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The Senate was called to order at 12:51 p.m., the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Ready? Senate, please come to order. Members and guests, please rise, direct your attention to Nicole Kidney to -- who will lead us in prayer.

NOELE R. KIDNEY:

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

THE CHAIR:

Amen. That was -- that was fast. [laughter] Maybe this will be a short session today. This is now -- it's an honor and I'm pleased to invite and welcome Hamden High School seniors Brittney Cifarelli and Meghan -- sorry -- Basilici and Brittney Stoyer who will be competing in the Connecticut Deca next week with their pledge to -- pledge campaign. She's -- they are gonna lead us in 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,

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

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very, very much. They are great. Okay, at this time, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Is there business on the clerk's desk?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Clerk's in possession of Senate Agenda, No. 1, dated Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

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Thank you, Madam President. I move that all items on Senate Agenda No. 1, dated Wednesday, March 8, 2017 be acted upon as indicated and that the agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and transcript.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to mark a few items on our calendar as go.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Calendar 46, Senate Joint Resolution Number 40, Calendar 47, Senate Joint Resolution Number 41, Calendar 48, Senate Joint Resolution Number 42, Calendar 53, Senate Joint Resolution Number 43, Calendar 54, Senate Joint Resolution Number 44, Calendar 55, Senate Joint Resolution Number 45, Calendar 56, Senate Joint Resolution Number 46, Calendar 57, Senate Joint Resolution Number 47, those should all be marked go. Any remaining items on our calendar should be marked "PR".

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.



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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President and if we can go -- have the clerk go in that order, for our business this afternoon.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On Page 1, Calendar 46, Senate Joint Resolution Number 40, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE EMMET L. COSGROVE OF NEW LONDON TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. At this point, in the new rules where we have divided -- we have two Co-chairs, I'm just informing the chamber of the split of the judges today. Five judges we brought out by Senator Kissel and I'll -- just for the record identify them so our Lieutenant Governor knows which Chair to contact and to recognize, I should say.

So on Senate Calendar 46, Senate Resolution 40, Senator Kissel's gonna take that one out. For Calendar Number 47, Senate Joint Number 41, Senator Kissel's gonna take that nomination out. Senate Calendar 56, Senate Joint Resolution 46, Senator

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Kissel's gonna take that one out and I just want -- bear with me, there are -- on the House Calendar, I'll just -- there's two more I just want the chamber to be aware. On the House Calendar which we will eventually get, House Calendar Number 45, House Joint Resolution Number 101, and House Calendar Number 46, House Joint Resolution Number 102, Senator Kissel will be taking those out.

So that being said, at this point, I will yield the microphone over to Senator Kissel, the Co-chairman of the Judiciary. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Kissel, will you accept the yield, sir?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

I do, indeed accept the yield. Wonderful to see you this afternoon.

THE CHAIR:

Good to see you, sir.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on adoption. Will you remark, sir?

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Judge Emmet Cosgrove of New London currently sits as a Senior Judge in his hometown. He is the married father of two. Judge Cosgrove received his Bachelor's and law degrees from Georgetown University. Upon graduation, he went to work for the Department of Environmental protection and later practiced with firms in New London. In addition, he has served as tribal judge for the Mohican Tribal Gaming Disputes Group and Judge Cosgrove has served the state well and is deserving of reappointment and I urge my colleagues to support his -- this resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, Senator. Good to see you.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

I rise in support of the nomination. Thank you. I'd like to speak very positively about Emmet Cosgrove. As you heard by the good Co-chair, Senator Kissel, he has a wide range of experience going over many years. He's a diamond in our community. He's a long-serving judge and he's very fair and honorable and is very much worthy of this nomination today and I urge my colleagues to accept. Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. If there's no further remarks, I would like to move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Also on page 1, Calendar 47, Senate Joint Resolution Number 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.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

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

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Motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Yes, ma'am. Gregory D'Auria has been nominated to serve as a justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court. He lives in Amston and is a married father of three. He is a double husky, having received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Connecticut. As an undergraduate, he was Phi Beta Kappa and as a law graduate, he served as clerk for then chief justice, Ellen Ash Peters on our highest court.

After his clerkship, Attorney D'Auria briefly worked for Shipman & Goodwin in Hartford before joining the Office of the Attorney General. He worked his way through the ranks. There, his career culminating in his work as solicitor general for the State of Connecticut, overseeing all state appellate work. In that role, he has been involved in numerous high profile cases, notably those dealing with educational funding as well as defense of our state's clean election laws.

While his appointment will be a tremendous loss to the Attorney General's Office, it will be a great boost to the State of Connecticut. With his impeccable credentials and reputation, he will be a fine addition to our highest court and I urge my colleagues to support the resolution and I would just add personally, I had an opportunity to meet with him and ask him questions with the Co-chairs and ranking member of the committee.

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He was affable, he was well-informed, and I think that he will bring a sense of balance to the court that may not necessarily be there in full blossom as we speak, so I think not only will his great professionalism be wonderful for the people of the State of Connecticut, but I think his even-keel and good nature will be a positive thing for the Supreme Court as well. And again, I would just stress, I would urge my colleagues to support this resolution. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark? Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, I rise to support the appointment of Judge D'Auria to our Supreme Court here in Connecticut. He is an asset to the State of Connecticut. It is shown by the fact that he lives in one of the best sections in the State of Connecticut, in the Amston section of the town of Hebron -- a beautiful area.

In fact, his background is one that he has supported -- the University of Connecticut, as my good colleague said having graduated not only once but twice from the University of Connecticut, I heartily endorse Judge D'Auria for this position and I look forward to seeing him approved by my colleagues. Thank you very much, Madam President.

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Thank you, will you remark further? Remark further?  
Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the resolution. Madam President, during his outstanding 23 year career with the Office of the Attorney General, Attorney D'Auria has become one of the most outstanding appellate attorneys in the State of Connecticut. Even before formerly having the title of solicitor general fairly recently, he has been charged with arguing on behalf of the state -- many of the most significant appeals during the last 20 years.

So I think that he is universally regarded at the bar as a -- just a leading light among the attorneys in the State of Connecticut. He has dealt with many, many significant cases in which the state has been a party and I can't think of anyone who could come to the State Supreme Court with better overall preparation than Attorney D'Auria, so I wholeheartedly endorse his nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I just want to make a brief remark in support of the nomination of Attorney D'Auria. He's the unofficial solicitor general -- it's not an official position in State Government. We're more familiar with it in

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Washington but he does have -- as the prior speakers have delineated, he's had unique experience at the Supreme Court.

You know, many of our justices -- some were our -- some were lawyers, some were long-time judges but we have a situation where Judge D'Auria spent many, many cases -- over 100 cases -- he argued in front of the Supreme Court, so that's really, I think, a unique perspective. A unique experience, where many times practicing lawyers sometimes get frustrated. Different judges maybe don't appreciate the trials and travails of practicing lawyers so here you have a situation where a person literally was there over -- argued over 125 cases and I just think it'll be interesting twist and a great perspective to bring to the Supreme Court and I would just add -- in addition -- the -- all I received was rave reviews from every person that talked about Attorney D'Auria.

I hadn't met him before his nomination but from the Attorney General across the board, everyone gave him rave reviews and respected him so greatly, so I look forward to him providing a great service to the State of Connecticut as the justice of our Supreme Court. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I apologize to Senator Looney -- going after Senator Looney -- I was in



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another room. Your -- Madam President, I stand up to talk about Judge D'Auria. I have some concerns. I'm gonna support Judge D'Auria but I felt that unless I say these concerns, if I don't say them, I would feel remiss that I did not at least say something. I think that Judge D'Auria is a very smart man who certainly has shown the ability to grasp various legal principles and understand the law.

He comes from an appellate background and from the AG's office. Everybody that I've talked to sings praise of this gentleman and rightly so. Meeting him, he's a very cordial individual who certainly demands respect. From a practitioner's point of view, sometimes when you practice law it is not a perfect science and unless you practice law, and unless you're a trial lawyer where you're in court for a number of years and understand the imperfections that law brings, [clearing throat] when you're reviewing the system -- unless you understand the imperfections, you may believe that there's perfection in law.

As a result, [clearing throat] being on the Supreme Court and looking at these issues in retrospect, maybe not having the sort of field experience that Mr. D'Auria doesn't have -- Attorney D'Auria doesn't have -- might raise some issues in my mind of where a piece of evidence or a testimony doesn't come in or a piece of evidence doesn't come in and one can conclude imperfection that that evidence should have come in or that testimony should have come in or maybe it came in this way, should have come in that way and then rule when there's an error when in likelihood it could just be due to the imperfections that trial brings.

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When you're in the AG's office you have abundance of resources so sometimes you're not un -- you may not appreciate that someone who doesn't have those resources may not have every expert come in at trial to support or attack a particular position. But talking to Judge -- or I should say, Attorney D'Auria, I -- and I went over this with him. I think he appreciates that concept. I think he's smart enough to understand the realities that law is an imperfection and the review of law has to be done not in a theoretical perfection but in an understanding that there's imperfections. And I believe he'll be able to do that task. I will support him but those are the concerns that I just wanted to raise for the circle. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Seeing that there's no other individuals in the circle that would like to comment on Attorney D'Auria, and noting that Senator Osten has painted such a glowing picture of Amston, I'm gonna have to put that on my list of places to visit but I would like to ask that this resolution be put on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections. So ordered.

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SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, just wanted to pause for a moment. We have a few points of personal privilege and we need to also introduce some new members of the circle.

THE CHAIR:

At this point --

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

So I'd like to yield to Senator Hartley, please.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Hartley, will you accept the yield, ma'am?

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Yes, Madam Speaker. Thank you very much and good afternoon to you, Madam President. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to the circle, my colleagues -- a group that we are so very proud of, from the City of Waterbury. It is a semi-pro football team which we proudly know as the Brass City Kings who is here with us.

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They earlier were down in the House chamber but it's a very special year for this incredible group of young athletes because they did us proud this past January in Fort Lauderdale where they were the winning 3A National Champion and so we are here to say how proud we are of you and we also proudly display the trophy which they brought along with us today.

And so with us are the owner Hollister Munn, head coach, Cordell Shephard, the general manager, Joe Knapp [phonetic] and the national champ -- the MVP, Julian Collard [phonetic]. Take a bow, Julian and also [applause] our offensive lineman MVP -- named MVP is Joe Shemar -- Shemar [phonetic] [applause] and also with us is Ryan Smith [phonetic], coach. Thank you all for being with us. We're so proud that you represented us well and keep up the great athleticism. Thank you. Bye-bye.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Welcome to the chamber. Let's give them a round of --

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Thank you, thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Everybody give them a round of applause, please. [applause] Thank you. Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ (36TH):

Get a little battle going here. Thank you, Madam President. I appreciate that very, very much and

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it's great to see everybody back in the chamber. Due to the distance back to my district, it's very rare that I get visitors coming up here and it's very rare that I get someone as intelligent and as attractive all the way around as Miss Connecticut, USA, 2017. Ladies and gentleman, my colleagues, Olga Litvinenko.

Come on up here. Olga, come on up here. Is from my district from Greenwich Connecticut where she grew up and graduated from the Greenwich High School, is one of the more intelligent people in the business, and one of the more ambitious people and successful people in the business of being Miss Connecticut, USA and she has lots to look forward to in that world as well going forward because she will be competing in the Nationals for -- in this calendar year, coming up.

She was a star in high school. She was her Vice President for fundraising for Habitat for Humanity, traveled to Mexico building homes for those who are desperately in need. It was back in 2007 that she won Miss Connecticut Teen and then went on to compete nationally in the Miss Teen USA on live TV which is pretty neat when you think about it.

She's got a Bachelor's of Science degree in Marketing & Finance from Syracuse University, was a rock star in college as well and went on to graduate and do great things afterwards. She was in the corporate litigation business for a while and then in the asset management and then decided after two years of doing that that wasn't good enough. She was gonna go out and start her own firm, which she did a little while ago and is proud to be here in the State of Connecticut.

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She is incredibly involved with sorts of community activities in our community back in the district -- is the president of the junior committee for the TJ Marshall foundation which does a lot of work with those with cancer, leukemia and AIDS. She completed four half-marathons, she's also an athlete -- four half-marathons raising money for those desperately in need of medical research money and the like. So, if you could give the usual, traditional, wonderful warm Senate welcome to Miss Connecticut USA 2017. [applause] Thank you. [applause] She's excited.

THE CHAIR:

It's great to have you on Women's Day at the Capitol. There you go. Thank you so much. Are there other points of personal privilege? Sorry, Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. One of the enjoyable things of being a member of the inner circle is the opportunity to meet and to introduce people who do wonderful things in our various communities. Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis is a fantastic program that offers survivors and victims of domestic violence incredibly important services. It -- the services are available to the survivors and their children as well.

Among other things, they do offer crises intervention, support services, court-based and systems advocacy to victims as well as housing programs and Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and today

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we're fortunate to have with us the executive director, Sharlene Kerelejza and she's also joined by Linsey Walters, director of programs and again, these two women are -- offer important services that are needed by victims of domestic violence and I want to introduce them to you as my colleagues and give them a warm welcome and a thank you for the invaluable services they provide to the community.  
[applause]

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much for giving back to the community so much. We really do appreciate it.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

I also am privileged, if I may, just to --  
[laughing] I have a group from Cheshire High School that I would like to introduce. We have the superintendent, Jeff Solan and the assistant superintendent Shawn Parkhurst as well as Cathy Hellreich who's the chair of the board of education -- it's Hellreich, I'm sorry. I mispronounced that. And they're joined by two students. Mateen Kareemy [phonetic] and Julie Roushe [phonetic] -- future senators-to-be, I think. I would like to give them a warm welcome for joining us here in this circle.  
[applause] Thank you, Madam.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Welcome to the chamber. Enjoy your day up here. At this time -- Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, we recently had a special election in which we had the honor of having two new senators join us in our circle, both of which came from the house and I have the honor and privilege of introducing for the Republican side who took over Senator Kane's seat, our new addition. You know, he's still a rookie by all sense of the words. He's only been in the House the two years and he's made his way to the Senate chamber and I won't make fun of the House based upon your past experience --

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, sir.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

But I do want to say this elevation to the upper chamber is something that we are very proud to have Eric Berthel up here in taking the spot of Senator Kane. He's a great guy. I think he's gonna enjoy the experience up here and we just wanted to welcome the -- one of the new additions to our Senate chamber -- Eric Berthel.

THE CHAIR:

Give a warm welcome to our new chamber member.  
[applause] Congratulations, Senator. [applause] It is a different experience, sir. Would you like to speak? Senator Berthel. There you go.

SENATOR BERTHEL (32ND):

Thank you, Madam President. Senator Fasano, thank you very much for that warm and gracious



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introduction. It's an honor to be here and it's a privilege to continue my service to the people of the State of Connecticut and now in an expanded capacity in the 32nd district. Senator Kane left some pretty big shoes to fill and I hope to continue in the tradition of his hard work with all of my colleagues here in the circle. Thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you and welcome back -- welcome. [applause]  
Thank you. Are there any other -- Senator McLachlan. Senator McLachlan, please.

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 pleased to have visitors today, first from Danbury High School -- the Key Club of which I was a member many years ago. We had 41 visitors from the Danbury High School Key Club. Unfortunately, they had to get on their bus at 12:30 and so they missed our session but we're very grateful that they were able to visit today and I will tell you that they had some very hard questions for this state senator regarding our budget process, so the new leaders of tomorrow were

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here, keeping an eye on us and I was very proud to welcome them to the state capitol.

With us here, in the Senate Gallery is Alexander Esogna [phonetic] who is a shadow of mine for today. Alexander is a resident of New Fairfield and attends the Canterbury School in Senator Miner's district. Alexander too is keeping a close watch on the activities here at the state capitol and I hope you'll all join me in welcoming my intern for the day, Alexander Esogna from New Fairfield. Thank you. [applause]

THE CHAIR:

Alexander, maybe you'll come back again. Are there any other points of personal privilege? Are there any other points of personal privilege? If not, Mr. Clerk. We'll go back to the calendar.

CLERK:

On Page 2, Calendar 48, Senate Joint Resolution Number 42, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. FISCHER OF MADISON TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

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THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Judge Fischer -- today he's a -- we're gonna -- we're voting on whether or not appointing Judge Fischer to his third term as a superior court judge. He's currently sitting in the New Haven judicial district. He's a graduate of Widener University School of Law and he went to University of Richmond and got his B.S.

He's currently serving on the Sentence Review Division as the chairman of that from 2014 through 2016. He was here the opening day and I've gotten to know him a little. He's certainly a gentleman and he has a fine reputation as a superior court judge and there really were very few issues at all raised. And there is one caveat to his appointment. Judge Fischer really went above and beyond. He -- from my perspective, he did all of us a favor.

Judge Fischer is the gentleman that over the past -- I think it was early January, decided to make an ultimate -- a significant sacrifice and donated a kidney to our leader, the Senate President, Martin Looney. To me that is quite an accomplishment for any person to do, you know, oftentimes it's a family member to a family member, but from a friend to a friend, to me, that's truly a statement of what this judge is all about and I certainly urge the chamber to support our re-nomination of Judge Fischer. Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I just want to associate myself with the remarks of my co-chair, Senator Doyle and in fact it was very much a moving hearing when Judge Fischer came up before our committee because as much as there were some good questions to the honored jurist, probably there was far more time spent in praise of our friend and colleague, Senator Looney in praising Judge Fischer for his great humanitarian move in giving up an organ for our Senate President. So I just felt that it was a rare day that we saw such bipartisan support for a jurist and unanimous praise for one of the longest-serving legislators that I've had the pleasure to serve with and again, I heartily support the re-nomination of Judge Fischer. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Obviously speaking in support of the resolution. Judge Brian Fischer has been my dear friend for nearly 30 years and I think the comments of the [clearing throat] co-chairs of the Judiciary Committee testified to his extraordinary career. He has been a superior court judge for 16 years. In the course of that time, he has become one of the most respected and admired and

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experienced criminal court trial judges in our entire system as well as taking on some of the administrative duties as well as presiding judge, presiding criminal judge, serving now on the sentence review panel.

Prior to that, the very successful, diverse private practice was Corporation Counsel for the City of West Haven for a period of time. But he is someone, anyone who knows him just knows that he is the model of what we hope our judges will be: thoughtful, scholarly, considerate of all who appear before him, and of course, those who have the benefit of knowing him in private life, know that no one is a more loyal and genuine friend. But he is a real blessing to the entire of State of Connecticut and certainly -- especially, to me. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Without objection, I'll move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On Page 2, Calendar 53, Senate Joint Resolution Number 43, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF

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THE HONORABLE HOLLY ABERY-WETSTONE OF WEST HARTFORD  
TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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 please?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Judge Aberly-Wetstone is before us today seeking her third term on the bench. She is a graduate of University of St. Joseph in West Hartford. She had a B.A. in psychology. Thereafter she's a graduate of University of Western New England School of Law. She has served on the Judicial Family Commission in a Judicial Education Committee. These are the different committees that our justices serve on in the judicial branch of government.

During her tenure on the bench, she served in the family division, she served in the judicial district or civil, and she currently serves on juvenile matters, so she's got a diverse background and I think she has a good reputation and I urge the

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chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you,  
Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?  
If not, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Without objection,  
I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Oh.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Sorry?

THE CHAIR:

I see an objection.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Oh, okay.

THE CHAIR:

At this time, Mr. Clerk, will you please call for a  
roll call vote and the machines will be opened.

CLERK:

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

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THE CHAIR:

If all members have voted, all members have voted.  
The machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you  
please call the tally?

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution Number 43.

Total number voting	34
Those voting Yea	25
Those voting Nay	9
Absent and not voting	2

THE CHAIR:

Resolution passes. Senator Duff, why do you stand,  
sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

I'm always, standing, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Oh, couldn't tell.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. Madam President, I'd like to yield to  
Senator Looney please, for -- to introduce our new  
member.

THE CHAIR:



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Senator Looney, do you accept the yield, sir?

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes, I do, Madam President. Thank you. Madam President, it is my great pleasure to introduce to the chamber our newest Democratic member, Senator Doug McCrory who comes to us after six terms in the House of Representatives. Something that I find great commonality with because I also served six terms in the House of Representatives as did Senator Doyle and I think Senator Hartley served even longer than that before coming to the Senate so that -- Senator McCrory is an experienced legislator already.

He has been a leader on so many issues in the House, representing now the City of Hartford and the towns of Bloomfield and Windsor and it's my great pleasure to welcome Senator McCrory now to our chamber as a member of the circle. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Welcome. [applause] Welcome to the chamber. And he doesn't want to say anything. I just saw that movement. Okay, so we will return to the -- to the clerk. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On Page 2, Calendar 54, Senate Joint Resolution Number 44, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE SUSAN S. REYNOLDS OF RIDGEFIELD TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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 DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Judge Reynolds is going again today -- a lot of the recent candidates are going for the third term as a judge. Now she was appointed in 2001 as a Superior Court judge. In 2014 she became a senior judge, so she's before us today for nomination as a senior judge of the Superior Court.

Prior to her tenure as a superior court judge, she was a family magistrate for four years so actually got some training from the bench at that before she got appointed in 2001. Judge Reynolds is a graduate at the City University of New York with a B.S. in mathematics. Thereafter, she graduated from Pace University where she got her -- a JD law degree. She served for many -- for much time in the Waterbury Superior Court and she's -- her current assignment is the Danbury Superior Court. She also has served as a -- on the Public Defender Commission and the Judicial Review Commission so she's also served the judiciary in other ways. So again she

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has a stellar reputation and I urge the chamber to adopt this resolution. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Will you remark? If not, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Madam President, without objection, I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Also on page number 2, Calendar 55, Senate Joint Resolution Number 45, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE N. THIM OF TRUMBULL TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

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Motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. George Thim -- we've voting today to -- Judge Thim to become -- another term on the bench but as a state referee. Judge Thim was first appointed to the bench in 1985. He's a graduate of Williams' College. He got a B.A. of Economics and then thereafter he was a graduate of University of Connecticut School of Law. He served the state for many years, considering he started in 1985 -- so today he will serve us as a state referee if the chamber approves his resolution today.

But he served -- over the years, he served -- for the past term but over the years also, he's been a civil judge and a criminal judge. He has a good record and I believe -- we appreciate his decision to continue to serve the state as a state referee because of course, as the chamber knows, they keep the files moving our court system and I urge the chamber to adopt this resolution. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?  
If not, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Madam President, without objection, I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

At the bottom of page 2, Calendar 56, Senate Joint Resolution Number 46, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE PETER EMMETT WIESE OF AVON TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, your honor. 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 KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Judge Peter Wiese from Avon is the father of two and has served our state as a judge since 1993. His current position is hearing civil matters in New Britain. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he served as the election attorney in the Office of the Secretary of State and practiced in the private sector with the firm of Storm & Storm in Bristol and then he

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served for many years at the Office of the Attorney General.

He has a graduate from Franklin Pierce Law Center in the University of New Haven and is a proud product of the state community college system, having matriculated from Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Judge Wiese has served the state admirably for many, many years and I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I would then move this resolution the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered, sir. Thank you.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On Page 3, Calendar 57, Senate Joint Resolution Number 47, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF

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THE HONORABLE FRANCIS J. FOLEY, III, OF HANOVER TO  
BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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 DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Judge Francis J.  
Foley, III is a resident of Hanover and I thought I  
knew this state pretty well, but I really was  
educated by the judge at -- during -- at the  
committee level where Hanover is, and I think one of  
our colleagues will further provide defense of where  
Hanover is -- that would be Senator Osten will bring  
that up, on a more serious note, Judge Foley today -  
- he's before the chamber to serve -- to be  
appointed to his fourth term. He will again be a  
state referee which means he is over the age of 70  
and I like to the state referees provide us  
assistance to keep the cases moving in our courts.  
He's currently the presiding judge for the child  
protection session in Eastern Connecticut.

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He's a graduate of Boston College Undergrad from Boston College. He's a graduate of Boston University School of Law and he, again, was first appointed in May of 1993. He has a long, distinguished career. He has served in the past on the DCF Program Improvement Plan. He also served on the Committee to Expedite Child Protection Appeals. He has served, again also in our criminal courts. He was administrative judge for 14 years in the child protection, so Judge Foley certainly has a long and distinguished career and I urge the chamber to approve this resolution of Judge Foley of the well-known Hanover, Connecticut. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, I rise in complete endorsement for the unofficial Mayor of the village of Hanover and the town of Sprague. Judge Foley has long been a mainstay in Hanover -- the Hanover section of the lovely, bucolic town of Sprague and has worked very hard to benefit the State of Connecticut and our area of the state in particular.

He and his family are assets to us with everything that they do. If you get a chance and you drive by his home, which I am firmly committed to not telling you exactly where it is because many of you may not even know where the village of Hanover is -- he has sheep that graze out in the front with just a lovely atmosphere and I can't think of anybody better to



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represent our town than Judge Foley and I look forward to my colleagues thoroughly endorsing Judge Foley. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you Madam President. Without objection, I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered. Senate will stand at ease for one moment, please.

Okay, at this time -- [pause] Senator Duff, why do you rise, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Would the Senate stand at ease for a moment?

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease.

Senator Duff, why do you stand sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if -- does the clerk have on his desk, Senate Agendas Number 2 and 3? Not yet? Just 2? All right.

THE CHAIR:

Just 3. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Clerk is in possession of Senate Agendas 2 and 3, both dated Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move that all items on Senate Agenda Number 3, dated Wednesday, March 8, 2017 be acted upon as indicated and the agenda be incorporated by reference into Senate Journal and transcript.

THE CHAIR:

I'm sorry, did you just say Senate Agenda 3, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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THE CHAIR:

Two and three. Seeing no objection. So ordered  
sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Would Senate stand at  
ease for a moment?

THE CHAIR:

Senate will be standing at ease.

Senator Duff. Senate will come back to order.  
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, on  
Senate Agenda Number 3 -- Madam President, if we can  
suspend our rules to take up House Joint Resolution  
Number 105 -- the resolution expressing sympathy on  
the death of Representative Mary Fritz.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Would the clerk please  
call the House Joint Resolution Number 105 and read  
the resolution, please.

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Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 105, RESOLUTION  
EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE  
MARY FRITZ. LCO Number 4995 introduced by  
Representatives Aresimowicz, Ritter, Klarides,  
Senators Looney, Duff, Fasano, Witkos,  
Representatives Mushinsky, Candelora, Zupkus,  
Fishbein, Linehan, Suzio and Markley -- And Senator  
Markley.

Whereas, on Saturday, July 9, 2016, the State of  
Connecticut and the towns of Wallingford and  
Cheshire lost a distinguished and beloved State  
Representative with the passing of Mary Fritz, at  
the age of seventy-eight; and

Whereas, she represented the 90th district with  
distinction for thirty-two years and to the date of  
her passing; and

Whereas, she was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts,  
on May 8, 1938, and attended Emmanuel College,  
Boston College, Trinity College and Fairfield  
University; and

Whereas, she was a teacher in the Wallingford Public  
Schools from 1959 to 1964; and

Whereas, she was founder of Create & Play Nursery  
School and taught reading in Meriden Parochial  
Schools; and

Whereas, she was Chairwoman of the Wallingford Board  
of Education; and

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Whereas, she was first elected as State Representative in 1982, representing the towns of Wallingford, Prospect and Cheshire, including the Yalesville area where she lived; and

Whereas, she served for sixteen terms as State Representative, and served as chairman of the Public Safety, Internship and Executive and Legislative Nominations Committees, vice-chairman of the Public Health Committee, and as a member of the Judiciary, Planning and Development, Education, Energy, General Law and Legislative Management Committees and the Select Committee on Workforce Development; and

Whereas, she oversaw the working group on medical malpractice insurance problems from 2003 to 2005; and

Whereas, she also served as Assistant Deputy Speaker, Deputy Majority Leader and Deputy Speaker in the Connecticut House of Representatives; and

Whereas, she is survived by her husband, William W. Fritz, six children, William, Kathleen, Michael, Heather, Matthew and David and fourteen grandchildren, Will, AJ, Brady, Kaitlyn, Anthony, Jack, Mae, Cole, Aidan, Layne, Ainsley, David, Olivia, and Michael.

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, Mary Fritz, whose death is a profound loss to the House of Representatives, her family and friends, the residents of Wallingford and Cheshire 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 Mary Fritz, as an expression of the high esteem and affection in which she was held.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I rise to honor this wonderful state representative who I've had the good fortune of serving with for six terms in the House. She was a senior member then and was held in such high regard, a mentor to so many of us, and a wonderful woman who reached across both sides of the political aisle and I would say that she really stood up for so many things. A woman of principle, of courage, of dedication -- she loved serving the State of Connecticut. She loved being a state representative for her community, her town, and it was really an honor and a privilege as I said, to serve with her and I want to extend my condolences to her family as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Boucher. Will you -- Senator Markley.

SENATOR MARKLEY (16TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I wasn't aware that the tributes of Mary Fritz was going to take place here today but having represented

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Cheshire alongside her and having known her before then, I wanted to say a few words about her personally.

I knew her first back in the anti-income tax fight in 1990 and 1991. She was a state representative that I only got to know in that period and there were a lot of people who wanted to be against the income tax but got their arms twisted or people who were kind of lukewarm one way or another but not Mary Fritz. She picked a side in that battle and she stuck to it relentlessly and I gained some real admiration for her cause I knew the kind of pressure that she was under in that situation and as a member of the Democratic Party that was mostly supportive of the state income tax.

So it was a pleasure to work with her when I returned to the legislature in 2011 in Cheshire and at that point, she was an institution in town and her command of legislative matters was and remains a wonder to me. She really knew how to take care of things and she had an attitude of saying to the rest of the Cheshire delegation, stay out of my way and I will take care of this -- which I was perfectly happy to let her do because she knew what she was doing, had a real love for the community, and she was absolutely no-nonsense.

I always felt that she looked at me a little with a jaundiced eye -- she would rather have seen the seat in Democratic hands but -- and I understood where she was coming from because I can be partisan that way too. But she was a genuine, sincere, intelligent, hard-working woman that I had the highest respect for and it's a pleasure to be able

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to stand and say a few words in her honor. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Markley. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I want to associate myself with the remarks of my colleagues and you know, I got to know Representative Fritz from when I first started here, 25 years ago, and she was just always very warm and supportive to me.

I think part, over the years it was because she had correctional facility issues in her district, we had correctional facility issues in my neck of the woods, you know, doing -- [laughing] dealing with things as mundane as sewage treatment flowage and trying to get appropriate reimbursement from the State of Connecticut but she always was a stalwart on the Judiciary Committee and really participated to a great extent and I would just share with my colleagues that I knew that she was ill, I knew that she was going to retire, so on her very final day on the Judiciary Committee, last year, I took the opportunity to say from my heart how much I respected her and admired her and pointed out any number of her really high qualities.

And couple months after that, to my great surprise, I received a very nice, personalized card from Representative Fritz thanking me for my kind words and like a week later, I learned that she had passed away, so to the end, she was just above and beyond and one of the most courteous and thoughtful



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individuals I've ever known and she will be missed.  
Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. It's my pleasure to stand up and speak about Mary Fritz who is a great friend of mine, a great friend of the President of the Senate and most people up at the State Capitol. I look at her as two things: she was a mother and a legislator. She was so committed to her family, she had six children, they were really -- she was so proud of her children. They're all successful in their different ways and her husband Bill who many of us know, he spends a lot of time watching CTN. He would provide some critique of how we perform up here, but they're a wonderful, powerful couple, really working hard for the State of Connecticut.

Now, Mary was a legislator my entire career in the House and since the Senate. I really think of Mary as a classic or really institution of the General Assembly. Mary certainly was never shy. She was there to express her opinions but she -- in the midst of her speaking her mind always, she certainly was always a smart person. She -- hard-working, dedicated to her district, you know, at times, many of us admired the amount of hard work she would -- she's so committed to her district.

She served with me for most of my career on the Judiciary Committee, so we would spend long hours working together, trying to -- you know, trying to

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decide what -- where we would stand on some controversial issues on the Judiciary Committee over the years but to me personally, she really was one of my close advisors up here. You know, I joked that she would always provide me free advice but I always asked for it also.

She was just a wonderful person and I really -- it was one of my great privileges up here, last year -- I talked to Mary -- everyone knew that she -- that her health was not -- last year -- towards -- during the session last year, many of us knew that her health was failing and I offered and I was happy to be given the privilege to pick her up and bring her to the last Judiciary Committee meeting that she attended. It was a wonderful privilege of mine to bring her and have her come to the meeting despite her failing health, she certainly -- as usual, spoke her mind and whipped some of us into shape as she -- was -- liked to do.

But again, I just -- I miss her cause she was such a help to all of us up here and she had a long and many of us weren't aware of it, but she had a long trail -- you know, fighting her last illness for the past few years but she really didn't -- the important thing is she didn't let any of us know, she never complained, she continued to fight and whenever we saw her up here, the last year or so -- her visits were less frequent but whenever she came up she was her same self, fighting self, fighting for her district and trying to whip us all into shape.

So I will miss Mary. I miss her every day as truly one of the great institutions during my career up here and I just send my condolences to her six

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children and her grandchildren that she so loved and her wonderful husband Bill. Again, thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Cassano.

SENATOR CASSANO (4TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I too rise to speak in praise of Mary Fritz. I had the opportunity to chair for a couple of years, the GAE Committee and one of our responsibilities was to oversee the conveyance bill. Well, I find out that even though you're the chairman of the conveyance bill, it was Mary Fritz's bill. Not the Conveyance Committee's bill. In fact, Mary Fritz was not even on the Committee -- GAE. She would call occasionally and we would get together or we would talk on the phone she loved to do.

She has a long history of being involved in the Democratic Party and Democratic events and so on and she would reminisce and so that quick conveyance call sometimes would last -- it'd be 45 or 55 minutes and it was very, very enjoyable, particularly in that last year for her.

The last night of the session, I was a little worried. It was quarter of nine, still hadn't seen Mary because Mary of course, was quite ill. But I knew she would be here and right around 9:15 she came in with the conveyance bill, because only Mary handled the conveyance bill. Little yellow piece of paper with all hand scribbles on it -- whole bunch of things crossed off. We went through this one, we

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went through that one, and of course the conveyance bill was done on the implementer as usual -- many changes and so on -- if you needed something on the conveyance bill you didn't go to GAE, you went to Mary Fritz.

That is a testimony to Mary Fritz. The confidence that people had in her, the faith that they had in her, she was a gem and she worked right up to the last minutes of her life for all of us and I truly appreciate having the opportunity to partner with her in doing so. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN (24TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'm pleased to stand and thank Mary Fritz for her service to our state. Indeed, you've heard some fine stories about Mary and her wit and her wisdom and her very firm message for those of us who may have been in disagreement. I too had the privilege to work with Mary on the conveyance bill.

There's a bench just outside the Senate chambers that I called Mary's bench and she would hold court out there to discuss the conveyance bill through the closing hours -- closing days of the legislative session and managed it very well as Senator Cassano mentioned. But I will tell you that we as legislators tend to have a favorite or two on each of the committees in which we serve and my -- one of my favorites on the Judiciary Committee for all the term that I've been here was Mary Fritz.

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She was -- didn't speak often but she spoke loud and clear on particular points that she wanted to make and I must say, on an occasion or two, she changed my mind on a topic that I thought I felt pretty firm about. Mary Fritz left her mark on legislature in the State of Connecticut and I extend my very best, sincere condolences to her family. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY (12TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I also rise in tribute to Mary Fritz and in support of this resolution. I first met Mary Fritz when I was 17-years-old. I was a student at Wesleyan University as a freshman and at that time, my father decided that he was going to announce his candidacy for president of the United States and the two coordinators for Kennedy in the State of Connecticut were Mary and Bill Fritz.

And since that time, the Fritz's and the Kennedy family have been friends, united in our belief of service to our country, love of our family, love for this -- for the United States of America and opportunity for all and I had the opportunity to visit Mary Fritz around her kitchen table, like many of us have, where she held court. In fact, that was the community meeting space.

She would put on a cup of coffee and hear -- her door was always open to anyone in her district and she taught me the importance of constituent service, which is the primary reason why we are all here, in

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this circle and in this building. So I'm grateful for having known Mary, I'm grateful for her incredible family and thank you so much, to this body for forwarding this resolution in her honor. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Will you remark? I'm gonna -- Senator Looney, I'm not gonna cut you off yet, sir. There's people that want to speak before you. Sorry. If you don't -- if it's that's okay with you. I'm gonna -- because I understand the leadership wants to speak, so I'm gonna -- but I'm gonna take it from you for one second.

I too want to pay my condolences to the family. Mary and I go back over 30 years. We served together in the House of Representatives. Mary and I didn't always agree on things just like everybody else but if you had listened to Mary talk about what she loved the most, it was really two things: one of course was her family and the second was serving in the House so that she could represent the people in her town -- in her district.

Her family is probably one of the strongest, closest families that I've ever seen and there's a story of -- on Mary and Bill's anniversary one year and I can't remember if he wrote an editorial or if he wrote a letter to the press to say -- to talk about his wife and what a wonderful state representative and a wonderful wife she had been for all those years. Their friendship -- they truly are -- were one person. Her community -- she bragged about her community the entire time but she loved serving in

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the House of Representatives and serving with the people up here in the chamber also.

Mary was -- it brought life to her so when she could no longer get here, she kind of slowed down the fight and -- but at her going away party that we all had for her, she had a hard time sitting up and everything else, but she was smiling all the time and just like Mary, anytime you got up there to speak, she'd correct you. Even when she was dying.

Mary is missed tremendously. I thank the Senate for honoring a dear friend and a wonderful public servant so thank you very much. But this time, I think it's Senator Duff that wants to speak.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President and it is obviously with a heavy heart that we have this resolution for Mary Fritz today. I remember when I first came in the House of Representatives, Mary was deputy speaker and was somebody who was known as a lady who is tough as nails. I mean, nothing got past her and she was pretty savvy about the ways of the legislature and I certainly don't want to repeat the -- what's been out there and said, though I will say that I know that she certainly cared about her community that she represented.

She cared about her state. She cared about the details of things that oftentimes -- or sometimes -- get overlooked here in the House and Senate but she was somebody we can count on to always keep us straight, I guess, from a standpoint of insuring that we weren't doing something that in the long-term would not be beneficial, at least from her

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perspective. It's always been said about the conveyance bill and how she was the lady to always work that and if Mary Fritz didn't like it then it wasn't happening.

But one thing that I always -- we always had in common is that we shared the same birthday -- May 8 and that was always something where I'd go down to her in the House and always wish her happy birthday and she never -- I don't know about anybody else but she never called me by my first name -- she'd always say, thanks Duff, and that was kind of her -- or her kind of MO.

And -- but tough lady, but pleasant and really somebody from a different era who you could disagree with but be friendly with and even if she said no, somebody you would not always get upset with because you know that she had the best interests of the state in mind whenever she said no. So somebody who I deeply respected, I miss, and I'm glad that we had this opportunity today to speak so highly of someone who we all can call a friend. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, you're right. Billy had a very special relationship with Mary. Billy built all of her signs for campaigns, right from scratch. Those iconic signs. Also, Billy did all the cooking. Mary never cooked. She never cooked. She loved her grandchildren. She



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loved her house filled with the kids coming over all the time. And I had the privilege when it snowed, to drive her to work. I'd pick her up and drive her in and all the way up she would talk about this building and the policies and things that have changed and things that are good and things that are bad.

But when I first ran, my first year, I was told by press that look, anything you voted for that is good for your district, you need to do a letter or a press announcement. So we looked through and there was a bonding package for a Wallingford high school that got a million and a half dollars for a new track. So amongst the other things I put in, was that. I really didn't know Mary. She called me up. She said, Fasano. What are you doing? I worked four years to get that on that agenda and you put it in your press release? Who do you think you are? Just because you're in the upper chamber, you think you could take -- and I'm saying, oh my gosh, I know I'm outmatched.

So I told her I would do -- I would write a letter to the *New England Register* and apologize and give her credit for doing it and say, I really had nothing to do with it except bought a vote for on it on a bonding package. And ever since then, we've been like the best of friends. I go to breakfast on Tuesdays every now and then with Billy. He has this group. Mary would invite me over. Billy -- some of you may know my walking stick that I have in my office that I use -- the duck head one, well Billy made that duck head one because Mary asked him to. So that's the type of person Mary was and I'll never forget her.

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One of the other things -- she had the conveyance bill and I was trying to get a piece of property for East Haven and I was talking to the state about getting this property. Mary was okay with it and then they said no, we're not gonna do that transfer. I said, all right, I gotta call Mary Fritz. They said, no, no, don't call Mary Fritz. We'll give it to you. Don't worry about it.

So they knew where that power was and they didn't want to turn that switch on for Mary. But I miss her. I miss driving up with her. I miss her conversations. I miss her calling me and yelling at me for unknown reasons and having the conversation and listening to her brag about her grandkids and her wonderful, wonderful family. She'll be sorely missed. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'd yield to Senator Hartley if she was looking to speak.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Hartley, will you accept the yield?

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Yes, indeed I will and my apologies to the majority leader and to our president pro tem and to Madam President but I realized that we were talking about an icon in this building -- Representative Mary

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Fritz and I thought I just had to come down and very briefly weigh in.

So I served in the House with Mary for a number of years and so some of you might know the phrase *the band of brothers* from literature and Shakespeare. I will tell you that Mary Fritz, myself, Melody Currey and Moira Lyons were the band of sisters and Mary was the one who would bring us all in together and - on issues in terms of the growers where she started Growers' Day in the House to legislation and to other social issues.

Mary was a catalyst who could bring people together in such an important and pivotal way and we got to know her family and her children and her grandchildren over the years and they too follow in Mary's footsteps and they are great people and leaders in their own right in everything that they have done.

Mary will be with us forever by virtue of legislation, by virtue of the leadership she showed to her district and also the comradery that she connected with all of us here in the chamber and I miss her deeply as I think we probably all do and to Mary, I was just "Hartley" and when I got that call on the other end of the phone, I knew it was Mary and you always had to give her all of your attention.

She was an incredible legislator, family person, community individual, person of faith, and she has touched in me such a deep and important way and I'm glad to be able to stand here and join with all of my colleagues in recognizing Mary's incredible

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leadership throughout her entire life. Thank you, Madam President. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking on the resolution, Mary Fritz was as we all know, a force of nature in this chamber and the state and she had the warmest and best heart and kindness and way of connecting with people in a way that was just so genuine and a blessing to us all. I had the great good fortune of serving with her in the House for eight years and we were brought even closer together because we had some mutual friends who were -- that I was very close to and that so was she.

One of my dearest friends was -- since high school was John Shortell who was president of the Dime Savings Bank of Wallingford. He died tragically in his mid-40's and his wife -- late Barbara -- both of them were close friends of Mary's as well and we would keep in touch over -- with the Shortells and with Mary and she was very helpful to them in their illnesses as well and would help keep me posted so that -- but she was someone who was so connected to her communities in so many ways that she was first elected in 1982 and then lost in 1984 in the Regan landslide and then came roaring back in 1986 and was then here for the next 29 and a half years until she passed away last summer and the conveyance bill -- so many other areas of advocacy.

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There's really no one I can think of who defines the idea of being connected to her community as well as Mary. As Senator Fasano said, her kitchen table was like a community forum. That people would just drop in, be there -- she was -- it was always welcomed. She and her husband Bill were great together. He was so supportive of all the work that she did. She was so proud of her six children and her 14 grandchildren and the rest of us here were like her extended family as well.

So that -- what she did over that long career -- it seems that Wallingford has a particular affinity to -- once they elect somebody that they like and is doing a good job, can stay there for a long time. They have one of the longest-serving mayors in the whole state, Mayor Dickenson -- obviously Mayor -- Representative Mushinky has been -- was first elected in 1980 and then Mary since '82, Senator Fasano although he's been here for 14 years is like the junior kid in the group because he's [laughing] -- has been there only half as long as the others but obviously beloved there as well.

So again, her loss last summer was a tragic loss for all of us. We all knew that she was ill and struggling over the last couple of years that she was here but despite that, her great heart, her great courage, her great love of this building, made her have the strength and energy to be here and to overcome the terrible pain and illness that she was -- and strain that she was suffering but it did her good to be here with us, among her friends at a time when she was suffering illness but that helped her, I think, in many ways to revive and keep going because she loved her work here and loved all of us so much. Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Remark further? If not, I'd ask everybody to please stand for a moment of silence recognizing Mary Fritz.

Thank you. The resolution has been adopted. At this time, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, does the clerk have on his desk Senate Agenda Number 4?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda Number 4, business from the Senate. It's dated Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move that all items on Senate Agenda Number 4, dated Wednesday, March 8, 2017 be acted upon as indicated and that the agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and transcript.

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THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you -- thank you, Madam President. I would ask for suspension to take up items on Senate Agenda Number 4.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If the clerk can please call the two items from Senate Agenda Number 4, please.

THE CHAIR:

Senate -- Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 93, RESOLUTION  
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD  
E. BURKE OF MADISON TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Judge Burke is like several of the other judges today. He's going up for his -- he's presenting before us today for -- seeking a third term as a Superior Court judge in Connecticut. He -- just last July he became a -- he became a trial referee. He is currently sitting in New Haven -- New Haven Juvenile. He's got a long, distinguished career. He's a graduate of Marquette University where he got his undergraduate. Graduate of Tulane School of Law and also got a LLM from the University of Miami School of Law.

He has served in New Haven family, served in Middletown, Meriden and family in New Haven. He's -- during the public hearing process we had very little negative comments at all. He served us very well. I urge the chamber to approve this resolution to make -- to approve his continued service as a trial referee. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):



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Yes, Madam President, without objection, I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 101, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE BETHANY J. ALVORD OF BLOOMFIELD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT AND A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, 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 KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Judge Bethany Alvord resides in Bloomfield. She has been sitting on our appellate court since 2009. After seven years as a superior court judge. Prior to becoming a judge, she served as a family support magistrate. In her

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private sector years, she was counsel for both Mass Mutual and Aetna. She is a graduate of Colgate University and the University of Connecticut School of Law. She's also served her community by sitting on numerous boards and was a member of the Suffield Zoning Board of Appeals.

Judge Alvord has been a respected and valued member of the appellate court and is deserving of reappointment and I would urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?  
If not, Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered, sir. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if the clerk can read the items on the Consent Calendar and -- followed by a vote on the Consent Calendar please.

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CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, please.

CLERK:

Calendar 46, Senate Joint Resolution Number 40,  
Calendar 47, on page 1, Senate Joint Resolution  
Number 41. On page 2, Calendar 48, Senate Joint  
Resolution Number 42. Also on page 2, Calendar 54,  
Senate Joint Resolution Number 44, page 2, Calendar  
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2, Calendar 56, Senate Joint Resolution Number 46,  
and on page 3, Calendar 57, Senate Joint Resolution  
Number 47. Also House Joint Resolution Number 93,  
House Joint Resolution Number 101.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Mr. Clerk, please call for a roll call vote on the first Consent Calendar and the machine will be open.

CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call has been ordered in the Senate  
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All members have voted, all members have voted? The machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you call the tally?

CLERK:

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Total number voting	34
Those voting Yea	34
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	2

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THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar has been passed. (Gavel)  
Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Without objection, I'd move suspension of the rules to transfer the previously adopted resolutions to the house.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered, sir. Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. May the Senate stand at ease.

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Senate will stand at ease. [long pause]

Senate will come back to order. Senator Duff.  
Excuse me a minute, Senator Duff. I'll get the  
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Senator Duff. Oops. Never mind, we can shut it  
back off. Senator Duff decided not to speak to us.  
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I -- Madam President,  
is the clerk in possession of Senate Agenda Number  
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THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda Number 5.  
It's business from the House, dated Wednesday, March  
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THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move all items on  
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THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I would move for suspension on House Joint Resolution 97 and that be our next item of business.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk, will you please call.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 97, RESOLUTION  
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD N. PALMER OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT AND A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

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Motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Justice Richard Palmer has been a member of our Supreme Court since 1993 so today we're considering whether or not we approve him for his fourth term on our Connecticut Supreme Court. Justice Palmer is a graduate of Trinity College with honors, University of Connecticut School of Law with honors. He has an unbelievable resume and I'll try -- just edify the chamber of some of his different accomplishments in his career.

He started out after graduating from UConn Law School. He was a law clerk to Judge John O'Newman of the United States Court of Appeals. He then did some private practice. Then he was an assistant United States Attorney for a number of tours. He did two different tours. Then he moved on. He was appointed the US Attorney for Connecticut from 1991 to 1993. Thereafter that he was chief state's attorney for Connecticut so he had civil and criminal experience prior to being on the bench and then on March 17, 1993, he was sworn in as an associate's justice of the Supreme Court.

By -- and he was nominated at the point by then Governor Weicker. He has served on many different judicial branch boards, you know committees throughout the years that I mentioned earlier with other judges. He also has an extensive record of giving back to his community that many on the judiciary committee have been talking about lately.

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For instance, he served on Board of Directors of Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, another the special trustee of the Anna Fuller Fund and basically, in terms of the judicial branch he was an Executive Committee of the Superior Court from 2000 to 2012, chair of the Client Security Fund from 2000 to 2006. He also has served -- a member of the Adjunct Faculty of Quinnipiac School of Law and Yale School of Law. He taught seminars on ethics and on criminal law and ethics and litigation. He also was on a past Board of the directors for the Fund for Greater Hartford.

You know, in short, he's really served his community in many ways and has been a very respected member of our Superior -- Supreme Court. Now at -- in the Judiciary Committee level, we did have -- there was some discussions amongst the committee members and I think Justice Palmer did of course a fine job answering the questions of the committee which is what the democratic process is all about and what the re-nomination process is all about.

And I'll be honest. Personally, I didn't agree with every decision that Justice Palmer authored during his career but to me, that's really not a basis to vote against Justice Palmer. I believe -- you know, and earlier this year, there was another individual which will remain nameless -- was not -- it never came to a vote in the chamber but was not approved because of other issues unrelated to Judicial decisions and there was conduct and you know, the bipartisan committee believed really were inappropriate.

Today of course, that's not the case of Justice Palmer. I think without a doubt, he's a brilliant



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jurist. The fact that I may not agree with every one of his decisions really, to me is of no relevance really. The question is, is -- has he performed well, how has he performed at community and served us and I -- in short, I just think the chamber should definitely approve Justice Palmer for a fourth term on our Connecticut Supreme Court and I urge the chamber to approve this resolution today. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Senator Kissel. [long pause] Okay. Senate will come back to order and at this time, Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. At the outset, I'd like to associate myself with the remarks made by my friend and colleague, Senator Doyle, co-chairman of the committee. As much as I may not necessarily have been delighted with the outcome of some of the decisions written by Justice Palmer, I actually have a very difficult time arguing with how they were put together.

And indeed, in the most recent case, the Santiago case, it's my understanding that some of the remarks that I made on the floor of this very chamber, urging my colleagues not to pass a bifurcated death penalty bill [words - 01:49:51] abolished it prospectively -- were incorporated into the decision. So it's very difficult for me to argue that it's a wrong-headed decision when I essentially predicted the decision years in advance.

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But I did have another issue as well and that was the perceived if not actual, lack of collegiality amongst the justices on our supreme court. Justice Palmer assured me that that was not necessarily the case and I have no reason to doubt that as he was under oath when he answered our questions. I felt perhaps even a bit foolish in admonishing Justice Palmer that there was any kind of lack of collegiality that I would hope that everybody who has the tremendous honor to sit on Supreme Court would move beyond that and I have the upmost confidence that that will be the case.

So the process is what the process is. We have a role in that process. It is our duty to our constituents and the people of the State of Connecticut as a greater whole to question nominations and re-nominations to either Superior Court, Appellate Court, Supreme Court, and we have other areas where we do the exact same and it is not inappropriate for us to ask insightful questions and sometimes to say that we disagree with either policy decisions of jurists or the tone that we see in their decisions or in the deportment in the courtroom and unfortunately, we see that far more often when it comes to re-nominations of Superior Court judges who have served on the family side. But occasionally it does percolate over into other areas of the judicial branch and we're just doing our job.

So I feel that the hearing process was healthy. I thought the hearing process helped air some concerns that various members of the legislature had and I am reassured going forward that Justice Palmer will continue to serve the people of the State of Connecticut with the utmost thoughtfulness and

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integrity and while I respect any of my colleagues who don't see it that way, and feel compelled to vote against Justice Palmer's re-nomination, I wanted it on the record that that's the rationale and basis for why I will be voting in support of the re-nomination of Justice Palmer. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Will you remark?  
Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I've never had the opportunity to meet or engage in any kind of dialogue with Justice Palmer till he appeared in front of the Judiciary Committee a few weeks ago during his testimony regarding his nomination and I have to say that I was impressed by his intellect, by his demeanor, and certainly by his patience and humility. He had to undergo hours of questioning by the Judiciary Committee.

Although, sometimes I have a little trouble reconciling his humility and his demeanor during the hearing, and when I read his comments about his fellow Justice Espinosa and his personal criticism of her that was written into the footnote of one of his decisions. That I find hard to reconcile with the person I saw who was testifying in front of us.

Nonetheless, I do have reservations about supporting Justice Palmer and it's not because of who he is or what he said that particular day. It's because of the judicial philosophy which I've heard him

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articulate and which was expressed in some of his decisions and in particular, I referred to his comment about contemporary standards of decency as one of the reasons for his decision in the Santiago case.

That more than anything else, gives me pause for concern because it suggests that the Justice believes that the words that are written into our constitution and the words indeed that are written into any of our laws, may or may not mean what the writers of those words meant when they wrote them and when you take that approach -- when you take the approach that the intention and the meaning of the words of our constitution and our laws are subject to change, based on "contemporary standards of decency" then you've undermined the meaning of any law and any part of our constitution.

You've basically have arrogated the power to yourself and taken it away from the lawmakers and the people who wrote those documents. That I consider to be a very dangerous philosophy. Contemporary standards of decency mean that those standards can change at any given time -- 20 years from now, 40 years from now. Maybe contemporary standards of decency might be we could hand, draw, and quarter criminals and if that's the contemporary standard of decency, then apparently that's the standard for judging whether something is constitutional or not.

And what I find particularly troubling is in the case of Santiago, we all were warned -- cause I was here at the time when we voted on the death penalty, we were warned that that was likely to be viewed to be unconstitutional because it created two separate

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classes of beings with two different sets of rights. Those who had been judged guilty of capital murder and were on death row and those prospectively going forward having a different set of rights.

We all knew at the time and anticipated that there would be a case that would litigate that and in effect, invalidate the law and make the death penalty sentences of the 12 criminals on death row void and null and frankly, if the judge had left it at that and had said that he found that it was inappropriate and violated equal protection standards, I could understand that but he did add in his commentary -- he reflected on contemporary standards of decency as the reason or the rationale for it.

If there's one thing that's important, it's that we have to know that the law -- particularly our most fundamental laws, our constitution -- are ongoing and they're universal and they're constant. They're not subject to change every generation that comes along.

If indeed contemporary standards of decency have changed so much that something that was acceptable 50 years ago, 100 years ago is no longer acceptable then the appropriate course of action is to amend our constitution or change our laws and if indeed contemporary standards of decency have so evolved to the point where something considered common or normal 50, 100 years ago or more is considered heinous today, then amending the constitution should not be a difficult thing to do.

But we endanger the rights of all of us when we say that a judge in black robes or a group of judges in

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black robes -- at their whim can reinterpret what the writers of the Constitution itself said. That is a threat to all of us. The words that are in our constitution should be immutable and changed only by the process provided in the Constitution. Not by the ruling of a judge or a group of judges.

All of us need to know that the law and the constitution means what it meant when it was written and when it was articulated. If again, standards of decency and social sensibility has changed so much that the meaning of words in the original -- and the original intent should be changed -- we have a process to change it. We are not stuck with it forever. But we must know that our laws mean what they meant when they were written and they will continue to mean that until and unless we amend the Constitution and the laws themselves.

Arrogating that power to nine people in black robes, to me is violating and threatening every right that we have. It could be changed at any time and evolving standards of decency -- or contemporary standards of decency can go one way and they can go the other. We might be shocked at what contemporary society might find acceptable 100 years from now. So any justice in my opinion that espouses a philosophy like that, undermines the rights of all of us.

It undermines our assurance of what is intended and written into our laws and in our constitution and for that reason, I object to Justice Palmer's re-nomination to the Supreme Court of the State of Connecticut and I will vote accordingly. I ask all my colleagues here in the Senate [clearing throat] to reflect on that issue. Do you want to put at

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risk to some future group of judges, the rights that you believe are enshrined in our constitution and could be reinterpreted based on some future standards which no one can even anticipate? Thank you, Madam Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Senator Bye, it's good to see you.

SENATOR BYE (5TH):

It's good to see you, Madam President. Madam President, I rise in support of Justice Palmer's re-nomination to the Supreme Court.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR BYE (5TH):

Ladies and gentleman of the Senate, I rise to speak in support of the nomination of Justice Richard Palmer to the Supreme Court -- and I should be clear -- re-nomination. Two hours ago, I landed at Bradley International Airport with my wife Tracy after spending the past month at the National Institutes of Health in Maryland. Notice, I didn't say, I landed with my partner. I didn't say I landed with my roommate. Because at first, Tracy and I had a civil union but after we were married, I've been referring to her as my wife.

So my wife and I landed so I could be here today to support Justice Richard Palmer. Justice Palmer confirmed my constitutional right to marry the

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person that I loved back in 2008 when he wrote the majority opinion in *Kerrigan v. the Commissioner of Public Health* -- and a quick shout out to a constituent Beth Kerrigan who -- she and her family took the time to be the lead plaintiffs on this suit and we're so proud of her in West Hartford.

*Carrigan v. Connecticut* was a 4-3 decision. Some people blame Justice Palmer since he wrote the majority opinion for forcing his personal views on the State of Connecticut and allowing for marriage equality in Connecticut. But we know now that he was way ahead of his time. We also know that Justice Palmer and the Connecticut Supreme Court made their decision based on solid constitutional and judicial precedent. Not on personal opinion. Not on prejudice. Not based on a "contemporary standard of decency". But for the law. For equal protection. That's exactly why we have a constitution in part to protect the rights of the minority against a mob mentality.

Allow me to quote Justice Palmer. "The legislature has subjected gay persons to precisely that kind of differential treatment by creating a separate legal classification for same-sex couples who like opposite sex couples wish to have their relationships recognized under the law. Put differently, the civil union law entitles same-sex couples to all of the same rights as married couples except one and that is the freedom to marry. A right that has long been recognized as one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men and women and fundamental to our very existence and survival."



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Justice Palmer took that last phrase from *Loving v. Virginia* based on precedent and later he used established law created in 1954 by the Supreme Court in the decision of *Brown v. Board of Education* -- a decision by the way -- that has some precedent with Thurgood Marshall and Prudence Crandall based right here in Connecticut and what Justice Palmer quoted from *Brown v. The Board of Education* is we do not doubt that civil union law was designed to benefit same-sex couples by providing them with legal rights that they previously did not have.

If however, the intended effect of that law is to treat politically unpopular or historically disfavored minorities different from people in the majority, or the favored class, that law cannot evade constitutional review under the separate but equal doctrine. Justice Palmer had such eloquence in using precedent. This now is a right that thousands of people in Connecticut like my -- like I do -- have had since 2008 and it hasn't been challenged since. It's not the law of the entire land and I thank Justice Palmer and the three Connecticut Justice in making that decision for their wisdom, for their application of the constitution in making that decision.

I also want to take a moment and point out what the *Connecticut Law Tribune* had to say about Justice Palmer. On March 1st, they had an editorial supporting him, endorsing his re-nomination. They talked about the importance of judicial independence and how firmly established that is in our nations and what they had to say was that the criticism and questioning of Justice Palmer's qualifications to be a jurist based on his honest, good-faith rulings on

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a matter of constitutional interpretation should be shocking and abhorrent to all lawyers.

I'm not a lawyer -- not even close -- I'm grateful citizen of the State of Connecticut. I'm looking for judicial discretion, consideration, for intelligence, for good judgement, just like my constituents -- so many who called my office this week asking me to support his reappointment to the Supreme Court. So I feel very strongly that Justice Palmer is a very strong Supreme Court justice and he has that judgment in spades and I urge his confirmation today by the state senate. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN (24TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I stand in opposition to the re-appointment of Justice Palmer. And I must say that when I arrived at the state senate as a freshman, it was the first opportunity that I had to vote on Justice Palmer's re-appointment. That was eight years ago and I recall at that time working diligently as a new member of the Judiciary Committee -- looking at previous decisions, some of which I disagreed with but I felt at the time that I didn't have a valid reason to vote no and I vote -- I voted yes for his re-nomination eight years ago.

But I did do my homework in the last eight years and I have watched very carefully, Justice Palmer's work on the Supreme Court since his re-nomination the last time and it's troubling to me. I will say that

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judicial activism is a concern of mine and the editorial that Senator Bye just mentioned from the Connecticut Law Tribune seemed to dismiss even having any discussion about judicial activism but I will say that it was in 1999 during Justice Palmer's reappointment proceedings that year that he in fact stated, I do not believe judges are free to substitute their own views for those of the constitutional framers or the legislature.

And if you look at the decisions Justice Palmer is responsible for as the majority opinion writer, his comments from the bench over the last eight years, he has not honored his own comments of 1999 and in fact, has been a judicial activist. Very troubling. Do I disagree with some of its decisions? Well Santiago is a tough case. When we did the prospective repeal of the death penalty in Connecticut, I stood in opposition to the repeal for two reasons. One was I felt that the death penalty was an appropriate thing for us to have but secondly that a repeal prospectively was pandering and that's all it was -- because there was no way that prospective repeal could survive.

So as Senator Kissel said before me, during that debate and before me today, it was obvious to most who were watching the process who were lawyers, who do understand constitutional law that said that it would be a challenge. But interestingly enough, the Santiago decision got there sideways. There was very much in that decision that was of grave concern to Connecticut constitutional watchers of the Supreme Court.

One of those is our own chief state's attorney and the appellate lawyer, Harry Weller who is a

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brilliant, brilliant lawyer -- I don't know him personally but I have read some of his work along with the chief state's attorney Kevin Kane -- where they filed in that deal -- that decision -- Santiago to a motion for argument and in that was basically an objection to the decision of the Supreme Court and what we found out was that there were things discussed in the opinion that were never addressed -- issues that were never addressed and the Supreme Court, "undertakes analysis and relies on materials that were never raised or presented by the defendant and never subjected to any adversarial inquiry".

So what that means is that the Supreme Court changed the matter of fact of the case without having the state -- the state's attorney who represents the people of Connecticut -- without allowing them to interject in the discussion. That's very troubling. Very troubling.

Another point is LaPointe. Now the LaPointe case very interesting and I'm not a lawyer, I'm a realtor -- former banker -- but for a non-lawyer to study some of these cases in Connecticut the way that I've had to train myself to understand what the business of the Judiciary Committee here at the State Capitol is undertaking, I have to read things five times to understand what Lawyers are saying so studying for me is a lot harder. But studying the LaPointe case is fascinating how a magic wand just popped up and the whole operation of the courts in Connecticut got turned upside down. Amazing.

You see, we have a superior court in Connecticut and the superior court -- the trial court -- is the fact-finding court of Connecticut and then we have an appellate court. But in the LaPointe case, the

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majority opinion just created new facts. Very troubling. Very, very troubling. I don't want to belabor point. I could -- you can't imagine the reams of decisions that I have read over the last eight years following the Supreme Court and other judge reappointments. I don't like voting no on judges. I certainly don't like voting no on a justice of the Supreme Court of Connecticut. But I believe Justice Palmer needs to get reeled in.

He only has four years to go before a forced retirement and all I'm hoping for because it appears that he has enough votes for a reconfirmation -- maybe he doesn't but if I count no's in this circle, he does, I don't know. But Justice Palmer needs to hear loud and clear that you don't have a magic wand on the Supreme Court in the State of Connecticut. You don't change long-term standards of operating our court system in Connecticut and judicial activism is not acceptable under any circumstances. I urge rejection of this reappointment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator Witkos, good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I find myself rising. I don't often rise as many of our colleagues have said around the circle to vote on judges because I'm not a practicing attorney. I don't appear before the judges. It's only through things that I've heard -- either read in the newspaper or saw on TV or taken the time myself to do a little investigation but this justice who's up

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for reappointment was before us eight years ago or seven years ago, whatever the time frame was and I looked at how I voted then on Justice Palmer and I cast a no vote because I do not believe that a judge should be creating state statute.

A judge's job is to interpret and to apply state statute, not to create it and I found it interesting with Justice Palmer as a dissenter in the *Sheff v. O'Neill* case, which as you know has cost the state billions of dollars in education funding and it still hasn't improved to the degree that we had hoped it would by throwing more money at the problem.

He was a dissenter in that case and he made an argument that the opinion of the court was not based on evidence that was presented at trial or even in the appeal of the Supreme Court but yet during the Santiago case, the dissenters made the very same argument against Justice Palmer so it's very difficult to follow this particular jurists mind and where he's going.

So oftentimes you can look at somebody's track record and determine which way their ideology may lie or lead them but not in this case. And I was very disturbed during the judiciary hearing of the comments of my colleagues through the questioning of Justice Palmer and how he treated his fellow members of the bench. Certainly beneath any member that wears the black robe in the State of Connecticut and more specifically in heightened -- a member of the Connecticut State Supreme Court.

And I'm more concerned if this justice is reconfirmed, which I'm sure he will be -- we have

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another massive education case that is on appeal right now through the attorney general's office and that is the Connecticut Coalition for Educational Justice and if I may, Madam President, I wanted to read a sentence that Justice Palmer had placed into record. "As I explain more fully hereinafter, any other approach, including the approach at the plurality advocates would permit the judicial branch to second guess the reasoned judgement of the legislative and executive branches with respect to the education policy of this state, thereby depriving those branches of their 'recognized significant discretion in matters of public, elementary, and secondary education.'"

So, what I believe Justice Palmer is saying there is that the judicial branch should not exert its power over the executive and legislative branches of government yet in three very recent specific cases, he did just that -- that being the Kelo case, the Kerrigan case, and the Santiago case. So once again, my argument is I do not know where this justice is coming from, other than the fact that he is an activist judge and is going beyond the scope of what I believe his oath of office allows him to and what we give him the authority to do.

Doesn't matter what position, which side of the case he sided on, in my opinion that's immaterial. But creating law is where the change is. There have been other cases that had come before the Supreme Court where the justices said go back to the legislature. If you want to do x, this is what they need to do to make that happen because we're not going to opine and say that because of a judgement decision we lay out today it's going to create that specific law and the three cases that I cited --

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that's what should have happened in those cases as well.

If the statutes were unclear then the Supreme Court should have sent the cases back the legislature to clarify their intentions. So with that, Madam President, I will be voting no on Justice Palmer's reconfirmation. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not -- Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the resolution to reconfirm Justice Palmer. I think that he has had an extraordinary career for 24 years on our state Supreme Court since he was first appointed by Governor Weicker after having been both united states attorney and chief state's attorney in Connecticut. I think he is someone who has had -- who is an outstanding legal scholar, both in terms of Connecticut constitutional history and also federal constitutional history.

One of the things that -- take issue with in some of the comments that were made earlier -- it would seem from some of the comments in opposition to Justice Palmer's re-nomination -- it would seem that the only way -- the only proper way to reverse a Supreme Court opinion would be to amend the constitution. That otherwise it should be locked in stone and I think that is not the case and it never has been the case. There is objection taken to the use of the term *contemporary standards of decency* that Justice Palmer cited in the Santiago case.



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That has always been part of the fabric as court doctrine has emerged over the years and has developed and has changed from generation to generation. Operating under the fundamental principles established at the beginning of our nation's constitutional history but subject to the change as attitudes and views in contemporary society change over time.

For instance, in 1986, the US Supreme Court, in deciding *Plessy v. Ferguson* said that separate but equal was constitutional. That a state could legally enforce segregation between the races in railcars in the State of Louisiana and other related facilities as long as the facilities that were provided were maintained as equal. They could be enforced to be separate.

We know in practice, of course, they were always kept separate but rarely made equal because the state governments weren't willing to spend equal resources on facilities for African Americans but it took 58 years until the dissenting opinions in *Plessy v. Ferguson* that the decision should go the other way and that legal segregation should be struck down. The dissenters in that case argued that this was a clear case of equal protection and that equal protection under the 14th Amendment should govern this issue.

So in 1954 in *Brown v. Board of Education* what had been the dissenting opinion in *Plessy* became the majority opinion in *Brown v. Board of Education*. This is how doctrine evolves over time. It is not set in stone. Each generation brings its own wisdom and its own changes. For instance, even more

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recently, we had a case in the -- where the Supreme Court evaluated a case in the State of Georgia on the issue of consensual sex among homosexuals and the opinion the in Georgia case written by Justice White said that the State of Georgia could choose if it wanted to, to criminalize that conduct.

Only a dozen years later, the Supreme Court reversed itself and found that this was a matter protected by the privacy rights that had been articulated in 1965 beginning in *Griswold v. Connecticut*. So sometimes it takes 58 years for a reversal, sometimes only 12 years but the Constitution is a living and breathing document that has to be interpreted according to both the received wisdom of precedent but also with the recognition of evolving contemporary standards of decency.

So I think that Justice Palmer has been -- when within the mainstream, of how judges decide cases down through the years. I think the concern is as the editorial from the *Connecticut Law Tribune* pointed out, I think the attack on so-called judicial activism really is -- this is just as the -- that editorial said, merely an indelicate euphemism for "a position I disagree with" and I think that's a real danger.

That we see that one of the most important principles in our democracy is protecting the independence of the judiciary in deciding questions of constitutionality, especially in deciding on reviewing legislation as to whether or not it is in fact, constitutional and that judicial independence of course at the federal level has resulted in giving life tenure to all federal judges, not just Supreme Court justices but to those serving on the

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US Circuit Courts of Appeals and the trial courts in the federal system, the US District court.

So the framers were so concerned about maintaining judicial independence that they exempted justices from further review unless they were going to be impeached for actual misconduct. Our state has not chosen to go that far in guaranteeing that level of judicial independence.

Our judges do have to come before us every eight years and we do have a retirement age of 70 unlike the federal system but I think the underlying concern about judicial independence has to be maintained and I think a vote against Justice Palmer would be a dangerous one for that reason and I would urge the chamber to approve his nomination as the House of Representatives did earlier today. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Madam President, once again, I apologize to Senator Looney. I was out of the chamber and I saw Senator Witkos. I thought Senator Duff was going to speak and by time I got back in Senator Looney, you were up so my apologies. Madam President, I have some grave concerns regarding Justice Palmer and I'd like to articulate those.

Madam President, it's not in my view -- some I understand in this chamber -- rightly so -- believe he's an activist judge. Some view that he's not

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following the constitution and why I understand their reasoning that's not one of my major objections. Madam President, as a lawyer, I have to convince my clients that there's a fundamental right and fundamental fairness in the courts that we have and I ask my clients that decisions by judges, whether you agree with them or disagree with them, or whether or not you believe they even got the facts right, they're the court.

And we have to have a fundamental understanding that what keeps our society going, I believe, is the ability to bring your disputes -- at whatever level -- to a court and have it fairly, adequately judged. When a member of the Supreme Court sharpens his pen and writes words that tear down the very fabric of the court that I asked people who I -- who are my clients to respect and write such harsh words about people who don't agree with him -- now one may argue, well it was started by another justice. That other justice is not before me today. Whose before me today is Justice Palmer.

And when people read that literary garbage, you begin to think, what is happening in that Supreme Court? Is there so much sniping, embitterment, and disrespect that our system is in danger? Is there so much personalities and character calling that we should be concerned that the appeals to the Supreme Court are not being judged on the merits and the law but on political sniping or character assassination? That's huge for me. Huge.

Look, I don't care what they're disagreements are in that building but I feel I'm dealing with my two kids on who called who a name first. This is the Supreme Court. These are justices that are highly

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regarded, who are super intelligent and maybe they get so mixed up in that building cause they don't see the outside world and they're fighting with themselves -- we've got read to it in decisions. That doesn't sit with me.

I don't know how I explain that to other people who asked. When one justice infers that another justice has no idea what he or she is doing, it raises a question of why that judge is sitting there which raises a question, gee that judge just ruled against me or ruled in my favor last week. Maybe he or she doesn't know what they're doing but my business, my life, my sentence, my incarceration, is in those hands.

They owe a greater responsibility to each one of us in this chamber and to every constituent in this state to uphold what we believe to be the court of this land -- of this state. They owe it to us. If they want to go in a room of silence and go scream at each other, knock yourself out but don't do it on the pages that end up on our shelves and our law books and printed throughout this state.

It demeans that court. So I'm angry about it. A message has to be sent that enough is enough. That enough's enough. Reasonable minds can differ on issues. I get that. You know, the old joke is lawyer sees the accident and says, I saw the accident, I'll take either side -- because that's what you do as a lawyer. That's your job. And that's okay to argue just like we do on policies. But in this chamber, we know we respect each other.

We never would call each other names or assign a mal-intent to an argument raised by a fellow senator

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or in the house because we understand that this institution matters more than any one of us who sit in these chairs for that sliver of time in history. The same is with them. And that's the message I want to send. Enough's enough. In Senator Kissel's words, knock it off. We have to be better than that and they owe us that and that's the reason and the message I will be sending by virtue of my vote today. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Just briefly for the second time. Just one final point I wanted to add and that is that obviously Justice Palmer has been attacked for some of his decisions here as if he made those decisions unilaterally. These were majority opinions of the court that were written by Justice Palmer that he convinced the other members of the court that his reasoning was sound so it's not as if he is an outlier deciding these things unilaterally, it was a -- after the reasoned discussion of the members of the court, he wrote an opinion that attracted the majority of justices to that opinion and that he was designated then to write that opinion for the court. So I think that has to be taken into account too that what he has done in whatever case he's written the decision in, is part of a collegial process that involves a majority of the court and that's -- that'd be my final comment on that. Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, at this time, I believe I'll ask the clerk to call a roll call vote and 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:

All members have voted, all members have voted?  
Anybody in the chamber has to vote? Thank you.

All members have voted, all members have voted? The machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally?

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 97.

Total number voting	35
Those voting Yea	19
Those voting Nay	16
Absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

The resolution has passed. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, is the clerk in possession of Senate Agenda Number 6?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda Number 6, business from the House. It's dated Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move that all items on Senate Agenda no. 6, dated Wednesday, March 8, 2017, be acted upon as indicated and that the agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and transcript.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I ask for suspension in order for us to take up these items on Senate Agenda Number 6.

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So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Would the clerk now call those items in order, please?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 94, RESOLUTION  
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JAMES P.  
GINOCCHIO OF FAIRFIELD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR  
COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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 DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Judge James B. Ginocchio is currently serving in the Bridgeport

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Juvenile Court. He was appointed to the bench in 2001 so today he is before us seeking a third term as a Superior Court judge.

Judge Ginocchio is a graduate of Fairfield University and University of Bridgeport School of Law. He has served -- recently member of a Judicial Review Council, the Sentence Review Council, Lawyers for Concerns and Security Committee -- so he served on four committees in the judicial branch serving our branch of law which is admirable. You know, during the public hearing process there were no negative comments and in fact everyone was positive about Judge Ginocchio's performance on the bench. I urge the chamber to adopt this resolution, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Will you remark?  
Seeing not, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Madam President. Without objection, I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 102, RESOLUTION  
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ANGELO L.  
DOS SANTOS OF EASTFORD TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE  
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THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, 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 KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you, Madam President. [clearing throat] Judge Angelo Dos Santos was born in Portugal and now resides in Eastford. He currently hears cases in Windham. Married father of two, graduated from the University of Connecticut as well as the University of Connecticut School of Law. He has been active in many Portuguese-American societies, culminating in 2013 when he was honored with the Medico Ventura [phonetic] Lifetime Award from the Portuguese-American Bar Association.

Judge Dos Santos has admirably served our state and has -- is well-deserving of re-nomination and I would urge my colleagues to support the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark futher?  
If not, Senator Kissel.

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SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I would like to move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 103, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE CARL E. TAYLOR OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, 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 DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Judge Taylor, like many others today, he's going -- is being presented to us today seeking his third term as a Superior

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Court judge. Judge Taylor is a graduate of Wesleyan University in the great City of Middletown. He also is a graduate of University of Connecticut School of Law. Prior to his tenure on the bench, he was a prosecutor I believe and he currently is serving -- and most of his career he's been a criminal judge in our -- in the superior court system.

Today he's actually serving in Tolland in the GA-19 court there but he has served in the child protection session as presiding judge but primarily he's been focused on his criminal -- the criminal court because of his background there. We also learned during the public hearing process that he has extensive background in Lacrosse and during the committee process, a lot of the colleagues on the committee urged judges to get involved with the community and he's actually getting -- he's a active participant and proponent of lacrosse in the greater Hartford area. He happens actually to -- he's gonna try to start a Lacrosse program in my hometown, the town of Wethersfield. So I urge the chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Madam President, without objection, I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

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Seeing no objection. So ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 104, RESOLUTION  
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE HEIDI G.  
WINSLOW OF NEWTOWN TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE  
SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you  
remark, sir?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Judge Winslow is  
before us today seeking a third term on the Superior  
Court but you know, she is at this point, because of  
her age, she's gonna be a senior judge before us  
today. She again is seeking a third term on the  
Superior Court.

She's a graduate of Wellesley College -- again,  
University of Connecticut School of Law and  
currently she's serving in the Danbury JD Court.  
She has a reputation of taking the most challenging

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court cases before her and -- which is in fact a courageous achievement. But working hard and getting resolved and Madam President, I urge the chamber to approve this resolution. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Madam President, without objection, I move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered, sir. And the Senate will stand at ease.

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if the clerk can now call the items on Consent Calendar Number 2, followed by a vote of the Consent Calendar, please.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

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THE CHAIR:

Excuse me -- you wanted the Consent Calendar, sir.  
Please.

CLERK:

Sorry about that.

THE CHAIR:

No problem.

CLERK:

The second Consent Calendar for today, House Joint  
Resolution Number 94, House Joint Resolution Number  
102, House Joint Resolution Number 103, House Joint  
Resolution Number 104.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. At this time, Mr. Clerk, will you please  
call for a roll call vote on the second Consent  
Calendar? The machine is open.

CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call has been ordered in the Senate.  
Immediate Roll Call on Consent Calendar Number 2 for  
today, has been ordered in the Senate.

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Senator Somers, Senator Logan.

If all members have voted, all members have voted?  
The machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you  
please call the tally?

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 2.

Total number voting	35
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar passes. (Gavel) Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, why  
don't we stand at ease just for a moment, please?

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, on  
Senate Agenda Number 2, would the clerk please call  
Emergency Certified Bill 1006?

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Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Bill Number 1006, AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORITY FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO EXTEND THEIR BUDGET ADOPTION PROCESS. LCO Number 5132 introduced by Senator Looney and Representative Aresimowicz. There are amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten. Good afternoon, ma'am.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Emergency Certified Bill and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, ma'am?

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Madam President, this is an extremely simple piece of legislation to -- it is permissive in nature. It provides municipalities with the opportunity if they so choose to extend their budget adoption process. It is simply that simple.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

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SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

I urge my colleagues to support this permissive piece of legislation as many municipalities as -- have asked us to pass something similar to this.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if I may, to Senator Osten.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Senator Osten, I noticed that we have this piece of legislation being placed in as an emergency piece of legislation. I'd like to ask Senator Osten whether she's aware or not if the House plans on taking up this matter today.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, through you, my understanding is the House will take it up when it's convenient for them.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

So being a lawyer, I'll transfer that language to the House is not taking it up today. Would that be an accurate representation for the purposes of today? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Through you, Madam President. My understanding is that the House will take it up when it's convenient for them.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Okay, so --

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

-- in case Senator Osten --

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

And I am not a lawyer -- Madam President.

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SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

The House is not taking it up today. Would that change the import of this being an emergency? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Madam President, through you. No.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, as I look at the language, and this will be a question so I just want to say, but I have to preface it -- as I look at the language, it starts off on one saying, notwithstanding the provisions. That notwithstanding language as I read it, says no matter what's out there it is now gone. So notwithstanding the provisions of kid general statutes with respect to special acts with respects to statutes, charters, home rule, ordinance, no matter what's there a municipality may extend its budget process for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

It's my understanding that after wiping everything out, such extended budget adopted process may

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include but not limited to -- and it lists a bunch of things. Madam President, would be an accurate reading of that -- that if -- would it be an accurate reading of that that a referendum that is required by home rule is now an option by virtue of this bill, if it were to pass? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Through you, Madam President. If you looked at line eight of the bill, it references referendum. Through you, Madam President. Is that what the good Senator is referencing?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Exactly my point. It says that everything gets wiped out that's in law. So nothing exists with respect to any rules, with respect to this budget process for a municipality. So to say whatever rules are out there. Whatever laws are out there. Whatever the municipal charter said. Whatever the ordinance says. Whatever the special act says. Whatever the statute says, it is gone. That's the notwithstanding portion.

And then it says, such extended budget adoption process, so it's gonna give you a whole new process

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-- may include -- so it doesn't have to include --  
so if you wiped out everything that's in those  
statutes, you're telling a town that if you want,  
you're process for adopting a budget may include a  
referendum.

So if a town wants to under this law, they don't  
have a referendum even if their charter calls for it  
cause we already got rid of the charter by line one  
through three. So we're saying if you want to do a  
referendum you don't have to do one so this is  
permissive to stop a town from doing a referendum.  
Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. This is not  
wiping out their requirement to follow the budget  
process, it's extending the budget process. Through  
you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. So Madam President, if  
I can, it starts off with the language  
notwithstanding any provision in the statute and  
then it talks about a budget process that they may  
do, which means they don't have to do it but they

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may do it. If they had to do it why even list those things? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Through you, Madam President. Again, the good Senator is a lawyer. I am not. So I'm reading this as the plain language and this is allowing for an extension of the budget process. It does not belay the fact that there will be a budget process. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I thank Senator Osten for her answers but that's the problem. That's the problem with you rush legislation. Let's look at the language. The words that tell us what it says. Whenever you have notwithstanding anything after that gets erased. So it is notwithstanding anything that you have to do for your municipality -- you don't have to do it anymore and if you extend your budget adoption process it now may include because we stopped everything.

If those things were still in place you wouldn't have the balance of that sentence -- of that paragraph. You wouldn't have to. You would say, we are gonna give you time to -- a later date to



establish your budget. Period. But it doesn't say that. It says we're gonna give you a date later to establish your budget and we're telling you when you do your budget process, here are some of the things you may want to do.

And if you read it that way, we have wiped out the following: by the way this is not an exhausted list -- we've wiped out public hearings, fiscal authority action, publication, referendum, final budget adoption. We've wiped out everything. That's how I read this language. Otherwise you would end it after -- you can extend the period for which you have to adopt a budget. Period.

And if I could read it that way, there are a lot of other people -- by the way, who looked at this before I got it -- who read it that way as well. If you're gonna do it, and the intent is that we're gonna extend the period, then we need to put in a process at the very least that protects the public that's out there. We at the very least has to ensure that the due process to the people that you're gonna tax are gonna be part of this process. That is our obligation.

Now whether you agree in extending this time or not, the language that's here is ambiguous at best, harmful at worst. So what I would like to do, Madam President, is I have an amendment which I'm not gonna call at this time cause I think other people want to talk. I have an amendment which I'd like to bring up at this time to it -- at the very best, to clarify the language that's in there. But back to the merits. We are as a state, asking 169 other municipalities to go do your job later because we can't do our job earlier, Madam President.

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And the problem with that, Madam President, is as follows: we have this language that's been in the statute probably for 150 years, who knows. And we've done it this way each and every year. So why are we doing this emergency certification? Why are we all of a sudden allowing towns -- saying to towns, hey, because we can't get it done right, you need to jump in and do it. Why are we doing that?

Is it because towns saw the governor's budget and they're afraid that their mill rates are gonna go through the roof and people are talking about all these tax increases? Some people say we're doing this because it gives certainty where there's uncertainty. There's -- every time we do a budget, we're in the same -- there's nothing different that we're doing this year that we haven't done every single year. Nothing. Not one thing. Approps is gonna do their budget on April 27, Finance on April 28. Same rough time period of the last 100-some odd years. Same thing.

So either the suggestion is that the governor's budget's unrealistic and we're not gonna have a budget anywhere close to the governor's budget therefore if people were to do their local budgets like governor's budget they're gonna be whiffing because they're gonna be nowhere close to what's gonna come out of this building. Okay. I get that. But on April 20 -- April 27, approps is gonna have a budget out that's gonna give them a better, narrow more -- narrow field of what it's like.

Or if you say that's too late, then why don't we do it earlier? Why can't we just say, let's move it up one week? We still get the revenue forecast in, we

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still do consensus revenue, move everything up a week. What's the problem? We gotta to work a little harder? Okay, I accept the challenge. But no, we have to say, listen, we don't know what's gonna happen. Governor gave a budget, don't listen to that one because you guys'll go crazy so we're not sure where it's gonna be, we're gonna give you more time.

This is our obligation. Let's do our job and if we feel we don't give these people enough time then let's give them more time by doing it earlier. Not by asking 169 towns with all sorts of budgets, with all sorts of implications, with things we don't even know of -- contracts, contingent contracts, whatever it is. School contracts. All out there. And we're gonna tell them we're gonna -- that no you have to put all that on hold because we can't get our job done. [coughing] So Madam President, I'm gonna oppose the legislation when it comes to vote but I will after some discussion go back to my amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? For the second time -- Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Well, thank you very much, Madam President and I do appreciate the good Senator's comments but to state categorically that we are not doing our job is clearly not accurate. In addition to that, many towns that I represent have asked for an ability to put off their budget which doesn't get voted on

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after April 27 gets voted on, before April 27 -- to include regional Boards of Ed.

So I do appreciate the good Senator's comments but I can tell you that I plan on putting -- and this body -- that I plan on putting my heart and soul and have been putting my heart and soul into doing the due diligence to pass a good budget for the taxpayers of Connecticut and my constituents are the taxpayers of Connecticut. Thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise to discuss this issue.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you. Like my good co-chair of Appropriations, I am beginning to understand how hard it is to put together a budget for the State of Connecticut, even after serving two years on appropriations. But also like my good co-chair, I have had experience at the first selectman level. For seven years where I put together budgets for the town for East Lyme and I don't recall anyone of those years where we were able to do our budget and have the numbers for the state that they were going to supply prior to that being done.

It was a process and the process that we went through back then in the town of East Lyme where the Board of Education began their budget process in September and they worked week after week after week to put that together in January continued that and the first selectman worked in January with the department heads and we put together our budget for the month of January after which in February we gave that to the Board of Selectman. And the Board of Selectman began working on it in February.

And in March, both the Board of Education and the Board of Selectman presented their budget to the Board of Finance who then began their process of review. When in April there became the budget discussions with the public and in May our charter calls us for a town meeting the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May with the referendum to follow later on. So should this bill get passed, I think we're saving a week or two. I don't think we're saving all of that much -- that much time. Especially given the fact that on April 27, the Appropriations Committee is required to come out with this budget and the Finance Committee on April 28.

But that being said, I polled the eight first selectmen that I represent and said this is coming out today. This is a conversation that we're having this afternoon the floor of the senate and I believe the good Senator is doing what she believes is in the best interest of her district and I don't take her good intentions away. But the feedback that I got from seven of the eight first selectman, six of which were categorically no.

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And their comments range from "I support a no wholeheartedly" to "delay would cause havoc". "This is not helpful". "This will not help our process". "Better numbers a few weeks from now mean nothing because we suffer mid-year cuts anyway". "I would support a no vote". One was neutral who said, "while we don't plan on taking advantage of it, we don't have any objection should the option become available".

So seven out of the eight, I have not heard from the eighth one -- eighth person -- have indicated that they would not avail themselves to this process should we go forward with this. So I think that we should concentrate and double down our efforts to try to get a budget out for the State of Connecticut and I think we can do that. I think the Governor has made a proposal. I think there is angst on both sides of the aisle with regard to that proposal. Certainly many features of that proposal and so I would urge a no vote on this today.

I would urge a yes vote on moving forward with speed to get our budget out. I think that's where we should be focusing. Getting our budget out, doing the best thing we can for the State of Connecticut for the people of the State of Connecticut and then work on some of these other bills that may be pending before us. But I think that this is in haste, although it may be well-intentioned. I think it is moving too quickly and I think it's unnecessary if we all get together and work in a bipartisan fashion to get this budget out. Thank you very much, Madam President.

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Thank you. Will you remark? Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN (24TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I stand for a purpose of questions to the proponent of this bill.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten, prepare yourself. Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN (24TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Senator Osten, Senator Fasano had questions regarding the legality of the language in this bill and how it would affect the total process of the local budget process and I have a similar type question with regards to bonding on a local level. This -- the bonding on a local level is an integral part of the budget process there. It is also a process that requires a vote of the community and has a great impact on the big picture of the local budget. My question is, does this language at all change what's required of the local municipality to gain support of the municipality by way of referendum, should that be charter process for approval of new bonding? Through you, Madam President.

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Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

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Through you, Madam President. In regards to bonding, a -- some municipalities do bonding along with their budget process and some do not. If the bonding is in concurrence with their budget process then it would follow the process as the rest of the budget. If they do a separate referendum for their bonding on capital projects then this is not impacting that.

Bonding does not come -- the bonding costs of a municipality are not covered by the revenue that they receive from the state. That is handled by the revenue that the towns raise. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN (24TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And so through you, Madam President, does this proposal before us today, change any of the existing obligations of state government for participation in education bonding now? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Through you, Madam President. No.

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Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN (24TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator Osten for your answers. I think actually though that it does in that the reality is this: there are municipalities that are shaking in their boots right now wondering what is the state gonna to do with the budget. That's only one aspect of it. But what is the state gonna do about participation in funding school construction?

So you have a lot of municipalities that are at breakneck speed now working to finalize plans to prepare for local approval of bonding authorizations which are required before they can come to the State Department of Education and go through the bonding process here at the state to gather the state participation in school construction bonding.

So in the City of Danbury, that's about 50 percent. Other towns could be significantly less than that, but nevertheless, that requires state participation. But you're pushing this process out with this proposal before us today but you're not pushing out what would happen to the current formulas for school construction bonding state participation today. So you're creating a quagmire here. You got people racing to the finish line to get something done but we're not doing our job so they don't have a clue how much money they'll have.

We're not doing our job. I mean, let's just face it. We're not doing our job. Just buckle down, sharpen your pencils and let's get to work. And I know it's tough. I understand that but we can't

push this out. Because the reality is, you are gonna cut budgets. We have to cut budgets. But you're also impacting -- it's like a domino effect. So you got a school project that's been in the horizon for a couple of years, they've been planning diligently for it. They're trying to figure out can they -- can the community afford it. They come to the conclusion they can.

But now July 1st, when our new fiscal year starts, we're likely to change the generous bonding participation the school does for school construction. Well if you postpone this process, you're gonna throw them into a new bonding authorization, new formula and they're not gonna have the money they were planning on. So I think it does have a domino effect and I think that we really need to table this idea. Madam President, I make a motion to table this. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease on that one.  
[laughter]

Senator McLachlan, I need a second on that motion of yours. You're gonna do that, huh, Senator Witkos?

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'll second that motion.

THE CAIR:

Thank you. At this time, I'll call for a roll call vote. And the motion on the floor is to table -- a

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vote yes would be to table, a vote no, not to table  
-- and so it will be open for discussion at this  
time.

Seeing no discussion, then I -- oops, sorry.  
Senator Markley.

SENATOR MARKLEY (16TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I have to  
say, I think -- I was a little taken aback by the  
motion. I was just saying to Senator Somers I'm not  
sure I've seen a motion to table on a bill that was  
before us in the Senate but obviously it's  
appropriate as a motion and it seems like it's  
particularly appropriate to me at this moment as a  
notion, if I could put it that way.

The questions that Senator Fasano raised are real  
serious questions about what the impact of this  
particular bill would be and I often talk here about  
our failures in the process. I think this is  
exactly why an emergency certified bill is always a  
dangerous thing because we simply don't understand  
what the greater impact of this bill would be on 169  
different municipalities.

It seems to me, a reckless act for us to go ahead  
right now without knowing legally how this is going  
to affect municipal budget processes and tabling it  
and returning to it as soon as the next time we come  
in session would give us time for that kind of  
scrutiny and we owe that scrutiny to the people of  
Connecticut.

They are frustrated by the fact that we move forward  
with things without completely understanding what

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we're doing or how it's going to affect other governmental entities, let alone the taxpayers of the State of Connecticut. I'll say, I spoke to my own town manager in Southington this afternoon about this proposal to stretch out the budget process and he said, Joe, it doesn't make any difference to us in Southington. We've got to move forward. Our budget process forces us to act before the deadlines that this would be extended to anyways.

They're gonna pass a budget in Southington based on what the governor gave him -- gave them with the tax increase that one might expect because of those municipal cuts. So we're not giving any relief to my town which, to my mind, is about as ordinary a town and as normal a town in Connecticut as you could find. I don't know what we're -- what the influence is. I don't really know what the communities want.

CCM may present a certain perspective based on what the people up at the top of the organization want but they surely have not had time to contact their own first selectman and mayors and town managers and decision makers in those towns. I think the original idea was that that would happen before we move forward on this extension. Instead, suddenly we're forced with making a decision on this immediately.

It's not a decision we should make this way and I hope that my colleagues here in the circle with -- just with -- not an excess of caution but just reasonable caution will not vote to pass something right now that we really don't fully understand. Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you. At this time, I'm gonna ask the Senate to stand at ease.

The Senate will come back to order. Senator Duff, why do you stand, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Just for some clarification. I'm trying to understand what the word table means in regard to our usual parlance of markings and so if I can get some clarification from the Senator who has requested to table the issue.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN (24TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and thank you for the question, Senator Duff. Motion to table is to literally table the motion which is this Senate Bill 1006 for any further discussion today.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On the motion, again, I'm trying to understand because in my ears here in the Senate, I have never heard a motion to table and

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so I'm trying to get a clarification as to what does that equal.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN (24TH):

Thank you. Through you, Madam President, a motion to table is a -- simple rules -- of meeting requirements and very commonly used in all cases of legislative meetings. I would defer to Senator Fasano for comment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you. Madam President, as I [laughing] -- commenting on the matter -- Madam President, I believe that a member is entitled to make a motion that's not prohibited by the rules and I don't believe that this motion is necessarily prohibited by the rules and I think it's properly before the chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Just for purposes of clarification to -- either to the chair or to

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Senator McLachlan who offered the motion. Is a motion to table procedurally the same or is it different than a motion to pass retain?

THE CHAIR:

To my knowledge, Senator Looney, that we in the joint rules do not have the motion to table -- that it is only the motion to pass retain or pass temporarily.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes, Madam President. That was my understanding -- is that in committee often we hear a motion to table but not aware of it on -- being offered as a floor motion.

THE CHAIR:

Okay, for the purposes of this motion, what I am going to do is rule that we will rule it as a pass temporarily and we go to a vote and that means there is no further discussion on this vote. So I want to clarify -- oh I can't -- okay, they said no discussion but -- Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

It's the Italian in me to have the last word, I guess, but it is a -- I want to just clarify as well that that's a non-debatable motion.

THE CHAIR:

That's right. Non-debatable.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

That's right. Non-debatable. Those are the words that I was looking for. Thank you, sir. And so at this time, I'm going to ask the clerk to open the machine but let me just clarify what the vote is going to be. If you vote yes, you will delay voting on this motion. On this bill -- resolution. If you vote no, it's that we can continue the discussion and vote on the resolution. All right?

Mr. Clerk. Please call for the -- the machine will be open. Roll call vote.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.  
Immediate roll call on the motion to pass temporarily, 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 call the tally?

CLERK:

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Those voting Yea	17
Those voting Nay	18



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THE CHAIR:

The motion fails. (Gavel) May we proceed on -- this will be proceeding on the bill itself. Any -- Senator Cassano.

SENATOR CASSANO (4TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise to support this bill and I want to make a few comments on this. First of all, I'm astounded that this hasn't happened before. I've had the opportunity for 28 years in local government to have to prepare a budget, just like many of you around this room have done frequently. Almost every one of those occasions -- from my 28 occasions, I never had a budget from the state. Never. We adopted and we kept our fingers crossed.

Right now, Senate Democrats, we don't have a budget. Republicans, you don't have a budget and neither does the House. Because we have a procedure. And on the 27th, Appropriations and Finance will look at all the recommendations and out of that will come a budget. In the meantime, several towns will be adopting local budgets without any idea because their adoption is based on one budget that they have in hand -- the budget of the governor.

The governor's budget this year is a dramatic change. I have an email here that I received about an hour ago from one of my towns. An additional \$5 Million dollars -- loss in school aid, another \$6 Million dollar loss at a different area. I have another town that's gonna get millions more. I have

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a small town that's losing about \$4 Million dollars because we're doing ECS and all these other kinds of things and major changes in that budget. They're trying to adopt a budget for a entire year on guesstimates.

What this does it doesn't say to anyone you have to make a change, it says if you want to hold off and wait until we get the numbers and if they're lucky enough to hold off until the 27th, they might at least have an idea of what we have, maybe they could adopt a budget for their taxpayers that makes sense that's based on real revenues. That's not what they have now. And we've allowed this.

We have 169 principalities, basically, that all do their own individually, adopt their budgets individually, rely on us to do our part and none of it's on the same calendar. Our dates are all different, our processes are all different, and our taxpayers suffer because of it. Because we just play a numbers game. And this discussion today, is a perfect example of that numbers game.

We will adopt -- towns are already adopting budgets with no idea whatsoever what the cost is gonna be. That's not gonna be resolved today but if we're smart, some time we will look at that and make the changes necessary that we have a much better budget process for all cities and towns, this legislative body, the governor's office, so that we can move forward and the taxpayers get real numbers to determine what is going to be the cost of their taxes in their town. Thank you.

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Thank you. Will you remark? Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Through you, to the proposer of the bill, if I may?

THE CHAIR:

Osten -- Senator Osten will you -- please proceed, Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Through you, Madam President, to the proposer of the bill. In reviewing the proposal on line 9 and 10, there is a condition under which the flexibility is given to the municipalities. That such budget adoption process commences -- I emphasize commences -- not later than June 30, 2017. My question is, is there intended to be a date certain for the final adoption of a budget imposed on our cities and towns or is it to remain completely open-ended with no date certain in the future? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Through you, Madam President. Thank you very much for that question. As the proposer of the bill, this -- the ending date of any budget process is by the taxpayers of that particular municipality. They could vote it down for a full year or two years, it

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doesn't matter. This just says it must start.  
Thank you very much. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Again, through you, Madam President, just -- I want to make sure I that understand. So as long as the process -- in the local municipality commences no later than June 30th, it could be delayed and deferred until December 31st if this year or even into March or April of next year? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

That is true, whether we pass this or not, Madam President, through you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Through you, Madam President. Then in other words, under current law, there is no mandate or requirement for a municipality to adopt a final budget by a certain date? Through you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

That would be correct.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I have no further questions of the proposer but I do have some comments I would like to make.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you. I was someone who worked on and -- volunteered and worked on the Board of Education in Meriden for 14 years and I can appreciate the problems of trying to put together a budget that is heavily dependent on the State of Connecticut and its commitment. Annually, we'd have to submit a budget early in the process -- and in fact, this year the due date would have been February 7th -- trying to figure out and guess what it is the state was going to allocate for ECS funding and other grants on which we depended.

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And you know, planning under uncertainty is normal in the business world. You have to plan for the future and because it's the future, until you get there, you don't know for certain what's going to happen. But it's one thing to plan under uncertainty, it's another thing to operate under uncertainty. And what we are doing basically is allowing and condoning the operation of our municipalities under a condition of uncertainty. They don't know now what to expect from the state and they may not know for some indefinite time.

As my colleague Senator Cassano said a few minutes ago, we don't have a budget and that precisely is the problem. Our obligation is, more than ever, under the uncertainty that exists today, to adopt a budget as soon as we can. We are talking about not just the normal uncertainty associated with the amount of the budget, but we're talking about very large questions relating to the nature of the revenues to be received by our towns.

For example, we allow them, under the governor's budget to tax hospitals and hospital property which they haven't been able to do here before and they have to decide whether they want to take advantage of that. We don't know for sure precisely what the ECS grants are going to be and that constitutes -- education funding constitutes in most towns, at least two-thirds of the municipal budget.

We don't know for sure about, the burden for carrying the retirement obligations of teachers which has been proposed by the governor and which will be a transfer of hundreds of millions of dollars of expense to our -- our cities and towns as well. So we are really allowing or encouraging the

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towns to delay critical choices that they have to make as soon as possible from the point of view of practically implementing their budgets. It's not as if they can make a decision on June 30th and viola the next day, the mill rates established and tax collection begins.

It's our obligation to accelerate the budget process, not to delay it farther and that's exactly what this does. This delays the inevitable and the most important questions which we must make. If I were the governor of the State of Connecticut, I would actually get up in front of the citizens of Connecticut and I would declare a state of financial emergency. That's how bad it is. We are beyond a crises as far as the budget's concerned. We are in a catastrophe that's unfolding.

It will become much more apparent to the public in the next few months as we get -- as the rubber meets the road, as they say, as we start getting into the real meat of the budget planning process. But to me, this is such an unusual year, an extraordinary year, which by the way, I think this proposal does reflect that we are in extraordinary and unusual circumstances that I think it puts more pressure on us as a body -- as a legislature to act sooner rather than later.

It's our obligation to make the critical decisions as soon as possible and to accelerate them as possible rather than delay the process and through a chain of events, allowing -- like dominoes -- the impact is gonna be felt down the line in our municipalities. They're gonna be caught in the situation of uncertainty greater than normal -- uncertainty for a longer period of time and in fact,

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they may enter into their budget year without -- according to this proposal, an un-adopted budget. That is unacceptable and irresponsible budgeting as far as I can see.

It would certainly not be tolerated in the business world. So I think it's up to us as a legislature not to give the opportunity to delay critical decisions by our municipalities but it's up to us to accelerate those decisions. It has to be made here and more than ever, our cities and towns need those answers now, now later. By delaying -- by passing this law, this bill today -- in effect, we are giving ourselves an excuse for delaying the decisions that must be made sooner rather than later. Therefore, I urge rejection of the bill as proposed. I thank you, Madam President for the opportunity to speak.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Senator Miner. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Madam President, I too have a few questions for the proponent of the bill, please.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten. Prepare yourself.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much.



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THE CHAIR:

Senator Miner, proceed, sir. Wait, no, no. Senator Osten. Prepare yourself. Senator Miner has some --

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

[laughing] I'm prepared for Senator Miner. I get it, thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Okay. There we go. I don't know how to take that but Senator Miner, please proceed. [laughter]

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

[laughing] Uncertain what he wants to do but I am prepared.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

I'll take it in the best possible light, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Madam President, I too have a few questions about the construct of this amendment -- or this e-cert language which -- and if I might --

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He's gonna ask you some questions, ma'am.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Last year's budget created a certain amount of difficulty for some municipalities that had regional schools and so my read of the statute is that this includes school districts -- is it your understanding that it includes regional school districts as well?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much for that question, Madam President and to my good colleague who I work with very well on a variety of committees, yes this was intended to include regional boards of ed and it does include regional Boards of Ed -- Boards of Education -- specifically includes regional Boards of Ed as requested by the town of Hebron with the regional school system of Hebron, Marlborough, and Andover. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator -- Senator -- Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And so just with regard to that one issue, who makes the determination of whether or not they want to extend the time period

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under which they will operate in creating a budget,  
going through that process? As --

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

-- as its proposed here.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

The same -- as proposed here, the same authority  
that posts the budget. Through you, Madam  
President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

And so -- through you, Madam President, so if in a  
town like Morris Regions School district Number 6,  
if the chief elected official wanted to extend the  
opportunity to make these decisions and the regional  
school board chose not to extend that, what would be  
the determining factor as to how they would proceed  
with passage of this? Through you, Madam.

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Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Through you. It is the authority of who sends that budget out to the people is the authority that has the ability to either continue with the process, again this is permissive in nature, so it -- whomever has the authority. We're not changing anything else in the requirements of either regional Boards of Education, Boards of Education, or municipalities. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

And so if I might, Madam President, through you -- so in the case of -- where the gentlelady says that whoever has the authority to send the budget out to the public, is it written here somewhere that a regional Board of Education would have the ability to pass that out to the public in a time frame that's different than what each of the representative towns participating in that district would support or does it require some collaborative conversation about how they should proceed? Through you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

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Thank you very much, Madam President. Through you. In the collaborative fashion, the towns that run through regional Boards of Ed, they usually, to my knowledge and in my experience, work this out together and it runs the same mechanism. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Miner. Excuse me.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. So my experience prior to last year was that there was a collaborative process that more often than not, chief elected officials, chairs of Board of Finance, chairs of Boards of Education, especially in the area of regional school system -- did work collaboratively. But the budget last year created a fissure in that process. I don't think it was intentional. I think it was probably accidental.

But what happened was when the budget reduced the amount of funding to municipalities, they defacto strand -- they stranded that responsibility at the municipal level and had no ability upon passage to go back to the regional schools and say we need help. As I read this language, there's no mechanism for a chief elected official or two out of three or three out of three to compel a regional school system to stop their process.

So theoretically, when you look at most of the towns I represent, the single largest driver of costs of taxes are regional school systems -- they can do

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whatever they want. And so what may be intended here is to provide some opportunity to create relief for municipalities -- I'm not sure this does it. I appreciate the fact that that's what it hopes to do. That's what it intends to do. But I think the way it's drafted, there's a problem in actually doing it.

And beyond that, Madam President, In section 7-401, there's a reference to section -324 embedded in the municipality definition that actually refers to fire districts, beach districts, sewer districts, taxing districts for all sorts of things. I would wonder why we need to do anything with those districts. Most of them have a completely separate taxing authority. We don't have to change any of that. There's no reason to get involved in that. As the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee said earlier, we have a relationship.

It's not a relationship that occurred upon my election to this chamber, it's a relationship that we've developed over our time working together on a number of issues. I am concerned about what this e-cert bill does to our ability to sit down deliberatively and find a resolution to what the governor has left for us to be a very difficult process. I really do understand that we're trying to provide relief.

But I think if that was the attempt, it may not be here. It may require some changes. And I'm not sure how we get there. I am new to this chamber, I respect the thought that went into it, I don't think that this gets us there, I think passage of this as it's drafted creates some problems. And so I commit to you, Madam Chairman, through the President -- I

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am happy to work on any schedule that you want to develop to get a budget passed so that we can provide relief to municipalities. I am extraordinarily concerned that with the passage of this we're gonna create dynamics that we didn't intend to and I'm sure that's not what we intended to do. So thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Through you, Madam President. Just in -- I don't know what time I'm rising for -- maybe third or fourth or fifth --

THE CHAIR:

Third, ma'am.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Through you, this -- this bill nor any other bill that we would disagree with on a philosophical or political basis never stymies my ability to move forward product for the constituents that I represent nor anyone around this circle represents. Quite frankly, there are times when we are going to disagree.

But those times are so few and far between -- if people think that we can't get beyond a simple disagreement on what we're trying to do here then I think that that is unfortunate and I can commit to you and to everyone around this circle that a

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disagreement today does not bleed into a permanent fissure. Not from this person and I don't believe, from anyone who sits around this circle.

Quite frankly, at the end of the day, we're gonna vote, we're gonna go home, we're voting in the best interest of the taxpayers of the State of Connecticut and the taxpayers in our regions and what our specific towns and municipalities have asked us to do, what the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities has asked us to do, what the Council of Small Towns has asked us to do.

So organizations that put the best interest of towns and cities at the heart of things are asking us to give them an ability to take time to do their budget process. It's permissive in nature. It's not requiring anybody to do anything and I can tell you today, no matter how hard the rhetoric is, no matter how often we agree or disagree, whatever happens here today, we will still work together because each and every one of us cares about the people that live in our area and that's just simply the facts.

There is no reason to think that a hard fought situation is ever going to bring us to the brink. Here in Connecticut, unlike our federal partners, we don't hold grudges forever. We recognize that we have real work to do and we recognize that when we have a budget that is dramatically changed, we have to do a deep dive and we have to be deliberate and I know that with my co-chair in Appropriations and my -- that sits right next to me and my co-chair downstairs, we're going to get a good budget and we're going to bring something that will be voted on and I'm hoping it's voted on unanimously. Through you, Madam President.



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THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?  
Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, I just rise to express a point of view from one of my seven towns. We just happen to be here for *A Day on the Hill* that they do once a year and in that group was a superintendent and a Board of Education chairman and when I told them about what we were going to be discussing today, they immediately responded that no, no, they weren't looking for an extension at all. They wanted us to do our work on time so that they can go about their business and their planning in their community because that uncertainty would just extend and be extended, I think that our good leader -- the Republican Senate Pro Tem -- Senator Len Fasano expressed it well when he explained that possibly that this bill goes too far, extends too many other options that weren't anticipated and could have been more narrowly crafted but otherwise it is certainly the opinion of some of the folks in my district that says we should just get our work done on time and implored us to do so. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?  
Senator Suzio. I think for the second time.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. Through you to the proposer of the --

THE CHAIR:

Senator Suzio, please --

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Can you hear me?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Suzio, please.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

[tapping] Hello? No? Still not working? [pause]  
Hello?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Suzio, wait for a moment, please.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

No problem.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Suzio, can you speak very loud, please?

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Yes, I will, Madam President.

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Thank you very much, I appreciate it.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

I would love to speak very loudly.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. But hold it up anyway, sir.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Okay.

THE CHAIR:

It'll pick up some of it. Thank you.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Through you, Madam President, to the proposer of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten, prepare yourself. Senator Suzio. Please proceed sir. And somebody call down, please.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Through you, Madam President, to the proposer. Earlier I had asked a question regarding the lack of a deadline for adopting a budget that is in this -- this bill merely requires that budget commence no later than June 30, 2017 and as we discussed that, I inquired

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what the present law is and I was told -- I thought I heard the proposer say that the present law does not have any date certain for an adoption of a budget by a municipality. Did I understand that correctly? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Yes.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Suzio, why I don't ask you to move over to Senator Looney's microphone please and -- thank you.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

I always wanted to have Senator Looney's mic.  
[laughing]

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Now if I could only have the chair over there --  
[laughing]

THE CHAIR:

His mic is his son, sir.

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SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Then through you, Madam President, to the proposer. If there is no deadline for adoption of a budget by a municipality currently, what does this bill do that isn't already there? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. It allows us to extend the beginning of the budget process.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Through you, Madam President. What is the current statute regarding the commencement of the budget process?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Depends on the municipality. Through you.

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Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Again, Madam President, if this merely extends the commencement of the budget process to June 30th, and every municipality in Connecticut has a fiscal year that commences on July 1st, I am absolutely certain by process and practice -- every municipality in Connecticut commences their budget process before June 30th and finishes it before June 30th. So I reiterate what is the advantage of the proposed legislation for a municipality? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. It extends the start date. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

And again, through you, Madam President. If every budget -- municipal budget in Connecticut is adopted or intended to be adopted by June 30th of each fiscal year and if each municipality, by definition, has to finish -- start the process before then, then I do not understand what advantage this confers on municipalities. It seems to me that by practice,

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every city and town in Connecticut already does commend the budget process by June 30th of the preceding fiscal year and this bill offers no advantage whatsoever. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. This extends the start of the budget process based on the municipality. It will save them money and it'll allow them to present a budget that is -- has a better understanding on revenue. Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Well, again, through you, Madam President. I'm someone who has spent my entire 40 -- 48 years working in finance and accounting and budgets and I do not understand the advantage that is being proposed and presented by the proposed bill. Every municipal entity in Connecticut already commences its operation or it's -- of its budget process no later than June 30th and most of them, if not all of them, try to cut -- finish it by June 30th.

So I fail to see what advantage or benefit we are conveying to our municipalities by this. They can start at any time they want and finish it up until

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June 30th and now we're saying, okay, you -- as long as you commence the budget process by the beginning, in effect, of the fiscal year for which you're budgeting, you can adopt the budget in its final form any time thereafter.

Well, I just don't understand -- as someone who's trained in this and practices this for 48 years -- I do not understand what the benefit is. It might on paper look good, but in practicality and in reality I don't know and I'm not convinced that it offers a benefit and we are going to be passing laws that offer no benefit in reality, what is the point of the legislation? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and the Council of Small Towns have endorsed this as allowing their member towns to -- if they so choose -- this is not a mandate -- this is an if they so choose -- then, in other words, permissive in nature -- allow them to start their budget process a little bit later. It gives them an option. This is not a mandate so through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):



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Yes, Madam President. I understand it's not a mandate. It's an option by defacto that they already have, from what I can see. Moreover, my understanding is that CCM never spoke directly to the City Managers of towns in Connecticut -- that is just a position they've taken without any kind of a vote or input from the managers of the cities and towns in Connecticut.

And again, I am just pointing out that if the law itself as proposed, conveys no significant real benefit, I don't know what its point is and as I've heard it articulated today, I don't see any advantage to be gained by it and I would think it'd be important for every member of this chamber to understand what is being gained by our municipalities by the proposed bill and exactly how it works that's different from what exists today.

But again, every municipality wants to adopt a budget before the fiscal year commences, and therefore by definition they have to commence their budgeting process before June 30th so I fail to understand the whole point of the proposed legislation. It might be well-intentioned but I see it as something that ends up being insignificant and if not meaningless in terms of its impact -- its practical impact on our cities and towns and I would hope that we could get a much better explanation so that we could all see and be convinced that our cities and towns will gain some significant advantage by the proposed legislation but I have yet to hear that. Thank you, Madam President.

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Will you remark further? Will you remark further?  
Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President, for the second time. I just wanted to make clear what my concern about the language is and it's in the construction. It's not clear who has the authority to decide whether you want to accept an extension or you don't. The way it's constructed, it creates conflict. It creates conflict between municipal chief elected officials, finance board chairs, and regional school systems that may not be on the same page.

I don't see anywhere here where it allows any of those if they have gotten to second or third base in this process to actually stop and go back to first base. Imagine that they didn't know this was going to happen and so they proceeded down the road and now they see that this language passes, there is no mechanism in here as I read it that allows them to go back. For all the benefits that have been talked about, whatever they might be, they could not avail themselves of this opportunity as I read it.

My concern with this language is construction. My concern is its lack of clarity. My concern is that it will put us in a situation once again where municipalities will not be able collectively to determine which direction they want to go because under the other statutes they all have different authorities. So I want to be clear. That is my concern. Thank you, Madam President.

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Thank you. Will you -- Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move to mark this bill passed temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection. So ordered, sir. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Are there any points of personal privilege? Are there any points of personal privilege? If not -- or announcements? Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I would say that we need to keep our calendars open and look out for emails on the next session day that we have -- whenever that will be and with that, I move that we adjourn, subject to the call of the chair.

THE CHAIR:

Senate stands adjourned.

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(On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 4:53 p.m. adjourned subject to the call of the chair.)

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Thursday, March 9, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:35 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

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

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 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.

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Department of Motor Vehicles - Connecticut Emissions  
Program Statistics for February 1 through February  
28, 2017. (Pursuant to Executive Directive #3 and  
Section 14-164h of the Connecticut General Statutes)  
Date received: March 8, 2017  
Referred to Committee on Transportation

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED** - to be tabled for  
the calendar and printing.

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 130** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SURCHARGE ON ANIMAL  
ADOPTION FEES TO FUND THE SECOND CHANCE LARGE ANIMAL  
REHABILITATION PROGRAM.

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 754** AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF HERBICIDES  
ON STATE HIGHWAYS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION.

**AGING COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 756** AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME  
SERVICES.

**AGING COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 757** AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR  
AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVES.

**AGING COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 758** AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MEDICAID-  
FUNDED PROGRAMS.

**AGING COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 762** AN ACT CLARIFYING THE ROLE OF THE OFFICE  
OF THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN IN THE MANDATED  
REPORTING OF ABUSE OF ELDERLY PERSONS AND DELETING  
OBSOLETE STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

**AGING COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 770** AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS  
ALLOWANCE FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS.

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**SB NO. 771 AN ACT REDUCING PARTICIPANT COSTS AND EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.**

**AGING COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 772 AN ACT REQUIRING EMERGENCY GENERATORS IN CERTAIN HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY.**

**AGING COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 811 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PATIENT BILL OF RIGHTS FOR LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS.**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 40)** - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

The Senate at 10:40 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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Friday, March 10, 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 March 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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INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE  
SB NO. 21 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE  
COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED  
MEDICATIONS.

Referred to the committee on Appropriations

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Auditors of Public Accounts - Monthly Loss Report to  
the Governor as of February 28, 2017. (Pursuant to  
Section 4-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes)  
Date received: March 9, 2017

**Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative  
Management**

Department of Transportation - Connecticut Bicycle  
Pedestrian Advisory Board Annual Report for Calendar  
Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section  
13b-13a(h) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date  
received: March 9, 2017

**Referred to Committee on Transportation**

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND  
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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  
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Monday, March 13, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:00 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:

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

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 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.

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**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 513 AN ACT AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE PERSONNEL TO AID CHILDREN AND ANIMALS  
LOCKED IN VEHICLES WHEN CONDITIONS ENDANGER THE  
WELFARE OF SUCH CHILDREN OR ANIMALS AND PROHIBITING  
THE PLACEMENT OF A CHILD OR ANIMAL IN SUCH  
CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

**SB NO. 766 AN ACT EXTENDING CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE AND DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
REPORTING DEADLINES.**

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF  
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**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 840 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING  
IMMUNIZATION RATES.**

**Referred to the Education Committee**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND  
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and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)  
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The Senate at 10:35 a.m. adjourned under provisions  
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the  
chair.

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Tuesday, March 14, 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 Harford, 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 March 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.

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for the calendar.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 834 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FOREST PRACTICES  
ADVISORY BOARD AND GRACE PERIODS FOR THE RENEWAL OF  
CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS ISSUED BY THE  
COMMISSIONER OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 129 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF  
MUSHROOMS AT STATE PARKS AND ON OTHER STATE  
PROPERTY.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 804 AN ACT CONCERNING A SOCIAL WORK IN-HOME  
SUPPORT PROGRAM.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 27 AN ACT INCLUDING CERTAIN MENTAL OR  
EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF  
"PERSONAL INJURY" UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
STATUTES.

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

Department of Insurance - Annual Report of Insurance  
Commissioner, including Condensed Financial Overview  
of Insurance Companies Doing Business in the State  
in Calendar Year ended December 31, 2015. (Pursuant  
to Section 38a-12 of the Connecticut General  
Statutes) Date received: March 13, 2017  
Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

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Office of Policy and Management - Annual Report of  
State-wide Trends Related to Taxable Property and  
Exemptions from Property Tax on the 2015 Grand List.  
(Pursuant to Section 12-120a of the Connecticut  
General Statutes) Date received: March 13, 2017  
**Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and  
Bonding**

**HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF  
REFERENCE:**

to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

**HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 7057 AN ACT CONCERNING AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING.**

**Referred to Planning & Development Committee**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND  
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 42A) - to be waived and bills  
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)  
indicated.**

The Senate at 12:10 a.m. adjourned under provisions  
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the  
chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:48 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 Harford, 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 March 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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The Senate at 10:53 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.



## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Thursday, March 16, 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, Noele R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN TIM KEHOE:

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 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.

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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

**Referred to the Committee on Executive and  
Legislative Nominations:**

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 31-280a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **David A. Lucas, Jr.** from Old Saybrook, to be a member of the Advisory Board of the Workers' Compensation Commission, as a representative of employers, to serve a term ending December 31, 2020 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

March 16, 2017

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint the **Richard Smith** from Milford, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as a person who is not a judge or attorney-at-law, to serve a term ending March 15, 2021, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Dannel P. Malloy  
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To the Honorable General Assembly:

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Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint the **Russell L. London** from Wethersfield, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as an attorney-at-law admitted to practice in this state, to serve a term ending March 15, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Barbara Aaron.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint the **Peter W. Nathan** from Westport, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as a person who is not a judge or attorney-at-law, to serve a term ending March 15, 2021 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 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint

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the **Motkue A. Bowles** from West Hartford, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as a person who is not a judge or attorney-at-law, to serve a term ending March 15, 2021, 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.**

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Department of Transportation, Bureau of Highway Operations and Maintenance – Pollinator Program. (Pursuant to Section 13a-57c of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 13, 2017  
**Referred to Committees on Environment and Transportation**

Connecticut Housing Finance Authority – Summary Report for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 8-260 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 15, 2017  
**Referred to Committee on Banking, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Housing**

Military Department – Military Relief Fund Expenditures for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 27-100a(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 15, 2017  
**Referred to Committee on Veterans' Affairs**

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.**

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

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SUBST. **SB NO. 396** AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHILD  
FATALITY REVIEW PANEL.

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

**SUBST. SB NO. 397** AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OMBUDSMAN.

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 824** AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION.

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 825** AN ACT CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR.

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 866** AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABIDIOL  
PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION.

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 867** AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
HOME HEALTH CARE REGISTRIES.

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 548** AN ACT CONCERNING HAIRDRESSERS AND  
COSMETICIANS.

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 599** AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNEMPLOYMENT  
REDUCTION AMOUNT.

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 611** AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHARGING OF  
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS TO EMPLOYERS.

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF  
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**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 810** AN ACT CONCERNING COST-SHARING FOR  
MAMMOGRAMS AND BREAST ULTRASOUNDS.

**Referred to Committee on Appropriations**

**BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:**

**HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF  
REFERENCE**

- to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**HB NO. 6715** AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE  
INTENTIONAL  
INJURY OR KILLING OF POLICE ANIMALS OR DOGS IN  
VOLUNTEER CANINE  
SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS.

**Referred to Committee on Judiciary**

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 7178** AN ACT CONCERNING WINDSHIELD  
PLACARDS FOR  
CERTAIN VETERANS WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS  
DISORDER.

**Referred to Committee on Transportation**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND  
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO.43) - to be waived and bills  
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)  
indicated.**

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

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Friday, March 17, 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 Chaplains, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut, and Noele Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAINS KATHY ZABEL, CARMELA BALDUCCI, AND NOELE KIDNEY:

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back. May the sunshine warm upon your face, the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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 March 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:

Corrected letters

March 17, 2017

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **Russell L. London** from Wethersfield, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as an attorney-at-law admitted to practice in this state, to serve a term ending March 15, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Barbara Aaron.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

March 17, 2017

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **Richard Smith** from Milford, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as a person who is not a judge or attorney-at-law, to serve a term ending



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March 15, 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 Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **Peter W. Nathan** from Westport, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as a person who is not a judge or attorney-at-law, to serve a term ending March 15, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

March 17, 2017

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **Motkue A. Bowles** from West Hartford, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as a person who is not a judge or attorney-at-law, to serve a term ending March 15, 2021, 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 31-280a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **David A. Lucas, Jr.** from Old Saybrook, to be a member of the Advisory Board of the Workers' Compensation Commission, representing employees, to serve a term ending December 31, 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.

Chief of Police, Town of Norwich - Annual Report on Human Trafficking Investigations for the Town of Bethel. (Pursuant to Section 51-286h of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 16, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Children and Judiciary**

**BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:**

**HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE**

- to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 5962 AN ACT PROHIBITING INSURERS FROM  
USING STEP  
THERAPY FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PRESCRIBED TO TREAT  
STAGE IV  
METASTATIC CANCER.**

**Referred to Committee on Appropriations**

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**HB NO. 5968 AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE  
COVERAGE FOR  
FERTILITY PRESERVATION FOR INSUREDS DIAGNOSED WITH  
CANCER.**

**Referred to Committee on Appropriations**

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 5971 AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD  
CHILDREN,  
STEPCHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN MAY RETAIN  
DENTAL  
INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER A PARENT'S, ADOPTIVE  
PARENT'S OR  
LEGAL GUARDIAN'S INSURANCE POLICY.**

**Referred to Committee on Appropriations**

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**HB NO. 7123 AN ACT LIMITING CHANGES TO HEALTH  
INSURERS'  
PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES.**

**Referred to Committee on Appropriations**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND  
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 44) - to be waived and bills**

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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

Monday, March 20, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 11:48 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 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.

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 45) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.**

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The Senate at 11:53 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Tuesday, March 21, 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, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

We ask for patience to understand those who disagree with us, sensitivity to the needs of others, and prudence to make decisions which work toward the common good.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 21, 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:**

Department of Transportation - Enhanced Accident Response Plan. (Pursuant to Section 166 of Public

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Act 15-5 of the Connecticut General Assembly) Date received: March 20, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Environment, Public Safety and Security and Transportation**

Access Health Connecticut - Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange Audit Findings Report and Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016. (Pursuant to Sections 1-38a - 1092(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 20, 2017

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

Office of Policy and Management - State Facility Plan for Fiscal Years 2017 - 2022. (Pursuant to Section 4b-23 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 20, 2017

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

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.**

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 136 AN ACT CONCERNING VEHICLE NUMBER PLATES FOR CERTAIN VETERANS.**

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 342 AN ACT EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF "VETERAN".**

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 503 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTED HUNTING, TRAPPING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR CERTAIN VETERANS.**

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 857 AN ACT DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ROCKY HILL CAMPUS AS THE ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT VETERANS CENTER.**



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**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 865 AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED ACCESS TO CERTAIN CLUBS UNDER THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT.**

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 914 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF A VETERAN FOR A CERTAIN HONOR AND CERTAIN BENEFIT.**

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 918 AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL OPTION PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR GOLD STAR PARENTS AND SPOUSES.**

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 919 AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' SERVICES AT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.**

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.**

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 802 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED BY PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS EMPLOYED DIRECTLY BY CONSUMERS IN THE COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE PROGRAM.**

**Referred to the Committee on Appropriations**

**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 819 AN ACT RAISING THE ANNUAL CAP ON TAX CREDITS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF CERTIFIED HISTORIC STRUCTURES.**

**Referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue & Bonding**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 46) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.**

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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 22, 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, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

St. Joseph, protect our State. Pour forth heaven's blessings on our Legislators. Remain in our midst. Help us to live in love and harmony, in peace and joy. May the love of God strengthen us that virtue may adorn all that we do.

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 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.

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

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Auditors of Public Accounts - Connecticut State Employees' Campaign for Charitable Giving for the 2013 and 2014 Campaigns. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 21, 2017

**Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management**

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

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 25** RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO RECOGNIZE WOMEN IN THE CADET NURSE CORPS DURING WORLD WAR II AS VETERANS.

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.**

**BANKING COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 616** AN ACT EXEMPTING SALES FINANCE COMPANIES FROM RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS FOR RETAIL INSTALLMENT CONTRACTS AND APPLICATIONS COVERING THE RETAIL SALE OF AGRICULTURAL VEHICLES.

**BANKING COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 780** AN ACT CONCERNING BROKER PRICE OPINIONS.

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

**SB NO. 764** AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

**SB NO. 765** AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

**SUBST. SB NO. 767** AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

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**SUBST. SB NO. 769** AN ACT CONCERNING CONCUSSIONS AND YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ON PUBLIC ATHLETIC FIELDS.

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**  
**SB NO. 783** AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT.

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**  
**SB NO. 784** AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS.

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**  
**SUBST. SB NO. 894** AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STATE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**  
**SUBST. SB NO. 895** AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' STANDARDS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**  
**SUBST. SB NO. 353** AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN APPRENTICE, JOURNEYMEN AND CONTRACTOR WORKING GROUP.

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**  
**SUBST. SB NO. 485** AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION REGARDING DEPLETION ALLOWANCES FOR WINE OR SPIRITS, REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CRAFT BEER AND FARMERS' MARKET WINE SALES PERMITS.

**HOUSING COMMITTEE**  
**SUBST. SB NO. 752** AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF CONNECTICUT'S HOUSING INVENTORY AND CURRENT AND FUTURE HOUSING NEEDS.

**HOUSING COMMITTEE**  
**SB NO. 814** AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE MEDIATION OF CONDOMINIUM-RELATED DISPUTES.

**HOUSING COMMITTEE**  
**SUBST. SB NO. 815** AN ACT MAKING MINOR REVISIONS TO STATUTES REGARDING BOND-FINANCED HOUSING PROGRAMS

AND THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE FUND  
AND REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF QUALIFIED  
ALLOCATION PLANS.

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 544** AN ACT REQUIRING PRIOR LEGISLATIVE  
APPROVAL OF INCREASES IN ASSESSMENTS AND USER FEES  
CHARGED BY THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE  
EXCHANGE.

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 546** AN ACT CONCERNING PARTICIPATING PROVIDER  
DIRECTORIES AND PROVIDERS ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS ON  
AN OUTPATIENT SERVICES BASIS.

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 809** AN ACT ENABLING THE INSURANCE  
COMMISSIONER TO ADOPT REGULATIONS CONCERNING CREDITS  
FOR REINSURANCE AND MAKING MINOR CONFORMING CHANGES  
TO STATUTES CONCERNING REINSURANCE.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 34** AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION  
OF STROKE CENTERS AND STROKE-READY HOSPITALS.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 126** AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY HEALTH  
WORKERS.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 841** AN ACT CONCERNING EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL  
DIRECTORS.

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 854** AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION AND FEE  
WAIVERS FOR VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT  
NATIONAL GUARD AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION.

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 858** AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY  
DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS.

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**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**SUBST. SB NO. 916 AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND**  
**CONFORMING CHANGES TO STATUTES CONCERNING VETERANS.**

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**SUBST. SB NO. 917 AN ACT CONCERNING DISCRIMINATORY**  
**PRACTICES AGAINST VETERANS, LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR**  
**NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS, REGISTRATION FOR CERTAIN**  
**MEDICAID PROGRAMS AND DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN RECORDS**  
**TO FEDERAL MILITARY LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

**BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:**

**HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF**  
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**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**  
**HB NO. 5226 AN ACT MANDATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF**  
**THE LEARN**  
**HERE, LIVE HERE PROGRAM.**  
**Referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue &**  
**Bonding**

**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**  
**SUBST. HB NO. 6746 AN ACT CONCERNING A BIOSCIENCE**  
**AND**  
**BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT.**  
**Referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue &**  
**Bonding**

**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**  
**SUBST. HB NO. 7063 AN ACT CONCERNING INFORMATION**  
**INCLUDED IN**  
**THE NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION FOR PROPOSED**  
**REGULATIONS.**  
**Referred to the Committee on Government**  
**Administration and Elections**

**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**  
**HB NO. 7064 AN ACT EXTENDING THE MANUFACTURING**  
**APPRENTICESHIP**  
**TAX CREDIT TO PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES.**

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**Referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue &  
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**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE  
SUBST. HB NO. 6887 AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH  
CARE  
SERVICES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES PROVIDED BY  
CERTIFIED  
PEER COUNSELORS.**

**Referred to the Committee on Public Health**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND  
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 47) - to be waived and bills  
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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

Thursday, March 23, 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 March 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:**

**Referred to the Committee on Executive and  
Legislative Nominations**

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1a and 12-802 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **Michael J. Janusko** from Rocky Hill, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.**

**BANKING COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 579 AN ACT CONCERNING PROTECTIONS FOR CONSUMERS APPLYING FOR REVERSE MORTGAGES.**

**BANKING COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 906 AN ACT CONCERNING LEAD GENERATORS OF RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS.**

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

**SUBST. SB NO. 893 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN STATUTES REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 191 AN ACT CONCERNING CHARITABLE BINGO GAMES, BAZAARS, RAFFLES, THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING.**

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 821 AN ACT CONCERNING ROOFING, WINDOW AND SIDING CONSUMER WARRANTIES AND POST-SALE WARRANTY WORK REIMBURSEMENT FOR POWER EQUIPMENT DEALERS.**

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**

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**SUBST. SB NO. 823** AN ACT CONCERNING BOTTLE BILL DEPOSITS AND ON-PREMISES ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PERMIT ESTABLISHMENTS.

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 826** AN ACT MAKING CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES.

**HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 535** AN ACT REVISING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND USE APPEALS PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPLICATIONS AND OBTAINING A MUNICIPAL MORATORIUM.

**HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 608** AN ACT CONCERNING A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR RESIDENTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING.

**HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 864** AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR HURRICANE SANDY.

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 493** AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF AN ANNUITY TO FUND PENSION BENEFITS.

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 808** AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED TO ISSUE A MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 924** AN ACT REQUIRING THAT HEALTH CARRIERS USING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE PAY A MINIMUM COMMISSION TO CERTAIN INSURANCE PRODUCERS.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 798** AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES AND THE MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBE OR THE MOHEGAN TRIBE OF INDIANS OF CONNECTICUT.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 846 AN ACT CONCERNING SECURITY OFFICER LICENSES.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 848 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF GREYHOUND RACING IN THE STATE.**

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE** - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 623 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE 7/7 PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF BROWNFIELDS AND UNDERUTILIZED PROPERTY.**

**Referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding**

**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 965 AN ACT CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR VENTURE CAPITAL INCOME.**

**Referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding**

**BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:**

**HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE**

- to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**HB NO. 5303 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF**

**MOTOR VEHICLES OF JUVENILE MATTERS INVOLVING MARIJUANA-**

**RELATED INFRACTIONS AND DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OFFENSES.**

**Referred to the Committee on Judiciary**

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RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 48) - to be waived and bills  
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indicated.

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

## SENATE

Friday, March 24, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:20 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 the secret of loving. Help us to love one another and not put off until tomorrow the loving words we can say today.

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 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.

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

Office of the Chief State's Attorney - Amended  
Annual Report of the Summary of Ex Parte Orders for

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**Referred to Committee on Judiciary**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 49) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.**

The Senate at 10:25 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

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Monday, March 27, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 12:00 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

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

THE CHAIR

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 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.

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.**

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



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**SUBST. SB NO. 287 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TESTING OF SHELLFISH AT ALTERNATIVE LAB FACILITIES.**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 522 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BEAR HUNTING IN CONNECTICUT.**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 753 AN ACT CONCERNING COMMERCIAL BOTTLED WATER OPERATIONS AND STATE STREAMFLOW REGULATIONS AND THE STATE WATER PLAN.**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 833 AN ACT CONCERNING BEE INSPECTIONS.**

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 24 AN ACT REDUCING THE TIME FRAME FOR URGENT CARE ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEW REQUESTS.**

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 490 AN ACT REQUIRING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE TO POST PROVIDER NETWORK INFORMATION ON ITS INTERNET WEB SITE.**

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 586 AN ACT EXPANDING MANDATED HEALTH BENEFITS FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS.**

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

The Senate at 12:05 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

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

THE CHAIR:

The 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 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.

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

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

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**SJ NO. 38 RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE EIGHTEENTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONNECTICUT-TAIWAN SISTER-STATE  
RELATIONSHIP**

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for  
the calendar and printing.**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 603 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S INDUSTRIAL  
HEMP INDUSTRY.**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 836 AN ACT CONCERNING CIVIL PENALTY  
REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 943 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF  
CERTAIN SOLAR FACILITIES ON PRODUCTIVE FARMLANDS.**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 26 AN ACT CONCERNING SWATTING.**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 816 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE  
UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE TO CERTAIN FUNDS TRANSFERS  
UNDER THE ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER ACT.**

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 723 AN ACT CONCERNING APPRENTICESHIP COSTS.**

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 746 AN ACT AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR NEWLY HIRED EMPLOYEES.**

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 747 AN ACT PROHIBITING "ON-CALL" SHIFT  
SCHEDULING FOR EMPLOYEES.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 839 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT  
OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING**

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REVISIONS TO ITS STATUTES AND REFERENCES TO  
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF  
REFERENCE - to be referred to committee(s)  
indicated.**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 913 AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL  
TRAINING.**

**Referred to the Committee on Appropriations**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 952 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHARING OF FEDERAL  
FUNDING BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD AND  
THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.**

**Referred to the Committee on Appropriations**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 1008 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL  
RESPONSIBILITY OF BOARDS OF EDUCATION RESULTING FROM  
RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES.**

**Referred to the Committee on Appropriations**

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

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Wednesday, March 29, 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:

Teach us the secret of loving. Help us to love one another and not put off until tomorrow the loving words we can say today.

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 29, 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 BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for  
the calendar and printing.**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 908 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE  
COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL  
REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES RELATING TO EDUCATION AND  
EARLY CHILDHOOD.**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 911 AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES FOR  
GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS.**

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 543 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE  
COVERAGE OF INPATIENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.**

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 927 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF TIME-LIMITED  
INSURANCE.**

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 928 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY  
METHODS OF DEVELOPING, EXPANDING AND IMPROVING THE  
INSURANCE INDUSTRY WORKFORCE IN THIS STATE.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 35 AN ACT CONCERNING BEVERAGES WITH ADDED  
SUGARS, SWEETENERS AND ARTIFICIAL SWEETENERS, AND  
OBESITY.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 937 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LEAD  
PREVENTION INITIATIVES AND ASBESTOS TRAINING.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 806** AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CRUMBLING FOUNDATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND ASSISTING HOMEOWNERS WITH CRUMBLING FOUNDATIONS.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 849** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT REFERRAL PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED BY MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 889** AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FIRE MARSHAL AND POLICE OFFICERS AT THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 890** AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL REGARDING THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND LICENSES FOR DEMOLITION.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 957** AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF GAMING AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF A CASINO GAMING FACILITY IN THE STATE.

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

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 5** RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND.

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**SJ NO. 39** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT REAL PROPERTY HELD OR CONTROLLED BY THE STATE.

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**BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:**

**HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF  
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- to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 5416 AN ACT CONCERNING THE THRESHOLD  
FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S  
REVIEW  
OF ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT SEPTIC SYSTEMS.  
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 6332 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT  
OF THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH CODE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH TO  
ESTABLISH CATEGORIES OF DISCHARGE FOR CERTAIN  
ALTERNATIVE  
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Referred to the Committee on Appropriations**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND  
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 50) - to be waived and bills  
and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)  
indicated.**

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



## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Thursday, March 30, 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 March 30, 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 BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED** - to be tabled for  
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**ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 778** AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENSES FOR  
CONSULTANTS BORNE BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS.

**ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 861** AN ACT CONCERNING RATEPAYER IMPACT  
STATEMENTS.

**ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 899** AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC UTILITIES  
REGULATORY AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR  
PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENTS, ENERGY ADJUSTMENT CHARGES  
OR CREDITS AND TRANSMISSION RATES.

**ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 900** AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS  
TO ELECTRIC SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS  
REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO  
STANDARDS AND ADVERTISING AND CONTRACT PROVISIONS  
AND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY'S  
REPORTING OF ELECTRIC RATES.

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 775** AN ACT CONCERNING CONVEYANCES OF  
PROPERTY BY RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 873** AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-  
GENERATIONAL INITIATIVE.

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 426** AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTS  
BETWEEN HEALTH CARRIERS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS,

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DIRECTORIES AND SURPRISE BILLS.

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 946** AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE  
COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL AND  
OTHER CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE AND RELATED STATUTES.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 317** AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM  
ALLOWING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL TO  
PROVIDE COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 655** AN ACT INCREASING FEES REMITTED TO  
MUNICIPALITIES FOR MOVING VIOLATIONS.

**BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:**

**HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF  
REFERENCE**

- to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**HB NO. 7204** AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTRONIC  
TRANSFER OF  
STUDENT RECORDS.

**Referred to the Committee on Appropriations**

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, March 31, 2017

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

THE CHAIR:

The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Noele Kidney of Ellington, and Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAINS CARMELA BALDUCCI, NOELE R. KIDNEY,  
AND KATHY ZABEL:

Bless us this day. Grant us the power to refresh and renew our lives during this spring season. Through Your guidance, may we be better stewards, not only of the earth, but also of the Holy Word.

THE CHAIR

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 31, 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.

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

Judicial Branch - 2017 Biennial Report of the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Criminal Justice System for Calendar Years 2011 - 2016. (Pursuant to Section 51-10c of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date Received: March 24, 2017  
**Referred to Committee on Judiciary**

Auditors of Public Accounts - Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2014 and 2015. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 28, 2017  
**Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Environment**

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2014 and 2015. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 29, 2017  
**Referred to Committee on Appropriations Human Services**

Commission on Equity and Opportunity - Annual Report for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 2-128(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 31, 2017  
**Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Human Services**

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Commission on Equity and Opportunity - Annual Report  
for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant  
to Section 2-128(b) of the Connecticut General  
Statutes) Date received: March 31, 2017  
**Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Human  
Services**

The Senate at 1:10 p.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, April 3, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 12:35 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The 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 April 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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**SUBST. SB NO. 818** AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF CIVIL PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ON CERTAIN BUSINESS ENTITIES PURSUANT TO STATE REGULATIONS.

**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 961** AN ACT CONCERNING STATE HISTORICAL MUSEUMS AND THE RELOCATION OF BUSINESSES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE.

**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 964** AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES ON BROWNFIELDS.

**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 968** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HEALTH DATA COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP.

**ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 936** AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY STATUTES.

**ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 974** AN ACT REQUIRING THE STUDY OF ENERGY SOURCES.

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT  
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**SUBST. SB NO. 17** AN ACT ASSISTING STUDENTS WITHOUT LEGAL IMMIGRATION STATUS WITH THE COST OF COLLEGE.

The Senate at 12:40 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.



## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 12:55 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:

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 April 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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COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 820 AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY OF  
PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS UNDER THE SMALL BUSINESS  
EXPRESS PROGRAM.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1016 AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION ISSUES.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 285 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION  
OF CERTAIN CIVIL PENALTIES ASSESSED BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ON  
BUSINESS ENTITIES PURSUANT TO THE REGULATIONS OF  
CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 506 AN ACT CONCERNING WATER USAGE AND  
CONSERVATION DURING DROUGHT CONDITIONS.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 515 AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC ACCESS AND ENJOYMENT TO  
WATERWAYS FOR LAND-CONSTRAINED MUNICIPALITIES.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 835 AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS  
TO ENVIRONMENT-RELATED STATUTES AFFECTING VARIOUS  
PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 994 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSERVATION  
FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND  
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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 996 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BOTTLE RECYCLING FEE IN LIEU OF A REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 998 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOLICITATION OF HIGH-PRIORITY REGULATORY CONCERNS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FROM A STATE-WIDE BUSINESS ORGANIZATION.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 1000 AN ACT CONCERNING COMMERCIAL USES FOR RECYCLED GLASS.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 635 AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR APPROVAL OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 871 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENDOWED CHAIR INVESTMENT FUND.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 905 AN ACT CONCERNING FAILING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 945 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 975 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES AND UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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**SB NO. 842** AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 76** AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A MILEAGE TAX STUDY WITH STATE FUNDS.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 261** AN ACT CONCERNING THE POINT SYSTEM FOR MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 345** AN ACT CONCERNING LIVERY SERVICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND ELDERLY PERSONS.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 501** AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNELS FOR INTERSTATE ROUTES 84 AND 91 IN THE HARTFORD REGION.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 805** AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION ISSUES.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 852** AN ACT MAKING REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

Office of Policy and Management - 2017 Regional Performance Incentive Program. (Pursuant to Section 4-124s of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: April 3, 2017

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**Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance,  
Revenue and Bonding and Planning and Development**

Office of Legislative Management - Office of Fiscal  
Analysis - Agency Overtime Report through the third  
quarter of Fiscal Year 2016-2107, ended March 31,  
2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-53n of the Connecticut  
General Statutes) Date received: April 3, 2017

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

The Senate at 1:00 p.m. adjourned under provisions  
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the  
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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 11:45 o'clock a.m., by the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

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

ACTING CHAPLAIN NOELE KIDNEY:

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

THE CHAIR:

Does the Clerk have any business to come before the Chamber? Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President and may I ask the Marvin School children, fourth graders, from Norwalk if they would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please?

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Students, if you could please rise. The American Flag is here and whenever you're ready to being.

MARVIN FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS:

(ALL) I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of American and to the Republic for which is stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE CHAIR:

Excellent. Thank you very much. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, a few things, I move we -- does the clerk have any business on his desk?

CLERK:

Yes, the Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda Number 1 dated Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move that all items on Senate Agenda Number 1 dated Wednesday, April 5, 2017 be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda be incorporated by reference in the Senate Journal and transcript.

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THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President I have a few markings please, and referrals.

THE CHAIR:

You may proceed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. On Calendar page 1, Calendar 50, Senate Bill No. 759, I would like to refer that to the Human Services Committee.

On Calendar page 2, Calendar 68, Senate Bill No. 756, I would like to refer that to the Human Services Committee.

On Calendar page 3, Calendar 75, Senate Bill No. 811, I'd like to refer that to the Human Services Committee.

On Calendar page 7, Calendar 98, Senate Bill No. 919, I'd like to refer that to the Higher Education Committee.

On Calendar page 7, Calendar 101, Senate Bill No. 780, I'd like to refer that to the Insurance Committee.



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On Calendar page 8, Calendar 104, Senate Bill No. 767, I'd like to refer that to the Education Committee.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Hearing no objections, so ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President, and we'll make sure that -  
- I would like to also just again welcome the students from Marvin Elementary School, which is we know one of the best schools in the state of Connecticut, not only because I went there, but because you all go there as well. And thank you for coming, again, today. We appreciate it. We'll make sure that the Clerk has Marvin School in the transcript so that I'll get you all that so it shows that you all did the Pledge of Allegiance for us today, okay.

Mr. President, with that, we have no other business. I move that we adjourn subject to call of the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, so be it.

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

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Thursday, April 6, 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 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 April 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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**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 959** AN ACT CONCERNING AN INVENTORY OF  
THE STATE'S BIOSCIENCE EDUCATION PIPELINE.

**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 966** AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

**ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 4** AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC  
UTILITY COOPERATIVES.

**ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 106** AN ACT CONCERNING THE DIVERSITY OF  
BASELOAD ENERGY SUPPLIES IN THE STATE AND ACHIEVING  
CONNECTICUT'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS MANDATED  
LEVELS.

**ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 271** AN ACT CONCERNING MANUFACTURING  
FACILITIES AND INTERRUPTIBLE NATURAL GAS SERVICE.

**ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 413** AN ACT MAKING MUNICIPAL UTILITY  
COMPANIES' BOOKS AND FINANCIALS SUBJECT TO  
DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND  
CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND RATE  
DESIGN STUDIES.

**ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 536** AN ACT CONCERNING ESTABLISHING A STATE-  
WIDE PLAN AND PROCESS FOR SITING SMALL CELL ANTENNA  
AND DISTRIBUTED ANTENNA SYSTEMS.

**ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 973** AN ACT CONCERNING A RESIDENTIAL  
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PROGRAM.

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**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**  
**SUBST. SB NO. 3 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DONATION OF**  
**ORGANS AND BONE MARROW.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**  
**SUBST. SB NO. 844 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT**  
**OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING**  
**REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE HUMAN**  
**IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**  
**SUBST. SB NO. 901 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT**  
**OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ADOPTION**  
**OF A MODEL FOOD CODE.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**  
**SUBST. SB NO. 903 AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL AND**  
**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS.**

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

University of Connecticut - Bioscience Connecticut  
2017 Biennial Progress Report. (Pursuant to Section  
10a-109mm of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date  
received: April 5, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Commerce,**  
**Energy and Technology, Finance, Revenue and Bonding,**  
**Higher Education and Employment Advancement, Labor**  
**and Public Employees and Public Health**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND**  
**RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 51) - to be waived and bills**  
**and resolutions to be referred to committee(s)**  
**indicated. \***

**NOT READ IN -**

**\* FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB NO. 7317 AN ACT CONCERNING WINE SALES AND**  
**SHIPMENTS TO CONSUMERS IN THE STATE.**

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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, April 7, 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 April 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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Auditors of Public Accounts - Monthly Loss Report to  
the Governor as of March 31, 2017. (Pursuant to  
Section 4-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes)  
Date received: April 6, 2017  
**Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative  
Management**

**BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be  
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calendar.**

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**HJ NO. 106 - RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF**  
**MOTKUE A.**  
**BOWLES OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE**  
**JUDICIAL REVIEW**  
**COUNCIL.**

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**HJ NO. 107 - RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF**  
**MICHAEL J.**  
**JANUSKO OF ROCKY HILL TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF**  
**DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT LOTTERY CORPORATION.**

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**HJ NO. 108 - RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF**  
**RUSSELL L.**  
**LONDON, ESQUIRE OF WETHERSFIELD TO BE A MEMBER OF**  
**THE JUDICIAL**  
**REVIEW COUNCIL.**

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

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**HJ NO. 109 - RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
DAVID A.**

**LUCAS, JR. OF OLD SAYBROOK TO BE A MEMBER OF THE  
ADVISORY  
BOARD OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION.**

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 110 - RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
PETER W.**

**NATHAN OF WESTPORT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL  
REVIEW  
COUNCIL.**

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 111 - RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
RICHARD**

**SMITH OF MILFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL  
REVIEW COUNCIL.**

**HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for  
the calendar.**

**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 5583 - AN ACT EXPANDING INVESTMENT  
ELIGIBILITY  
UNDER THE ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT PROGRAM.**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**HB NO. 7156 - AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO STUDENT  
RECORDS FOR  
CERTAIN UNACCOMPANIED YOUTHS.**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**HB NO. 7159 - AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S SEAL  
OF BILITERACY.**



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**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**HB NO. 5884** - AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF COAL TAR  
SEALANTS ON  
STATE AND LOCAL HIGHWAYS.

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**

**HB NO. 5928** - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MANUFACTURER  
PERMIT FOR  
FARM BREWERIES. (As amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A" (LCO 5934))

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 7114** AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF  
ENTERTAINMENT  
EVENT TICKETS ON THE SECONDARY MARKET. (As amended  
by House  
Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 5968))

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 7007** AN ACT CONCERNING AN INNOVATION  
INCENTIVE  
PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS OF HUMAN SERVICES.  
(As amended  
by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 6034))

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 7237** AN ACT CONCERNING AN ADVISORY  
BOARD FOR  
PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING.

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**HB NO. 6432** AN ACT CONCERNING DISCLOSURES BY REAL  
ESTATE  
BROKERS AND REAL ESTATE SALESPERSONS IN COMMERCIAL  
TRANSACTIONS AND NOTICES OF COMMISSION RIGHTS.

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**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 7025** AN ACT AUTHORIZING DOMESTIC  
INSURERS TO

DIVIDE. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A"  
(LCO 5997))

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 7129** AN ACT CONCERNING AN ACCIDENT  
REPORT FOR A

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN WHICH A PERSON WAS KILLED.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 7131** AN ACT EXPEDITING CHILD SUPPORT  
MODIFICATION

ORDERS FOR INCARCERATED OR INSTITUTIONALIZED  
OBLIGORS.

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

Monday, April 10, 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:

We ask for patience to understand those who disagree with us, sensitivity to the needs of others, and prudence to make decisions which work toward the common good.

THE CHAIR:

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

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**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 796 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF RESPECTFUL AND PERSON-FIRST LANGUAGE.**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 995 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF CERTAIN LAND-BASED MARINE AND FRESHWATER DEBRIS.**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 997 AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S KELP INDUSTRY AND THE STATE'S NITROGEN CREDIT EXCHANGE PROGRAM.**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1001 AN ACT PROHIBITING SMOKING ON BEACHES IN STATE PARKS.**

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

Connecticut Innovations, Inc. - Jackson Labs  
Quarterly Report for quarter ended March 31, 2017.  
(Pursuant to Section 32-41y(d)(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: April 7, 2017  
**Referred to Committees on Commerce and Finance,  
Revenue and Bonding**

Report - Connecticut Innovations, Inc. - Jackson  
Labs Quarterly Report for quarters ended September  
30, 2016 and December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section

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32-41y(d)(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes)  
Date received: April 7, 2017  
**Referred to Committees on Commerce and Finance,  
Revenue and Bonding**

Report - Department of Motor Vehicles - Connecticut  
Emissions Program Statistics for March 1 through  
March 31, 2017. (Pursuant to Executive Directive #3  
and Section 14-164h of the Connecticut General  
Statutes) Date received: April 7, 2017  
**Referred to Committee on Transportation**

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

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 11:40 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:

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**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for  
the calendar and printing.**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 2** AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MORE  
EQUITABLE EDUCATION COST-SHARING GRANT FORMULA.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 786** AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION  
MANDATE RELIEF AND THE TRANSPARENCY OF ENDOWED  
ACADEMIES.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 910** AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 912** AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE  
STAFF QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATORS.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 950** AN ACT CONCERNING THE STREAMLINING  
OF THE HIRING PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING TEACHERS IN  
THE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 951** AN ACT CONCERNING THE TESTING OF  
PUBLIC SCHOOL WATER SUPPLIES.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 953** AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON PROFESSIONAL  
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**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 954** AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1009** AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARING OFFICERS AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS REGARDING THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1015** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR WAIVING STATE EDUCATION MANDATES FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1019** AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGION 15 SCHOOL DISTRICT.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1026** AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 482** AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC IMPACT STATEMENTS.

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 983** AN ACT CONCERNING APPEALS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT INVOLVING NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 986** AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION.



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**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 377** AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE ODD FELLOWS HOME OF CONNECTICUT.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 602** AN ACT CONCERNING THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS IN MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL SHELTERS.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 644** AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED OUT OF STATE.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 922** AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY HEALTH CARE STRUCTURES.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 1035** AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 1038** AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE OLD COLONY BEACH CLUB ASSOCIATION IN OLD LYME.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 445** AN ACT CONCERNING FAIRNESS IN PHARMACY AND PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER CONTRACTS.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 447** AN ACT CONCERNING THE BIDIRECTIONAL EXCHANGE OF PATIENT ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

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**SB NO. 904 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FACILITIES GUIDELINES FOR TECHNICAL REVIEW OF FACILITY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 940 AN ACT CONCERNING A REDUCTION IN MALPRACTICE COSTS.**

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

Connecticut Innovations, Inc. - Jackson Labs Budget for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 32-41y(d)(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: April 10, 2017  
**Referred to Committees on Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding**

University of Connecticut - UConn 2000 Report #43 for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 10a-109x(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: April 10, 2017  
**Referred to Committees on Commerce, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Higher Education and Employment Advancement**

**MATTER(S) RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE - to be tabled for the calendar.**

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**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 756 AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME SERVICES.**

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**SUBST. SB NO. 759** AN ACT PERMITTING A COMMUNITY SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED SPOUSE TO RETAIN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ALLOWABLE ASSETS.

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 811** AN ACT CONCERNING THE PATIENT BILL OF RIGHTS FOR LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS.

The Senate at 11:45 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, April 12, 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, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

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 April 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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**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED** - to be tabled for  
the calendar and printing.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 711** AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY REDUCE ITS MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT WHEN IT EXPERIENCES A DECLINE IN STUDENT ENROLLMENT.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 907** AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF A THREE-YEAR ROLLING AVERAGE IN THE CALCULATION OF SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT REIMBURSEMENT PERCENTAGES.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 949** AN ACT CREATING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL RELATING TO DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP, INTERNET SAFETY AND MEDIA LITERACY.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 955** AN ACT CONCERNING STATE ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1007** AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF DATA RELATING TO SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES AND THE INTENTIONAL UNDERBUDGETING OF SPECIAL EDUCATION.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1014** AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1017** AN ACT CONCERNING UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT BY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

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**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1018** AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE  
TEACHER EVALUATION PROGRAM.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 642** AN ACT CONCERNING THE LYMAN DRIVE WATER  
MAIN PROJECT IN TORRINGTON.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 649** AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT  
OF CERTAIN FEES BY BUILDING OFFICIALS.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 977** AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO  
ORIGINAL BIRTH RECORDS BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1033** AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL  
FORECLOSURE ACTIONS ON TAX LIENS AND LIENS ON  
BLIGHTED REAL ESTATE.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1036** AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT  
OF MUNICIPAL TAXES ON CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS.

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

Office of Policy and Management - CT Advisory  
Commission for Intergovernmental Relations - 2016-  
2017 Municipal Budget Adoption Experiences.

(Pursuant to Section 2-79a(b) of the Connecticut  
General Statutes) Date received: April 11, 2017

**Referred to Committees on Appropriations and  
Planning and Development**

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INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND  
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 52) - to be waived and bills  
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The Senate at 10:35 a.m. adjourned under provisions  
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Thursday, April 13, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:35 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

Bless us this day. Grant us the power to refresh and renew our lives during this Spring season. Through Your guidance, may we be better stewards, not only of the earth, but also of the holy word.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated April 13, 2017, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the



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**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.**

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
SUBST. SB NO. 790 AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD.**

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
SUBST. SB NO. 934 AN ACT RESTORING THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.**

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
SB NO. 985 AN ACT CONCERNING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DUE TO AN EMPLOYER OTHER THAN THE STATE UNDER THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS.**

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
SUBST. SB NO. 991 AN ACT MAKING REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.**

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
SUBST. SB NO. 1002 AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS AND STATE SYMBOLS AND NAMING A STATE OFFICE COMPLEX.**

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
SUBST. SB NO. 1027 AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURES.**

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
SUBST. SB NO. 1030 AN ACT CONCERNING STATUTORY REFERENCES TO THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE.**

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**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 859** AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 887** AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE OF SARAH DEMARIA AND PAUL DEMARIA.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 976** AN ACT CONCERNING CONSERVATOR ACCOUNTABILITY.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 993** AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFERS OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY MADE BY A TRUST OR TRUSTEE.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 37** AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCREDITATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 39** AN ACT CONCERNING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE QUALITY SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 85** AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAINING OF INDIVIDUALS STAFFING RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 246** AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-WIDE WAITING LIST FOR RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

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**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 250** AN ACT CONCERNING CLINICAL  
PLACEMENTS FOR IN-STATE MEDICAL STUDENTS.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 434** AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S LEAD SURVEILLANCE  
SYSTEM.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 438** AN ACT ASSISTING COMMUNITY HEALTH  
CARE PROVIDERS.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 442** AN ACT CLARIFYING THE RIGHT TO ENFORCE  
ANTITRUST LAWS.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 444** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH CARE  
CABINET TO RECOMMEND METHODS TO STUDY AND REPORT ON  
TOTAL STATE-WIDE HEALTH CARE SPENDING.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 451** AN ACT PROTECTING PATIENTS FROM  
UNREASONABLE MEDICAL BILLS.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 552** AN ACT CONCERNING A STANDING ORDER  
PROGRAM FOR DISPENSING OPIOID ANTAGONISTS.

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**SUBST. SB NO. 795** AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY AND IMPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 938** AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE STATE-WIDE ADOPTION OF THE MEDICAL ORDERS FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT PROGRAM.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 941** AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLANS.

**MATTER(S) RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE** - to be tabled for the calendar.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 767** AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

**NO NEW FILE**

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 919** AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' SERVICES AT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

**NO NEW FILE**

The Senate at 10:40 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Monday, April 17, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 11:50 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

Grant us the ability to renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Help us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may 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.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated April 17, 2017, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the

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**BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:**

**HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar.**

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

**SUBST. HB NO. 7112 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 6143))**

**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 7229 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF CONNECTICUT BROWNFIELD LAND BANKS, REVISIONS TO THE BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AND REVITALIZATION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.**

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 5730 AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE MACHINES. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 6166))**

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 7073 AN ACT CONCERNING REMEDIES IN LAWSUITS AGAINST PROPERTY OWNERS BY SUBCONTRACTORS AND THE RELEASE OF RETAINAGE WITHHELD IN PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 6016))**

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE**

**HB NO. 5591 AN ACT CONCERNING PAY EQUITY IN THE WORKFORCE. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 6157))**

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**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**HB NO. 5452** AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE OF STUDENT EMBALMERS.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. HB NO. 6260** AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR STATE AND LOCAL POLICE REGARDING JUVENILES WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 6164))

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**HB NO. 7110** AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL AND MINOR REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 6145))

The Senate at 11:55 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Tuesday, April 18, 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, 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 April 18, 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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**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 884** AN ACT ADOPTING THE CONNECTICUT UNIFORM  
RECOGNITION OF SUBSTITUTE DECISION-MAKING DOCUMENTS  
ACT AND REVISING THE CONNECTICUT UNIFORM POWER OF  
ATTORNEY ACT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 888** AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE  
CAUSED BY A DOG ASSIGNED TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICER.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 930** AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECEIPT OF ANNUAL  
REPORTS ON ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING FROM LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 982** AN ACT CONFIRMING AND ADOPTING VOLUMES 1  
TO 13, INCLUSIVE, OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, REVISED  
TO 2017.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 1020** AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF A  
DEFAMATION JUDGMENT ENTERED BY A COURT OUTSIDE OF  
THE UNITED STATES.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 1032** AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL  
REORGANIZATION OF STATUTES INVOLVING THE ILLEGAL  
SALE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

**REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to committee(s)  
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Access Health Connecticut - Quarterly Financial and Personnel Status Reports for Second Quarter ended December 31, 2016 and Third Quarter ended March 31, 2017 for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017. (Pursuant to Section 1-123(b) and (c) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: April 17, 2017  
**Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Human Services, Insurance and Real Estate and Public Health**

The Senate at 11:20 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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Wednesday, April 19, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 1:46 o'clock p.m.,  
the President in the Chair.

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.

SENATOR BERTHEL (32ND):

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

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon. Madam  
President is there business on the clerk's desk?

THE CHAIR:

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CLERK:

Senate Agenda No. 1 dated Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff. Good afternoon.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move that all items on Senate Agenda No. 1 dated Wednesday, April 19, 2017 be acted upon as indicated, that the addendum be incorporated by reference of the Senate Journal and transcript.

THE CHAIR:

So, ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President before we get going on the markings I know we have a few points of personal privilege. Senator Gerratana, Senator Hwang, and Senator Berthel each have points of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. We will start. Senator Gerratana, do you have a point of personal privilege? Senator Gerratana please.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

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Okay there we go. [laughter] Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I did have with me, they just had to leave, but two students today who are shadowing me. I introduced them to some of the senators here. Senator Formica had a nice conversation with them. They are from the Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy. Ryan Brobericki [phonetic] and Tess Robinson. I'm sorry they're not here. They had to leave to go back to class, but I appreciate the privilege. Thank you, Madam.

THE CHAIR:

I'm sure they had a wonderful time with you. Thank you. Senator Hwang.

SENATOR HWANG (28TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I want to take a brief moment to recognize that today is Alzheimer's Awareness Day and they had a terrific ceremony at the Old Judiciary. Saying that, I want to introduce a constituent who is one incredible young man. Max Rosenberg has, himself, raised over \$7,000 last year and this year has close to over \$15,000 raised to raise awareness in Alzheimer's. Max's involvement is because of the illness befalling his grandmother and his realization that it is an insidious illness that needs to be eradicated. I want to ask this chamber to rise and give this young man and the awareness of Alzheimer's a big hand. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Yeah. [Applause]

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Thank you very much, ma'am.

THE CHAIR:

Max, congratulations. Max, you should be proud of yourself. Thank you for doing that. Senator Berthel.

SENATOR BERTHEL (32ND):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise also for acknowledgement of the Alzheimer's Advocacy Day today.

THE CHAIR:

Please be seated.

SENATOR BERTHEL (32ND):

Behind me are a number of distinguished guests from the Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut. I am going to do one specific shout out to Ed Bryant, who happens to be my constituent from Watertown, who is here. As my good colleague to the left here already stated, this is a terrible disease. I'm really very pleased to see them here today to bring additional awareness and advocacy for this terrible illness that affects so many families throughout Connecticut and throughout the United States. So, welcome to the Senate Chamber. If you would all join me in welcoming this fine group of people. Thank you, Madam. [applause]

THE CHAIR:

Thank you all for all you're doing. The awareness of the disease maybe will put everything on the calendar to find a cure for the disease, so thank you so very, very much. It means a lot. Are there any other points of personal privilege? Are there any other points? Seeing none, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, for today's markings.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On calendar, page 1, Calendar 251, go. House Joint Resolution 106, go. Calendar 252, House Joint Resolution 107, go. On page 2, Calendar 253, House Joint Resolution 108, go. Calendar 254, House Joint Resolution 109, go. Calendar No. 255, House Joint Resolution No. 110, go. Calendar 256, House Joint Resolution 111, go. And, on calendar, page 2, under favorable reports Calendar 49, Senate Bill 755, go. That will be taken out by the Democratic Co-Chair. And, on calendar, page 4, Calendar 71, Senate Bill 762, go. It will be taken out by the Democratic Co-Chair. On calendar, page 5, Calendar 78, Substitute for Senate Bill 834, go. It will be taken out by the Democratic Co-Chair. On calendar, page 6, Calendar 87, Senate Bill 867, go. It will be taken out by the Democratic Co-Chair. On calendar, page 9, Calendar 110 Substitute for Senate Bill 353. That is a go. It will be taken out by the Republican Co-Chair. On

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Mr. Clerk.

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On page 1, Calendar 251 House Joint Resolution No. 106. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MOTKUE A. BOWLES OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL.

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. Mr. Bowles is from West Hartford. He has a B.A. Concentrating in Corporate and Organizational Studies from the University of Connecticut. Currently, he is a store manager at Sleepy's Mattress Firm. He has been an alternate member of the Judicial Review Council. I move favorable vote.

THE CHAIR:

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 be placed on our Consent Calendar, please?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Also, on page 1, Calendar 252, House Joint Resolution No. 107 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL J. JANUSKO OF ROCKY HILL TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT LOTTERY CORPORATION.

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 further?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Mr. Janusko is from Rocky Hill. He holds a B.S. in Accounting from Central Connecticut State University. He is a part-time controller at Armani Restoration Incorporated

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as a uniformed and certified public accountant. I  
move favorable vote.

THE CHAIR:

I'm sorry, sir. Will you remark further on bill?  
Will you remark further? Seeing not, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no  
objection, might this be placed on the Consent  
Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 2, Calendar 253, House Joint Resolution No.  
108 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF RUSSELL  
L. LONDON, ESQUIRE OF WETHERSFIELD TO BE A MEMBER OF  
THE JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

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Motion is on acceptance and adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Mr. London is from Wethersfield. He holds a J.D. from Washington Elite School of Law, a B.A. with honors from Bates College. Currently, a co-managing attorney at London & London, and I urge your favorable vote.  
THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on nomination? Will you remark further on the bill? If not, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Might we place this on the Consent Calendar, please?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Also, on page 2, Calendar 254, House Joint Resolution No. 109 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DAVID A. LUCAS, JR. OF OLD SAYBROOK TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Mr. Lucas is from Old Saybrook. Currently, a principal officer and secretary treasurer of Teamster's Local 671. Currently, the Co-Chairman of the New England Area Parcel Grievance Committee, and I urge your favorable vote.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the resolution? 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 objections, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 2, Calendar 255, House Joint Resolution No. 110 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF

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PETER W. NATHAN OF WESTPORT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE  
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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. Mr. Nathan is from  
Westport. Currently, president of PWN Exhibicon  
International LLC. Formerly a senior manager at the  
Javits Convention Center. He served as an officer  
in the U.S. Marine Corps, and I urge your favorable  
vote.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark on the resolution? Will you remark  
on the resolution? If not, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If no objection, might  
this item be placed on the Consent Calendar?

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Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar 256, House Joint Resolution  
No. 111 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF  
RICHARD SMITH OF MILFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE  
JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL.

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?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Mr. Smith is from Milford. He holds a B.A. with distinction from Yale University. Currently, a director of IT Regulatory and Legal Support for AT&T and a certified e-Discovery Specialist with an issued patent for System and Method to Manage Electronic Data Related to Legal Matters, and I urge your favorable vote.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Slossberg.

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SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon. I'm sorry to break the flow --

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

-- but I do need to just stand and rise in support of the nomination of Richard Smith from Milford. I've known Mr. Smith for many, many years. He's a fine man. He's been active in our community his whole life. He's a great Milfordite. He attended Yale University and Trinity College. He's a great Connecticut guy. He has served in multiple roles in various organizations, including our Milford Democratic Town Committee, of which he is currently the Chair, and he also currently serves as the Chairman of Milford's Police Commission. Rich has integrity. He's smart. He does his homework, and he's great to work with. He's always happy to work with everyone. His commitment to public service is of the highest level. He will make an exemplary member of the Judicial Review Council, and I'm proud to support his nomination today. Thank you, Madam President.

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. With that fine endorsement, might we move this item to Consent Calendar, please.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

-- Madam President. Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Sorry. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On the next marking, Calendar 49, Senate Bill 755, I'd like to mark that item PT, please.

THE CHAIR:

Item will be marked PT.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. If we could move to the next item after that?

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THE CLERK:

On Page 4, Calendar 71, Senate Bill No. 762 AN ACT CLARIFYING THE ROLE OF THE OFFICE OF THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN IN THE MANDATED REPORTING OF ABUSE OF ELDERLY PERSONS AND DELETING OBSOLETE STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McCrory. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Good afternoon to you ma'am, Madam President. Madam President I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark sir?

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Currently, existing law requires certain professionals who are mandated reporters to notify the Department of Social Service when they reasonably suspect an elderly person who has been abused, neglected, abandoned, or exploited or needs protective services. This bill clarifies that representatives of The Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman are not mandated reporters of elderly abuse. In doing so, the bill confirms through the state law and new

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federal regulations. By law, representatives of The Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman include Regional Ombudsman, residents, advocates, and office employees whom the state Ombudsman designate. In addition, the bill also makes technical changes including replacing the term patient's advocate with resident's advocate to reflect current terminology. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the bill? Good afternoon, Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (1ST):

Good afternoon, Madam President. And, I rise in favor of this aging committee bill on this Alzheimer's lobby day. This is a good bill. What it does, is it clarifies the role of the Ombudsman and it conforms it with current federal law, The Older American's Act and state law. In particular, the Ombudsman plays a special role in this in that they have personal relationships with seniors in skilled nursing facilities, and a high degree of trust goes into that relationship. What this bill will do is not compromise that trust by making them a mandatory reporter. In fact, it won't have a chilling effect on those discussions. So, what this will do, is it will give the Ombudsman the tools necessary to protect individuals, and there's also other people in nursing homes that are already mandatory reporters, so if there is abuse, there are people there to report it. I would urge support of the circle on this bill.

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Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator McCrory.

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

Yes, Madam President. If there's no objection, I will ask that this bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 5, Calendar 78, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 834 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FOREST PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD AND GRACE PERIODS FOR THE RENEWAL OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kennedy. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR KENNEDY (12TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark sir?

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SENATOR KENNEDY (12TH):

Yes, Madam President, just a few words. I know our time is short this afternoon, and this bill is to make some common-sense revisions to some current statutes that we have regarding Forest Practitioner Certification Process, pesticide applicator renewal processes, and the way the appointments are made to the Forest Practices Advisory Board. So, this was brought to us by the Forest Products Industry in our state, which is an important industry. It's supported by environmental organizations, as well such as Audubon and the Connecticut Parks and Forest Association. It passed out of the Committee unanimously, and I urge my colleagues to pass it this afternoon.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kennedy. Will you remark?  
Senator, you can stand up now. I thought you were getting a little nervous. Go ahead, there you go.  
[laughter] Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I too rise in support of bill. We had a couple of bills this year that dealt with extending the time that someone would have to file to renew their license. This isn't the only one. It seemed to make sense to the Committee. I would also urge passage and, Madam President, if it's acceptable, I would like to move this to consent.

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Senator Kennedy.

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SENATOR KENNEDY (12TH):

I concur with that motion, and I also move that it be placed on the Consent Calendar if there's no objection.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 6, Calendar 87, Senate Bill No. 867 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR HOME HEALTH CARE REGISTRIES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Leone. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. A pleasure to see you again. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

Yes, I will. Thank you very much, Madam President. Today, this bill and act concerning notice requirements for home healthcare registries is a bill that has been before us in the past, but this

year this is a bill that was supported by both entities that were instrumental in getting us to this legislation between the home care providers and health care registries. What this bill does with an exception is require homemaker companion service registry to provide consumers a written legal liability notice before starting services. Rather than the four days after supplying or referring the services previously from last year. If there is an emergency, however, the current four-day notice deadline would apply providing specific details of the emergency are submitted, signed by the consumer or his representative and submitted to the DCP on approved form. So, in simplistic terms, this bill simply requires that consumers are notified before any services commences barring an emergency. It passed out of the Committee unanimously. I appreciate all of the support of the members in our two chairs on the Committee, and I would urge passage of this bill. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Senator Witkos. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I just want to offer comments. I concur with my Co-Chair's assessment of the bill and urge the chamber's adoption. Thank you.

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Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Leone.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

Yes, Madam President. If there's no objection, I would gladly put this on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 9, Calendar 110, that is Substitute for Senate Bill No. 353. AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN APPRENTICE, JOURNEYMEN AND CONTRACTOR WORKING GROUP.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark sir?

SENATOR WITKOS(8TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. This topic of conversation has been before the General Law Committee for several years, and I think we owe a



lot of credit to both the union and the nonunion tradesmen for coming together and working over the summer to reach some agreement that both parties signed off on. As a result of that hard work, there will be, under this bill, a 10-member working group which will meet at least three times every year to discuss the hiring ratios for apprentices, journeymen, and contractors. The hiring ratio relief and they'll report back it's recommendations to the General Law Committee. Under the certain trades, the bill reduces by two the number required to supervise three or more apprentices in the following trades: Those being electrical plumbing, heating, piping and cooling sprinkler, fitter, and sheet metal work. It retains the 1:1 ratio for the apprenticeship on site and the 2 apprenticeship to 2 journeymen on site as well. I will say that when a working group is formed to 10 members, one chair person must be from a union member, the other chair person from a nonunion member. And, Madam President, I believe the clerk has in his possession LCO 6017. I asked that it be called and that I'd be allowed to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO No. 6017 Senate "A" offered by Senators Leone, Witkos, and Representative Baram.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

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Yes. Thank you, Madam President. To the circle, what this amendment does is it clarifies on two positions on the formation of the working group that one member from the union shall be the business manager or his designee and from the industry trade group, it shall be the president of the group or the president's designee. I urge the chamber's adoption on the amendment as presented. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark on the amendment? Seeing none, I'll try your minds. All those in favor to Senate "A" please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? Senate "A" is adopted. Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. With the adoption of the amendment, I think this is a great move to allow more people to enter into the trades that we so desperately need in the state of Connecticut while doing so in a safe, supervised manner, and I ask the chamber's passage.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Senator Leone.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I also rise in support of this legislation, and I want to give credit to our house chairman, Representative Baram, who was instrumental in getting the parties together along with Senator Witkos and myself. Because this has been an issue that has been a concern for numerous years and the end result with the task force that was presented in the off session, all of the people did come together to produce a really good piece of legislation, which we have here today. I don't think we could have done it without the support of our chairmen and the support of the Committee. I urge passage and support of the bill. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no further debate, I would ask that this be moved to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, I'd like to move it to the Consent Calendar seeing no objection. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 15, Calendar 137, Senate Bill No. 924 AN ACT REQUIRING THAT HEALTH CARRIERS USING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE PAY A MINIMUM COMMISSION TO CERTAIN INSURANCE PRODUCERS.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Larson. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

Good afternoon, Madam President. How are you today?

THE CHAIR:

Fantastic and yourself?

SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

Wonderful. I move in acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark sir?

SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. This bill provides currently for brokers who work, develop, and distribute healthcare plans. Sometimes, however, their plans end up directly going to the public exchange. Once the plan is on the exchange and sold, the broker does not receive any type of compensation in the form of commission for the work he or she did with regard to the plan. This bill would seek to remedy this situation by providing broadbased guidelines of some type of commission paid to the broker through the dollar amount that is not specifically stated in this bill. I will note that many people have supported this, including the

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Healthcare Advocate, as well as the Connecticut Association of Healthcare Plans, and the Independent Insurance Agents of Connecticut.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. I also rise in support of this bill. What it will do is allow individuals who are purchasing insurance on the exchange to have the same benefits of anybody else that buys health insurance, and that is the benefit of a broker who is going to be able to explain what the policy does, what it means to you and your family, and basically how to use the insurance product. It was something that we didn't have in the exchange in Connecticut, one of the few states in the country, but this will go a long way to giving those individuals the same benefits that families buying insurance in other areas already have. So, I certainly rise in support of this and would urge members to support it also. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Larson.

SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

Thank you, Madam President. I'd ask for a roll call vote on this bill.

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Okay. Seeing no objections, Mr. Clerk will you please call for a Roll Call vote and the machines will be open.

THE 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, will you please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 924.

Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The bill has been passed. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Also, on page 15, Calendar 138, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 798. AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES AND THE MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBE OR THE MOHEGAN TRIBE OF INDIANS OF CONNECTICUT.

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Senator Gugliemo. Good afternoon.

SENATOR GUGLIEMO (35TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon. I move acceptance of the Committee's Joint favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark sir?

SENATOR GUGLIEMO (35TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Basically, it was an oversight in the beginning. The chief states attorney came up and testified in support and indicated that this was an oversight. It allows mutual aid agreement so that the tribal police can assist neighboring towns the way any other true police forces can cooperate. I think it's really important because of where the -- you know in this age of terrorism and where the tribal police are located next to the sub base. It's something that should be taken care of and this bill does that.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will anybody remark further on this?

SENATOR GUGLIEMO (35TH):

If not, Madam President, I request this be moved to the Consent Calendar.

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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

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Page 15. Calendar 139. Substitute for Senate Bill  
No. 846. AN ACT CONCERNING SECURITY OFFICER  
LICENSES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Larson.

SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark sir?

SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. This bill aims to provide security guards with notice from DESPP that their license will expire within 90 days. This bill will align the security guard licensing renewals with what is currently in practice for gun licenses.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Will you remark further? Seeing not, Senator Larson.



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SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

It's my understanding that we need a vote on this,  
so I would ask for a roll call, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk. I have a Roll Call vote. Would you  
announce it please and the machine will be open?

THE CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg, Senator McCrory, can you please  
vote and pass your vote? Thank you.

All members have voted, all members have voted. The  
machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you please  
call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 846.

Total Number Voting	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The bill passes. Mr. Clerk.

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Page 15, Calendar 140, Senate Bill No. 848. AN ACT  
PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF GREYHOUND RACING IN THE  
STATE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Larson.

SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint  
Committee's favorable report and passage of the  
bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you  
remark further sir?

SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. This bill aims to  
abolish the practice of Greyhound racing in the  
state. There are currently no active dog tracks and  
no active licensing, per DCP. This bill does not  
prohibit off-track betting on dog racing televised  
in this state.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?  
If not, Senator Larson.

SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no  
objection, I'd ask that this bill be placed on the  
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THE CHAIR:

No. I think we have to call for Roll Call vote. At this time, Mr. Clerk, will you please call for Roll Call vote and machine will be opened.

THE 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, will you please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 848.

Total Number Voting	36
Those voting Yea	34
Those voting Nay	2
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The bill passes. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 16, Calendar 144, Senate Bill No. 833. AN  
ACT CONCERNING BEE INSPECTIONS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kennedy.

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SENATOR KENNEDY (12TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR KENNEDY (12TH):

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR KENNEDY (12TH):

Just very briefly. This body may remember last year we passed the nation's most comprehensive pollinator protection bill in the country and one of the provisions was to ask the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station to come up with some important recommendations for the state entomologist and this bill comes before us by the Agricultural Experiment Station and the state entomologist. It's a technical bill, but it will provide small but important recommendations to allow the state bee inspector to proactively inspect hives and address issues of the varroa mites, which are an important contributing factor. The dramatic decline in pollinators, which of course, impacts our ability to grow food and our agricultural economy. So, I think this is an important bill, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Will you remark further? Thank you --

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I concur with the comments of my Co-Chair with regard to this bill. Madam President, the importation of bees is a very common practice in the state of Connecticut. This bill does provide an opportunity to request, require a health certificate. It also sets about an increase in the fee, actually, for registering your bees. One of the biggest problems we have is that bees are kind of in the decline, and we also don't know exactly why. And, so whether it's tracheal mites, whether it's foulbrood; there are a number of things that a bee inspector would inspect for. This is an important bill. It doesn't look like much, but I also support it. Madam President, I would ask, if without objection, that it be moved to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered. sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 18, Calendar 159, Senate Bill No. 816. A N  
ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE UNIFORM  
COMMERCIAL CODE TO CERTAIN FUNDS TRANSFERS UNDER THE  
ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER ACT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle. Good afternoon, sir.

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SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. It was a pleasure today to meet your cousin in the chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Oh, it was great to have them up. Thank you.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. This bill before us was passed out unanimously at a Judiciary Committee. It deals with a universal commercial code, which is kind of a technical code that maybe the lawyers that took the Bar are familiar with, but basically really it's a convergence between federal law and state law. It ensures that our Universal Commercial Code Article 4A applies to all remittent transfers. Since we earlier passed our Universal Commercial Code 4A, the federal law has changed. Therefore, there is a gap in coverage, so this piece of legislation just ensures that our state of Connecticut UCC Code applies to all remittent transfers. I urge the chamber to approve it. Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Good afternoon Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Great to see you this afternoon. I also stand in strong support of this measure. It addresses a rather small gap in coverage when it comes to these kinds of commercial transactions. This proposal was strongly supported by the commercial law section of the Connecticut Bar Association, and again, I would urge my colleagues to support the measure. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Madam President, without objection, I move this bill to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 19, Calendar 163, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 839. AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO ITS STATUTES AND REFERENCES TO INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.

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Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on passage. Go ahead. [laughing]

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

[laughing] Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the bill before us comes from the Department of Developmental Services. It is by their request it make certain technical and minor revisions to their statutes. It has, in there, some changes to language making the language more respectable for people with developmental disabilities. It also replaces a council of the developmental services, a member who would represent those with autism spectrum from the council, since DDS has transferred those services over to DSS, and it also repeals an obsolete provision in our statute. Thank you Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further on the bill? Seeing none, Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I would like to place this item on our Consent Calendar.



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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

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THE CHAIR:

I'm sorry, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I would like to mark  
this item PT and move on to the next item, please.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 22, Calendar 181, Substitute for Senate Bill  
No. 900, AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE  
ELECTRIC SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS  
AND ADVERTISING AND CONTRACT PROVISIONS AND THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY'S REPORTING OF  
ELECTRIC RATES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Formica. Good afternoon.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. How are you?

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THE CHAIR:

Good, and yourself, sir?

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

I move acceptance of the Committee's Joint favorable report and passage of the bill, please.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Yes, I will. This bill gives customers more time to cancel on a renewed contract with a retail electric supplier and without paying a fee. Current law limits that to be within seven days. This bill will provide for two billing cycles. The bill also changes conditions under renewable energy credits and how they're purchased and delays the deadline for PURE for reporting purposes and their opportunity for year-end reports by April 1<sup>st</sup> rather than January 1<sup>st</sup>. There is an amendment, LCO No. 6277, that I please ask the clerk to call.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO No. 6277. Senate Amendment Schedule "A" offered by Senators Witkos, Winfield, et al.

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SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. This is basically a technical amendment to this bill, which will facilitate the operation of the Collinsworth Hydro Project, and I urge adoption please.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further. Seeing no objections, I'll try your minds. All those in favor, please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? Amendment passes. Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. If there is no objection on the underlying bill, I move to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Any objections? Seeing no objections, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CLERK:

On page 23, Calendar 185, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 946. AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE AND RELATED STATUTES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kelly. Good afternoon again, sir.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Good afternoon again, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Committee's Joint favorable court and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Yes, and thank you, Madam President. Basically, this bill is fairly straightforward. It makes numerous minor technical changes to conform it to insurance and related statutes. Madam President, if there is no objection, I move that this be placed on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark not? Seeing no, it will be moved to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

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Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

No objections? That was quick. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 23, Calendar 189, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 961. AN ACT CONCERNING STATE HISTORICAL MUSEUMS AND THE RELOCATION OF BUSINESSES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ (36TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I move the acceptance of the Committee's Joint favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark sir?

SENATOR FRANTZ (36TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I appreciate that. What this bill does very simply is it clarifies exactly what it means to have moved a company outside of the state of Connecticut that has received assistance from the state, DECD in particular. What the language does is it clarifies that situation to be moving substantially all of a corporation's employees or assets outside of the state of Connecticut. The second part -- or

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actually I should say the first part of the bill is that various institutions are added to the Historic Preservation Council, which is under the jurisdiction of again the DECD. The ones that will be added to that organization are the Prudence Crandall Museum, the Old New-Gate Prison and copper mine, and the Eric Sloane Museum. And also, one other, the Kent Iron Furnace, as well. So, with that, I move passage of bill, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?  
If not, Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ (36TH):

Madam President, if there are no objections, I move that we move this item to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR FRANTZ (36TH):

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 24, Calendar 191, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 968. AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HEALTH DATA COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP.

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Senator Hartley. Good afternoon, ma'am.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill, Madam.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Yes, indeed. Thank you, Madam. The bill before us codifies the work of the CHDC, which is the Connecticut Health Data Collaborative, which worked under the auspices of the permanent commission on Economic Competitiveness. It worked through the interim reporting to Committees of Cognizant this session. Effectively, it brought together public/private entities throughout the state representing industries and insurance, public and private research institutions, higher education institutions, technology, representatives for the purposes of identifying what areas we could collaboratively in a public/private relationship work to leverage the state's investments, our assets, and our resources. The result of this very intense work in an effort to try to position this state in emerging technologies and position Connecticut to be an economic leader and deliver an economic cluster of workforce. It ended up focusing on the areas of precision medicine, personalized health research, and development and economic initiatives involving bioscience here in the state, which has so richly invested in them and has such

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great potential into the future. And, so this has now defined the work of this commission going forward. I urge passage, Madam President, thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Without objection, I would ask that this be moved to the Consent Calendar, Madam.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 28, Calendar 217, Senate Bill No. 842. AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Gerratana.



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SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, ma'am?

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, this bill comes to us from the Department of Public Health, and its bill allows the licensing boards and commissions to issue a restricted license or permit that limits a practitioner's practice. For instance, prohibiting the prescribing of certain controlled substances without having to place the person on probationary status. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark further on the bill? If not, Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Yes, Madam President. I would ask, at this time, that we have a roll call vote on the bill.

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Roll call vote was called for. Mr. Clerk will you call for a Roll Call vote and the machine will be opened.

THE 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, will you call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 842.

Total Number Voting	36
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	1
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The bill passes. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Could the chamber stand at ease for a moment?

THE CHAIR:

The chamber will stand at ease. Senator Duff. The chamber will come back to order.

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SENATOR DUFF (25<sup>TH</sup>):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, can I ask the clerk to call the Consent Calendar for today? But, before we do that, if I can take an item off the Consent Calendar, please? It'd be Calendar No. 181, Substitute for Senate Bill 900 and mark that item PT.

THE CHAIR:

That's calendar 181, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25<sup>TH</sup>):

Yes. Calendar 181, page 22. Substitute for Senate Bill 900.

THE CHAIR:

It's been taken off and marked PT.

SENATOR DUFF (25<sup>TH</sup>):

Thank you, Madam President. And, if the clerk could now read the items on the Consent Calendar No. 1 and followed by a vote of the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 1 for today. On page 1, Calendar 251 House Joint Resolution No. 106. Calendar 252, House Joint Resolution No. 107. On page 2, Calendar 252, House Joint Resolution No.

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108. Calendar 254, House Joint Resolution No. 109.  
Calendar 255, House Joint Resolution No. 110.  
Calendar 256, House Joint Resolution No. 111. On  
page 4, Calendar 71, Senate Bill 762. Page 5,  
Calendar 78, Senate Bill No. 834. On page 6,  
Calendar 87, Senate Bill 867. Page 9, Calendar 110,  
Senate Bill 353. On page 15, Calendar 138, Senate  
Bill No. 798. Page 16, Calendar 144, Senate Bill  
833. On page 18, Calendar 159, Senate Bill 816.  
Page 19, Calendar 163, Senate Bill 839. Page 23,  
Calendar 185, Senate Bill 946. Calendar 189, Senate  
Bill No. 961. Page 24, Calendar 191, Senate Bill  
968.

THE CHAIR:

At this time, seeing no objection, the machine will be open. Mr. Clerk, will you call for a roll call vote on the Consent Calendar?

THE CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 1 for today. Immediate Roll Call ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 1.

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted? All members have voted? The machine shall be closed. Mr. Clerk will you please call a tally.

THE CLERK:

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Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar passes. At this time, are there points of personal privilege? Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, for purposes of an announcement.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, ma'am.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Thank you, Madam. The Public Health Committee will hold a committee meeting tomorrow, Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. outside the house chamber. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. Are there any other points of personal privilege or announcements? Any other -- Senator Duff. Senator Duff. Senator Duff. There's no other points of personal privilege.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, that concludes our business for today.

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Thank you. That's really good. Hold on. Oops, sorry. Senator Fonfara.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Senator Fonfara, I will yield to the senator from the first district.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fonfara, will you accept the yield sir?

SENATOR FONFARA (1ST):

I do, Madam President. Thank you very much. Good afternoon to you.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR FONFARA (1ST):

Thank you, Senator Duff for that yield. Madam President, I would like to in the few minutes we have remaining recognize someone whose been not only very important to this chamber in her work on behalf of us every time we're in session but also someone who has been an amazing worker in Hartford in so many elections for so many years. She's been a little bit under the weather this session, but she's back here today, Clarinda Sol Davilla [phonetic]. If everybody could rise and recognize her being here today.

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Yes. [applause] Welcome back.

SENATOR FONFARA (1ST):

Thank you so much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. It's so good to see you back.  
Everybody. Uh-oh. Somebody just got the finger to  
come over. McCrory you're in trouble. [laughing] I  
think you're in trouble. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25<sup>TH</sup>):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, that  
concludes our business for today, and with that I  
move that we adjourn subject to the call of the  
chair.

THE CHAIR:

So moved, sir. Have a great day everybody. Don't  
forget those huskies.

(On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate  
at 2:53 p. m. adjourned subject to the call of the  
chair.)

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Thursday, April 20, 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, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY ZABEL:

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

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated April 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.



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SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for  
the calendar and printing.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 364** AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO LEGAL  
COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT INDIVIDUALS IN CERTAIN CIVIL  
MATTERS INVOLVING ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 575** AN ACT CONCERNING PRACTICES AND  
PROCEDURES OF THE RISK REDUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 726** AN ACT CONCERNING CRIME VICTIM  
COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND  
RESTITUTION FROM PERSONS COMMITTING CRIMINAL ACTS.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 791** AN ACT CONCERNING UTILIZATION OF  
RECENT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA TO UPDATE HIRING GOALS.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 817** AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLAIMS AGAINST THE  
STATE OF JOANNE AVOLETTA, PETER AVOLETTA AND MATTHEW  
AVOLETTA.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 929** AN ACT EXTENDING WHISTLE-BLOWER  
PROTECTIONS TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 979** AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION TO  
SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF  
RESTRAINING ORDERS, CIVIL PROTECTION ORDERS AND  
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**SUBST. SB NO. 981 AN ACT CONCERNING STRATEGIC LITIGATION AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND A SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS.**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1003 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO VARIOUS STATUTES CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 1021 AN ACT REVISING THE UNIFORM FRAUDULENT TRANSFER ACT.**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1041 AN ACT CONCERNING GPS MONITORING OF CONVICTED PERSONS AWAITING SENTENCING FOR AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT.**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1042 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THE PROSECUTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 1045 AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES.**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 54) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.**

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

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Friday, April 21, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 11:46 a.m., the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Chamber come to order. Please raise your -- give your attention to the acting Chaplain Noele Kidney of Ellington who will lead us in prayer.

NOELE KIDNEY:

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

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, and if we could all please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance? And if the students from East Hartford would please lead us in that pledge.

[Pause]. Great job East Hartford. Thank you, Senator Larson. Does the clerk have any business to come before the chamber? Chair recognizes Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move that all items on Senate agenda No. 1 dated Friday, April 21, 2017, be acted upon as indicated and that the agenda be incorporated by reference to the Senate Journal and transcript.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing no objective, so ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I'd like to move on to our calendar markings please. If -- I will do it on page, calendar, and bill number please. So, on calendar page 1, calendar 51, S.B. No. 760 I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 2, calendar 69, S.B. No. 757, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 2, calendar 72, S.B. No. 770, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 2, calendar 73, S.B. No. 771, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 3, calendar 77, S.B. No. 513, I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee. On calendar page 5, calendar 93, S.B. No. 503, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 7, calendar 109, S.B. No. 895, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 8, calendar 112, S.B. No. 752, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 8, calendar 113, S.B. No. 814, I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee. On calendar page 9, calendar 118, S.B. No. 34, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 9, calendar 121, S.B. No. 854, I'd like to move that

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item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 14, calendar 152, S.B. No. 376, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 14, calendar 155, S.B. No. 603, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 16, calendar 169, S.B. No. 927, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 19, calendar 183, S.B. No. 873, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 21, calendar 200, S.B. No. 971, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 23, calendar 211, S.B. No. 994, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 25, calendar 222, S.B. No. 261, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 26, calendar 227, S.B. No. 731, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 29, calendar 247, S.B. No. 3, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar. On calendar page 33, calendar 270, S.B. No. 997, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar, and on calendar page 33, calendar 271, S.B. No. 1001, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the calendar please. That concludes our markings, and I'd like to immediately transmit those items -- I'd like to immediately transmit the items to another committee immediately please.

THE CHAIR: I hear no objections, so ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you Mr. President. Mr. President, that concludes our business for today. I want to certainly thank our visitors from East Hartford for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and for their good work, again, as they've done with

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bringing art to the capitol. I certainly want to thank Senator Larson also, and with that, I would move that we adjourn subject to the call of the chair.

THE CHAIR: So ordered. Thank you, Senator Duff.

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 11: 51 a.m., adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Monday, April 24, 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, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

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 April 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.

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 366** AN ACT REQUIRING A PARTY TO REIMBURSE THE STATE OR A MUNICIPALITY FOR THE WAGES OF AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY IN A LEGAL PROCEEDING.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1022** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ENHANCED COMMUNITY SERVICES TO THOSE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1025** AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLOSURE OF THE CONNECTICUT JUVENILE TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE TRANSFER OF JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE JUDICIAL BRANCH.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1044** AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFINITE PERIOD OF LICENSE SUSPENSION IN THE CASE OF A PERSON WHO DOES NOT USE AN APPROVED IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE.

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

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

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

THE CHAIR:

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

ACTING CHAPLAIN NICOLE 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 April 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.

**SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.**

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**SUBST. SB NO. 12 AN ACT ESTABLISHING BENEFIT LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES.**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 885 AN ACT CONCERNING RECOVERY OF PAYMENTS FROM COLLATERAL SOURCES BY A MUNICIPALITY WITH A SELF-INSURED HEALTH PLAN.**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 980 AN ACT CONCERNING TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS.**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1005 AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO STATUTES IN THE PENAL CODE.**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 1040 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION TO BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE RELEASE OF A JUVENILE SEXUAL OFFENDER.**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 55) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.**

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

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:42 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.

The Senate at 10:47 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Thursday, April 27, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:48 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, Nicole R. Kidney of Ellington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN NICOLE 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 April 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.

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

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Transportation for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2011  
and 2012. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the  
Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: April  
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**Referred to Committees on Appropriations and  
Transportation**

The Senate at 10:53 a.m. adjourned under provisions  
of Senate Rule 9(f) subject to the call of the  
chair.

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Friday, April 28, 2017

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

THE CHAIR:

The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Bless us this day. Grant us the power to refresh and renew our lives during this Spring season. Through your guidance, may we be better stewards, not only for the earth, but also of the holy word.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated April 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.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:**

Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 46b-231(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you the **Honorable Frederic Gilman** of East Hampton to be a Family Support Magistrate, to serve for a term of five years beginning September 5, 2017 and ending on September 4, 2022.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 31-276 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, and with your advice and consent, reappoint **Peter C. Mlynarczyk** of Haddam to be a Workers' Compensation Commissioner to serve for a term of five years from the date of confirmation by you.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 46b-231(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you the **Honorable Gladys Idelis Nieves** of New Haven to be a Family Support Magistrate, to serve for a term of five years beginning May 1, 2017 and ending on April 30, 2022.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 46b-231(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for

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reappointment by you the **Honorable Jed N. Schulman** of Farmington to be a Family Support Magistrate, to serve for a term of five years beginning April 13, 2017 and ending on April 12, 2022.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 46b-231(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you the **Honorable Michael L. Ferguson** of Meriden to be a Family Support Magistrate, to serve for a term of five years beginning September 5, 2017 and ending on September 4, 2022.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 46b-231(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you the **Honorable Sandra Sosnoff Baird** of New Haven to be a Family Support Magistrate Referee, to serve for a term of five years beginning January 8, 2017 and ending on January 7, 2022.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 31-276 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, and with your advice and consent, reappoint **Charles F. Senich** of Woodbury to be a Workers' Compensation Commissioner to serve for a term of five years from the date of confirmation by you.

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 46b-231(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you the **Honorable David E. Dee** of Avon to be a Family Support Magistrate, to serve for a term of five years beginning January 7, 2017 and ending on January 6, 2022.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 46b-231(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you the **Honorable Harris T. Lifshitz** of East Hartford to be a Family Support Magistrate Referee, to serve for a term of five years beginning January 8, 2017 and ending on January 7, 2022.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 46b-231(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you the **Honorable Katherine Y. Hutchinson** of Andover to be a Family Support Magistrate Referee, to serve for a term of five years beginning January 8, 2017 and ending on January 7, 2022.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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Pursuant to Section 46b-231(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you the **Honorable Norma I. Sanchez-Figueroa** of South Windsor to be a Family Support Magistrate, to serve for a term of five years beginning September 5, 2017 and ending on September 4, 2022.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 46b-231(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you the **Honorable William E. Strada, Jr.** of Stamford to be a Family Support Magistrate Referee, to serve for a term of five years beginning January 8, 2017 and ending on January 7, 2022.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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

## CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE

Monday, May 1, 2017

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

THE CHAIR:

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

ACTING CHAPLAIN NICOLE 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 May 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.

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

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

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

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## SENATE

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 11:08 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(f), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The 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 May 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.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

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To the Honorable Senate:

Pursuant to Sections 21a-1 and 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, and with your advice and consent appoint, **Michelle Seagull**, of Glastonbury, to be Commissioner of Consumer Protection, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, but no longer than March 1, 2019.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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To the Honorable Senate:

Pursuant to Sections 10-500 and 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, and with your advice and consent appoint, **David Wilkinson**, of Hartford, to be Commissioner of Early Childhood Education, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, but no longer than March 1, 2019.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint the **Honorable Elizabeth A. Bozzuto** from Watertown, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as a Superior Court Judge, to serve a term ending November 30, 2020 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to the Honorable Frank A. Iannotti, whose term expired.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 4-4 and 46a-57 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **Michele C. Mount** from Monroe, to be a Human Rights Referee, to serve a term beginning July 1, 2017 and ending on 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 4-1a and 51-275a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **Eric J. George** from Glastonbury, to be a member of

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the Criminal Justice Commission to serve a term coterminous with my term 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 4-1a and 51-275a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **Erick A. Russell** from New Haven, to be a member of the Criminal Justice Commission to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

COMMUNICATION 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 of the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h), 51-165, and 51-197c of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you, the **Honorable Nina F. Elgo** of West Hartford to be a Judge of the Appellate Court and a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor



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To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments of the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h), 51-165, and 51-197c of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you, the **Honorable Maria Araujo Kahn** of Cheshire to be a Judge of the Appellate Court and a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

The Senate at 11:13 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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Wednesday, May 3, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 2:15 o'clock p.m.,  
the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate please come to order. Members and guests  
please rise. Direct your attention to Rabbi  
Lazowski who will lead us in prayer.

RABBI LAZOWSKI:

Thank you, dear. Our thought for today is from  
Psalms 55. "Listen to my prayer O God. Do not  
ignore my pleas. Hear me and answer me." Let us  
pray. Lord God, thank you for the gift of Spring  
and the blessing it brings to others and to  
ourselves. Spring -- a symphony of nature's  
resplendent beauty, the blossoming of myriads of  
colorful flowers. Grant us a Spring of humanity --  
a resurgence of faith, hope, and joy in human soul.  
Bless us that we may understand the lesson of the  
miracle of Spring. Inspire us to use the creative  
powers, which you have endowed to us to enhance our  
lives of our people in our beloved state of  
Connecticut. Bestow your guidance upon our national  
and state leaders and help them always to act with  
sincerity, honesty, and humanity. Bless with your

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safekeeping of our defends of freedom and may those who wait for them at home so people everywhere can share the happiness and beauty of Spring in their heart. Hear us as we pray and let us all say, Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Rabbi. At this time, I will ask Senator McCrory to come up and join us and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance please.

SENATOR MCCRORY (2ND):

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. Thank you, Rabbi and thank you. at this time, I'd ask that I'd entertain any points of personal privilege. Are there any points of personal privilege? Hi -- I'm sorry -- Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I do want to exercise a point of personal privilege. We have some special guests here today. Unfortunately, they were in the Senate Chamber a few minutes ago and they seemed to have disappeared.

THE CHAIR:

Okay.

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SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

I don't see them. Let's see --

THE CHAIR:

Well, if they reappear, then we'll call on you again Senator.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Okay, thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. I do have one point of personal privilege. Yesterday, a wonderful lady that's always quiet but really is always here for us celebrated her birthday. Noele Kidney down here is -- happy birthday, so will the Chamber join me in wishing her a happy birthday -- [applause] -- and no one dares to ask her age.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

I know.

THE CHAIR:

We don't tell anybody though. At this time, I call on Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President and good afternoon.

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THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Is there business on the clerk's desk?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda No. 1. It's dated Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Move that all items on the Senate Agenda No. 1 be -- dated -- I'm sorry -- Wednesday, May 3, 2017 be acted upon as indicated and that Agenda being incorporated by reference and Senate Journal and transcript.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to mark our bills that are go today and also our referrals.

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THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar page 1, Calendar 52, like to substitute for Senate Bill 761, I'd like to refer that bill to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 1, Calendar 66, Senate Bill 130, I'd like to refer that to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 2, Calendar 80, Senate Bill 804, I'd like to mark that go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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On Calendar page 3, Calendar 81, Substitute for Senate Bill 27, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 2, Calendar 82, Substitute Senate Bill 396, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 2, Calendar 83, Substitute for Senate Bill 397, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 3, Calendar 88, Senate Bill 548, I'd like to mark that go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

It will be taken out by the Republican Co-Chair. On Calendar page 4, Calendar 89, Senate Bill 599, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 5, Calendar 100, Senate Bill 616, I'd like to mark that item go. It will be taken out by the Republican Co-Chair.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 6, Calendar 111, Substitute for Senate Bill 485, I'd like to refer that item to the Finance Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 8, Calendar 125, Substitute for Senate Bill 579, I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.



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THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 9, Calendar 128, Substitute for Senate Bill 821, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 10, Calendar 141, Substitute for Senate Bill 287, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 11, Calendar 149, Substitute for Senate Bill 877, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

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On Calendar page 12, Calendar 150, Senate Bill 878,  
I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations  
Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 12, Calendar 151, Substitute Senate  
Bill 883, I'd like to refer that item to the  
Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 156, Substitute Senate Bill 836,  
I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary  
Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 12, Calendar 158, Substitute for  
Senate Bill 26, I'd like to mark that item go and it  
will be taken up by the Republican Co-Chair.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 13, Calendar 166, Substitute Senate Bill 908, I'd like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. On Calendar page 13, Calendar 168, Substitute for Senate Bill 543, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 14, Calendar 170, Senate Bill 928, I'd like to mark that item go and taken out by the Republican Co-Chair.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 172, Substitute for Senate Bill 937, I'd like to mark that item go.

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So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar 173, Substitute for Senate Bill 957, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 15, Calendar 179, Substitute Senate Bill 861, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 16, Calendar 180, Senate Bill 899, I'd like to mark that item go, taken out by the Democratic Co-Chair. On Calendar page 180 -- I'm sorry -- Calendar page 16, Calendar 181, Substitute for Senate Bill 900, I'd like to mark that item go, taken out by the Republican Co-Chair. On Calendar page 16, Calendar 182, Substitute for Senate Bill 775, I'd like to refer that item to the Finance Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 16, Calendar 184, Substitute for Senate Bill 426, I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 18, Calendar 195, Senate Bill 341, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 20, Calendar 209, Substitute for Senate Bill 515, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 22, Calendar 225, Senate Bill 805, I'd like to move that item to the foot of the Calendar. On Calendar page 222, Calendar 226, Senate Bill 852, I'd like to move that item to the

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foot of the Calendar. On Calendar page 25, Calendar 240, Substitute for Senate Bill 966, I'd like to refer that item to the Finance Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 25, Calendar 242, Substitute for Senate Bill 106, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 26, Calendar 245, Senate Bill 536, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 26, Calendar 248, Substitute for Senate Bill 844, I'd like to mark that item go to be taken out by the Democratic Co-Chair.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 29, Calendar 275, Senate Bill 910, I'd like to mark that item go, taken out by the Republican Co-Chair. On Calendar page 30, Calendar 278, Substitute for Senate Bill 951, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 230, Calendar 279, Substitute for Senate Bill 953, I'd like to mark that item go. Republican Co-Chair taking that out.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 30, Calendar 281, Substitute for Senate Bill 1009, mark that item go, taken out by the Republican Co-Chair.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 31, Calendar 284, Substitute for Senate Bill 1026, I'd like to mark that item go,

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taken out by the Democratic Co-Chair. On Calendar page 32, Calendar 292, Senate Bill 377, I'd like to refer that item to Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 233, Calendar 297, Substitute for Senate Bill 940, I'd like to refer that item to Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 33, Calendar 301, Substitute for Senate Bill 955, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Senate stand at ease for a moment?

THE CHAIR:

Senate will stand at ease.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):



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THE CHAIR:

The Senate will come back to order.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Calendar page 34,  
Calendar 302 -- did I do that one already?

THE CHAIR:

No, you did not.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. Calendar 302, Substitute for Senate Bill  
1007 -- 1007. I'd like to refer that item to the  
Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 34, Calendar 303, Substitute for  
Senate Bill 1014, I'd like to refer that item to the  
Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

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On Calendar page 35, Calendar 310, Substitute for Senate Bill 1036, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 37, Calendar 320, Substitute for Senate Bill 976, I'd like to mark that item go. Republican Co-Chair taking it out.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 37, Calendar 321, Senate Bill 993, I'd like to mark that item go with the Republican Co-Chair taking it out. On Calendar page 37, Calendar 322, Substitute for Senate Bill 37, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 38, Calendar 325, Substitute for Senate Bill 246, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

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THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 38, Calendar 327, Substitute for Senate Bill 434, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 38, Calendar 329, Senate Bill 442, I'd like to refer that item to Judiciary Committee. On Calendar page 38, Calendar 330, Senate Bill 444, I'd like to mark that item go with the Republican Co-Chair taking it out.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar page 40, Calendar 337, Substitute for Senate Bill 888, I'd like to mark that item go with the Republican Co-Chair taking it out.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 40, Calendar 338, Senate Bill 930, I'd like to mark that item go with Republican Co-Chair taking it out.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 40, Calendar 339, Senate Bill 982, I'd like to mark that item go with the Republican Co-Chair taking it out. On Calendar page 41, Calendar 341, Substitute for Senate Bill 1032, I'd like to mark that item go with Republican Co-Chair taking it out. On Calendar page 43, Calendar 353, Substitute for Senate Bill 791, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar page 44, Calendar 355, Senate Bill 929, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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On Calendar page 44, Calendar 358, Substitute for Senate Bill 1003, I'd like to mark that item go with the Democratic Co-Chair taking it out.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 44, Calendar 359, Senate Bill 1021, I'd like to mark that item go with the Democratic Co-Chair taking it out.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 45, Calendar 365, House Bill 7254, I'd like to mark that item go with the Democratic Co-Chair taking it out.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 50, Calendar 50, Substitute for Senate Bill 759, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

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So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Senate stand at ease for a moment?

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease. The Senate will come back to order. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, for just a few more markings, one is we would like to take the foot of the Calendar and mark the foot of the Calendar -- all the bills on the foot of the Calendar as PR.

THE CHAIR:

Okay.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Also, we would like to mark -- remark Calendar page 32, Calendar 292, Senate Bill 377. That was inadvertently marked refer to Judiciary. We're just gonna mark that PR instead.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. On the same page, Calendar 32 -- page 32, Calendar 295, Substitute for Senate Bill 445 that we would like to refer to Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President and on Calendar page 17, Calendar 192, Senate Bill 936, that is marked go with the Democratic Co-Chair taking it out -- taking the bill out.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President and the final piece before we get to business today is the referrals that we made if we can move for immediate transmittal to the Committees that they were assigned to.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Can we stand at ease for a moment please?

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The Senate will stand at ease. Senator Duff. The Senate will come back to order please.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam, President for one more marking, on Calendar page 16, Calendar 184, Substitute for Senate Bill 426 that was inadvertently referred to Judiciary Committee, I'd like to mark that as PR please.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If the clerk can now call the items in Calendar order please?

THE CHAIR:

Okay. Mr. Clerk, can you wait one moment for a point to personal privilege. Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you, Madam President. There's a lot of aspects of being a state Senator that I enjoy but one of the most pleasurable aspects is meeting some of my constituents and people who accomplish things in the district and the state of Connecticut itself is rightfully proud of its UConn women's basketball team and all the national championships they've brought home but very few people know that this year another women's team has brought home a national



championship to the state of Connecticut. The Shoreline Sharks hockey team won the national championship only a month ago and with an incredible run of wins and we're fortunate today to have two of the members of the team joining us here to observe the session, but I just want to summarize what they did. The Shoreline Sharks won the state championship and then they proceeded to the New Englands where they won the New England Regional with a record of 4-0-1 and outscoring their opponents 18 to 3 and then prevailing in the national -- I mean in the championship game to go to the nationals and in the nationals, the team compiled an even more impressive record of 6 wins and no losses beating the likes of teams from Alaska, Michigan, Colorado, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and ultimately Wisconsin itself to win the national championship and behind me today are two of the members of the team. We have Carina Mancini who was a goalie for the team and Claire Gavin from Durham, and I hope you will join me in giving them a big round of applause and pride for our national championship team. [Applause].

THE CHAIR:

Yo! [Applause]. Congratulations to both of you and thank you so much for bringing that home to Connecticut. Alaska knows nothing about ice, do they? Thank you so very much.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

By the way, I'm asking their family members to come forward too -- just come down and join us. [Applause].

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THE CHAIR:

Congrats. Thank you so much.

SENATOR SUZIO (13TH):

Thank you and I know that Senator Fasana wants to express his pride because one of these members is from his district so --

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasana, will you accept the yield, sir?

SENATOR FASANA (34TH):

Yes, I do. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, congratulations to the team for doing a fantastic job. Claire Gavin is someone who I've known her family for a very, very long time. They have businesses locally in my district. I know her -- I should say, her uncle very well and her grandparents very well and just an outstanding family. Congratulations! Being a goalie in hockey is kind of crazy. You know, I played hockey once. I stood on the ice, I fell, and that was it. Madam President, with your high heels, you should attempt the hockey -- [laughter] -- every now and then. I think it would go very well -- so, congratulations to you and terrific job. Thank you. [Applause].

THE CHAIR:

Congratulations again. Okay, at this time, we will return to the Calendar. Mr. Clerk.

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On page 2, Calendar 80, Senate Bill No. 804, AN ACT CONCERNING A SOCIAL WORK IN-HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Moore, good afternoon ma'am.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Madam President, I rise to speak on Bill 804, SOCIAL WORK IN-HOME WORK PROGRAM.

THE CHAIR:

You want to make a motion, ma'am?

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Make a motion. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance of passage. Will you remark please?

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. This bill will rename the DSS block grant funded community-based services program that provides nonmedical homecare services for adults age 18 to 64 with physical and mental disabilities as the social work in-home support work program and it also makes anyone

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participating in a Medicaid home in a community-based service program ineligible for the program unless a particular service is not otherwise available under the Medicaid program. It further eliminates a provision requiring DSS to qualify from the block grant funded program people who are receiving such services as of October 1, 2000 and who are ineligible for and could be enrolled in the personal care assistance Medicaid program -- waiver program. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Good afternoon, Senator Markley.

SENATOR MARKLEY (16TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. It's a pleasure to see you there and also to see my colleague Senator Moore bringing out the bill for us today and I just want to say this is as close to a technical bill I would say as you can be and not quite be one. It simply is a renaming and the codification of existing practice, as I understand it, at the department and I would urge my colleagues to support it.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Senator Moore.

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Madam President, if there's no objection, I would ask that this bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objections, so ordered, ma'am. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 3, Calendar 88, Senate Bill No. 548, AN ACT CONCERNING HAIRDRESSERS AND COSMETICIANS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Miner, good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Madam President, I move the acceptance of the Committee's joint favorable report and the passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance of passage. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, on the Labor Committee, we had the joy of discussing numerous bills that we didn't come to agree on and then we had a number of bills that we did come to agreement on. This one actually had a lot of bipartisan support, Madam President, in that it

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provides opportunity to young men and women to enter cosmetology and hairdressing. The conventional route would be to pay a tuition and go to a facility and learn how to become a hairdresser or a cosmetologist but what we found out through testimony is that some people just can't afford it. Some of them haven't graduated from high school, some of them have had a challenged life, and I think universally, we thought this was a great opportunity to provide employment opportunity for young men and women in the state of Connecticut, so I speak in favor of the bill and thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark -- good afternoon, Senator Gomes.

SENATOR GOMES (23RD):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I rise to support -- in support of this bill. It creates an incentive for somebody who doesn't have much of an education to be licensed in this profession and I don't have much to say about it just that I rise in support of it and I hope that you -- my constituents -- I hope that everybody will vote for this bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. Will you remark further? Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon to you.

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THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you. I also rise in support of this bill as we see as a good jobs creating bill and quite frankly, the opportunity a few years ago, this legislation was passed to establish a barber apprenticeship program and we think that this would expand it to include hairdressers and cosmeticians would be a natural extension of that opportunity for an apprenticeship and I urge support and thank you for hearing this bill today.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Without objection, I would ask that this be moved to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objections, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 5, Calendar 100, Senate Bill No. 616, AN ACT EXEMPTING SALES FINANCE COMPANIES FROM RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS FOR RETIAL INSTALLMENT

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CONTRACTS AND APPLICATIONS COVERING THE RETAIL SALE  
OF AGRICULTURAL VEHICLES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Martin, good afternoon.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I have to say I  
love your red and black colors -- my favorite  
colors.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. good.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

I move acceptance of --

THE CHAIR:

I did it for you and the Polish day -- [laughing].

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

I move acceptance of the Committee's joint favorable  
report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you  
remark, sir?

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):



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Thank you, Madam President. This bill exempts small business agricultural business who sell basically farm equipment from certain record retention requirement that apply to the sales that apply for financing by the Department of Banking. Currently, the sales finance companies are required to acquire and maintain records for each retail installment application or contracts covering the sale of a piece of equipment, and that is agricultural equipment, and this information includes their income, credit score, etc. Since the financing of the farm equipment is done by a third party, this bill seeks to make clear that agricultural retailers are not in the finance business should not have to keep or require to keep and maintain these records, so I ask that the bill be approved.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further on this bill? Will you remark -- Senator Winfield. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I wouldn't normally speak -- Senator Martin did an excellent job but I just want to put on record because she's not in the Chamber that our conversation with Senator Osten earlier who wanted to be in the Chamber when we did the bill and to thank the Committee for doing this bill. It was quite important to her and because she can't be here, I just wanted to put that on record and I support the bill. Thank you.

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Thank you very, very much. Will you remark further.  
Senator Martin.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

Madam President, if there's no objection, I move  
that this bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.  
Senator Duff, is there objection?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

No, Madam President. I just wanted to take a moment  
to thank everybody for their work on this  
legislation because I know it's been worked on  
pretty hard and if we could just maybe stand at ease  
just for a moment because I know that Senator Osten  
did want to speak on the bill --

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

-- and if we could just hold on one second -- if we  
can find her.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and I don't have any  
objections so if there is no objection, feel free to  
place on the Consent Calendar.

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THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objection. The bill put on the Consent Calendar. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 12, Calendar 158, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 26, AN ACT CONCERNING SWATTING.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Great to be here. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you. swatting is a term of art that addressed the false reporting of an incident and technically, the false reporting of an incident is when no crime is actually taking place but an individual calls police department or the state police and reports it and thus, precious resources are dispatched to address something that is not taking place, and we already have penalties on the books for that criminal behavior but swatting is when an individual

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falsely reports an incident that is of a large scale and in the bill, what it states is that five units - - not five individuals -- but five units so four police cars and a fire truck end up going someplace -- let's say it's a school -- that drains huge amounts of resources, may create anxiety and some degree of panic within the community or the area that has been targeted and imagine if this took place directed at a town hall or a school, and so what this bill does, it address that particular crime, make sure that it is a class D felony so it's a higher penalty if an individual is convicted of that and it also allows a judge, he or she, can value what resources were deployed to address that incident and essentially order the convicted individual to repay that money to either the state government if it was the state police or the municipal government if it was a town, and so I would urge my colleagues to support this bill. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Doyle. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I'm just -- I'm rising to support this bill. I think -- there was an incident close to my district at Central a few years ago where an individual, you know, called in a false alarm and really activated a lot of the police and security forces around the New Britain region. I just think it's really unacceptable. This sends a strong message that will not be acceptable and in

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these difficult financial times, I think it's important to impose on any such person that commits such a crime that they're held responsible financially also for the expense of our local communities and the state recognizing the limited resources, so I think this bill is a good piece of legislation. I urge my colleagues to approve it. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Doyle. Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I also rise in support of the bill before us. I had an interesting conversation with one of the leaders of my community, which was a direct result of my introduction of this bill and I thank the Judiciary Committee and co-chairs and ranking members for bringing it forward. It was the city of Torrington and somebody had found a cell phone and called 9-1-1 on the call phone and made a false report that somebody -- that they see them drowning in one of the ponds there, so you can imagine the 9-1-1 bells ringing and people racing to the scene to do what they could to assist this supposed drowning individual but of course, when they got there, there was nobody to be found along the beachside so what happened was they called in additional units, additional fire departments, paramedics, ambulance, K-9 sniffing dogs, boat patrols, state police dive units and this incident alone costs thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars. It disrupted people's lives. It put people at risk because of the emergency nature in which it came in and people

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had to respond to the scene. Imagine if there was an unfortunate incident where somebody was injured as a result of a response to a scene like that and it also -- it was in the news and this was the second time a drowning was reported at this swimming hole location so it sets a bad image for people that used to go there and feel that it was safe. All of this because somebody erroneously reported an incident, so I think this is going to go a long way as the good Co-Chair of the Judiciary Committee said it increases the penalty but also there is a financial implication behind that for these false complaints and I urge the Chamber's adoption. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I rise to support the legislation. I too have had constituents who have been affected by swatting and one which told me a story about he and his wife late at night were in bed watching TV. He heard a knock at the door and next thing he knew the S.W.A.T. team was outside his house inquiring about why he called the police about a potential murder at his home and he had, obviously, no idea what had happened and I think at that point he and his son were brought down to the police department for questioning on something that he was not obviously a part of. Come to find out, somebody from far away, I would presume, ended up making those phone calls and deciding that using that number to call the police

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and what is now called swatting. This is very dangerous. Swatting, make no mistake, is something that brings out the full complement of a police department and especially a S.W.A.T. team to somebody who is unsuspecting. Somebody opens the door, the police don't know what's happening, obviously the homeowner or the resident doesn't know what's happening could be a very tricky situation and one that is potentially very dangerous for many folks so I'm glad that we're taking a step in the right direction on this issue, and I certainly would encourage my colleagues to support it but I think that it's important for citizens to understand and recognize this issue as well as it is for police and that the legislation that we have today certainly will bring about more awareness. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much. I appreciate the strong support expressed by my colleagues. To Senator Witkos' example, I just can't imagine if it was a large body of water you would have so many emergency responders just combing the bottom of a lake or pond and that would be distressful not only to the community but to those folks who responded to the scene as well, but seeing strong support and thanking my colleague and Co-Chair Senator Doyle, Majority Leader Duff, Madam President, I would request that this move to the Consent Calendar.

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THE CHAIR:

Do you have an objection? There's an objection so I call for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, will you please open the machine and call for roll call. The machine is open.

THE 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 the tally?

THE CLERK:

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Total number Voting	34
Those voting Yea	34
Those voting Nay	0
Absent not Voting	2

THE CHAIR:

The bill passes. (Gavel). Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 13, Calendar 166, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 908, AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL



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REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES RELATING TO EDUCATION AND  
EARLY CHILDHOOD.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg. Good afternoon, ma'am.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President, so nice to see you  
today. I move the Joint Committee's favorable  
report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on passage and yeah -- acceptance and  
passage -- [laughing].

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

[Laughing]. Acceptance and passage.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Will you remark?

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Yes, the bill before  
you is a technical bill from LCO. It removes  
obsolete references to a statute that had been  
repealed.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

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SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

If there's no objection, Madam President, I would ask that this item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objections, so ordered, ma'am.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 14, Calendar 170, Senate Bill No. 928, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASKFORCE TO STUDY METHODS OF DEVELOPING, EXPANDING, AND IMPROVING THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY WORKFORCE IN THE STATE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If the Chamber may stand at ease for just a moment?

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The Senate will stand at ease. Senator Duff, why do you rise sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if we could mark this PR please?

THE CHAIR:

So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Also on page 14, Calendar 172, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 937, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LEAD PREVENTION INITIATIVES AND ASBESTOS TRAINING.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. It's a beautiful day.

THE CHAIR:

It sure is.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

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

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THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, ma'am?

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. The bill before us makes various changes to certification and training regarding lead and asbestos professionals. At this time, Madam President, the clerk has an amendment. If he would please call LCO No. 6135 and I'd be allowed to summarize?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO No. 316 --

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Nope, 6135, ma'am.

THE CLERK:

LCO No. 6135, Senate Amendment Schedule "A" offered by Senators Gerratana, Somers, et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. I move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on adoption and will you remark, ma'am?

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the amendment before us is actually technical. It makes some conforming changes, changes that were pointed out to us by the legislative Commissioner's office for consistency and making more sense of the underlying the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the amendment? Will you remark further on the amendment? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor of the amendment please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? The amendment passes. Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, with the adoption of that amendment, I'll explain a little bit about the bill. It does require lead training providers and asbestos training providers

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to be certified by the Department of Public Health. It also makes a number of other changes regarding lead and asbestos. The Department of Public Health came to our Committee asking for these changes, mainly because there was not and is not currently but hopefully, this bill will correct that consistency in the quality and also in the certification of these kinds of providers. Very often, they will prey on people, explain that they are certified or have other qualifications. The department realized that there is a need for consistency here and to upgrade and make appropriate the regulation oversight that they have on these particular providers. I urge the Chamber to adopt and vote passage of the bill. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark further on the bill? I'm seeing none, Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Madam President, if there is no objection, I would like this item placed on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 16, Calendar 180, Senate Bill No. 899, AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR PURCHASED GAS

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ADJUSTMENTS, ENERGY ADJUSTMENT CHARGES, OR CREDITS  
AND TRANSMISSION RATES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield. Good afternoon again, sir.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you  
remark, sir?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. This is a bill  
that comes to us through the Energy and Technology  
Committee. It comes to us on a 24-0 vote. What the  
bill does is it takes the process the [inaudible -  
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mandatory in terms of its hearings when there's a  
rate adjustment and it makes that a process that is  
not mandatory, although it also adds into the bill  
that upon request of anyone the hearings would  
happen it reduces cost and streamlines the process,  
and I urge passage.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator  
Formica. Good afternoon, sir.

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SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

I rise in support of the bill. It's a good bill and makes a great adjustment to the process. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?  
If not, Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you again, Madam President. If there's no objection, I ask that this be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objections, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Page 16, Calendar 181, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 900, AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO ELECTRIC SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS, AND ADVERTISING AND CONTRACT PROVISIONS, AND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY'S REPORTING OF ELECTRIC RATES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):



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Good afternoon once again, Madam President, and I rise to move acceptance of the Committee's joint favorable report and passage of the bill please.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Yes, Madam President. Thank you. This bill provides a number of small changes which allows electric suppliers offering green offerings to their customers to make sure that that's verified and to give the opportunity for the customers to purchase that knowing what they're buying. Secondly, it -- excuse me just for one moment please -- the technical revisions eliminate some statutory language that is obsolete and duplicative and it does allow some time for reporting for PURA -- their annual legislative report, which keeps it more in line with the Calendar, and finally, this proposal streamlines the cancellation period permitted for consumers from up to two billing cycles, so we think this is a good bill and I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark further on the bill? Senator Winfield. No -- yes -- no -- no -- yes. Sorry, Senator Formica, did you -- Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

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Forgive me. I'm not sure -- there is an amendment that I forgot to call. Is that possible still in this process?

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease. Senator Formica, will you make -- the Senate will come back to order. We need you to just for corrections for -- basically ask that this bill as amended be put on the Consent Calendar because it was amended previously when it was before you.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you very much, Madam, so I need to request that the bill as amended be put on the Consent Calendar. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, sir. Thank you very much. I'm seeing no objection, so done. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 17, Calendar 192, Senate Bill No. 936, AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY STATUTES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

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Good afternoon again, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, sir.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Madam President. This is a bill that is technical in its nature. Just very briefly, what it does in line 39 it inserts the word section where it should have been. In line 61 and 62, it clarifies what the definition of a hybrid electrical vehicle is. Line 73, it changes agreement to agreements, and in line 100, it removes the word either. It is a technical bill that comes to us of a vote 24-0, and I urge passage.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark further on the bill? If not, Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Just put Senator Winfield on please. Thank you.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

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Maybe there is -- if there is no objection, I would ask that this be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objections, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 26, Calendar 248, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 844, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, this bill comes to us, again, from the Department of Public Health and there are various changes related to HIV. In the first section, it changes the

timeframes for testing pregnancy women for syphilis and HIV. This will make us consistent with current CDC guidelines. Actually, over the last number of years, there have been no incidents of HIV infections that have not been caught and actually, last year in 2016, one was caught and that is because the testing wasn't done late enough in the trimester so this bill is a very good bill in correcting that protocol and catching this disease, which can't be treated, and of course, the fetus can be treated appropriately. It also renames the DPH's needle and syringe exchange programs, as syringe services programs that narrows the topics that must be addressed in counseling for HIV and repeals an outdated provision. Thank you, Madam President. I urge passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark further on the bill? If not, Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Madam President, if there's no objection, I ask that this item be placed on Consent.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objections, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 29, Calendar No. 275, Senate Bill No. 910,  
AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Boucher. Good afternoon, ma'am.

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Well, good afternoon, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Committee's joint favorable report and passage of Bill No 910.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, ma'am?

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Thank you, Madam President. This bill before us addresses specific recommendations made by the State Department of Education, which includes some recommendations and changes in school suspension not counting as absences. It's replacing obsolete language in regards to school construction. It restores individual waivers from having to take the practice core teacher test under the State Board of Educations' criteria, removing obsolete language for certificates for certification that are no longer issued. It removed obsolete teacher mentoring program known as BEST that many of us are familiar with back in the day. I'm sure you remember it as well. It moves the statewide science assessment from grade 10 to grade 11 beginning in 2018. There's also some annual legislation that allows the State Department of Ed to pay the Capital Region Educational Council, the Supplemental Magnet Transportation Grant, removes data collection

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requirement from the recs for open seats, removes requirement to have a four-year bachelor degrees in teacher preparation to earn an entry-level position and it being accepted to have a bachelor's degree in any area as long as the teacher preparation program or alternate route to teacher certification has been completed, so as you can see, it's one that really cleans up a lot of necessary items at the Department of Education and I would move passage of the bill, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? I'm seeing none. Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Yes, Madam President. If there's no objection, I would move this bill to the Consent Calendar,

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objections, so ordered, ma'am. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 30, Calendar 279, Substitute for Senate Bill 953, AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATORS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Boucher.

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SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Yes. Nice to see you so quickly again, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of Bill No. -- Senate Bill 953.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, ma'am?

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Yes. Thank you very much, Madam President. This bill reduces professional development. It ensures training mandates for educators pretty much that states that professional development training provided to educators must be aligned with the needs and objectives of the local boards of education and their employees. It also does away with some requirements that the school districts provide, some written statements to the Department of Education and certain audit programs of their development training and that it may also -- and also the requirement that it may penalize school districts for not complying, so there are a lot of issues in here. It does have some substitute language, by the way, and I should have mentioned that this is a Joint favorable substitute and in there it does consider in lines 141 and 143 restoring the in-service training requirement, however, related to the identification of dyslexia in students and subsequent literacy instruction for students with dyslexia. We did not want to remove some very important changes that we've made to address that specific issue and in an effort to reduce the



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mandates on school districts, we certainly did not want to remove that area that has been worked upon by so many people in this building and with our school systems as well, and Madam President, I also move the passage of this particular bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Yes, Madam President. If there is no objection, I would move this bill to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no --

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Oh, Madam President, may we stand at ease for just a moment?

THE CHAIR:

Sure. We'll stand at ease.

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, before we move this item to the Consent Calendar, I wanted to yield maybe to Senator Slossberg if she had any comments on this legislation.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much. Senator Slossberg, would you accept the yield, ma'am?

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

Oh, I would.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

Thank you so much Senator Duff and to the rest of the Chamber for your patience and I would like to stand in support of this piece of legislation. This comes to us from the taskforce on Professional Development and Teacher In-service and there was a very large group of stakeholders who got together to really streamline the work that our professional development and our teachers are required to do in terms of professional development, and what this allows them to do is really focus on the things that matter in their districts to try to improve student achievement. It really helps us get to the most important things that our districts are supposed to be doing for education so I'm delighted to support this bill before us. Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you. At this time, Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. If there is no further comment or objection, I would move this bill to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objections, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Page 30, Calendar 281, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1009, AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARING OFFICERS AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS REGARDING THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Yes. Thank you so much, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Committee's joint favorable report and passage of Bill No. 1009.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark further?

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Yes. Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, you know that special education is a matter of great concern to our school districts and it's very important to have a fairly in-depth knowledge of education law, surprisingly so in partial hearing officers for special education. Hearings are not required to complete State Department of Education training in order to be appointed. This bill requires those wishing to become impartial hearing officers to complete the State Department of Education training. It also has a piece in there that the Advisory Council on Special Ed studies -- the administration of special education services. It's a good idea given that so much has changed there. It does take out section four that was going to put a quota in for social workers and that is out of the bill right now, making this bill, I think, fairly well acceptable to all parties and Madam President, I would like to move passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?  
Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

Thank you, Madam President and I too rise in support of this piece of legislation. It's important that our hearing officers understand the laws and the rules before them and so that they can make competent decisions. Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?  
Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Yes. Madam President, I believe that this bill will  
require roll call vote.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. At this time, I would ask the clerk to  
please call for a roll call vote and the machine  
will be open.

THE 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, will you  
please a tally?

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 1009.

Total number Voting	34
Those voting Yea	34
Those voting Nay	0
Absent not Voting	2

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(Gavel). The bill passes. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 31, Calendar No. 284, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1026, AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I move the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. The bill before us has an amendment, which I will call in a moment but this is the change in our Connecticut high school graduation requirements. It is the result of many years of hard work and in particular, the hard work over the last year or longer of the taskforce to review high school graduation requirements. The report recommends the language in front of us. I want to thank all the members of the taskforce who worked so hard to bring this to us. What it does is that it requires -- finally, gives us a time when we

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will have definitely what our high school graduation requirements will be in the state of Connecticut. It will incent student-driven learning. It is a mandatory requirement of 25 credits but increases the flexibility so that our students will be able to pursue their 21st century skills. The recommendations in the legislation before us we arrived at through thorough study and considerable discussion by both the taskforce members, as well as the members of the committee. At this time, I would like to ask that -- the clerk has in his possession an amendment. It's LCO No. 6430. I ask that it be called and I seek leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO No. 34 -- I'm sorry -- 6430, Senate "A", offered by Senators Slossberg, Boucher, et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

Yes, thank you, so the amendment before us is actually a fix to a drafting error from the bill that came out of the committee and restores to the bill what the original intent of the bill is and that is to delineate the requirement that there will be at least -- there will be 25 credits including not fewer than 9 credits in the humanities, which include civics and the arts, 9 credits in science technology, engineering, and math, one credit in phys ed and wellness, and one credit in health and safety education as described in section 10-16b, one credit in world languages, and one credit of a mastery-based diploma assessment. The important piece here was that in the language that came out of the committee, there was an error in that the credit in health and safety education had been inadvertently dropped off and that was not the intent of the committee, the taskforce, or anyone else and therefore as the bill before us. I would like to point out as a number of members have asked about the nine credits in the humanities and the languages including civics and the arts. I would suggest that for legislative intent purposes this is a requirement for civics and the arts. It is not in any way a suggestion. It is a requirement that they are continued to be as there currently is in our high school graduation requirements both civics and arts. We believe those are very important and integral to the good development of education in our state and we would, for legislative intent purposes, make sure that people understand that is not optional. Thank you, Madam President. At this point, if I may yield to Senator Boucher?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Boucher, will you accept the yield, ma'am?



SENATOR BOUCHER (26TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I certainly do. There is no question that our education requirement bill is a subject that has been debated and deliberated on for many years. In fact, there's been quite a bit of discussion and debate about what should be the ideal education requirements for our high schools in Connecticut. Connecticut has always been a leader in education, education quality. It is what distinguishes us. It is one of our biggest competitive advantages and we wanted to make sure that all high schools have the same high standards. It is very clear that many of our best high schools already have 25 credits required for graduation but the subject of debate has always been what should be the makeup of those particular credits and two areas that had garnered a great deal of attention over those years was a requirement for civics and a requirement for the arts. Arts, in particular, always seems to be a target when there are budget disagreements, budget shortfalls, and there was a very sad case when Hartford was experiencing another period of time with budget crisis that all of the arts were taken out of its schools, and we were very dismayed at that and many of us made that a mission to make sure that should never happen again, so I am very pleased to see that our Co-Chair of the Education Committee for legislative intent has said that there is full expectation that there would be a requirement to have civics and arts as part of the graduation requirements composed in the humanity section of this particular underlying bill so for legislative intent, I believe that has been put on the floor and given that all the leaders of that committee did sign onto this amendment to make sure

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that it would move forward and we don't delay this issue year after year without agreement that in fact the flexibility that was requested by our school systems is in that bill but yet, we still try to create a very high standard for the great educational system that we're proud of here in Connecticut. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you and will you remark on the amendment? Will you remark on the amendment? If not, I'll try your minds. All those in favor of the amendment, please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? The amendment passes. Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Senator Markley.

SENATOR MARKLEY (16TH):

Thank you, Madam President. This is a bill that I've heard some about from my constituents and I'm glad to see the amendment, which has apparently clarified, has increased from one credit as it appeared to be initially to two credits, which would be available for the health and physical education areas. I would like to ask to either of the proponents of the bill that would like to answer it -- am I correct that in understanding as it stands now we have one credit for physical education, one credit for wellness, and that is a change from what

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was previously three and a half credits for a combination of physical education and health generally. Is my understanding correct?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'm not sure in terms of the way that you've asked the question but previously, there was only a half credit in health and safety education. Now there is -- previously meaning prior to us -- our current requirements are a half credit for health and safety education so that now changes to one credit, and we currently have one credit in phys ed and wellness.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Markley.

SENATOR MARKLEY (16TH):

Thank you. I'd like to continue through you, Madam President, and perhaps this is my own misunderstanding or the information that I have before me. The OLR report seems to indicate the career and life skills involve -- the current requirement is at least three and a half credits including at least one credit in physical education and at least two credits in career and life skill electives such as career and technical education, personal finance, and public speaking. That's where I came up with the idea that there were three and a

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half credits in this broad area. If the Senator would explain through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Now, I understand your question. It is because that broad catch-all category has been changed and we now have nine credits in the humanities, which is a much broader concept, as well as nine credits in science technology, engineering, and math so whereas, some of those other pieces might have been categorized differently in the report that you're reading in the previous, in our current statutory requirements, the change now is into two larger categories and then carving out the one credit in phys ed and wellness and one credit in health and safety education, so you are getting more. If your question is are you getting more, the answer is yes.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Markley.

SENATOR MARKLEY (16TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I appreciate the answer. I'm not entirely convinced I'm getting more but I'm reassured by the fact that Senator Slossberg believes that I am. I have had a concern that, you know, we often talk about childhood obesity, all those problems of the health of young people, and I wouldn't want to see us do something, which

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discouraged schools from offering physical education. likewise, wellness and health seems to be an area that maybe is in need of more attention and not less. Those are my concerns and my understanding of the bill and I would, perhaps for the benefit of my colleagues down in the House who might want to take a look at it, I believe I will vote against it for the purpose of flagging that aspect of it. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Mr. Clerk, will you call for a roll call vote and the machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.  
Immediate roll call ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

All members have voted. All members have voted. The machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you give us a tally?

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 1026.

Total number Voting	34
Those voting Yea	34
Those voting Nay	0
Absent not Voting	2

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The bill passes. (Gavel). Mr. Clerk -- as amended.

THE CLERK:

On page 37, Calendar 320, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 976, AN ACT CONCERNING CONSERVATOR ACCOUNTABILITY. There are amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle. Good afternoon again.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Madam President. This bill deals with over the past several years there's been some issues. Actually, one of my district, in terms of bad conduct by conservators -- longtime conservators serving their wards or the people that they've been appointed for -- what this bill has actually originated from some of our colleagues but also the Probate Court Administrator. It gives the Probate Court Administrator the authority to perform random audits of conservator's annual accountings to determine and kind of ensure that our conservators

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that are appointed statewide are adhering to the law and not, you know, taking advantage of any of our wards, as they call them, or people who are being protected. This is a good piece of legislation. The good news is the legislation has no fiscal note because Probate Court Administrator says they'll absorb the cost within their budget. It's not anticipated there will be significant, significant numbers of audits but they do have the ability to make the audits and that's the primary content of the language. Madam President, there is an amendment, LCO No. 6616. May the clerk please call and I be allowed to summarize?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO No. 6616, Senate "A", offered by Senators Doyle, Kissel, et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I first move adoption of the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. This amendment is a simple amendment. It simply moves out the effective date of sections 3 and 4 to July 1, 2018, so the bill now as amended it actually has been reviewed and considered by the relevant Bar Association, lawyers that are experts in this area. I think it's a good piece of legislation that many of our -- in the Chamber are aware of and it can try to provide further security and protection for the people that are served by conservators statewide and I urge the Chamber to approve this amended legislation. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark on the amendment? Will you remark on the amendment? If not, I'll try your minds. All those in favor of the amendment please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? The amendment passes. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I also stand in strong support of the bill and I also would like to commend publicly Senator Michael McLachlan for championing this issue over the years. It's been embraced by the Chief Probate Court Administrator, Judge Paul Knierim and it works within available funds that they have so hold onto those precious



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funds as we move forward, but this is in a similar vain to having a state trooper parked along a highway, just the fact that that trooper is there makes people think twice about speeding so if you feel as a conservator that you might get randomly audited, I think that also acts as a deterrent to unfit and illegal behavior regarding the assets that are entrusted to that individual and for those reasons, I would strongly support my -- urge my colleagues to support this bill. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Will you remark -- Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN (24TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I stand in support of this bill and I want to thank the leadership of the Judiciary Committee for their support in moving this forward. I also want to thank Probate Court Administrator, Paul Knierim, for his hard work and working collaboratively to find a way to have a creative way to hold conservators accountable. There was a very sad case in my district where a World War II veteran was committed to a nursing home. His home was rented by the conservator, all of his assets in the home and the property were sold, and it was a real sad story of mismanagement on the part of the conservator. This was a very rare case. Conservators do a fine job in the work that they do for very little money frankly but this audit bill should be a deterrent for a case like the one that occurred in New Fairfield to ever happen again. Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator McLachlan. Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Will you remark further -- Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Madam President, without objection, I move this bill to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objections, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Also, on page 37, Calendar 321, Senate Bill No. 993,  
AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFERS OF AN INTERET IN REAL  
PROPERTY MADE BY A TRUST OR TRUSTEEEE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance to the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, sir?

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SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. This bill is a technical piece of legislation but it's important to the world of trust. Basically, what you're dealing with here is when assets are transferred by and to trusts, primarily real estate, so when a person often creates a trust, say a person creates a revocable trust, then that person, Mr. Smith, wants to transfer his or her home into the trust it just clarifies how the recipient trust is classified, so what this legislation just kind of says is that Mr. Smith can transfer directly to the Mr. Smith trust rather than in the past it only had to go to the Mr. Smith trustee of the trust. It's really just a clarification piece of legislation. It's important though. It was presented to us by a title insurance company that is an expert there that thinks it'll simplify our statutes in terms of how they're also categorized, so now all these will be recorded on land records by the name of the trust. It makes sense and it's a good piece of legislation and I urge the Chamber to approve it. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President, and I also stand in strong support of this. It is essentially technical but for those engaged in trust in a state practice in the state of Connecticut, it works as a clarification and would urge my colleagues to support the bill. Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further on the bill?  
Will you remark further on the bill? Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. If there's no  
objection, I move this bill to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objections, so ordered, sir. Mr.  
Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 38, Calendar 330, Senate Bill No. 444, AN  
ACT AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH CARE CABINET TO RECOMMEND  
METHODS TO STUDY AND REPORT ON TOTAL STATEWIDE  
HEALTHCARE SPENDING.

THE CHAIR:

Sorry -- Senator Somers. Good afternoon, ma'am.

SENATOR SOMERS (18TH):

Yes, good afternoon. Thank you. I move acceptance  
of the Committee's joint favorable report and  
passage of this bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you  
remark?

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SENATOR SOMERS (18TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. This bill is a bipartisan proposal from the leaders of both Senate caucuses. It authorizes the state's Health Care Cabinet, which already advises the administration on healthcare policy and methods to promote affordable quality care and also to advise the administration on total statewide healthcare spending including methods to collect, analyze, and report healthcare spending data. Despite the efforts at the state and federal level to promote a more efficient way to deliver healthcare and have a more transparent system, we will have a fragmented delivery system when even now across our various state agencies we cannot share data. We do not know how much we are spending on healthcare or where we are spending it on healthcare and the costs are growing increasingly every year. We cannot hope to control any of these costs and evaluate the efficiency of the healthcare that we're delivering without these types of programs so that we can make decisions based on data. This bill passed unanimously out of Public Health and I ask for the Chamber's support.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR SOMERS (18TH):

I would like to yield the floor, if that's possible, to my co-chair?

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Oh, Senator Gerratana, would you accept the yield?

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Yes, Madam President. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

I would like to comment in favor on the bill. I appreciate my co-chair bringing it out today. The state of Connecticut has used Baylet [phonetic] healthcare consultants to look at the system that we currently have in place regarding healthcare and healthcare delivery, as my co-chair succinctly spoke about what is currently going on. However, Baylet [phonetic] found that there was such a dearth of data, particularly in healthcare spending, that Senators Looney and Fasano, and this is one of many bills that will be coming before us subsequently on healthcare and healthcare delivery in our state, came before the Public Health Committee and urged us to adopt the recommendation from Baylet [phonetic], so with that, I urge the Chamber to please support the bill. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further on the bill?  
Will you remark further on the bill? If not,  
Senator Somers.

SENATOR SOMERS (18TH):

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Yes. Thank you, Madam President. If there's no objection, I would like to move that this bill be added to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objections, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Page 40, Calendar 37, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 888, AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY A DOG ASSIGNED TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

What this bill essentially does is extend current policy that affect law enforcement officers to the Department of Corrections. It creates a reputable presumption that a member of a household of a corrections officer or employee that has a service

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dog -- police service dog assigned to them that they are not the owner of such dog for purposes of our dog bite statutes and again, what this does is simply take existing policy that protects household members of other law enforcement areas and extends that to the Department of Corrections, and I would urge my colleagues' support of the bill. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark further on the bill? I'm seeing none.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Seeing no further comments, Madam President, I would move this bill to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objections, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Also, on page 40, Calendar 338, Senate Bill No. 930,  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECEIPT OF ANNUAL REPORTS ON  
ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AGENCIES.

THE CHAIR:

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SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):



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Thank you very much, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

A few years ago, when we passed key legislation regarding human trafficking and monitoring it, there was a provision in one of the bills that had law enforcement agencies in the state's attorney's office deliver reports on an annualized basis to the joint standing -- the standing committees on Judiciary and Children, and we have found, especially in the Judiciary Committee, that these reports simply pile up. There's no use for them. They're filling our file cabinets and so our committee administrator and clerk, to their credit, said if law enforcement out here is going to be doing these reports on an annual basis, they should have a good purpose and so the underlying bill actually says that these reports should now be sent to the Human Trafficking Council and the Human Trafficking Council has a charge to utilize these reports and fashion proposals for future public policy, and at this time, if the clerk could please call an amendment LCO 66312.

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THE CLERK:

LCO No. 6631, Senate "A", offered by Senators Doyle, Kissel, et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I move adoption of the amendment, waive a reading, and ask leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on adoption. I'm sorry -- please proceed, sir.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. What this amendment does is very simply state that the underlying bill had stated that the state's attorneys throughout Connecticut would provide these reports. This now will narrow it to just the Chief State's Attorney, simplifies the process, but still contains all the information that the Human Trafficking Council would need to consider to make recommendations and I would urge my colleagues' adoption of the amendment.

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Will you remark on the amendment? Will you remark on the amendment? If not, I'll try your minds. All those in favor please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? The amendment passes. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much and again, the bill as amended now, I would urge my colleagues to support this bill and if there's -- I don't know if there's further comments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I just briefly want to urge my support for this piece of legislation. Basically, what it does -- sorry if I'm a little repetitive, but it's actually a piece of legislation that improves the efficiency of the General Assembly in the sense these reports are not sent over to the Judiciary Committee and the Children's Committee. I believe, they are sent to an entity that really will use it most wisely because at this point in time, the Judiciary Committee was not focused on it so the trafficking and persons council will get the information, save a little money, and it's an

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important piece of legislation. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much and it would be remis of me if I didn't do a plug for our judiciary individual, Deb Blanchard and clerk, Adam Sclera [phonetic] who brought these concerns to our attention. Seeing no further comments, I would move this to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objections, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Page 40, Calendar 339, Senate Bill No. 982, AN ACT CONFIRMING AND ADOPTING VOLUMES 1 TO 13, INCLUSIVE, OF THE GENERAL STATUTES REVISED TO 2017.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

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THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you  
remark, sir?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Occasionally, we get to  
a bill where the title of the bill is exactly what  
the bill does. This is technical in nature. We do  
it every year and what this does is it makes all our  
statutes conform all the way up to the year 2017 and  
I urge my colleagues support for the bill. Thank  
you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I was  
wondering if I could ask a question to the proponent  
of the bill please?

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President,  
looking at the title of the bill, I was wondering if  
the Senator could please read volumes 1 through 13

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of the statutes for me so I could better understand what they say.

THE CHAIR:

I think he just read it. Go ahead.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Madam President, I could and that would probably take us right to June 7th before I even got done.

THE CHAIR:

But, you also know that we cannot read our testimony in this Chamber.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

That's true, Madam President. I would not want to be found in violation of Senate rules.

THE CHAIR:

[Laughing]. Thank you.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

I mean summarize, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

[Laughing].

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

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Thank you, Madam President. I was just -- a little levity for this afternoon. I thank the good Co-Chair of the Judiciary Committee and urge others to vote for the bill. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you, Madam President and I always appreciate the levity of the Majority Leader of the Senate, as well as all the other leaders in the Senate, so with that, seeing no other comments, I would move this bill to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objections, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 41, Calendar 41, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1032, AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION CONCERNING A TECHNICAL REORGANIZATION OF STATUTES INVOLVING THE ILLEGAL SALE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

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Thank you very much, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Certainly, we have a Sentencing Commission and every year they're given various charges to come up with proposals regarding essentially our criminal justice system and what they determined in the last year was that our laws that pertain to drugs were a hodge-podge as far as where they were located in the statutes and that made it cumbersome and difficult for public defenders, state's attorneys, even judges, not to mention folks in private practice, from sort of discerning where the appropriate bills and penalties all lay and so I want to give a lot of thanks to the Sentencing Commission, as well as the former Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee from the House, Bob Farr, who at one point was also the Chairman of the Board of Pardons and Paroles for working so hard on this for many, many months and so what this does is essentially in a nutshell rationalizes this section of the statutes but in no way changes any of the substance of our criminal justice laws affecting drugs and drug law violations and I would urge my colleagues to support this bill. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Senator Doyle.



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SENATOR DOYLE (9TH):

Yes, Madam President. Thank you. I just briefly would like to comment. I concur with everything my co-chairman said but one of the people behind the scenes that did a lot of work on this is a former long-time LCO attorney for the Judiciary Committee, Rick Taft, so I understand he did a lot of the work behind the scenes. Through his many years of experience, he identified and -- I think he got frustrated with the organization, the statutes -- so he did a lot of the work for us in a Sentencing Commission to get our statutes in better order. It's a good piece of legislation, a good organizational piece, and I think it will help all practitioners. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?  
Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

All right, with shout outs to former state Rep Bob Farr and attorney Rick Taft. I'm seeing no further comments. I would move this bill to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

I'm seeing no objections, so ordered.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you, Madam President.