension plan for payment. And I don't fault the state employees to be upset and they come back every year and teachers come back every year because they see the amount of the level of funding of this plan drop and drop and drop. And most actuaries would say a healthy pension plan is around 82 percent 85 percent funding level, and ours is downwards in the 40s, potentially in the 30s. And that's not good. We see that because the investors that rate our state give us negative outlooks or downgrade our performance because of one of these measures.

But I don't believe that if we vote no today, no doesn't necessarily mean that we don't agree that the employees should get their pension checks; no doesn't mean that we're going to drive off of a cliff tomorrow; no doesn't mean that anything is going to change tomorrow or next year. No means that we need to discuss it more and have all of the information available to us. Now, I'm aware that governors in the past, both republicans and democrats have extended the agreement that covers healthcare and pension for state employees for long periods of time, whether it's five years, nine years, 11 years, that's a long time and a lot of stuff can happen year after year after year. And so, the current agreement expires in 2022, it will be time for the executive branch and SEBAC to sit down to renegotiate the pension plan and the healthcare plan. Everything may stay the same or it may change, but we just don't know what's going to happen.

We know that as of, I believe it's June 30, 2022, it expires and the parties will have to come together to negotiate. And that is a process that I believe we should let unfold. Because nothing happens before 2022. There is no cliff, you've heard a lot of dates thrown out and a lot of numbers, we're just going to as a state continue to make our payments and the employees will continue to come to work and make their payments and that date on the calendar gets closer and closer and closer. Because there is some question out there that maybe, depending on how its negotiated, you may see an increase of contributions, you may see a decrease in what the assumed return on investments is, greater than one percent, if we want to be realistic on what we're

getting back on our investments through the pension plan. So, that may change the outstanding liability, where we don't have to have as much money in there, from the state's perspective, ultimately the taxpayer's perspective. But I do not degrade the employees who work every single day for the benefit that they've earned and are obligated to have through the course of their employment. But it's how do we pay for it at this point. And a no vote means we continue to pay for it in a fashion that we're paying for it today.

I'm aware that information came to light over the past two weeks or within less than two weeks of some numbers changing. And so, it's very difficult to make a decision on numbers that have changed. And if we're talking a number that ends with a dollar sign and the word "billion," that's a hard thing to swallow, a number changed, it's not something like a couple hundred dollars here, a couple hundred dollars there, we're talking billions of dollars. And we talk of billions of dollars in this building like it's nothing. But it's huge. A billion is a huge number, and I'm talking more than one billion.

So, I'm not going to be supporting it today, Madam President, because I believe that we have plenty of time, plenty of opportunities to study the issue, to wait until 2022 when the bargain agreement comes up for renegotiation to see the executive branch, whoever happens to be sitting in the governor's chair and whoever happens to be reporting SEBAC at the time, sit down and negotiate from both sides; what's best for the employees, what's best for the state, and then we make the determination based on that. I don't think we should be interfering with that process and by this vote today, I believe we

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are interfering because there is no cliff until after 2022. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise to support the underlying resolution that we have here before us today. You know, in listening to the debate, I feel like I'm a little bit in a tale of two cities. I hear on one hand talk about wanting to meet our obligations and on the other hand, we should, but it's not good enough and it leaves, I'm sure it leaves the listener a little confused as to really what we're doing and what the debate is really all about. The debate is actually pretty simple.

We have heard for many years here in this circle and around the State of Connecticut about getting our pension obligations under control, about managing the finances of the State of Connecticut and working through that so that we can have predictability and stability, grow our economy, grow jobs, and make life better for the residents of the State of Connecticut. And while many of us know that there is really no magic bullet to do that, it's a step by step process. Some of those decisions are difficult decisions and maybe some are easier than others, but certainly correcting errors of the past requires some courage, some difficult decisions, some things that may not have immediate impact, but over the long term, we know is really the right thing to do.

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I think today we find ourselves in a situation where it is the right thing to do and we know that it's going to have long term implications that will be good for the State of Connecticut. It's not to say that it's perfect, and we don't want to make this sound like it's a perfect resolution to the issue, but it is something, certainly a better course than we are currently on right now. But I think the bigger issue really is, is how did we get here in the first place? If I were at home listening to this debate, I'd say, "Geez must have been all of you who have gotten us into this place over the last five or six or seven years. You're finally correcting mistakes that you made." And I would think that would be a reasonable assumption, based on the debate today from some of my colleagues.

But I have to remind the folks who are listening that these issues were compounded and began back in the 1930s. I don't know that anybody was here back in the 1930s. This might have still been the Connecticut State Library back then, I don't know. And it certainly wasn't something that any of us really had anything to do with in the '40s or the '50s or the '60s or the '70s. Certainly, when I was in elementary and middle school in the '80s, that wasn't -- I wasn't thinking about the pension obligations of the State of Connecticut, when legislatures back then and governors back then were making all the wrong decisions and not saving for their obligations.

Certainly, the state employees were putting their money away, but not the state. The state did decide to change benefits and we have Tier I and Tier II, Tier IIA and Tier 3 that started in 2011 and was agreed on in 2011. But the state really didn't get



serious about saving for pensions until really the mid '90s. And so, we're here today based on all of those bad decisions from decades' past, compounded by an agreement signed by two governors ago and approved by the legislature that purposely underfunded pensions, pension payments that put us where this cliff is in addition to not paying for the pensions actually as should have been done.

So, while it's easy to blame the folks who were actually trying to address the problem, the real issue and I don't want to say blame anybody, but the real problems have been from decades ago. So, we're here today after the last -- first time over the last six years actually fully funding our pension obligations when it had never been done before.

So, if you think about where we are with most current employees for Tier II, Tier IIA, Tier III, we are 95 to 95 percent funded, fully funded, for our pension obligations. I think everybody would say here that that's actually pretty good. Where's our issue? Where's our problem? Back in Tier I again. Where that ended back in 1984, I believe it was. So, again, I wasn't thinking about that when I was on the playground at Marvin Elementary School, I'm sorry, maybe I should have been, but we're here today thinking about how do we pay down our debt in a responsible way, how do we live up to the contracts that we have, so that we can have predictability and stability for our job market, for our businesses, and they understand that we're taking this stuff very seriously. So, that's what leads us here today to this agreement.

So, we know that we will no longer ramp up to the \$6 billion-dollar payment in 2032. I'm not quite sure

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how anybody would think that that is even affordable. And that we will stabilize, we are going to continue to grow, we are going to stabilize those payments and smooth out that cliff over time. And I think that that is the right thing to do. Again, nobody here is blamed for any of that pension that had been accumulated and not paid for for decades and decades and decades, but it's our responsibility here right now to address that. And I don't remember any other governor coming back and saying, "Here's the way to address that," but this governor has. Our SEBAC agreement, our SEBAC folks have said, "We have an agreement. Let's get it done. We will smooth this out so that we can make it better for the residents of the State of Connecticut, whether they are a state employees or not a state employee."

And, so, I believe that while there is no perfect solution to a debt that must be paid, it's not like we can say we're not going to pay it. Well, there is no solution to the debt that has to be paid, there are good, better, and best, and this is probably one of the best solutions that we're going to be able to find.

So, I am in agreement that we need the pension stability for us, and this is a first step towards pension stability, and I'm glad that we're here and able to debate this. That, but it is important for the residents of the State of Connecticut to understand how we got here and who is working to find solutions to this as well.

So, Madam President, I will sit down, but I just wanted to, again, make sure that people understood the reason why we cast our votes today, whether it

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be yes or no, but also understand the history as to what brought us to this Chamber today on this particular resolution. I would certainly urge my colleagues to vote yes on the resolution. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Senator Fasano, good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Good afternoon, President, thank you so much. Madam President, if I may, first of all, I want to thank Senator Looney. When Senator Looney and I realized we were at a tie, we talked about this issue and Senator Looney talked about the fact that we would have this debate. So, I appreciate and I thank Senator Looney for allowing this debate to happen. I think it is important.

Madam President, if I just may for a moment, say, I want to read something and it will be very brief.

"Governor Dannel P. Malloy today announced a change to the pension funding plan that will avoid a spike in the state's obligation in fiscal year 2032, avoiding a potential fiscal crisis. Under the current contribution plan, the state would have made one-time payments of \$4.5 billion in 2032 in order to reach full funding. The restructuring will save nearly \$6 billion dollars over 20 years, put the system back on the road to long-term sustainability, something that is currently not the case. The key to managing state long-term liabilities is to reverse

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the historic chronic underfunding of the state's pension system."

Madam President, that press release was written January 23, 2012. It is apropos today as it was January 1, 2012. So, what are we doing? In 2012, I thought we fixed this. We rolled back 4 and 5 provisions, eliminated them that Senator Duff alluded to before, and we were going to get us back, according to this press release; no pension payment was going to get above \$2 billion dollars, none. And we'd be 80 percent funded by 2025. Sound familiar? Because the issue is we're not solving the problem. How did we get here? Senator Duff talked about some of the things he got -- that got us here, and he's right. We got here because when Tier I went into effect, the legislature back then and future legislatures henceforth failed to make the appropriate contributions to pension Tier I.

Tier I is funded at 25 percent. It's the most expensive one, but it's only funded at 25 percent. Tier II, et cetera, is funded at 62-63 percent, which is about the average, it's a little bit below, but not bad, about the average. When you combine the two, you're at 35 percent; what does that mean in real life? If you're investing money in a pension plan that's 35 percent vested, you have to keep it liquid, which means you can't get the greater return on the money. So, Tier I people are holding back Tier II people because you combine them, and you can't get the expected return.

Governor Malloy talked about separating Tier I, and there was some pushback, but that never happened. He might have had something there. I'm not sure, but it should have been looked at, which raises the

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question, why are we in a rush? Why are we in a rush? We all know everybody in this building got the numbers a week ago, yesterday. Governor Malloy's numbers were \$2.3 billion, before it dropped down to \$1.7 billion after 2032. Now, we know the numbers are \$2.5 billion, and drops down to \$2 billion. So, the numbers changed.

Under the first plan, we would have saved about \$80 million dollars in our budget, which lead me to believe at that time, when I was on Appropriations, if we're only saving \$80 million dollars, obviously, this plan wasn't done to balance our budget. Maybe there is some merit to this plan, so I voted yes, and I wrote to Governor Malloy and told him, I voted yes out of respect for the Governor, even though the new numbers came in, but I wanted the opportunity to review the new numbers. Well, the new numbers said that we were going to not pay the unions \$1.1 billion dollars in year one.

You have got to stop and say, "What is going on? We owe the pension plan a ton of money, and we're going to cheat the state union employees by not giving them what they're owed so we can balance the budget?" So, what are we solving for? Are we solving for methodology to fix the budget? Are we solving for methodology that helps us have a pension problem? If you stick that \$1.1 billion dollars into our pension, does that mean our grandkids don't pay so much? If you pay a little bit more now, while we're doing our budget, does that influence the curve? Well, those are questions we wanted to ask. So, we asked the Comptroller if we could get a hold of the actuary and run some numbers. The Comptroller did a great job and said, "Yes, you can." And we started to enter a deal on Friday.

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Actuary person said, "We're not going to be able to get you the numbers until after Wednesday," which lead me to write the letter to the Governor saying, "Listen," and to the unions, "postpone this, this may be a good deal. It may not be a good deal, but let's run some numbers now that you got the real numbers, six days ago, let's run some numbers to make sure this is the best plan to fund a promise we made to state employees and the best plan for the taxpayers." What is wrong about that?

Nothing is going to happen if they took the deal off the table and said, "Let's look at the numbers and run them." This payment isn't due until 2032. So, why not run the numbers and wait a week, we're here in session, not going to cost \$11,000 to pull us back in to have us talk about it again. Why not run the numbers?

When you say, you have a plan to fix it, a lack of options doesn't mean the plan in front of you is the best plan. It means it's the lack of option plan they put in front of you. There is nobody in this room who can tell me that they were in negotiations or they talked to the unions and here are four or five different plans, which we could have chosen from. Look, we have an obligation to say this is open and transparent is questionable at best. What was open and transparent? The negotiations took place when we weren't in session. They finished up on December 18th, we asked for numbers. Numbers went out, completely different numbers from a week ago. So, what's the rush? To say, we're kicking the can on down the road doesn't do it justice. We're shooting that out of a cannon. This is going to 2047, 30 years from now. And as Senator Markley put it, because he's older than me, I think, he's

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going to be 90 by the time this deal gets to the end line. Kids yet born are going to paying for this bill. Workers not even in the system are going to be subject to this bill.

So, what I had said was, look, we need to look at this issue. I also asked, if there is -- there's 17 union contracts and I met with the unions, they said 30, I don't know, I'm sticking with 17, I'm sure there right at 30, but I want to say 17, being negotiated. The question I posed was, "If there is a chance, a slight chance that there is going to be a reopening of the SEBAC agreement for any reason whatsoever, any reason whatsoever, we should do it all at once. We should do the union contracts, the 17, we should talk about the SEBAC agreement and do it all."

If Governor Malloy had not in 2011 pushed the SEBAC agreement five years, we would be doing everything today. If he has that opportunity, we should bring it back to the table and do all of that today. So, if that's going to happen, if that SEBAC agreement gets open and if it gets extended, why would you not have the pensions on the table during that conversation? Why should we not look at this thing in all of its parts? To say this is predictable and stable, is without a doubt wrong. Why? We currently -- in our formula, we move it from an 8 percent return to a 6.9 percent return. Our average over 16-year-return on investment was 4.7. Our 10-year-average was 3.9, nowhere near the 6.9 percent return. So, what does that mean? Every two years, like this year, they're going to look and say, "Did you achieve your investment?" "No." "Well, now we need to take that money and you got to come up with more money."

So, the \$2.5 billion that we're saying is a stable amount is not a stable amount, it's going to go up. It's going to go up because the investments are not coming near that amount. We have to be fair to the state unions. It isn't fair going back to those members and say, "Come on, you gotta give more, you gotta give more, you gotta give more." It's up to us to sit back and say, we need to figure out what other plans are available, put them out there, look at them, and then say, this perhaps and maybe this comes out to be a winner, I don't know.

But we need to have the opportunity to look at it. To say that the rating agencies approve this, to say that CBIA approved this, to say that some other business organizations approve this, no, no, they approved the old numbers. They didn't approve the new numbers. They have not seen the new numbers, well they might have seen them by now, but they didn't pass muster on that. And look how they're looking at it.

The question is, there is a spike coming in 2032, is that a good thing or bad thing? Well, it's a bad thing, you've got a balloon payment on your house, it's a bad thing unless you're ready to pay it off. So, you smooth it out, yeah, that makes sense, but what are the other moving parts; because I talked to CBIA and I talked to Hartford Alliance, and I talked to other business leaders and explained if we could do this whole thing at once, why not? Are there other options? They said, "We were just told either this or that." We don't have to accept that.

We're the legislature. We could say it's not this or that, there could be something else out there,



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and we had the time to do it. When you talk about good governance, I heard someone today say, "Frankly Senate Republicans don't have good governance, they didn't step up to the plate." Well, I got to tell you, I don't think it's good governance when you get figures less than six days to go on an extremely complicated formula, to say within six days I've digested it and I've done it.

I sat with OFA three times. I have a white board. It looks like a NASA moon mission has landed with all the numbers on my white board, because this is complicated stuff and it takes time to digest it and to learn it and that's all I've been doing for three weeks, that's why I've been going back and forth, but once I got the final concepts, I said, "It doesn't make sense." Good governance is not just being told it's a good deal in passing in, but to understand the mechanics of the deal and understand the intricacy of the deal and how they affect the everyday life of everybody sitting in this building, including union members.

Is it good governance to pass this to your grandkids and your children? I don't think so. Is it good governance not to look at any other formula but one and say we have to do this? I don't think so. So, when it comes to governance, I think it's our obligation to look at different issues. Somebody else said, "If he breaks it, he owns it." I accept that challenge. I accept that challenge. Our caucus has never been afraid and everyone knows it. To accept a challenge like that whether it's budget, which we've always done, we've accepted every challenge, they might have been rejected, but we're not afraid of a challenge. We're not afraid of a struggle. We're not afraid of bringing ideas to the

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table. And on this issue, yes, we'll own it, and if you don't want to fix it, whoever said that, we'll fix it. I don't have a problem with that.

Madam President, the issue that I'm faced with is I think telling union members that we owe you a billion dollars and we're counting that as a savings so that our budget woes could be less, begs to question are we doing this deal to help union members, are we doing this deal to ease the pain because we can't do a good budget with that deficit. And to me, we have a greater obligation to the union members to pay what we owe as opposed to saying no, we're going to once again take from you. What would be the difference if we paid them when we borrowed the money? That's what we're doing?

We're just saying to every grandchild and every child, we're going to borrow that billion dollars, by the way until 2032 every time we're going to borrow money, and you guys are going to pay our tab. I don't even comprehend that. I thought that's what we talked about way back when. We have a greater responsibility.

This isn't a republican or democrat, this isn't anti-union, pro-union, this is setting the stage that we keep our promises legislators, and we turn the state in a reasonable fiscal direction that we all can agree on and move forward. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Senator Looney, good afternoon, sir.

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SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I rise in support of the resolution. Obviously, there is a history of underfunding here that we are trying to deal with and trying to deal with it responsibly in this resolution. Obviously, the State Employee Retirement System, which was created in I believe 1939, was managed as a pay-as-you-go plan until 1971. In 1992, there was a plan adopted to pay off the unfunded liability that had accrued to that point by 2032, which is of course the number, the year we're dealing with now, and seen that as the crisis year in which we would be facing a \$6 billion-dollar balloon payment. But, subsequent agreements altered the plan to significantly lower the contributions even at a time when Connecticut was generating surpluses in the late 1990s.

I recall in the, I guess it was around 1997 where Governor Rowland, as a condition of having a budget deal, insisted on \$50 rebates to be sent to everyone in the state, rather than being willing to address the pension shortfall at that time and the unfunded liability, which was becoming a factor that people were very much aware of but not taking action on at that point.

In 2015, the Boston College study that was commissioned by OPM, pointed out that the main cost driver for the State Employee Retirement System is the unfunded liability from those legacy costs and funding shortfalls, but not from any overly generous benefits to members.

So, it is important to know that the members are not receiving overly generous benefits by national

standards. And, in fact, when compared to similar plans across the nation, the BC study found that the normal cost for both State Employees Retirement System and the Teachers Retirement System, is below average as a percent of employee payroll. And for the State Employee Retirement System, the normal costs are expected to decline further, as Tier III members with lower benefits replace current Tier II and IIA members, so it is important to know that each of the plans of course adopted since 1984, the year in which membership in the Tier III plan, Tier I plan was closed to new members, each plan has been significantly less generous and has had more cost connected that the employee bears and higher percentages of employee contributions than the one before.

So, there was a long-term arch of cutting costs and as Senator Duff and others mentioned earlier, the primary problem we have is with the cost of that Tier I plan, which went unaddressed for so long and the Governor had actually proposed then separating out and dealing with separately from the others. But this plan, Madam President, does make an important move forward in changing the assumed rate of return from a percent to 6.9 percent, that now does put us under the national average of assumed rate of return. Again, a move in the right direction, even if that 6.9 arguably is above the level certainly has been reached in most recent years. But it does increase our calculated unfunded liability and our normal cost calculations, but it better insulates us from volatility in our unfunded liability in the future. But it is important to know that without the changes in this agreement, payments will skyrocket, potentially hitting that \$6 billion-dollar figure by 2032. And with the changes

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in this agreement, payments would level off at \$2.6 billion by 2021. So, there is a significant capping here and a limitation of liability during those years.

Again, the fiscal '18 costs for current employees again will only be about \$365 million, the cost associated with the unfunded liability is about \$1.2 billion. Again, looking back to that Tier I problem. But again, if we change the assumed rate of return without adopting the agreement, we will have that \$570 million-dollar problem in fiscal year '18. It's important I think to look at what the rating services have said, both Moody's and Standard and Poor's rate of the agreement as credit positive. Moody's said it allows for more affordable pension contributions and a more conservative investment rate assumption. We also have significant commentary from business leaders in our state, indicating support for the agreement and recognizing that it is turning a corner in the right direction.

Oz Griebel, of the Metro Hartford Alliance said that the agreement is another important step in the journey to strengthen Connecticut's fiscal health and it clearly reflects strong commitment to addressing Connecticut's pension challenges both in terms of structural reforms and full funding. And these types of actions are vital to reinforcing the private sector's confidence in Connecticut as a place to invest capital and to grow jobs.

Jim Smith, at Webster Bank, also said that he commended the Governor for reaching a sensible agreement with SEBAC, to avoid the deadly imbedded spike in the annual requirement contribution by terming out the SURS obligation and resetting the

actuarial and investment returns to more prudent levels. Again, he said there is no celebration here, since the agreement actually costs more over the long term, but it is a bullet dodged in that it will enable a higher level of investment in economic development and infrastructure projects than would have been possible. And the agreement also creates funding stability and greater certainty, which are two important principles in the quest for fiscal sustainability that builds business confidence.

And Larry McHugh, of the Middlesex Chamber, said that he commends the agreement also, which because in it the state pursues a more realistic assumed rate of investment, which will allow for a less risky investment policy moving forward. And while there is more work to be done, it is a step in the right direction.

So, these are all endorsements of this agreement. A more predictable state budget said, Mr. McHugh, and a more manageable pension cost will be very important in the coming years, as we collectively deal with the multiple challenges that we, that we face.

So, it is an incremental step toward dealing with our long-term pension obligations. It has been said and one of the criticisms I know that's been offered by those who oppose the agreement, they are saying that this agreement does not really address benefit design and shouldn't any agreement address both issues. But I think it's important to recognize that while these are fair questions, it's important to recognize that while the agreement does not address benefit design, it still does address a problem that would exist even if we did not have a

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pension plan at all for current or future employees, that if the state had to eliminate its pension system all together, the state would still owe these billions in unfunded pension costs for prior liabilities and prior years that had been built up unaddressed for so long.

So, I think that a fair response to that question about benefit design is, why oppose this agreement, when a separate conversation can and will be had about benefit design as we move forward in this session looking at the problems that we face for the upcoming biennial budget. And also, I think to recognize that the rejection of this agreement, of course would also fail to address benefit design, while also eliminating any chance for a pension agreement reform.

So, I would urge this body to accept this agreement today and to again not oversell it, but to recognize that it is an important contribution toward dealing with the otherwise completely crushing, spiking obligation we would be faced with some years from now, putting some caps on liability in the years leading to that but still, of course, leaving us with the challenge of further changes to rein in costs as we go forward. But this, I think this has been stated by so many, an important step in contribution to that process. No one is representing that it is a complete solution to that process.

So, Madam President, I urge adoption of the resolution.

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Thanks, Senator. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Mr. Clerk, I call for a Roll Call vote and the machine will be opened.

CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

All members have voted. All members have voted.  
The machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, can you call the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution No. 7.

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| Total Number of Voting | 34 |
| Those Voting Yea       | 17 |
| Those Voting Nay       | 17 |
| Absent and Not Voting  | 0  |

THE CHAIR:

At this time there is a tie vote. I want to thank you, Senator Fasano. Why don't you stand, sir.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

I am approaching for a point of order.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.



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SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

It is my understanding that in a tie, for this to be defeated, there would have to be a majority vote to defeat it. It's my understanding based upon the tie this would be an approved resolution because you would need a majority to defeat it. I believe that's my understanding, and if that is accurate, there would be no need for Lieutenant Governor to vote on this matter.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease at this time. The Senate will come back to order, please. Senator Fasano, thank you very, very much for your question. But as the Statute is being read, it says, "The General Assembly may approve any such agreement as a whole by a majority vote of each House or may reject such of any of those awards." So, at this time it is in my opinion that I do have to vote so that there is a majority to pass this resolution. Thank you very, very much. And at this time I want to thank you for the debate and I will be voting yea. Mr. Clerk, will you please call.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution No. 7.

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| Total Number of Voting | 35 |
| Those Voting Yea       | 18 |
| Those Voting Nay       | 17 |
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The resolution is adopted. [Gavel] Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, there are a number of executive and legislative nominations coming from the House of Representatives that has not made its way up here yet at the moment, and I know that members are just aching to debate those nominations and resolutions, but I will be the unpopular guy and say that we will just hold off until next week, and not sit here for hours waiting for the House to do their business. Sorry, Senator Fasano, I know you wanted to debate everybody here. Mr. Doolittle, in particular, so --

THE CHAIR:

Senator --

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Yes, ma'am.

THE CHAIR:

No, I'm sorry.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

So, thank you Madam President, and so before we adjourn, I will allow anybody to --

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Excuse me, sir, we have a Consent Calendar in front of us.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Oh, we do. Yes, we do.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, we do.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

So, why don't we have the Consent Calendar and then I will --

THE CHAIR:

Great idea, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

-- and then I will yield to members for points of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Good idea. Mr. Clerk, will you please call the Consent Calendar and then you can open the machine.

CLERK:

On the first Consent Calendar for today, on page 1, Calendar 28, Senate Resolution No. 9, page 2, Calendar 29, Senate Resolution No. 10, page 2, Calendar 30, Senate Resolution No. 11.

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Mr. Clerk will you call for a Roll Call vote on the Consent Calendar. The machine is open.

CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call has been ordered in the Senate.  
Immediate Roll Call on Consent Calendar for today has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg, please don't leave the Chamber. Vote. Thank you, I just didn't know. I didn't want you to leave, that's all. Senator Linares, do you want to vote, please, on the Consent Calendar. Thank you. All members have voted. If all members have voted, the machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally.

CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar.

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| Total Number of Voting | 34 |
| Those Voting Yea       | 34 |
| Those Voting Nay       | 0  |
| Absent and Not Voting  | 0  |

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar passes. Are there any points of personal privilege? Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, I would just like to make an announcement that all subcommittee chairmen in the Appropriations

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Committee will be meeting immediately in Room 317,  
317. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Are there any other points of personal  
privilege? Senator Martin.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

Thank you, Madam President. I'd just like the  
Chamber to give a big shout out to the Bristol Girl  
Scouts from St. Anthony's Church in Bristol.

THE CHAIR:

Hi, Bristol Girl Scouts. There we go. [Applause]

Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. For the purpose of an  
announcement, there will be an immediate Senate  
Republican Caucus in the Caucus Room.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Senator Flexer. Hold on for  
Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise for a point of  
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Please proceed, ma'am.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, those of us that are lucky enough to serve in this circle, each have our own individual legislative aide who works with us hand-in-hand to serve our constituents in our respective districts, and today is my legislative aide's birthday, Andrew Elash, I know he's hiding behind the walls of the Chamber, unfortunately, but I did want to just ask the Chamber to wish him --

THE CHAIR:

There he is. There is he.

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

-- a happy birthday.

THE CHAIR:

Happy birthday. [Applause]

SENATOR FLEXER (29TH):

And to just say I know that every Senator probably feels this way about the aide they are lucky enough to work with, but my constituents are so well served by having Andrew working in our office. He does such an amazing job. He cares deeply about the people who contact us with their problems or with their opinions on the issues we're debating here, and I'm so grateful that we get to work with him and

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I wish him the very happiest birthday. So, thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Happy birthday, Andrew. Are there any other points of personal privilege? If not, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I also would like to announce a Democratic Caucus immediately following our adjournment today.

THE CHAIR:

So noted.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

And, if there is no other business, I would ask that we adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

We are now adjourned. [Gavel]

(On the motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 4:15 p.m. adjourned Sine Die.)

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Thursday, February 2, 2017

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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

May we always be mindful of the respect we owe to all begins, 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 February 2, 2017, 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.



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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

**Referred to the Judiciary Committee**

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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), 51-165 and 51-198 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **Gregory T. D'Auria** of Amston to be an Associate Judge of the Supreme Court and a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Peter T. Zarella, who resigned on December 31, 2016.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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

**Report**

Department of Economic and Community Service -  
CTNext Statewide Marketing Plan as of February 1,  
2017. (Pursuant to Section 32-39i(i) of the  
Connecticut General Statutes) Date received:  
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**Referred to Committees on Commerce and Finance,  
Revenue and Bonding**

**BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:**

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**HJ NO. 31 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
KATHERINE SCHARF DYKES OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A  
UTILITY COMMISSIONER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES  
REGULATORY AUTHORITY.**

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**HJ NO. 32 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
PETER W. LISI OF WEST HARTFORD AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL  
FACILITIES AUTHORITY.**

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**HJ NO. 42 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
BRETT C. BROWCHUK OF AVON TO BE REAPPOINTED A MEMBER  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT  
AUTHORITY.**

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**HJ NO. 43 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THEODORE M. DOOLITTLE OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE  
HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE.**

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**HJ NO. 44 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
MARY ELLEN S. JONES OF GLASTONBURY TO BE REAPPOINTED  
A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY.**

**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)  
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The Senate at 10:45 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, February 3, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:45 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

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 February 3, 2017, 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.

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indicated.**

Department of Children and Families - Connecticut  
Juvenile Training School Advisory Board - 2017  
Annual Report. (Pursuant to Section 17a-6b of the  
Connecticut General Statutes). Date received:  
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**Referred to Committees on Children and Judiciary**

Department of Economic and Community Development -  
Annual Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016.  
(Pursuant to Section 32-1m of the Connecticut  
General Statutes) Date received: February 3, 2017

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

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND  
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 21) - to be waived and bills  
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The Senate at 10:45 a.m. adjourned under provisions  
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Monday, February 6, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 11:35 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

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 February 6, 2017, 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.**

Judicial Branch and Department of Children and Families - Detention Diversion and Release Plan

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submitted to the Juvenile Justice and Oversight Committee. (Pursuant to Section 5 of Public Act 16-147 of the Connecticut General Assembly) Date received: February 3, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Children, Education, Judiciary and Public Health**

Access Health Connecticut - Quarterly Data Report for Fourth Quarter ended December 31, 2016 for Calendar Year 2016. (Pursuant to Section 38a-1092(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 3, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Human Services, Insurance and Real Estate and Public Health**

Department of Children and Families - Annual Report Concerning Actual or Suspected Instances of Animal Neglect or Cruelty. (Pursuant to Section 17a-100c of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 6, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Children and Environment**

The Senate at 11:40 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Tuesday, February 7, 2017

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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

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 February 7, 2017, 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.**

Auditors of Public Accounts - Interim Report on Private Special Education Providers. (Pursuant to

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Section 10-91g of the Connecticut General Statutes)  
Date received: February 6, 2017  
**Referred to Committee on Education**

Connecticut Sentencing Commission - Pretrial Release  
and Detention in Connecticut. Date received:  
February 6, 2017  
**Referred to Committee on Judiciary**

The Senate at 11:35 a.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 11:38 o'clock a.m., the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate please come to order. Members and guests please rise. Direct your attention to Father Nock, who will lead us in prayer.

REVEREND JAMES J. NOCK:

Let us pray. Almighty Father, we ask your blessing this morning on this circle, as we come together to prepare for the Governor's budget address. Let us remember these beautiful words and guide of a statesman Edmund Burke, who reminds us "the government is the people." We ask this of you, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Father. At this time, I'm going to ask Senator Witkos to come up here and lead us in prayer since, Senator Minor is not in the Chamber.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

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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. Thank you very much, Senator. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Good morning, Madam President. Madam President, before we ask the Clerk if he has any business on his desk, I'd like to just take a moment of personal privilege, please.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President, I would like to introduce some folks who are guests today in the Chamber.

First, I would like to introduce Ceci Maher, who is the Executive Director and President of Person-to-Person that serves Norwalk and Darien and Stamford, as well. And I know Senator Leone is going to have a few words to say as well.

Secondly, I'd like to also introduce my mom, Joanne Duff, who is here today as well. And I'd like to, if I can ask for the Senate to give their normal

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warm welcome, and then I will yield to Senator Leone. [Applause]

THE CHAIR:

Welcome to the Chamber. Senator Leone, will you accept the yield, sir.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

I would gladly. Thank you, Madam President.

I also want to rise to welcome both ladies, they are both youthful in appearance, so I will welcome that. Ceci Maher, as the Executive Director of Person-to-Person, their organization does such an outstanding job on helping our communities all up and down Fairfield County, not just in Stamford, Norwalk, and Darien, even though that's where they are located. They have helped hundreds, if not thousands, of people in all manner of need, and they continue to do so even in these tough fiscal times.

So, without their generosity and their network, the state would not be able to fill all its obligations. So, they are a true partner, and I welcome her and I thank her and her organization for all that they have done for our constituents and many other constituents of members of the circle. So, I just second that applause.

And, of course, Mrs. Duff, we do enjoy her company every time she comes up here. We are very proud of her son, who is still very youthful looking, maybe not so much for the rest of us. So, both ladies are leaders in their own rights, so I welcome all of the applause. Thank you.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, and welcome again. I appreciate it. Are there any other points of personal privilege? Seeing none, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Is there business on the Clerk's desk?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

The Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda's 1, 2, and 3, all dated Wednesday, February 8, 2017. They have been copied and are on senator's desk.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move all items on Senate Agendas 1, 2, and 3, dated Wednesday, February 8, 2017, to be acted upon as indicated and that the agenda be incorporated by reference in the Senate Journal and transcript.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I'd like to mark the items on our agendas go -- with the Calendar, I'm sorry, I did that last time.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

I'm sorry. Madam President, if I can start with the Senate Calendar, on all items that are Executive and Legislative nominations, if I can mark them all go.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And if on our agenda -- let's see, our agendas 2 and 3, just 2, I'm sorry, if we can mark those Executive Legislative nominations go, as well.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. The Clerk can call those in that order.

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THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On page 1, Calendar 32, Senate Joint Resolution No. 33, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT J. AARONSON OF GREENWICH TO BE REAPPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'm going to kind of fly through all of these --

THE CHAIR:

That's great.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

-- and move along on the nominations.

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

Mr. Aaronson holds a MGA, Master of Governmental Administration from the University of Pennsylvania, formerly Director of Airports Council of International -- Airports Council International,

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located in Geneva, Switzerland. Currently the Board Chairman of Propeller Airports, and I urge a favorable vote.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?  
If not, I'm sorry, Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ (36TH):

Thank you, I didn't know that was going to be the first item on the agenda today, but I stand in favor, strong favor of Robert Aaronson being reappointed to the Board of Directors.

He has an incredible wealth of experience in working with the airports both owned by the state, owned by states, and ones that are owned by port authorities as well as private ones as well. And he is responsible, along with the team, for the new international flight, which goes to Dublin, Aer Lingus. I highly encourage you to look in to that and go, it's an amazing place to visit, and it puts you in a great position to go fly to a lot of other places throughout Europe.

So, I can't tell you how great and how lucky he is and how lucky we are as a state to have him participating at that level. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, might this item be placed on the Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Also, on page 1, Calendar 33, Senate Joint Resolution No. 34, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ELLIOTT LANDON OF WESTPORT TO BE APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION ARBITRATION BOARD.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Mr. Landon is from Westport. He holds a Doctorate of Education and Administration from Columbia University. Formerly Superintendent of Westport schools, a member of the Connecticut Association of



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Public School Superintendents. I urge a favorable vote.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?  
If not, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, might this item be placed on the Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On page 2, Calendar 34, Senate Joint Resolution No. 35, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF GAIL MCKINLEY-ANDERSON OF LONGMEADOW, MASSACHUSETTS TO BE REAPPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION ARBITRATION BOARD.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

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The motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Ms. McKinley-Anderson is from Longmeadow, Massachusetts. She holds a six-year degree in Education Administration from the University of Connecticut. Currently a labor relations consultant. Author of "Practice Guide to Interest Arbitration." And I urge a favorable vote.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move, if there is no objection, I'd like to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Also, on page 2, Calendar 35, House Joint Resolution No. 31, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF KATHERINE SCHARF DYKES OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A UTILITY COMMISSIONER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Ms. Dykes holds a J.D. from Yale Law School, is currently Utility Commissioner at PURA. Formerly the Deputy Commissioner of Energy for the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Somebody who I have worked with for a very long time, very capable, and will do a great job. And I urge a favorable vote.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd like to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

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Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On page 2, Calendar 36, House Joint Resolution No. 32, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF PETER W. LISI OF WEST HARTFORD AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Mr. Lisi is from West Hartford. He holds a PhD in Educational Leadership from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Currently Director of the Office of Sponsor Programs of the University of Hartford. Currently the Vice Chair of the Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority. And I urge a favorable vote.

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Will you remark further? Will you remark further?  
If not, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Might this item be  
placed on the Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar 37, House Joint Resolution No. 42,  
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF BRETT C.  
BROWCHUK OF AVON TO BE REAPPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT  
AUTHORITY.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you  
remark, sir.

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Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I don't believe there is objection. I'd like to move this item to the Consent Calendar, please.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On page 3, Calendar 35 -- I'm sorry, Calendar 38, House Joint Resolution No. 43, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THEODORE M. DOOLITTLE OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Mr. Doolittle is from West Hartford. And if there is no objection, I'd like to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

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Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

And on page 3, Calendar 39, House Joint Resolution  
No. 44, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. H.J.  
No. 44 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MARY  
ELLEN S. JONES OF GLASTONBURY TO BE REAPPOINTED A  
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT  
AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you  
remark, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Ms. Jones is from  
Glastonbury and I don't think there is objection.  
Might this item be placed on the Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

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CLERK:

From Senate Agenda, No. 2, House Joint Resolution  
No. 56, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
AVIVA D. BUDD OF STAMFORD TO BE APPOINTED A MEMBER  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you  
remark, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no  
objection, might we place this item on our Consent  
Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 57, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING  
THE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL R. RICCI OF GUILFORD TO BE



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APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION ARBITRATION BOARD.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Might we place this item on our Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 59, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DONALD HARRIS JR. OF BLOOMFIELD TO BE APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Might we place this item on our Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 60, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF AMINA S. LAMPKIN OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE APPOINTED A NONVOTING STUDENT MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

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THE CHAIR:

The motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Might we place this item on our Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 61, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CORAL ORTIZ OF NEW HAVEN TO BE APPOINTED A NONVOTING STUDENT MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark, sir?

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Might we place this item on our Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

And House Joint Resolution No. 62, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ALLAN B. TAYLOR, ESQUIRE OF HARTFORD TO BE REAPPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, might we place this item on our Consent Calendar?

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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered, sir. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. May we stand at ease for just a moment?

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to call the first Consent Calendar, please, and if the Clerk can read the items on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, will you please read the items and call for a Roll Call vote on the Consent Calendar.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 56, House Joint Resolution No. 57, House Joint Resolution No. 59, House Joint Resolution No. 60, House Joint Resolution No. 61, House Joint Resolution No. 62.  
On page 1, Calendar 32, Senate Joint Resolution No. 33. Also, on page 1, Calendar 33, Senate Joint Resolution No. 34. Page 2, Calendar 34, Senate Joint Resolution No. 35. Page 2, Calendar 35, House Joint Resolution No. 31. Also, on page 2, Calendar 36, House Joint Resolution No. 32. On page 2,

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Calendar 37, House Joint Resolution No. 42. On page  
3, Calendar 38, House Joint Resolution No. 43, and  
on page 3, Calendar 39, House Joint Resolution No.  
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THE CHAIR:

At this time, please call for a Roll Call vote and  
the machine is open.

CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

If all members have voted, all members have voted,  
the machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you  
please call a tally. Interesting, sir, you voted.  
It's closed.

CLERK:

On the first Consent Calendar for today.

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THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar passes. [Gavel] Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

We're all a little bit -- we know nothing.

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THE CHAIR:

See nothing.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

I see nothing.

THE CHAIR:

Holy Mackerel.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

I thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move for suspension of our rules so that items that need to be acted by the House of Representatives could be acted as for immediate transmittal.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If the Clerk can call Senate -- from Senate Agenda No. 1, Senate Resolution No. 12.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk. I'm sorry, Senator Duff. I'm sorry, Senator Duff, did you -- would you repeat what you want the Clerk to call, please?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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Yes, I would like to ask for suspension and on  
Senate Agenda No. -- well, Senate -- let's have the  
suspension of the rules, please, so we can take up--  
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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection --

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

-- Senate Agenda No. 1, Resolution No. 12.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, if the Clerk can call --

THE CHAIR:  
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution No. 12, RESOLUTION RAISING A  
COMMITTEE TO INFORM THE HOUSE THAT THE SENATE IS  
READY TO MEET IN JOINT CONVENTION. (LCO No. 3626,  
introduced by Senators Duff and Fasano).

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):



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Thank you, Madam President. I move adoption of the resolution, which is our standard procedure of resolution convening the Joint Convention.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

We have to vote.

THE CHAIR:

All in favor, please say aye. Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you.

So, at this time, I appoint for the -- am I doing this right? I appoint the Committee of Senator Gomes, Senator Cassano, Senator Somers, Senator Logan, to inform the House that the Senate is ready to meet in Joint Convention.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Make sure they have the coffee out, the cake on --

THE CHAIR:  
Yeah, right.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

-- and they vacuumed. Thank you, Madam President.

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Thank you, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Before we go downstairs, I would just yield to any members again on points of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Are there any points of personal privilege? Are there any points of personal privilege? Seeing none, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move we adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on adjournment. So moved.

(On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 11:59 a.m. adjourned subject to the call of the chair.)

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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Thursday, February 9, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 12:05 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Tim Kehoe of East Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN TIM 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 February 9, 2017, 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. #23) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.**

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The Senate at 12:10 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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Tuesday, February 14, 2017

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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

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 February 14, 2017, 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.**

Auditors of Public Accounts - Monthly Loss Report to the Governor as of January 31, 2017. (Pursuant to Section 4-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes)  
Date received: February 10, 2017

**Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management**

Department of Children and Families - Response to Governor and General Assembly Regarding Office of Child Advocate Report re: Baby Dylan. (Pursuant to Section 46a-131(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 10, 2017

**Referred to Committee on Children**

**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 10:45 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Wednesday, February 15, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:45 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

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 February 15, 2017, 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.

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

The Senate at 10:50 a.m. adjourned under provisions  
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the  
chair.



## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Thursday, February 16, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:45 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

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 February 16, 2017, 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.**

Office of Legislative Management - Compensation  
Commission for Elected State Officers and General  
Assembly Members Final Report. (Pursuant to Section  
2-9a(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date  
received: February 15, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Government  
Administration and Elections and Joint Committee on  
Legislative Management**

Department of Emergency Services and Public  
protection - Division of Statewide  
Telecommunications Report on Enhanced 911 Emergency  
Telephone Service for Calendar Year ended December  
31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 28-29b of the  
Connecticut General Statutes) Date received:  
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**Referred to Committees on Energy and Technology and  
Public Safety and Security**

Auditors of Public Accounts - Board of Regents for  
Higher Education, Southern Connecticut State  
University for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2012 and  
2013. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut  
General Statutes) Date received: February 15, 2017  
**Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Higher  
Education and Employment Advancement**

Legislative Regulation Review Committee - Report of  
the Legislative Regulation Review Committee for  
Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to  
Section 4-171 of the Connecticut General Statutes)  
Date received: February 16, 2017

**Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative  
Management**

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INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND  
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO.26) - to be waived and bills  
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)  
indicated.

The Senate at 10:50 a.m. adjourned under provisions  
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the  
chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Friday, February 17, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10: 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

We expect to pass through this life but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness we can show, or any good thing that we can do to any fellow being, let us do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as we shall not pass this way again.

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 17, 2017 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.

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

Auditors of Public Accounts - Department of Economic and Community Development for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2013 and 2014. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received:  
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**Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Commerce, Energy and Technology, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Government Administration and Elections, Planning and Development and Joint Committee on Legislative Management**

Office of Policy and Management - Councils of Government and Mandatory Proportional Voting. (Pursuant to Section 116 of Public Act 16-3 of the Connecticut General Assembly) Date received:  
February 16, 2017

**Referred to Committee on Planning and Development**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 27) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.**

The Senate at 10: 50 a. m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:45 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

Please grant our hearts grace as we come together for our deliberations. As we face many needs and challenges, give us the ability to be judicious.

THE CHAIR:

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), 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.

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 28) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.**

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The Senate at 10:55.am. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:45 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 prayer was offered by 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 February 22, 2017, 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.



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

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 40** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE EMMET L. COSGROVE** OF NEW LONDON TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 41** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **GREGORY T. D'AURIA, ESQUIRE**, OF AMSTON TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT AND A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 42** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE BRIAN T. FISCHER** OF MADISON TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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

Access Health Connecticut - Quarterly Financial and Personnel Status Reports for Fourth Quarter ended June 30, 2016 for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016 and First Quarter ended September 30, 2016 for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017. (Pursuant to Section 1-123(b) and (c) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 21, 2017  
**Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Human Services, Insurance and Real Estate and Public Health**

Department of Economic and Community Development - Analysis of Eastern Connecticut's Job Loss and Workforce Needs. (Pursuant to Special Act 16-12 of the Connecticut General Assembly) Date received: February 21, 2017  
**Referred to Committees of Appropriations, Commerce and Labor and Public Employees**

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**and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)  
indicated.**

The Senate at 10:50 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Thursday, February 23, 2017

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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Tim Kehoe of East Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN TIM 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 February 23, 2017, 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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Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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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 Holly Abery-Wetstone** of West Hartford to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from April 11, 2017.

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 Susan S. Reynolds** of Ridgefield to be a Senior Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from April 11, 2017.

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 Carl E. Taylor** of West Hartford to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from April 11, 2017.

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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 Heidi G. Winslow** of Newtown to be a Senior Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from April 11, 2017.

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 Bethany J. Alvord** of Bloomfield to be a Judge of the Appellate Court and a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from April 23, 2017.

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you the **Honorable George N. Thim** of Trumbull to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from May 6, 2017.

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 Angelo L. dos Santos** of Putnam to be a Senior Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from May 10, 2017.

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 Peter Emmett Wiese** of Avon to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from May 18, 2017.

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you the **Honorable Francis J. Foley, III** of Hanover to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from May 19, 2017.

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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

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reappointment by you the **Honorable James P. Ginocchio** of Fairfield, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from April 11, 2017.

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

Auditors of Public Accounts - Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2013, 2014 and 2015. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 22, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Judiciary, Public Health, Public Safety and Security and Joint Committee on Legislative Management**

**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.

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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Friday, February 24, 2017

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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

Guard our tongues so what we say won't hurt and carelessly offend. Give us the gracious speech of love, with words that soothe and heal and mend.

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 24, 2017, 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.



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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 10:45 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Monday, February 27, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:50 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BLADUCCI:

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 February 27, 2017, 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.

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

Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight -  
Biannual Report for Calendar Year ended December 31,  
2016. (Pursuant to Section 17b-28(j) of the  
Connecticut General Statutes) Date received:  
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**Referred to Committees on Aging, Appropriations,  
Children, Education, Human Services, Insurance and  
Real Estate and Public Health**

The Senate at 10:55 a.m. adjourned under provisions  
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the  
chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Paul Alderucci of Newington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN PAUL ALDERUCCI:

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 February 28, 2017, 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.

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indicated.**

State Department of Education - Academic Growth on  
the Mastery Examination of English Learners in  
Bilingual Education Programs for Academic Years  
2014-15 and 2015-16. (Pursuant to Section 10-17m of  
the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received:  
February 27, 2017

**Referred to Committee on Education**

**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

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:50 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

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 March 1, 2017, 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.

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

Office of Policy and Management - Adjusted Payments  
Regarding Connecticut Programs of Tax Relief for  
Elderly Homeowners and Grants to Elderly Renters for  
Fiscal Year 2016-2017. (Pursuant to Section 12-170bb  
of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received:  
February 28, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Aging and Finance, Revenue  
and Bonding**

Judicial Branch - Foreclosure Mediation Program for  
Period July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016.  
(Pursuant to Section 49-31n(d) (2) of the Connecticut  
General Statutes) Date received: February 28, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Banking, Housing and  
Judiciary**

**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 10:55 a.m. adjourned under provisions  
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the  
chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Thursday, March 2, 2017

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 prayer was offered by 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 March 2, 2017, 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.



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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

To be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Corrected**

March 1, 2017

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 Bethany J. Alvord** of Bloomfield to be a Judge of the Appellate Court and a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from April 22, 2017.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

**Corrected**

March 1, 2017

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 Angelo L. dos Santos** of Eastford to be a Senior Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from May 10, 2017.

Dannel P. Malloy

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**REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s)  
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Insurance Department - Managed Care Report for  
Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to  
Section 38a-478a of the Connecticut General  
Statutes) Date received: March 1, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Insurance and Real Estate  
and Public Health**

Office of the Healthcare Advocate - Annual Report  
for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant  
to Section 38a-1041(g) of the Connecticut General  
Statutes) Date received: March 2, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Children, Human Services,  
Public Health and Insurance and Real Estate.**

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for  
the calendar and printing.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 755 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COUNCIL ON MEDICAL  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT.**

**AGING COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 759 AN ACT PERMITTING A COMMUNITY  
SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED SPOUSE TO RETAIN THE  
MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ALLOWABLE ASSETS.**

**AGING COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 760 AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE  
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM.**

**AGING COMMITTEE**

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**SUBST. SB NO. 761 AN ACT INCREASING THE DOLLAR VALUE  
OF FARMERS' MARKET VOUCHERS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.**

**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 11:05 a.m. adjourned under provisions  
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the  
chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Friday, March 3, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 11:05 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE R. KIDNEY:

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 March 3, 2017, 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.

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

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 43** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE HONORABLE HOLLY ABERY-WETSTONE OF WEST HARTFORD  
TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 44** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE HONORABLE SUSAN S. REYNOLDS OF RIDGEFIELD TO BE  
A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 45** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE HONORABLE GEORGE N. THIM OF TRUMBULL TO BE A  
STATE REFEREE.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 46** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE HONORABLE PETER EMMETT WIESE OF AVON TO BE A  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 47** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
THE HONORABLE FRANCIS J. FOLEY, III, OF HANOVER TO  
BE A STATE REFEREE.

**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 11:10 a.m. adjourned under provisions  
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the  
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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Monday, March 6, 2017

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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Please grant our hearts grace as we come together for our deliberations. As we face many needs and challenges, give us the ability to be judicious.

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 March 6, 2017, 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.**

State Department of Education - Connecticut  
Manufacturing Committee Report as of February, 2017.

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Monday March 6, 2017

(Pursuant to Section 10-21j(c) of the Connecticut  
General Statutes) Date received: March 3, 2017  
Referred to Committees on Commerce and Higher  
Education and Employment Advancement

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 11:50 a.m. adjourned under provisions  
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the  
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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The Senate was called to order at 11:05 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 prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

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 March 7, 2017, 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.



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**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 801 AN ACT REQUIRING CLIENT-SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND EMPLOYEE TRANSITION PLANNING FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE PROVIDERS.**

**Referred to the Appropriations Committee**

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

Office of Early Childhood - Early Childhood Accountability Report for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 10-503 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 6, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Children and Education**

**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 11:10 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.