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Wednesday, February 3, 2010

On Wednesday after the first Monday of February, A.D., 2010, the date by the Constitution of the State of Connecticut for the meeting of the General Assembly, the Senate convened in the Senate Chamber in the Capitol in Hartford at 10:12 a.m. The Senate was called to order by the President.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will come to order. Will members and guests please rise, direct your attention to our Guest Chaplain Benny Auger.

Benny:

GUEST CHAPLAIN BERNARD AUGER:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, during this time while our leaders are making many decisions, may they turn to you for guidance. Give them wisdom to do what is best for the people of Connecticut.

Amen.

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Amen.

Thank you, Benny.

Senator Frantz, would you lead us in the pledge, please.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

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.

Good morning. It's indeed a pleasure to be here and open up this session again, opening day.

Before we get into the business, I would just like to say thank you to all of you, this being my last opening day for session. You have extended me a very warm, cordial embrace here in the circle, and it's something I've appreciated over the -- the last three-and-a-half years. And I wanted to say that, both sides of the aisles, you guys have been great to work for, and being the Senate President has been a great experience. And I do look forward to addressing next year in the Joint Session as Governor.

Senator Looney.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Good morning, Governor. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Good morning, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Mr. President, the Clerk is in possession, I believe, of Senate Agendas Number 1 and 2.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Mr. President, the Clerk is in possession of Senate agendas numbered 1 and 2, dated Wednesday, February 3, 2010. Copies have been distributed.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I move all items on Senate Agendas Numbers 1 and 2, dated Wednesday, February 3, 2010, to be acted upon as indicated and that the agendas be incorporated by reference into the Senate journal and the Senate transcript.

THE CHAIR:

There's a motion on the floor to incorporate all

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items on Senate Agenda Number 1 and Number 2. Would you remark? Without objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, the first item that we will take up appears on Senate Agenda Number 2, just adopted by this Chamber. And, Mr. President, would ask the Clerk to call from Senate Agenda Number 2, under Number 2, Introduction of Senate Joint Resolutions; would ask the Clerk to call Senate Joint Resolution Number 3 from Senate Agenda Number 2.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Agenda Number 2, Senate Joint Resolution Number 3, LCO 450, RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN, PRINTING OF BILLS AND EXPENSES, introduced by Senator Looney of the 11th District, et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, would move adoption of the

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resolution.

THE CHAIR:

There's a motion on the floor for adoption of Senate Agenda Number 3. Will you remark? Will you remark? Without comment, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed, nays.

The ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Having adopted the resolution that provides for the payment of expenses, the session would move for immediate transmittal of Senate Joint Resolution Number 3 to the House of Representatives.

THE CHAIR:

There's a motion on the floor for immediate transmittal to the House on Senate Joint Resolution Number 3. Without objection, sir, so ordered.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, next to be taken up on Senate Agenda Number 2 are the Senate resolutions under Number 1 on that agenda; would ask the Clerk to call Senate Resolution Number 1.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Agenda Number 2, Senate Resolution Number 1, LCO 207, RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PRINTING OF THE SENATE JOURNAL. Introduced by Senator Looney of the 11th District.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, move adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

There's a motion on the floor for Senate Resolution Number 1 for adoption. Will you remark? Will you remark further? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor, please signify by saying, aye.

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Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed, nays.

The ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, also appearing on Senate Agenda Number 2 is Senate Resolution Number 2. Would ask the Clerk to call that item.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On Senate Agenda Number 2, Senate Resolution Number 2, LCO 208, RESOLUTION CONCERNING ROLL CALL AND READING OF THE SENATE JOURNAL. Introduced by Senator Looney of the 11th District.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Would move adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator.

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/ Will you remark? Will you remark further?

Seeing no further discussion, I will try your minds. All those in favor, please signify by saying, aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed, nays.

The ayes have it. Senate Resolution Number 2
passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, as we wait for Senate Agenda Number 3 to appear and be distributed, would, at this point, yield the floor to any member seeking recognition for points of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

At this time, I will entertain any points of personal privileges.

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

It's indeed an honor to begin our next session.

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I've been honored to serve with all of you during the last year and look forward to a very productive session this year, but I stand for the purpose of recognizing some important people in my life.

I'd like to acknowledge Bridget Henry -- Bridget Deakin Henry, my cousin, and her two really sharply dressed sons this morning, Aiden and Owen Henry, that are here visiting us today. And I hope you'll all join me in welcoming them.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator McLachlan and welcome to the Capitol.

Senator Williams.

SENATOR WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Good morning, and I appreciated your remarks this morning.

THE CHAIR:

Good morning, sir.

SENATOR WILLIAMS:

Best of luck to you. Perhaps not a tremendous amount of luck, but good luck to you.

THE CHAIR:

Can I quote you on an endorsement there, sir?

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SENATOR WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I want to wish all of my Senate colleagues good morning, and also wish for all of us a productive session this year, because the new year has brought with it new challenges for all of us: The ability for us to work together to solve those problems and those issues. And here's hoping that the short session is truly short.

So with that, Mr. President, I too want to recognize someone, someone without whom I could not do what I do, and that is my wife Laura, who is here with me today. If we'd give her a nice Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Williams and thank you, to Laura and all the spouses including my wife, Carol, who is with us -- me today, who allow us to participate in this great process that we call Connecticut government.

Senator Prague.

SENATOR PRAGUE:

Thank you, Mr. President. And welcome, Mrs. Fidele. A man like Michael could never do what

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he does without you. That's for sure.

THE CHAIR:

That's why I called on you, Senator Prague.

SENATOR PRAGUE:

First of all, I want to say hello to my friend in Columbia, Alwina O'Brien, who's in her nineties, who was going to come today, but whatever. She's not here, and I told her, that's okay, Alwina, I'll wave to you. So here I am.

And I want to introduce the newest member of the Norwich City Council, Tucker Braddock and his wife, Elizabeth. They're here to see how we do business. I'd ask the Senate to give them a warm welcome.

It would not surprise me if some day Tucker is sitting in this seat.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Prague. And welcome, Tucker, to the circle.

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR FASANO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

First of all, I'd like to say it's been a pleasure and an honor to work with you up on the dais. You've done an absolutely terrific job; kept the levity in the chamber, which is always needed.

Mr. President, I rise to introduce to the members of the circle a gentleman who is both heroic and historic. Mr. President, 67 years ago today on February 3rd, a convoy of three ships during World War II were in the North Atlantic when they were torpedoed. The ship sank in 20 minutes, 670 soldiers died that day and a little bit over 200 survived.

Mr. President, what makes this a remarkable story, beside the fact of it being a tragic loss, there were four chaplains on that ship. There was a priest, two ministers and a rabbi.

And as the ship was sinking, these ministers made sure that every soldier got whatever life vests were available, and, in fact, took off their own life vests and gave it to the soldiers so that they could survive.

As the ship went down, Mr. President, the four

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ministers were seen holding hands and praying, as they do to their faith, with members of the crew who were left on the ship.

As I said, 600 people perished that day, 670 people. President Truman, in honor of their bravery, had a stamp made to honor this tragic event. And during World War II, it was the most people lost in a maritime war event.

Well, four chaplain ceremonies held throughout these United States in celebration of this event, and today there remain two survivors from that event. And I'm proud to say one survivor is with us in this chamber today. This is a gentleman who was in the water for over nine-and-a-half hours, struggling to survive, and he did. And he has, with some help from some donations, he has made his way from Florida to Connecticut, and he's going to be part of our ceremony in North Haven, where, for the past 25 or 30 years, we've had the four-chaplain ceremony.

So to the members of the gallery, as well as to this distinguished circle, it is my honor and privilege to introduce to the circle Mr. Ernie Heaton.

Mr. Heaton, would you please stand.

And if I may, Mr. President, to help Mr. Heaton

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make the trip up here for a few days, we wanted to make sure it wasn't going to snow and it turned out it did. We had him stay up for a few days.

But I'd also like to recognize Larry Wapnick, who actually is from New Haven originally, ran a camera shop and lived in the Westville area. And I want to thank him for helping us make the trip.

Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Larry Wapnick.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator..

And Ernie, from the dais, thank you for your service to our country and to this great nation. And welcome to the Capitol.

Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I, too, will miss your presence in this Chamber. You've done an absolutely outstanding job, and quite frankly, I don't know how you did it.

There were a couple of nights -- there was one in particular, 5:45 a.m, it looked like you had just arrived at the Capitol and our jaws were on our desks. I don't know how you do that. Carol, maybe someday

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you can explain to me how that is possible.

Today, members of the circle, I'd like to introduce a very, very special person from a very special city, one that I'm particularly fond of and will always have a large spot in my heart for -- particularly, because it's in the district -- but also because I grew up right next to it and worked there for many, many years as a youngster, and into my twenties as well.

It's a shining star of the state of Connecticut. It's Stamford, Connecticut, where a lot of great things are happening despite our fiscal and economic circumstances. There is actually growth there, which is a wonderful harbinger of what I think will come. It may take some time, but it is something that will save the State of Connecticut over the longer term, and hopefully the short-term.

There's been a change of leadership after 14 years, and the city of Stamford, every single person in that city, welcomed with open arms this wonderful new man, Mayor Mike Pavia, who has been involved in public life for quite some time in the City of Stamford in all sorts of different facets and departments within city government.

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And eventually decided he -- it was time for him to actually take the reins of city government and come in and make this wonderful great city, with an excellent history, an even better place, not only for the residents of Stamford, but also for the benefit of the state of Connecticut.

Ladies and gentlemen, Mayor Mike Pavia. There he is.

And, Mr. President, you know where that city is, don't you?

THE CHAIR:

Absolutely. I go back and forth from it every night, sir, at 5:45 in the morning, too.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

And you will -- and you will attest to how happy people are there.

THE CHAIR:

Absolutely. No question about it. I'm happy to see Mayor Pavia to come up at the Capitol, welcome you on opening day. I've had the pleasure of knowing Mike for many, many years even before he got into public service. And I'm very excited about him being mayor of our town and the great work that he will accomplish as mayor. Mayor, thank you for being here.

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Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I rise also to welcome Mayor Pavia to the circle. And I suspect he now appreciates the drive that you, Mr. President, and I, and others from Lower Fairfield County experience to come up here and do the people's work.

But I certainly hope that this is not the last time we have you amongst us, Mr. Mayor. It's certainly a pleasure having known you, obviously, for 20, 25 years, and your relationship with my family going back probably even longer. It's great to have you amongst us today.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator McDonald.

I'm going to do ladies first. Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And I, like others, thank you and your lovely wife for the service that you have given Connecticut over a long period of time, and congratulations to Mayor Pavia, as well.

I rise to introduce two very remarkable people

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from the Senate District 26. They are entrepreneurs, they're philanthropists, they're public servants.

Steve Rubin, if you would rise -- is on the RTM in Westport, and we thank you for your public service, Steve, and thank you for being here today.

I also would like to introduce Ellen Essman, CPA, a business owner from the town of Wilton. And she is here hoping that we all improve the business climate in the state of Connecticut, so her clients can continue to live here.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Boucher.

And welcome to the State Capitol.

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning.

THE CHAIR:

Sir, how are you?

SENATOR DUFF:

Very well, thank you.

It's good to be back. Though, in some ways it seems like we never left. So it's good to see family again.

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Today, I have the privilege of introducing my family who's here, as well, today. And like last year, people will remember we had an ice storm when we were sworn in, and many of our families were not able to make it.

This year, it was just merely a few inches of snow that came down. So my family was able to drive up today with me this morning, to see opening day. And I just want to take a moment to introduce them.

Many of you remember some of them from when my littlest was in the middle of the circle and on the state seal. And I asked him not to be the state seal, and that's exactly when he went on the state seal, during one of our rare Saturday sessions. But they're a little -- a little bit bigger right now, and I'm very proud of them. And I'd just like to introduce my wife Tracey; my mom, Jo-Ann, who's here; and my seven-year-old son, Ryan; and my four-year-old son, Colin. And if the Senate can give them a warm welcome, I'd appreciate it.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff.

Senator Kane.

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SENATOR KANE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning.

THE CHAIR:

Good morning, sir.

SENATOR KANE:

I, too, rise for a point of personal privilege.

I don't know if I can follow Senator Fasano's story, but I'm sure all of us being elected have our own battles when it comes to family, because we put so much time in here. But I, too, have my wife here. Marcy, if you'd stand up, big supporter of myself and our family, and obviously, keeps the house together when -- when we are in session. So I'd like the Senate to give a warm welcome to Marcy.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kane.

Senator Daily.

SENATOR DAILY:

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

I would like the Senate to join me in welcoming some people that are very special to me. Old Faithful, my husband Jim Daily. And Honey and Al Canney in the gallery who finally are able to join us since they've retired.

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Thanks.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Are there any other points of personal
privileges?

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President.

This hemisphere of the circle was feeling
slightly neglected, but it's good to see you today,
sir.

For a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Again, good to see you, and it's great to see all
the other colleagues and friends and members of the
circle. I look forward to working with you this
session and want a special welcome to Senator Kissel's
welcoming day flowers.

Senator Fasano talked about our brave and strong
past in this state and nation. Well, I want to
introduce two people that are indicative of our

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bright, strong future.

I have shadowing, with me today, two students from Conard High School in West Hartford, where my son actually is a freshman. And I'd like to introduce you to Rita Gilles and Kean Lew.

Thank you, Mr. President.

For purposes of an announcement.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Not to throw a wet blanket on the wonderful welcomes, but there is business at hand, and I'd like to announce that the Public Health Committee will be holding a committee meeting this Friday, February 5 2010, at 10 a.m., in Room 1D of the LOB.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Are there any other points of personal privileges or announcements at this time?

Senator Musto.

SENATOR MUSTO:

Thank you, Mr. President. For a point of

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personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR MUSTO:

Last year Senator Duff said we had somewhat of an ice storm on opening day. It was my first day of my first year up here, and I really wanted my family to come with me, but most of them were unable to do so.

So this year we took a couple of them out of school and my wife was able to come up. And my big one here, Evelyn in -- kind of hiding in the back -- is going to be up here on March 1st for a tour of the Capitol with her fourth-grade class. So she's taking notes so she can go back to her class and explain what she saw today.

So I would just like to have the Senate give a warm welcome to my family, Kathy, Evelyn and Isabelle.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Musto.

Will you remark further on any points of personal privileges or announcements?

Senator Stillman.

SENATOR STILLMAN:

Thank you, sir.

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For an announcement, if I may?

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, ma'am.

SENATOR STILLMAN:

And before I do that, I also can't believe four years has gone by, and it's been a pleasure to work with you. And you've done a great job keeping us in order.

THE CHAIR:

Well, thank you, ma'am.

SENATOR STILLMAN:

So, I thank you for that.

THE CHAIR:

That's -- it's been a task in itself at times.

SENATOR STILLMAN:

I know. Thank you.

With that, I just have a quick announcement. The Public Safety and Security Committee will be meeting tomorrow morning at 11 a.m., in Room 2B. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

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Just for the purpose of an announcement. The Children's Committee, tomorrow on the 4th, at 11:30, we'll be having a regular meeting, but immediately thereafter at 11:30, a very important panel on autism, an informational session. It will be televised, but if you're in the building, please come by, listen and ask questions.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

Are there any other points of personal privilege or announcements?

Senator Kissel, thank you for the flowers.

SENATOR KISSEL:

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

And indeed, you have kept levity in this chamber, and it's been an incredible pleasure serving with you all these years. And I wish you the very best in the future.

Just by way of an announcement, tomorrow at 2:30, the Program Review and Investigations Committee will have a very important meeting. We will be voting on raising bills and having public hearings, so that one -- and the location is somewhere on the first

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floor, so we will make sure that that information is e-mailed to everyone.

And also for my friends and colleagues, who I've been honored to serve with now for almost 18 years, quite often on the opening day of session my wonderful and beautiful wife, Cindy, is here with my children. But over the last few months, Cindy has decided to go back to college to pursue a degree in education. And so at eleven o'clock this morning, she will be taking her first exam. And so I wish her the very best of luck. And she was kind enough to send me these wonderful flowers. And I think it's a good omen for the rest of this session, that it'll be productive and wonderful.

Thank you very much, and I want to thank you. And good luck, Cindy, on your exam.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel and all the best to Cindy, also from us.

Senator Fasano -- sorry, Senator DeFronzo. I got my vowels mixed up there. I apologize.

SENATOR DeFRONZO:

It's okay. Happens to all of us.

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THE CHAIR:

Yes, sir.

SENATOR DeFRONZO:

Mr. President, I rise for the purpose of an announcement.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR DeFRONZO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, the notice to members of the Transportation Committee. We'll be meeting today at 2:30 to raise bills. We're not waiting any -- any longer. We're going to start work today. So if you can make it, 2:30, the location is over in the LOB. I don't actually have the room number, but we'll get that for you later.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Terrific. Terrific. Thank you, Senator DeFronzo.

Senator Colapietro.

SENATOR COLAPIETRO:

Thank you, Mr. President. For the purpose of an announcement.

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THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR COLAPIETRO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

The General Law Committee will be held tomorrow at 10:30, in Room 1C, for those who are interested.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise for the purposes of announcement.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR McDONALD:

The Judiciary Committee will be having its organizational meeting today at four o'clock in Room 2C.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Any other points of personal privilege or announcements.

Senator Prague.

SENATOR PRAGUE:

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, the -- just for an announcement, the Labor and Public Employees Committee will be meeting tomorrow at two o'clock. I believe it's in Room 2A. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

Anyone else?

If not the Senate will stand -- Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Mr. President, thank you.

Just briefly wanted to, again, commend you, Mr. President, for your wonderful, gracious service in this Chamber as our presiding officer. And also to note, Mr. President, that although none of our regional teams, the Giants, Jets or Patriots are in the Super Bowl this year, but obviously there is a strong Connecticut connection with the -- with the Indianapolis Colts with Dwight Freeney, who is a constituent of Senator Coleman's from Bloomfield, playing in that game and Donald Brown, the former All-American from the University of Connecticut, and would also like to acknowledge that probably the most rabid Colts fan in the entire state is in this

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Chamber, Senator Paul Doyle, who is a -- lives and breathes the Colts.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

And Mr. President, we are awaiting additional business, which will come on Senate Agenda Number 3, when it arrives at the chamber, that will also contain an emergency certified bill for action in the chamber.

And if we might stand at ease, I hope that will arrive very soon.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Before I put the Senate at ease, I would like to introduce someone I think who just came into the chamber, someone who has served not only our country, but this great state for -- for many years, 35 years I believe, Christopher, and someone who's served in the Chamber downstairs and Congress. Welcome back Congressman Christopher Shays, in the back of the room.

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, you actually made the announcement I was going to make. I just wanted to welcome Christopher Shays to the Connecticut State Senate.

He obviously had a long and distinguished career in the Congress of the United States. And before that, was a State Legislator from the City of Stamford, who earned his reputation not going door to door, but he biked door to door. And he had a tremendous reputation as a State Legislator from the City of Stamford for many years, whether he was on his bike or walking the halls of this -- of this building. And he has done so much for us, both at a state level and on a national level. It's truly my pleasure to call him my friend and welcome you to this Connecticut State Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Prague.

SENATOR PRAGUE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I absolutely must get up and tell this Chamber when I was a freshman Legislator, back in 1982, and came to this Legislature determined to put tough drunk driving laws on our books, I -- my

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ally was Representative Chris Shays. Where are you, Chris? How hard we worked for the drunk-driving legislation to put .10 on the books, and then we did the administrative, per se.

Connecticut should realize how laws are put together. And the Republican part of putting drunk-driving laws on the books came from Representative Chris Shays at that time, and me on the other side. It worked. We now have some of the toughest drunk-driving laws in the country with fines and penalties, and we can thank Chris Shays for that.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Prague.

Senator DeBicella.

SENATOR DEBICELLA:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I'd like to recognize someone else who has just come into the room, a good friend of mine who had joined us in the Chamber for, I believe, the better part of 2008, former State Senator Rob Russo. Welcome, Rob.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator DeBicella.

Seeing no other announcements or points of

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personal privilege at this time, I will put the Senate in recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

I apologize. You will be at ease.

Chamber at ease.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will come back to order.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I believe the Clerk is now in possession of Senate Agenda Number 3.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Mr. President, the Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda Number 3, dated Wednesday, February 3, 2010. Copies have been distributed.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I move all items on Senate Agenda

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Number 3 for opening day of the regular session, Wednesday, February 3, 2010, to be acted upon as indicated and that the agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate journal and the Senate transcript.

THE CHAIR:

There's a motion to incorporate all items on Senate Agenda Number 3. Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, as the first item of business on Senate Agenda Number 3, under business from the House, under Item 1A, Emergency Certification, would ask the Clerk to call emergency Certified House Bill Number 5015.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Agenda Number 3, Emergency
Certified Bill 5015, AN ACT CONCERNING STATE
CONTINUATION OF GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE,
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EXEMPTIONS, AND THE EFFECTIVE DATES OF BOND FOR ROAD
RESURFACING.

The bill is accompanied by emergency
certification, signed Donald E. Williams Jr.,
President Pro Tempore of the Senate; Christopher G.
Donovan, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I would move for adoption of
Emergency Certified House Bill 5015 in concurrence
with the House of Representatives, and would yield to
Senator Daily.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator Daily, do you accept the yield, ma'am?

SENATOR DAILY:

I do accept the yield, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR DAILY:

Thank you. And through you, Mr. President, I
would just like to state briefly that there are three

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sections that I'm addressing. Two to seven clarifies terms of legislative commissioners which were added in the budget, eight to 18 re-adopts the property tax exemption deadline waivers that we passed in the budget.

And Section 19 makes the special tax obligation bond authorizations for capital projects involving resurfacing effective on passage and making the funds available earlier in 2010. This is quite important because last year we missed most of the paving season. So to have action on this today is very essential. I urge my colleagues to vote in the affirmative. And I would like to yield to Senator Crisco.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Crisco, do you accept the yield?

SENATOR CRISCO:

Yes, Mr. President. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR CRISCO:

Yes, Mr. President. My remarks pertain to Section 1 of the bill, which provides for corporate coverage, the federal government extended corporate coverage from -- for a longer period of time. We did

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adopt similar legislation last year but then the governor -- the federal government adopted a subsidy plan of 65 percent to help employers with a tax credit which eventually will help employees, which is very significant.

In addition, it was originally only for nine months, but it was extended for another six months. So employees can receive up to 15 months of subsidy. In addition, because we do have a mini COBRA, which pertains to employee -- employers with employees of less than 20, we also provide for that coverage.

It's the most important thing, is that we ascertain that we are in compliance with the federal government. There should be no question in regards to the benefits for the people of Connecticut.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark? Will you remark further on House Bill 5015?

Senator LeBeau.

SENATOR LeBEAU:

Thank you, sir. Good morning.

I just want to very briefly comment on

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Section 19. I want to thank the leadership for bringing this forward today for road resurfacing. It's something that we need to get going on earlier than would have been possible under the prior bill, and this is exactly the right thing to do to help alleviate all -- to help alleviate our job situation, to get some of our construction workers back on the road.

And I also want to thank Senator DeFronzo for his work on this.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Lebeau.

Will you remark further on House Bill 5015? Will you remark further on House Bill 5015?

If not, Mr. Clerk, please call for a roll call vote. The machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Will all Senators please return to the chamber. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Will all Senators please return to the chamber.

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Have all Senators voted? If all Senators have voted, please check your vote. The machine will be locked. The Clerk will call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on passage of Emergency Certified
Bill 5015.

Total number voting	36
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The emergency certified bill passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, would move for immediate transmittal to the Governor of emergency certified House Bill 5015.

THE CHAIR:

There's a motion on the floor for immediate transmittal of the bill to the Governor. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I believe the Clerk is now in possession of Senate Agenda Number 4 for today's session.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

Senator Looney -- the Senate will stand at ease.

While we're waiting, Senator Roraback, I believe you have a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purposes of an introduction.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Each of us benefits from our local media giving us and the people we represent the opportunity to become informed about what's taking place in Hartford. Mr. President, I'm pleased to have with us in the Chamber this morning the voice, the eyes and ears of Litchfield County. We have a one-man band in the person of Jeff Zeiner from WZBG in Litchfield, who every morning wakes up at four in the morning to bring

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us the news, day in and day out.

At our home when the phone rings at 6:45, we all know it's Jeff Zeiner doing his job, making sure that the people of Northwest Connecticut know what's going on in the state of Connecticut. I would ask my colleagues to thank Mr. Zeiner for his work on behalf of the people of Northwest Connecticut and to welcome him to our Chamber.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Roraback. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Clerk, let's go back to the business at hand, Senate Agenda Number 4.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. As you said, the Clerk is in possession, I believe now of Senate Agenda Number 4.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

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Mr. President, the Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda Number 4, dated Wednesday, February 3, 2010. Copies have been distributed.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I move all items on Senate Agenda Number 4 for opening day of the regular session, Wednesday, February 3, 2010, to be acted upon as indicated and that the agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate journal and to the Senate transcript.

THE CHAIR:

There's a motion on the floor to move all items on Senate Agenda Number 4.

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, returning now to Senate Agenda Number 3, under Number 2, on that agenda, under Introduction of Senate Resolution, would ask the Clerk to call Senate Resolution 3.

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THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Agenda Number 3, Senate Joint Resolution Number 3, LCO 209, RESOLUTION RAISING A COMMITTEE TO INFORM THE HOUSE THAT THE SENATE IS READY TO MEET IN JOINT CONVENTION, introduced by Senator Looney of the 11th District.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Mr. President, just for clarification, Senate Resolution, not Senate Joint Resolution, I believe.

THE CHAIR:

Senate Resolution Number 3. Yes, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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

THE CHAIR:

There's a motion on the floor for adoption on Senate Resolution Number 3. Will you remark? Will you remark further?

If not, let me try your minds. All those in

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favor, please signify by saying, aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

All those opposed, nays.

The ayes have it. The resolution passes.

At this time, I'd like to appoint a committee of Senator Handley, Senator Musto and Senator Debicella to inform the House of Representatives the Senate is ready to meet in joint session.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

If that committee is on its way to discharge its mission, would yield the floor at this point for any additional announcements or points of personal privilege by the members before adjourning for purposes of convening the joint convention in the House of Representatives.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. For a point of personal privilege.

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THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I'd like to take a moment to welcome to the Senate circle this morning a very dear friend of mine who is actually a constituent of Senator DeFronzo. And that is Pastor Rick McKinnis of Wellspring Church in Kensington. Will you join me in welcoming Pastor Rick McKinnis.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Pastor, and welcome to the circle.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, if there are no other members seeking recognition from the Chair for purposes of announcements or points of personal privilege, I would move that the Senate stand adjourned subject to the call of the Chair, and that we move immediately to the House of Representatives for the joint convention.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, the Senate will stand adjourned subject to the call of the Chair, and we

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will proceed to the House of Representatives for joint session.

On motion of Senator Looney of the 11th, the Senate at 11:34 a.m., adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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FEBRUARY 4, 2010

The Senate was called to order at 10:32 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

CLERK:

Senate will please come to order and give your attention to the Acting Chaplain, James A. Carson, of West Hartford, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN JAMES A CARSON:

Almighty God, You who are merciful, teach us compassion. You who are just, teach us equality. You who are wise, teach us wisdom. And You who are our Father, teach us to be Your children. Amen.

CLERK:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President -- President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, February 4, 2010, is adopted. The items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and the Agenda incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

(1) REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to

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committee(s) indicated.

State of Connecticut Department of Corrections. Inmate disciplinary reports filed, inmate assaults on custodial staff, inmate assaults on other inmates and workers' compensation claims filed. Received February 4, 2010.

Referred to: Judiciary, Labor and Public Employees

- (2) INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NUMBER 2) -
to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

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

The Senate at 10:35 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the Call of the Chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

FEBRUARY 5, 2010

The Senate was called to order at 10:42 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

CLERK:

Senate will please come to order and give your attention to the Acting Chaplain, Renee J. Simmons of Bloomfield, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN RENEE J. SIMMONS:

Almighty God, send down upon those who hold office in this State the spirit of wisdom, charity and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people. Amen.

CLERK:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President -- President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday, February 5, 2010, is adopted. The items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and the Agenda incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

(1) REPORT(S) RECEIVED - to be referred to

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committee(s) indicated.

Office of Policy and Management.

Long-Term Care Planning Committee -
Long-Term Care Plan, January
2010. (Pursuant to Section 17b-337 of
the Connecticut General Statutes)
Date Received: January 5, 2010.

Referred to: Aging, Human Services, Public
Health, Appropriations and Finance, Revenue
and Bonding

- (2) INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF
BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NUMBER 3) -
to be waived and bills and resolutions to be
referred to committee(s) indicated.

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

The Senate at 10:45 a.m. adjourned under provisions of
Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the Call of the Chair.

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February 8, 2010

THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

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The Senate was called to order, at 11:29 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain Alice Ann Joseph of West Simsbury who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN ALICE ANN JOSEPH:

Dear Lord, let 2010 be a year that all will work together for the interest of the state of Connecticut with peace and harmony. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Monday, February 8, 2010, 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 the Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

**State of Connecticut Department of
Children and Families.** Annual Report
concerning At-Risk Children and Youth as

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required by Section 17a-62 of the
Connecticut General Statutes. Received
February 5, 2010.

Referred to: Children and Human
Services.

**State of Connecticut Office of Policy
and Management.** Plan for the Sale of
State Assets. Section 125 of Public Act
09-3 of the June Special Session.
Received February 8, 2010.

Referred to: Appropriations and Finance,
Revenue and Bonding

- (2) **INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST
OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO.4)** -
to be waived and bills and resolutions
to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.

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

The Senate, at 11:32 a.m., adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the Chair.

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February 9, 2010

THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

February 9, 2010

The Senate was called to order, at 10:49 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

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

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

I remind myself that I am in the presence of the Lord. I will take refuge in His loving heart. He is my strength in time of weakness. He is my comforter in times of sorrow. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 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 the Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

(1) COMMUNICATION(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR:

(A) JUDICIARY NOMINATIONS - to be referred to the Joint Committee(s).

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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, **JOHN A. MASTROPIETRO**, of Watertown to be a Workers' Compensation Commissioner to serve for a term of five years beginning April 1, 2010.

- (2) EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS - to be referred to Joint Committee(s)

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **HANNAH KLEIN**, from Woodbridge, to be a member of the State Board of Education, as a non-voting student member, to serve a term ending June 30, 2010 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Christine Larson.

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **HUNTER KODAMA**, from North Stonington, to be a member of the State Board of Education, as a non-voting student member, to serve a term ending June 30, 2010, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Brandt Smallwood.

- (3) INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 5) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

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

The Senate, at 10:52 a.m., adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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February 10, 2010

THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

FEBRUARY 10, 2010

The Senate was called to order at 10:00 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

CLERK:

Senate will please come to order and give your attention to the acting chaplains, Tyler and William Carson of West Hartford, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAINS TYLER AND WILLIAM CARSON:

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

CLERK:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President -- President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, February 10, 2010, is adopted. The items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and the Agenda incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

(1) COMMUNICATION FROM THE HOUSE MINORITY LEADER

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- (A) EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATION - to be referred to the committee(s) indicated.

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 22a-261 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my pleasure to nominate and submit to you, for your advice and consent, the name of **DOT KELLY**, of Darien, Connecticut, to be a member of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority Board of Directors, as a successor to Raymond O'Brien of New Milford. Ms. Kelly would serve the remainder of Mr. O'Brien's term, expiring June 30, 2012.

- (2) INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NUMBER 6) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

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

The Senate at 10:03 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the Call of the Chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

February 11, 2010

The Senate was called to order, at 10:23 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain James Carson of West Hartford, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN JAMES CARSON:

Dear Lord, 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. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, February 11, 2010, 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 the Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

(1) COMMUNICATION FROM THE HOUSE MINORITY LEADER

(A) EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS - to be referred to the Joint Committee(s).

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

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Pursuant to Section 9-7a of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my pleasure to nominate and submit to you for your advice and consent the name of **STEPHEN CASHMAN**, of Windsor, Connecticut, to be reappointed to the State Elections Enforcement Commission to serve a term of five years, expiring June 30, 2015.

- (2) **INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO.7)** - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

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

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SR NO. 4 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ERIC M. JANNEY, ESQUIRE, OF PAWCATUCK TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR STATE ACADEMIC AWARDS.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SR NO. 5 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LAWRENCE D. MCHUGH OF MIDDLETOWN TO BE A MEMBER AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SR NO. 6 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF KATHLEEN G. RICHARDS OF PORTLAND TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR STATE ACADEMIC AWARDS.

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

The Senate, at 10:26 a.m., adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

February 16, 2010

The Senate was called to order, at 10:29 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

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

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Lord, You promised those who ask, would receive; those who seek, would find; those who knock, would have doors opened to them. Hear our prayers and grant our requests.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 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 the Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

- (1) INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTION(S) (LIST NO.8) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.
- (2) SENATE RESOLUTION FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be

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tabled for the calendar.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS SR NO. 7
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF AMEY
W. MARRELLA, OF WOODBRIDGE, TO BE COMMISSIONER
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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

The Senate, at 10:32 a.m., adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

February 17, 2010

The Senate was called to order, at 10:45 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain Gaia Barbara McDermott, of Cromwell, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN GAIA BARBARA McDERMOTT:

Almighty God, during this time while our leaders are making decisions, may they turn to You for guidance; give them wisdom to do what is best for the people of Connecticut. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 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 the Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

(1) **COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR**

- (A) **EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS** - to be referred to Senate Committee(s).

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TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

Pursuant to Sections 4-5, 4-6 and 32-58b of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint, **ROBERT T. ROSS**, of Salem, to be Executive Director of the Office of Military Affairs, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, but no longer than March 1, 2011, in succession to Justin Bernier, who resigned.

Pursuant to Sections 12-2 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, **RICHARD D. NICHOLSON**, of Glastonbury, to be Commissioner of Department of Revenue Services, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, but no longer than March 1, 2011, in succession to Pam Law.

- (B) **EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS** - to be referred to Joint Committee(s).

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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 16-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint, **ANNA M. FICETO**, of Wolcott, to be a Commissioner of the Public Utilities Control Authority, to serve for a term ending June 30, 2013

- (2) **INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 9)** - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

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

The Senate, at 10:48 a.m., adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

February 18, 2010

The Senate was called to order, at 11:18 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain James Carson of West Hartford who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN JAMES CARSON:

O Lord, grant us the blessings and protection of thy bountiful nature, in order that we may aid our legislators in fulfilling the duties of their offices, and may achieve peace and prosperity for all the people of this state. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, February 18, 2010, 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 the Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

(1) **COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR**

- (A) **EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS** - to be referred to Senate Committee(s).

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TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

Pursuant to Sections 17a-450 and 4-5 to 4-8 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint, **PATRICIA A. REHMER**, of West Hartford, to be Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, but no longer than March 1, 2011, in succession to Thomas J. Kirk, who resigned.

- (B) **EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS** - to be referred to Joint Committee(s).

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 SANDRA SOSNOFF BAIRD**, from New Haven, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council as an alternate Family Support Magistrate, to serve a term ending November 30, 2012, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Magistrate Linda T. Wihbey.

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 **MARTIN B. BURKE, ESQUIRE**, from Rockville, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as an alternate attorney, to serve a term ending November 30, 2012, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Mercedes Alonzo.

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 HENRY S. COHN**, from West Hartford, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council as an alternate Superior Court Judge, to serve a term ending November 30,

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2012, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Judge Taggart Adams.

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 JOHN E. COLELLA**, from Cheshire, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council as an alternate Family Support Magistrate, to serve a term ending November 30, 2012, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Magistrate Richard G. Adams.

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 DAVID A. DEE**, from Avon, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council as an alternate Family Support Magistrate, to serve a term ending November 30, 2012, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Magistrate Katherine Hutchinson.

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 PAUL MATASAVAGE**, from Oakville, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council as an alternate Superior Court Judge, to serve a term ending November 30, 2012, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Curtissa Cofield.

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, reappoint **LINDA P. PASSANISI**, from Middletown, 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, 2013, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

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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 **CHARLES F. SENICH, ESQUIRE**, from Woodbury, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council as an alternate Workers' Compensation Commissioner, to serve a term ending November 30, 2012, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Commissioner Nancy Salerno.

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 **DONALD J. SHUBERT**, from West Hartford, 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, 2013 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Marvin Morganbesser.

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 **MICHELLE D. TRUGLIA, ESQUIRE**, from Stamford, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council as an alternate Workers' Compensation Commissioner, to serve a term ending November 30, 2012, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Commissioner Stephen Delaney.

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 **ERNIE R. WALKER, ESQUIRE**, from West Hartford, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council as an alternate Workers' Compensation Commissioner, to serve a term ending November 30, 2012, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Commissioner Scott Barton.

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

**State of Connecticut Office of Policy and
Management.** 2010 Annual Recidivism Report.
Received February 18, 2010.

Referred to: Judiciary and Appropriations

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

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

The Senate, at 11:21 a.m., adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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The Senate was called to order, at 10:30 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain Renee J. Simmons, of Bloomfield, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN RENEE J. SIMMONS:

Almighty God, you who are merciful, teach us compassion. You who are just, teach us equality. You who are wise, teach us wisdom. And You who are our Father, teach us to be Your children. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday, February 19, 2010, 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 the Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

State of Connecticut State Board of Education.
Quarterly Report on Paraprofessionals, as

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required by Section 10-55k of the Connecticut General Statutes. Received February 18, 2010.

- (2) **SENATE RESOLUTION FAVORABLY REPORTED** - to be tabled for the calendar

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS

COMMITTEE SR NO. 8 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT T. ROSS OF SALEM TO BE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS

COMMITTEE SR NO. 9 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF RICHARD D. NICHOLSON OF GLASTONBURY TO BE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE SERVICES.

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

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SJ NO. 5 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JON M. ALANDER OF HAMDEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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SJ NO. 6 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SCOTT A. BARTON OF SEYMOUR TO BE A WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SJ NO. 7 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOSEPH H. GOLDBERG OF NORWICH TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

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SJ NO. 8 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE LAWRENCE L. HAUSER OF NORWALK TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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SJ NO. 9 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE RAYMOND R. NORKO OF HARTFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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SJ NO. 10 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE KAREN NASH SEQUINO OF NEW HAVEN TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SJ NO. 11 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE DAVID W. SKOLNICK OF WOODBRIDGE TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

- (3) **INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTION (LIST NO. 11)** - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.
- (4) **SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE** - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 19 AN ACT EXEMPTING THE INSURANCE FUND FROM THE SPENDING CAP.

Referred to: Appropriations

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

The Senate, at 10:33 a.m., adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The Senate was called to order, at 10:32 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain Alice Ann Joseph of West Simsbury, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN ALICE ANN JOSEPH:

Lord, 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. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, February 22, 2010, 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 the Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING
SB NO. 105 AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY OF

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NURSING HOME OWNERS FOR NEGLECT AND ABUSE OF
NURSING HOME RESIDENTS.

Referred to: Public Health

- (2) INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS
AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO.12) - to be waived
and bills and resolutions to be referred to
committee(s) indicated.

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

The Senate, at 10:35 a.m., adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The Senate was called to order, at 10:23 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

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

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Lord, in all the choices I make in life, help me to be wise and just, loving and generous. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 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 the Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. Annual Report on the Incentive Housing Zone Program as required by Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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Received February 22, 2010.

Referred to: Housing and Appropriations.

Department of Administrative Services. Report regarding the 2009 Retirement Incentive Program. Received February 22, 2010.

Referred to: Appropriations and Government Administration and Elections.

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

- (3) BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE

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

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5024 AN ACT CONCERNING AN EDUCATION DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM IN NURSING EDUCATION.

Referred to: Public Health

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5026 AN ACT CONCERNING A REALLOCATION OF FUNDS WITHIN THE CSUS 2020 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding

SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

SUBST. HB NO. 5109 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF REDETERMINATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

Referred to: Human Services

SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

SUBST. HB NO. 5110 AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL

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BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR EMPLOYEES OF
HOMEMAKER- COMPANION AGENCIES AND HOME
HEALTH AGENCIES.

Referred to: Public Health

SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

HB NO. 5111 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALZHEIMER'S
RESPITE CARE PROGRAM.

Referred to: Human Services

SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

HB NO. 5112 AN ACT REDUCING THE INDIVIDUAL
CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE STATE-FUNDED
HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.

Referred to: Human Services

SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

SUBST. HB NO. 5113 AN ACT CONCERNING BILLING
FOR SERVICES COVERED BY LONG-TERM CARE
INSURANCE BY MANAGED RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITIES.

Referred to: Insurance and Real Estate

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

The Senate, at 10:26 a.m., adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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The Senate was called to order at 1:51 p.m., the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Members and guests please rise and direct to your attention to Rabbi Lazowski, who will lead us in prayer.

Rabbi.

RABBI PHILIP LAZOWSKI:

Thank you.

Our thought for today is from Psalms 32 verse 8. Quote, I will instruct you, and teach you the way you should go, end of quote.

Let us pray. We come again in prayer, assured in Your beckoning love. Even before we pray, you know the question that puzzles us, the uncertainties that haunt us, the longing for which we yearn and the problems for which we have no satisfactory answers. Grant us Your help commensurate to our needs. Swing open the door of our hearts to Your wisdom and guide us as we struggle to perform faithfully and well the

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duties for which we have been called. Give us loyalty that never falters and a courage that does not waver. Give strength to our Senators and provide them Your help in their time of need. Bless our Nation, State, our President, our Governor, and all who lead. Keep our defenders of freedom safe in Your protecting care. Hear our prayers, O Lord, help up as we pray and let us all say amen.

SENATORS:

Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Rabbi.

Senator Harp, will you lead us in the pledge?

SENATOR HARP:

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

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Harp.

At this time, I will entertain points of personal privilege or announcements.

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

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Good afternoon, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, Madam.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

It's nice to see you.

THE CHAIR:

It's good to see you too.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Members of the Chamber -- oh, I rise for a point
of personal privilege if I may.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, ma'am.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, sir.

Member of the Chamber, I'm very pleased and proud
to introduce to you today an exceptional young lady,
from my district, who is here with her mom.

Come on over.

This is Demery Ormrod, and she is an 8th grader
at Amity Middle School in Orange, but to hear of her
accomplishments you would never believe that she is,
in fact, so young. Demery's story began when she
first learned about Smile Train, the international
charity that raises money to help poor families in

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developing countries pay for cleft palate and lip surgeries. Demery was so moved by this cause that she recruited her entire elementary school to make bookmarks to sell at a school fundraiser and set aside all the profits for Smile Train.

She used her family's restaurant to help her cause as well. She and her friends made special items for sale at the restaurant and she also organized an evening where they waited tables and donated the proceeds to Smile Train. Eventually, Demery reached out to every school district in the state and rallied -- rallied broad support for this cause. By the end of Demery's one woman campaign she raised more than \$20,000 for Smile Train. According to the organization's data, this amount is estimated to provide 86 children with this life enhancing surgery.

Demery's accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. Amity Middle School recognized Demery's extraordinary drive and achievements and nominated her for recognition by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, which is the largest -- largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service. I'm proud to share with you all today that Demery has been named one of the top two youth volunteers in

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Connecticut for 2010, and in addition to a \$1,000 prize, Demery has one a trip to our nation's capitol, where -- where she will join awardees from each state and be eligible to attain national recognition.

I would ask the members of the Chamber to please rise and join me in applauding Demery Ormrod for being such an outstanding ambassador of Connecticut and to send her our very best wishes in the next step of the competition in Washington D.C.

THE CHAIR:

Congratulations, Demery.

DEMERY ORMROD:

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Are there any other points of personal privilege?

Senator Fonfara.

SENATOR FONFARA:

Good afternoon, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR FONFARA:

I rise for a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

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SENATOR FONFARA:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, for the remainder of this month, for those who haven't seen it yet, in the concourse is an exhibit recognizing the Ukranian Holodomor or holocaust that took place in the Ukraine between 1932 and 1933, in which an estimated 7 million Ukrainians and people of other nationalities were subjected to famine and literally starved to death during that period under the iron fist of Joseph Stalin.

It's -- continues to be a tragedy that is unrecognized by the governments of -- the government of Russia and thankfully that -- there are people who continue the effort to bring to light what happened in the genocide in 1932, in 1933 in the Ukraine. I would urge all of the members to take a moment as they walk back to the LOB or at other times between now and the end of the month to -- to learn about this -- this tragedy and to understand it better.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fonfara.

Are there any other points of personal privilege?

Senator Gaffey.

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A VOICE:

(Inaudible.)

SENATOR GAFFEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise for a point of personal privilege, sir.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR GAFFEY:

Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate.

On February -- Sunday, February 7th, the houses in Middletown and throughout the region shook subsequent to an extremely loud explosion. Many people, where I live, wondered and worried what happened. And it became known that the Kleen Energy Plant in Middletown had experienced a terrible, terrible tragedy.

Mr. President, I know you know you were there that day and I thank you for being there, and I also thank the Governor for being at the site. I have been at the site a couple of months prior where I toured this plant, and I can tell the members of the Senate that this was truly a world-class energy plant. The plant was immaculate. I've been through many energy

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plants, and I was extremely impressed with this plant and even more so with the workers at the Kleen Energy Plant. Their level of commitment and craftsmanship that they brought each and every day to that plant is surpassed by none.

So when we experienced that tremor that day, and literally houses and windows shook miles and miles away, it was quite a -- quite a shock. When we were waiting for the emergency crew and first responders to come back to the school where we had assembled prior to the press availability, George Dunn who heads the emergency response, former fire chief, now heads the emergency response in his retirement, told me that they went up there with 100 body bags that day because they just didn't know what happened.

Well, fortunately, the casualties never rose to that level, but we did lose six people. So as the houses shook, soon thereafter our hearts sunk because, as the Mayor said that day, Mayor Guiliano in Middletown, when people go to work they expect to come home. Their families expect them to come home, and that day, six people didn't come home.

And our hearts go out to the families who lost their loved ones to this terrible tragedy and I'd like

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to commend, in the highest regard, the efforts of the first responders the first responders from Middletown and throughout the area because there were many, many departments that joined in in responding to this tragedy and to our state police who did just an excellent job.

I know that people throughout Connecticut were shook and upset by this tragedy, not just folks in my area, but we felt it the most, and we appreciate the sympathies that have been extended and look forward to that plant being reconstructed because it truly was going to be the cleanest energy plant in the world and something to be proud of for the state of Connecticut. And I look forward to the day when the workers can go back and start reassembling and reconstructing what was just an incredibly impressive facility.

Mr. President, I would like to yield to Senator Doyle.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle, do you expect -- accept the yield, sir?

SENATOR DOYLE:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. --

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Please proceed.

SENATOR DOYLE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I'd like to -- I can't add to much to it to what Senator Gaffey said, but I would just like to say it's a privilege for Senator Gaffey and myself to represent the great city of Middletown. And on February 7th, and it was otherwise a wonderful, beautiful day, things really of course turned out to a disastrous state. I was -- sometimes you feel helpless in our roles as government officials, and that day I went down to the street -- we couldn't get to the site on the day of the event -- but to see all the workers and their leaders there and all the community -- the community came together that day, but it really was a sense of helplessness of what's happening. And we didn't know the knowledge of -- the magnitude of what was going on over this natural gas disaster.

But I do hope that as a result of this disaster some good can come from it whether its from the federal government, the state government, these municipal, maybe we can get some more regulation in terms of the handling of natural gas because this is a problem that's happened the country. So I think our

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federal representatives are going to hold a hearing soon in Washington and maybe come down with some better regulations on how to handle natural gas to avoid a similar disaster.

But, in addition to Tom, I also saw -- witnessed several times all the hard work of the city of Middletown fire and police officials, especially the South Fire Department. They were there and they controlled the site. The public safety department, as Tom said, Mr. George Dunn, also state -- state police and the other state investigative bodies who really was -- a good effort by them and also -- what's also impressive to me is a lot of the municipal public safety agencies came straight to Middletown without contacting, and there were a lot of hands on family and help support for the community of Middletown.

I really think this tragedy is an example of maybe of how our new homeland security system can work effectively because things really did work very well amongst the public safety community in the immediate aftermath for the tragedy. So where the federal government has invested a lot of money into our homeland security system, I think in this Middletown tragedy it worked very well.

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So, again, I'd just like to add on, this Saturday at 9:30 the city of Middletown is going to have a memorial service for the victims and the families of the tragedy of Middletown. If anyone has any interest, let me know. It's at Saint Mary Church, but it's an opportunity for the community to come together and, you know, have some prayers and thoughts for -- for the victims, the victims' families and the overall community. So, again, I, you know, send my wishes, and I'm sure the full Chamber, for the Middletown community.

And, at this point in time, Mr. President, I would just like to comment, we thank you, Mr. -- Lieutenant Governor Fedele for coming down that day also and working in trying to assist the community in a very difficult period.

But at this point in time I'd like to yield to Senator Fonfara. Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fonfara, do you accept the yield, sir?

SENATOR FONFARA:

I do, Mr. President. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

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SENATOR FONFARA:

Mr. President, I, too, would like to rise to recognize the loss of the six individuals and their families and the workers who were injured that day in this tragedy. Mr. President, far below the importance of recognizing the -- the loss of life I would hope that we would recognize that and remember that this plant, as Senator Gaffey said, this is a Connecticut success story, and it is our hope and belief that it will rise again.

But because of the efforts of the Connecticut Legislature, going back to 2005, and the passage of the Energy Independence Act, we took the lead to address the high energy costs that we have here in this state and this plant was a living example of that, in that it would have and will have an impact in lowering our energy costs. It's the first power plant constructed in eight years in New England, eight years. At its height, it had 1,000 workers working on that plant.

And I had the opportunity with Senator Chris Dodd to tour the facility a couple of weeks ago and besides the devastation and the thankfulness that not more people were either killed or injured, but it came home

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to me more than ever, not only the danger in terms of what happened that day, but the complexity of this work, the complexity of this work on a daily basis for those men who participated in the construction of that facility.

This is hard work, ladies and gentlemen, very difficult, very dangerous work on a daily basis in order to provide us with the quality of life that we've come to expect. We flick the switch and the lights come on. We hit the clicker and the TV comes on. And all the -- all those things that in our lives that we've come to enjoy because people, whether it's the people who decided back, I believe, in 1999, who first started thinking of this project, to those that go up in that plant, and some of things that I saw that day beyond the explosion just how dangerous this work is and they go to work every day doing that and they want to go back as soon as they can.

Mr. President, I think it's important that we understand what this means in terms of our state and what we expect and what we hope for and what we demand in some respects and that there are people doing this every day, putting their lives on the line, whether there is an explosion or there isn't and they do it

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willingly. And I would hope we remember that as we move forward not only with this particular facility, but going forward in terms of what it takes to give us the quality of life in this state that we expect.

We recognize and remember those who died, and I hope that we will recognize and remember those who had such a part in making this plant what it was and what it will be.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fonfara.

Senator Kane.

SENATOR KANE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

If I might take a moment and add some remarks to -- to those of Senator Gaffey, Senator Doyle and Senator Fonfara. I lost a constituent in that Middletown explosion; a gentlemen by the name of Pete Chepulis from Thomaston, Connecticut. But more importantly, I lost a friend. I grew up with Pete back in my neighborhood. He was a few years older than me. He was certainly one of the older guys from the neighborhood. We used to call him "Chips" for short.

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But basically, I don't know how else to explain him but just be the fact that he was a good guy, you know, he was always there for -- for a lot of us and just a good friend and a good person. And my heart goes out to the -- his family from Thomaston, and it's just a sad occurrence. So after hearing my colleagues talk about this tragedy, I just felt compelled that I must talk about Pete Chepulis and how much he meant to the people in Thomaston and his friends and family. So I just wanted to add that.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kane.

Senator Daily.

SENATOR DAILY:

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

Two of the men killed that day, Ray Dobratz and Ron Crabb, were not only constituents of mine but friends of mine. They were both on their respective town committees, both public officials, both volunteers of all sorts in their own town.

Ray leaves grown children, but Ron Crabb leaves a six year old. The community has been wonderful in trying to offer support, but I want to make sure that

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we recognize them here today while we're talking about the explosion.

Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you for going there that day, too.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Daily.

Anyone else?

I would just like to -- to say that -- I think I can speak for the citizens of this state that we express our sincere condolence and sympathy to the families of the men who lost their lives and keep in our prayers those who are recovering from their injuries.

So if we could please stand for a moment of silence.

Thank you.

Are there any other points of personal privileges or announcements at this time?

I would like to just introduce a gentlemen, Vincent Pacileo, who is interning in my office, he's a Junior at UConn on public policy and analysis, and he's helping out during the session. So if we could just give him a warm welcome, I'd appreciate that.

Okay. We shall turn to the -- call the calendar.

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

THE CLERK:

(Inaudible.)

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon,
Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Mr. President, the Clerk is in possession of
Senate Agenda Number 1 for today's session.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Mr. President, Clerk is possession of Senate
Agenda Numbered 1 for Wednesday, February 24, 2010.
Copies have been distributed.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I move all items on Senate Agenda

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THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to move all items on Senate Agenda Number 1. Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, moving to the marking of today's calendar, we'll be marking all of the items on our calendar as a go. That is on -- on calendar page 1 under judicial nominations, would mark Calendar Number 7, Senate Joint Resolution Number 5, and Calendar Number 8, Senate Joint Resolution Number 6, both mark go. The five items on calendar page 2; that is, calendar's 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Senate Joint Resolution Number 7, Senate Joint Resolution Number 8, Senate Joint Resolution Number 9, Senate Joint Resolution Number 10, and Senate Joint Resolution Number 11, all marked go.

And then moving to calendar page 3, Mr. President, under Executive and Legislative

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Nominations, those five items under Calendar 1, Senate Joint Resolution Number 4, Senate Joint Resolution Number 5, Senate Joint Resolution Number 6, and Senate Joint Resolution Number 7, all are marked go. And then moving to calendar page 4, Senate Joint Resolution Number 8 and Senate Joint Resolution Number 9, also marked go.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 24, 2010, calendar page 1, Judicial nominations, Calendar Number 7, Senate Joint Resolution Number 5, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JON M. ALANDER OF HAMDEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, favorably report of the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption of the resolution; sir, would you like to remark further?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, we have before us a number of nominees for reconfirmation to positions in the judicial branch and as workers' compensations commissioners, and I know that members of the circle will join me in thanking all of these men and women for their service to the State of Connecticut.

But I have the honor of today bringing forth the name of Jon Alander to be reconfirmed as a judge of the Superior Court. Judge Alander is a graduate of Boston College and a graduate of Yale Law School. He has distinguished himself on the bench and prior to becoming a member of the bench, he had a long and very productive period as a member of the bar in Connecticut and served in many public and not-for-profit boards and agencies for which he should be commended. And I can also say, Mr. President, that Judge Alander has really developed a -- a reputation

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as a very bright legal mind in the state of Connecticut, and I look forward to him serving the state for another eight years.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark? Will you remark further?

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

If there's no objection, might this item be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to place this resolution on the consent.

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 8, Senate Joint Resolution Number 6, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SCOTT A. BARTON OF SEYMOUR TO BE A WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER, favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

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SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption of the resolution, sir, would you like to remark further?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Commissioner Barton is a workers' compensation commissioner, who is based in the Bridgeport office of the commission. He is a graduate of the University of New Haven and received his law degree from the University of the Pacific. Prior to becoming a workers' compensation commissioner, he had served as a first selectmen of the town of Seymour and had served in a number of other capacities both within the town of Seymour and within the Judicial Branch of the State of Connecticut. We commend him to the circle and ask for favorable adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark? Will you remark further?

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Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Mr. President, if there's no objection, might
this item be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to place the
resolution on consent. Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar page 2, Calendar Number 9, Senate Joint
Resolution Number 7, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE
NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOSEPH H. GOLDBERG OF
NORWICH TO BE A STATE REFEREE, favorable report of the
Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption of the resolution,
sir, would you like to remark further?

SENATOR McDONALD:

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Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Goldberg is currently a judge trial referee in the state of Connecticut and sits in the Norwich Courthouse. He is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School. He served for several decades in private practice. And he had previously served as a member of the Norwich City Council, but perhaps, most dear to this circle, he had been a state senator from the 19th District and a member of the -- a state claims commissioner, and a member of the state legislative commissioner's office long before that. He has been on the bench for many years, and we look forward to at least another eight of his public service.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further? Will you remark further on this resolution?

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Mr. President, if there's no objection, might this item be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There's a motion to place this resolution on the

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consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 10, Senate Joint Resolution
Number 8, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE
HONORABLE LAWRENCE L. HAUSER OF NORWALK TO BE A JUDGE
OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, favorable report of the
Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the joint
committee's favorable report and adoption of the
resolution.

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption of the resolution,
sir, would you like to remark further?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Hauser is a lifelong
resident of the city of Norwalk. He currently has his
chambers in the Bridgeport Superior Court. He is a
graduate of Georgetown University and received his law
degree from George Washington University. And, Mr.

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President, those of us in lower Fairfield County have known of Judge Hauser's tremendous contributions to the community and the bench. And I commend him to the circle.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

Senator Musto.

SENATOR MUSTO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I just wanted to strongly convey my support for Judge Hauser. He is an old friend of my family. He is a great person as a person. He's well respected in the courthouse down in Bridgeport, where he has been for many years. He swore me in when my hair was a little bit darker and I was a little bit thinner, back about 16 years as an attorney. And I can just not say enough about him, but I won't because I know we have time constraints. So I just want to strongly endorse him and support him. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further?

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Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Mr. President, if there's no objection, might
this item be placed on the consent calender.

THE CHAIR:

There's motion on the floor to place the item on
the consent. Without objection, so ordered.

Senator McDonald -- I'm sorry, Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 11, Senate Joint Resolution
Number 9, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE
HONORABLE RAYMOND R. NORKO OF HARTFORD TO BE A JUDGE
OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, favorable report of the
Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption of the resolution,
sir, will you remark further?

SENATOR McDONALD:

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Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Norko is a resident of the city of Hartford. He -- he currently sits in the Hartford Superior Court. He was first appointed to the bench some 25 years ago in the state of Connecticut. He is a graduate of the University of Toledo Law School. And those of us who have been observers may not practice in the Hartford area, but observers of the law, have known of his distinguished career for literally decades and I am very happy to know that Judge Norko wishes to serve another eight years in his current capacity as a judge of the Superior Court.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further?

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL:

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

I also stand in strong support of Judge Norko. Back in years past, having practiced law in the state of Connecticut myself now for 26 years, I had come before him in various capacities when he was sitting on the bench. But I wanted to rise, in particular, to

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point that Judge Norko has been a champion in the city of Hartford of community court system. It is a system. It is a community court that has gained national attention. When I asked him why it couldn't be replicated in other cities, such as Bridgeport or New Haven he said that there was a special group of supporters in the city of Hartford.

Quite often in this circle, you know, we hear great things about different communities. We hear great things about New Haven, and Bridgeport and Stamford, but unfortunately, as someone who lives up in this neck of the woods, as much there are champions in this circle for the city of Hartford, sometimes its shortcomings tends to be elaborated on more than its -- its pointing -- being in a position of a national leader.

And in this instance, Judge Norko in conjunction with a variety of not-for-profit community providers has set up a system to take folks that have been accused of nonviolent offenses and then put them into community service positions that benefit the city of Hartford. And he has indicated that there are folks in this great city, our capital city, that have come forward and said that this community court system, of

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which he has been a champion, is a beacon on the hill. And it's certainly a role model, and if we can't replicate it in the state of Connecticut I am happy to let everybody in the circle know that it is being closely studied across our nation as a way to divert people from costly alternatives and give back to the community and with proper supervision and guidance and the participation between the Judicial Branch, the not-for-profits, charitable foundations.

It's a system that works for tens of thousands of individuals on an annual basis. And so Judge Norko, I believe, in particular deserves specific and special credit for the success of that particular program.

Also, I wanted to point that Chief Justice Rogers has appointed him and others to sit on a special subcommittee trying to figure out ways to better utilize the court system when pro se litigants or individuals on behalf of themselves go into our judicial branch. And you can imagine that in a difficult economy that there are more and more individuals trying to avail themselves of justice in our judicial branch by themselves. And they've come up with some new and creative ideas, whether it's an individual that's assigned for the first two hours of

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the court session to welcome individuals and point them to the areas of the courthouse where they -- that they can avail services or other intriguing and interesting measures as well, that this is a position that could be very well thankless and, yet, Judge Norko has stepped up and volunteered his talents regarding that as well.

And so for those matters, I stand in strong support of Judge Norko's renomination. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel.

Senator Fonfara.

SENATOR FONFARA:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I, too, rise in strong support of Judge Norko's confirmation. As Senator Kissel eloquently pointed out, Mr. President, Judge Norko has done a wonderful job with respect to the community court in Hartford. And you know, all too often we vote on judges here in this circle without really knowing much about those individuals, and we rely on the -- on the experts on that committee to give us their best guidance and we trust that. But I think it's worth noting here,

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Mr. President, the work of this individual. It's important that we recognize when someone goes beyond the call, and Judge Norko has done that with respect to the community court.

And I say that because, as Senator Kissel said, not only has he taken upon himself to have this court address the specific needs of individual neighborhoods throughout Hartford and he has. He has met with neighborhood groups. His assistant Chris Pleasanton has met -- goes -- attends meeting after meeting on a nightly basis. But he has done something else, Mr. President, he has not just used this court to have individuals go out with an orange jumper and sweep the streets of Hartford or to rake in on -- on properties that are unkempt. He has used the social service system to move individuals, who may be on a path to a life of incarceration or crime at an earlier point in their lives, at a lesser point in their lives to steer them onto a better path, a more productive path involving social service agencies to address the needs of this -- these individuals at an earlier point in their.

He doesn't have to do that. Mr. President, he doesn't have to do that. He could just say we had

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instead of 300,000 hours of community services,
400,000 of community services. Instead he's had
25,000 social service referrals. I hope someday that
will be 50,000 or 100,000 social service referrals.
That's the promise of the community court. But it's
Judge Norko who has taken this on and made it his life
calling.

And I think it's important that the center -- the
circle understand that and that the people of the
state of Connecticut understand that. Thank you, Mr.
President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further?

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

If there's no objection, might this item be
placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to place this
resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing none, so
ordered.

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THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 12, Senate Joint Resolution
Number 10, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE
HONORABLE KAREN NASH SEQUINO OF NEW HAVEN TO BE A
SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, favorable report
of the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption of the resolution,
sir, will you remark further?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Sequino is a judge of the
superior court and sits in Milford. She has been a
judge for some 24 or almost 25 years. She is a
graduate of the University of Michigan and received
her law degree from Yale Law School. And I believe
prior to being on the bench, for a period of time, she
also served as the deputy corporation counsel for the

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city of New Haven.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, speaking in support of the nomination. Judge Sequino has been a distinguished member of the superior court for the last -- approximately 24 years. And as Senator McDonald noted, she was, prior to that, the deputy corporation counsel for the city of New Haven. She was a very highly respected legal practitioner in New Haven. She has had a distinguished career in public service both as a -- as a municipal corporation counsel and as a judge.

She has been sitting primarily in Milford and has been very adept in handling both civil and criminal matters. And in addition to that, she has been very active in the -- in the New Haven and Greater New Haven community with a strong sense of -- of social responsibility.

Just as has Judge Alander, I was remiss in not noting when his nomination was before the chamber, he

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also, as a resident of Hamden, has been very active in -- in the Greater New Haven community in so many years, both when he was a member of the bar as -- as a legal aid attorney and also as a -- as a high ranking official during the Weicker administration before becoming a judge.

Both of them have contributed greatly to the work and the quality of life in the community even beyond their important service as members of the bench and state. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney.

Will you remark? Will you remark further?

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Mr. President, if there's no objection, might the item be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion on the floor to put this resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 13, Senate Joint Resolution
Number 11, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE

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HONORABLE DAVID W. SKOLNICK OF WOODBRIDGE TO BE A
STATE REFEREE, favorable report of the Committee on
Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald..

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption of the resolution,
sir, will you remark further?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Skolnick is currently a
judge trial referee in New Haven and has been on the
bench in Connecticut since 1993. He's a graduate of
Yale College and received degree from Columbia
University. He had a long career in private practice,
and I believe many members of the circle will know of
Judge Skolnick's work as a judge in New Haven. He has
tackled some of the hardest issues, some of the most
complex legal issues over his tenure as a judge of the
superior court. And we're certainly honored that he

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will be serving for another eight years.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark? Will you remark further on this resolution?

If not, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, if there's no objection, might this item be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion on the floor to put this resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar page 3, Executive and Legislative Nominations, Calendar Number 1, Senate Resolution Number 4, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ERIC M. JANNEY, ESQUIRE, OF PAWCATUCK TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR STATE ACADEMIC AWARDS, favorable report of the Committee Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Mr. President, if we might, for a moment, before taking up that item, call a vote on the first consent calendar of the items that were placed on consent, the judicial nominations, because we would want to transmit those items to the House of Representatives immediately.

THE CHAIR:

(Inaudible) request.

Mr. Clerk, please call for a roll call vote on our first consent calendar.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the chamber. Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the chamber.

Mr. President, those items placed on the first consent calendar begin on calendar page 1, Calendar Number 7, Senate Joint Resolution Number 5; Calendar Number 8, Senate Joint Resolution Number 6; calendar page 2, Calendar Number 9, Senate Joint Resolution Number 7; Calendar Number 10, Senate Joint Resolution Number 8; Calendar Number 11, Senate Joint Resolution

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Number 9; Calendar Number 12, Senate Joint Resolution
Number 10; and Calendar Number 13, Senate Joint
Resolution Number 11.

Mr. President, that completes those items placed
on the first consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Have all Senators voted? If all Senators have
voted, please check your vote. The machine will be
locked and the Clerk will call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on passage of Consent Calendar Number
1.

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar Number 1 passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Mr. President -- Mr. President, I would move for
immediate transmittal to the House of Representatives
of those items just voted on in Consent Calendar

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Number 1 consisting of Senate Joint Resolutions Number 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

THE CHAIR:

There is motion on the floor for immediate transmittal of Consent Calendar Number 1. Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

If the Clerk might now return to the call of Executive and Legislative Nominations on calendar page 3.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Returning to calendar page -- returning calendar page 3, Executive and Legislative Nominations, Calendar Number 1, Senate Resolution Number 4, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ERIC M. JANNEY, ESQUIRE, OF PAWCATUCK TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR STATE ACADEMIC AWARDS, favorable report of the Senate Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Senate committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption of the resolution, sir, would you like to remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you -- thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, the Governor has nominated Attorney Eric Janney of Pawcatuck to be a member of the board for the State Academics Awards to serve a term ending June 30, 2015. He is a cum laude graduate of Georgetown University School in Foreign Service. He holds his law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law, currently a partner and owner of law firm Block, Janney & Pascal.

He has been appointed by the Governor and served as vice chairman on the Connecticut Commission on Community Service. He's been a member of the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce and served as chairman of that body previously and serves on the board of corporators of Lawrence & Memorial Hospital. And he

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is certainly someone who will be a conscientious member of the Board of State Academic Awards.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark? Will you remark further?

Senator Maynard.

SENATOR MAYNARD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I've known Mr. Janney now for nearly a decade. He's a very capable person, an excellent nominee. He's been an extraordinarily conscientious member of the community serving on a lot of our boards, and I would enthusiastically endorse his nomination. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I just want to rise and let the circle know that I've known him for two decades, since Eric and I went to law school together and have been certainly understanding of his progress in Southeastern Connecticut and his many contributions. And I'm

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thrilled he's being nominated today for this position.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Do I hear three decades? No? Okay.

Will you remark? Will you remark further?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, if there's no objection, I would
move place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There's motion on the floor to place this
resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing no
objection, so ordered, sir.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 2, Senate Resolution Number 5,
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LAWRENCE D.
MCHUGH OF MIDDLETOWN TO BE A MEMBER AND CHAIRPERSON OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF
CONNECTICUT, favorable report of the Senate Committee
on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. -- thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption of the resolution, would you like to remark further, sir?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President:

Mr. President, the Governor has nominated Lawrence McHugh of Middletown to be a member and chair of the Board of Trustees for the -- for the University of -- of Connecticut. He holds a bachelor's degree from Southern Connecticut State University, an associate's degree from Saint Benedict's College. He is also a graduate of Notre Dame High School in West Haven, Connecticut.

He currently is president of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, has done an extraordinary job leading the business community in that region of the state for many years. Formerly, the executive director of MX Development Corporation and also prior to that a teacher and highly successful football coach

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at Xavier High School, where his -- where he was a legendary coach with great success in winning many championships during his years as coach at Xavier.

He also currently serves on the board of trustees as vice president of the Goodspeed Opera House, as a member of the New England Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, director of -- of Lyman Farm. He had earned the David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship from the New England Board of Higher Education. And in addition, prior to his -- his tenure now of beginning as chair of the UConn Board of Trustees, also served in a similar capacity on the Board of the Connecticut State University System. So he has been a leader in higher education in the state for -- for many, many years.

And he is someone who has devoted a life to community service and has a network of friends and contacts and is an energetic champion of -- of business and high standard of living throughout the state of Connecticut. And he will bring an extraordinary sense of vision and -- and practicality and good common sense to the UConn Board of Trustees.

And I would urge his approval of his nomination, but would yield to Senator Doyle.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle, do you accept the yield?

SENATOR DOYLE:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR DOYLE:

Thank you.

It's my pleasure to speak before the Senate to endorse the candidacy of Larry -- Larry McHugh to be the chairman of the board of UConn. Larry is a legendary figure in the city of Middletown. He is -- was a long time educator in Middletown at Xavier. He was a long time football coach at Xavier and having spoken and gotten to know a few of his former players, he was certainly a hardnose coach but an excellent coach. And Xavier, back then, had a great reputation for football, and I think he really learned his -- although he may have been a hardnose coach, he learned on his own because he was former player in the AFL, the predecessor -- the competing league to the NFL. So he play professional football also a few years.

And since his -- after his career as an educator in Middletown, he moved on to be the president of the

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Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, where he is today, where all of us know him very well. He really is a major leader, cheerleader, and supporter and advocate for the city of Middletown.

He also has served the state very well, which many of you are aware during his tenure as chair of the CSU system, which he is a graduate of, I believe. And now he is, you know, before us today, he has been acting and today he's looking for formal appointment as chair of the UConn Board of Trustees. And I think he'll bring some good common sense to the -- to the board of UConn.

And one of the issues I think early on -- soon after his temporary appointment, an issue that's before us, the issue of the expansion of the UConn Health Care. He appreciated that there were some issues with that current plan by all of us in the Legislature, and I was happy -- to him at that point to quickly encourage the board to pull that off the table and start from scratch and try to find a better resolution, which all of us in the chamber will support someday we hope.

But, again, I think Larry McHugh's broad range background will provide UConn some leadership during

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these financial times, and I urge my fellow colleagues to support Larry McHugh as chairman of the board and a member of the board at UConn.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you further -- will you remark further on this resolution?

Senator Daily.

SENATOR DAILY:

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

And very briefly, I've known Larry for a number of years. He's done a wonderful, wonderful job with the chamber of commerce. He's been very helpful with the theater on -- in board position, and I know he'll bring the same considerable skills that he has to the challenges that face us at UConn. And I endorse his appointment. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Daily.

Senator Crisco.

SENATOR CRISCO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I just want to associate myself with my

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colleagues' remarks. I did serve as a trustee for the university for eight years and feel that I have a good understanding of the university. Larry McHugh is the right person for the right time, and I wholeheartedly endorse his nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator Gaffey.

SENATOR GAFFEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, just to add to the comments of my colleagues, very briefly. Larry McHugh has excelled in every endeavor he's undertaken in his life. He's a -- he's a true champion. And as a coach, he was the -- he will go down in history as the best coach in high school football in the state of Connecticut. His chamber of commerce in Middlesex, the best chamber of commerce in the whole United States of America.

When Larry McHugh calls, whether it's a president or the coach of UConn basketball, they come and speak at his breakfasts, that are usually attended by 4 to 500 people. He did a terrific job as chairman of the Connecticut State University System. And I know he'll do an excellent job as the chair of the UConn Board of

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Trustees, and it is my pleasure to vote for him today.

Thank you, sir.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark? Will you remark further?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I would move that this item --
this resolution be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to place this
resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing no
objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 13, Senate Resolution Number 6,
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF KATHLEEN G.
RICHARDS OF PORTLAND TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR
STATE ACADEMIC AWARDS, favorable report of the Senate
Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the senate committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption of the resolution, sir, will you remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Kathleen Richards of Portland has been nominated by the Governor to serve on the Board for State Academic Awards. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut, a master's degree from the University of Hartford, project management degree online from George Washington University. She is currently area manager for Henkels & McCoy Incorporated of -- of Portland. She serves on the Portland Board of Selectman, secretary of the Portland Exchange Club, formally served on the Portland Board of Education and has volunteered at a number of events over the years for the Make a Wish Foundation and as a volunteer for the American Red Cross in Portland in organizing blood drives. She has been very active as a member of her community and will

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certainly serve well as the -- a member of the Board for State Academic Awards and would urge approval of her nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark? Will you remark further?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I would move to place this resolution on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to place this item on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 4, Senate Resolution Number 7,
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF AMEY W.
MARRELLA OF WOODBRIDGE TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, favorable report of the
Senate Committee on Executive and Legislative
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Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, the Governor has nominated Amey Marrella to be commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, and I would move acceptance of the Senate committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, Mr. President, Commissioner Marrella holds a bachelor's degree from Williams College. She's a magna cum laude graduate of Williams. Holds her law degree cum laude from Harvard Law School. Prior to becoming a -- a deputy commissioner in the Department of Environmental Protection, she served as a -- an attorney adviser to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. And was first selectman for the Town of Woodbridge.

And she has been serving as -- as acting commissioner for a while and now is nominated to be commissioner in -- in her own right and would urge

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approval of this nomination and would yield to Senator Meyer.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer, do you accept the yield?

SENATOR MEYER:

I do, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Please Proceed.

SENATOR MEYER:

Thank you.

Colleagues, I rise in my capacity as Senate Chair of the Environment Committee, and we are blessed in the Environment Committee to have five strong members of this circle on the committee. And I refer, of course, to Senators Maynard, DeFronzo, McKinney and Roraback.

We are in a very difficult time in environmental governance in Connecticut. We had testimony, just this week, from the senior council of the Connecticut Fund for the Environment that after a national study, he found DEP in Connecticut is the lowest funded environmental agency in the United States. We've been ravaged in the department by early retirement programs, two in the last ten years have taken out

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about 150 mid-managers in this department. There are a large number of concerns being expressed throughout Connecticut that the department does not have the staff longer to -- to enforce the environmental standards of Connecticut, particularly with respect to water.

We are in a serious time, and yet, Commissioner Marrella has faced this challenge. She's come up with a program called the LEAN program in which she is seeking to accelerate and expedite the permit process to really reduce by one half the time in which it will take for permits to be reviewed and approved or disapproved.

She has a very significant appreciation of due process. She is a lawyer by training and her training is to have a tight due process. She is an organization person and that may be very significant trait for the Department of Environmental Protection at this time.

So for those reasons, I join with the Majority Leader in urging her approval.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark?

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Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I rise in support of Amey Marrella for commissioner of DEP, but I -- I want to comment on a few things. The prior commissioner started a process in which DEP would be a more friendly agency, and Amey Marrella has picked up on that same theme. She has stated at the Legislative Exec Nom meeting that the people of the state of Connecticut are the customers for DEP, and that's the right attitude to have. They are the customers of DEP. There's not adversity between someone coming to DEP for home and that's the way they're starting to be treated at this commission.

That is positive. It's positive for people in the state of Connecticut. It's positive for business growth in the state of Connecticut. And the open door policy that DEP now has incorporated is a refreshing attitude that's going to be great for state of Connecticut.

I want to thank Amey and her leadership as the interim commissioner. I wish her best of luck as the commissioner. And I know that her attitude is the

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right attitude in the DEP for the state of
Connecticut.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator.

Senator Crisco.

SENATOR CRISCO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I also rise in support of Amey Marrella's nomination. I had the pleasure and honor to work with her when she was first selectman. She has done an extraordinary job in spite of severe lack of funding in many areas. She's available to many of the towns who have concerns. I know her extremely well, not only as a constituent, but also as a neighbor, but we are very fortunate to have a commissioner with such great talent. And as a former executive assistant to commissioner of DEP, I believe I fully understand the challenges that she faces, and there could not be a better person for the position at this time.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

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Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I also rise to extend my well-wishes to this wonderful pick for DEP commissioner. Some might not realize that she also was a chief elected official in her town as first selectwoman of Woodbridge, where she does bring the local knowledge of local issues and has reached out certainly to all of the towns in my district, to the first selectmans there, to discuss environmental issues so that she could also extend any help and information that the DEP could provide. I think that kind of public relations and public service to our communities is exemplary and we will be well served.

Not only has she had this background and experience, but she is incredibly knowledgeable on the laws, details and the technical aspects that this job entails as well; something rare to find. And so I congratulate her on this wonderful promotion.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Boucher.

Senator McKinney.

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SENATOR MCKINNEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Just briefly, I, too, rise in support of her nomination and would first start by thanking Governor Rell and yourself, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, for nominating such a capable person to be our commissioner of DEP. I also want to thank Senator Meyer, not just for his leadership on the Environment Committee, but also for attending the public hearing on the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee, which I think is an important part of the process that we go through.

I'm sure, Mr. President, at some point in the next months all of us may have a call or a letter to the DEP commissioner angry about something, but today is day of praise. I think what Commissioner Marrella understands most is that environmental protection and development, specifically economic development, are not mutually exclusive and we can do that in way that will help the state of Connecticut and especially this LEAN program.

An ability to get people who come before the DEP for permits and applications to be acted upon in a fair, open and timely manner is critical not just to

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protecting our environment, but for us developing in the future as well.. And I appreciate what she's done on that and what she will continue to do. And I, again, appreciate nominating such a fine person.

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator McKinney.

Will you remark? Will you remark further?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, if there's no objection, I would move to place this resolution on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion on the floor to put this resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered,
sir.

Senator Looney -- Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar page 4, Calendar Number 5, Senate Resolution Number 8, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT T. ROSS OF SALEM TO BE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MILITARY AFFAIRS, favorable report of the Senate Committee on Executive and

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the senate committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Acting on acceptance and adoption of the resolution. Sir, would you like to remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Governor Rell has nominated Robert T. Ross of Salem to be executive director of the Office of Military Affairs. Mr. Ross resides in -- in Salem. He had a very distinguished in the United States Navy and in a number of key policy and public information positions there over the years. He holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Bethany College in Bethany, Oklahoma; a master's in security and strategy from the U.S. Naval College -- Naval Command and Staff College in Newport, Rhode Island; and also, more recently, a master's in public

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policy and administration from the University of Connecticut.

He has served as first selectman for the town of Salem, and prior to that, immediately after his retirement from the Navy, he served as a city administrator in the city of Cripple Creek, Colorado, where he was also director of an emergency communication center. And interestingly, in Connecticut, obviously, we are worried often about people moving out of the state, often in some cases to Colorado. Mr. Ross was someone who moved to Colorado after retiring from the Navy and then moved back to Connecticut, where he became active in public life in his community of Salem, becoming first selectman and now is nominated for this -- this important position.

He was very impressive in his appearance before the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee with his mastery of issues related to the defense industry in Connecticut and advocacy on behalf of retaining jobs and positions at the -- at the sub base. He has received a legion of merit for distinguished public service in the European, Middle Eastern, Mediterranean and Black Sea regions, three meritorious service medals for service in the Atlantic

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fleet and a Navy commendation medal for coordinating public events including three events in planning strategy for events involving presidents of the United States.

He is a significant resource to our state, and I would urge approve of his nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney."

Senator Stillman.

SENATOR STILLMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of this nomination as well. I want to thank Senator Looney and the committee for the wisdom of their ways in moving Mr. Ross' nomination along, and I also want to thank the Governor for supporting my suggestion that Mr. Ross be appointed to this particular position. He is very well respected within the military community, but most importantly, or as well I should say, within the community of Southeastern, Connecticut, which is key to this particular position.

I've known Mr. Ross for many years. He takes on a task; he's got a mission; he accomplishes it. And that's the kind of person that we need in this

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position to make sure that Connecticut is positioned well as the years go by and there are military issues that arise. So I urge my colleagues to support his nomination.

Thank you, sir.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

Will you remark further on the resolution before us?

If not, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, if there's no objection, I would move that this resolution be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to put this resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 6, Senate Resolution Number 9,
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF RICHARD D.
NICHOLSON OF GLASTONBURY TO BE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

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SERVICES, favorable report of the Senate Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Senate committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Acting on acceptance and adoption of the resolution. Will you remark further, sir?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, the Governor has nominated Richard Nicholson of Glastonbury to be commissioner of the Department of Revenue Services. He is presently the acting commissioner of that department. He's been a long employee and -- and key leader and executive in that department including for a time being the liaison between that department and the General Assembly during the years that I was the Senate chair for the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. And I always found him extremely capable and -- and responsible and

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gifted in his analysis of -- of fiscal and revenue matters.

Mr. Nicholson holds a bachelor's degree from the College of Holy Cross, his law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law. As I said, has been presently acting commissioner and previously deputy commissioner of the Department of Revenue Services.

For a time after having been general counsel and first assistant commissioner of the Department of Revenue Services for many years, he briefly left the department in the early part the last decade and became a partner at Shipman & Goodwin in Hartford and then he returned to the Department of Revenue Services as deputy commissioner, now acting commissioner. He has also served on the town council in the town of South Windsor and the Inland Wetlands Agency in the town of South Windsor. He has a very distinguished career in public service and will be a -- a superb commissioner of the department. And I would urge approval of his nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark? Will you remark further?

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Senator Daily.

SENATOR DAILY:

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

Listening to our Senate President give the resume of Commissioner Nicholson, he sounds much older than he is, but he has done a wonderful job at Revenue Services in his early time, and now he's been back as deputy commissioner and acting commissioner. And I wholeheartedly support this nomination. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

Will you remark? Will you remark further on the resolution before us?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

If there's no objection, I would move to place this resolution on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Current motion on the floor to put the item on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

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Mr. President, if moving to Senate Agenda Number 1, previously adopted, under Item Number 2, under Senate joint resolutions favorably reported would move for suspension to take up the -- the three executive and legislative nominations items that appear on that portion of Senate Agenda Number 1. That is Senate Joint Resolutions Number 12, 13 and 14.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor for suspension. Seeing in objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, if the Clerk would call the first of those items, Senate Joint Resolution Number 12 on Senate Agenda Number 1.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Agenda Number 1, page 1,
Senate Joint Resolution Number 12, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE HENRY S.
COHN OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL
REVIEW, AS AN ALTERNATE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE,
favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Acting on acceptance and adoption of the resolution. Sir, would you like to remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, the Governor has nominated the Honorable Henry Cohn, the superior court judge, to serve as a member of the judicial review council as an alternate superior court judge serving on that body. Judge Cohn has been a judge of the superior court since 1997. Previously, he was an assistant attorney general for the state of Connecticut. He also had worked -- worked in the -- had been the chief election council in the Office of the Secretary of State and served as interim Secretary of -- of State back in the 1970s.

He holds his bachelor's degree from John Hopkins

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University -- from John Hopkins University and his law from the University of Connecticut School of Law. He was also a former small claims commissioner, a former counsel to the Connecticut State Senate, member of the board of directors of Women in Crisis and a member of the board of trustees of Temple Beth Israel.

He is someone who has had a very distinguished career in public service both -- more in the last decade as a superior court judge and prior that in various administrative and legal capacities working for the state of Connecticut. He will certainly be a highly conscientious member as an alternate of the Judicial Review Council, which considers complaints against -- against judges, against workers' compensations commissioners and regarding family support magistrates. He is someone of the exactly the right kind of careful temperament and responsible approach that will -- he will do very well in that capacity if called upon to serve an alternate.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further?

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SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in strong support of Judge Henry S. Cohn for this position. When you think of Henry Cohn, you think of, first and foremost, intellect, integrity and, as Senator Looney described, tremendous temperament. I do have to fully disclose that Henry is married to my father's first cousin so I do have also an inside on him. And I just want to bring up one very quick example about the way Henry approaches life, history, the state of Connecticut, which I think has volumes to speak about the type of person he is and about his service already as a judge and what he'll do in this new appointment.

And that is, we all know about the circus fire in 1944, here in Hartford that killed, I believe it was 144 people including my great grandfather, Louis Steinberg. Henry Cohn wrote a book about the circus fire, and he not only took into account the human toll of that tragedy here in Hartford, but he did a special piece, a part of that book, on how alternate dispute resolution was used for the time in the history of the world really, to be able to resolve the claims that resulted from that horrific tragedy so that this

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alternative dispute resolution was able to compensate the victims and also able to allow the circus, Barnum & Bailey, to survive, and he did that meticulously in what could have been a very dry type of way but also, again, gave the human side. I think that shows what Henry Cohn is about, and I support this nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

As Senator Harris said, Judge Cohn really has had a distinguished career in so many -- in so many ways, and his intellect has been applied in a variety of ways beyond the practice of law, both as Senator Harris said as a historian and a scholar.

In addition to the items in his resume mentioned previously, he was also, of course, immediately prior to becoming a superior court judge, the assistant attorney general for the State of Connecticut from 1983 to 1997. And he served for secretary of the state, deputy secretary of the state, was chief elections attorney in the Office of the Secretary of

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State. And prior to that actually also served as an assistant United States attorney from 1971 to 1975.

At the beginning of his career immediately upon graduating from law school with honors, he was a clerk to the Honorable Tim McCleary, a U.S. District Court judge, at the beginning of -- of his career.

Judge Cohn has also served as an adjunct professor in research and writing and administrative at the Connecticut School of Law -- the University of Connecticut School of Law. And in addition, as in addition to Senator Harris' notation about his -- his authorship of the book regarding the great Hartford circus fire, he also is the author of a very significant number of legal articles in scholarly journals ranging from the American Journal of Legal History to the Connecticut Law Review to Connecticut Bar Journal.

So he is certainly one of our -- our most scholarly superior court judges and, again, urge approval of his nomination to serve as a member of the Judicial Review Council.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark? Will you remark further?

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Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

If there's no objection, I would move to place
this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to place this item
on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so
ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution Number 13, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DONALD J. SHUBERT OF WEST
HARTFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONS, favorable report of
the Committee on Executive and Legislative
Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

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

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THE CHAIR:

Acting on acceptance and adoption of the resolution. Sir, will you remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, the Governor has nominated Donald Shubert of West Hartford to be a member of the advisory board of the Workers' Compensation Commission as a representative of employers for a term ending December 31, 2013. And he is a graduate of the -- Eastern Connecticut State University and holds his law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law. He is currently president of the Connecticut Construction Industries Association and executive secretary of the Connecticut Road Builders Association.

He has, also, has privately practiced law for a number of years prior to his current position. So he is someone who brings a strong legal background as well as a business background to this position. And I would urge approval of the nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

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Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of the nomination of Donald J. Shubert to the advisory board. As Senator Looney said, Mr. Shubert is someone who we know very well in this building. When you think of Don, you think of someone that is smart, that is hardworking, that is a very good person. I'm able and I have consistently been able, and I know my colleagues have been able, to trust his word. And we know how much that means.

And Don, from his perspective, working with the construction industry has done so much during these difficult times to try lower that 25 percent unemployment rate that we now face in the construction industry to be able to get people back to work, keep people at work and create good jobs. I strongly support this nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on the resolution before us? Will you remark further?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, if there's no objection, I would

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move to place this resolution on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to place this
resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing no
objection, so ordered, sir.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

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Resolution Number 14, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE
NOMINATION OF ERNIE R. WALKER, ESQUIRE, OF WEST
HARTFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW
COUNCIL, AS AN ALTERNATE WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COMMISSIONER, favorable report of the Committee on
Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Acting on acceptance and adoption. Sir, will you

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remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, the Governor has nominated Ernie Walker, Esquire, of West Hartford to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as an alternate Workers' Compensation Commissioner to serve a term ending November 30, 2012. Commissioner Walker holds his bachelor's degree from Central Connecticut State University; a law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law; holds, also, a certificate from the International Workers' Compensation College.

He currently serves, of course, as a -- as a workers' compensation commissioner. Prior to that, he was, for a number of years, an assistant attorney general for the State of Connecticut concentrating in the workers' compensation department and prior to that was engaged in private practice in the state of Connecticut after his graduation from the University of Connecticut School of Law. He has been an active member of the Connecticut Bar Association, the George Crawford Law Association. And I would urge favorable consideration of his nomination to serve on the Judicial Review Council.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further?

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President.

It's been a trifecta here for West Hartford. I appreciate your patience. I rise support of Ernie Walker as an alternate member of the Judicial Review Council. As Senator Looney outlined, he has a tremendous resume, has been an active part of the West Hartford community and beyond throughout Greater Hartford. He has served not only with excellence as an attorney and in all these other capacities, but has always thought about giving back in the process of this professional life. I strongly recommend this nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on the resolution before us? Will you remark further on the resolution before us?

That's okay. No hurry, Senator Looney. Go ahead.

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Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you. Thank you, Mr. President.

It was the speaker looking for additional
business downstairs. So --

THE CHAIR:

Boy, they're fast today. Huh?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes.

So, Mr. President, I would move to place this
resolution on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion to place this resolution on the
consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I would the Clerk to call the second consent
calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, please call for a roll call vote on
the second consent calendar.

THE CLERK:

Immediate -- immediate roll call has been ordered
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all Senators please return to the chamber. Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the second consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the chamber.

Mr. President, those items placed on the second consent calendar begin on calendar page 3 of our calendar, Calendar Number 1, Senate Resolution Number 4; Calendar Number 2, Senate Resolution Number 5; Calendar Number 3, Senate Resolution Number 6; Calendar Number 4, Senate Resolution Number 7; Calendar page 4, Calendar Number 5, Senate Resolution Number 8; and calendar Number 6, Senate Resolution Number 9. Calling from Senate Agenda Number 1, page 1, Senate Joint Resolution Number 12, Senate Joint Resolution Number 13; page 2, Calendar Number -- Senate Joint Resolution Number 14. Mr. President, that completes those items placed on the second consent calendar.

The Senate is now voting by roll call on the consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the chamber. The Senate is voting by roll on the consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the chamber.

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Have all Senators voted? If all Senators have voted, please check your vote. The machine will be locked. The Clerk will call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar Number 2.

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar Number 2 passes.
Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I would move for immediate transmittal to the House of Representatives the items on Consent Calendar Number 2 and requiring action in the House, and that is -- those would be Senate Joint Resolutions Numbers 12, 13 and 14.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion for immediate transmittal to the House. Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I believe the Clerk is in possession of Senate Agendas Numbers 2 and 3 for today's session.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Mr. President, the Clerk is in possession of Senate Agendas Numbered 2 and 3 for Wednesday, February 24, 2010. Copies have been distributed.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

I move all items on Senate Agendas Numbers 2 and 3 dated Wednesday, February 24, 2010, to be acted upon as indicated and that agendas be incorporated by reference into the Senate journal and the Senate transcript.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to move items on Senate Agenda Number 2 and 3. Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

I would move for suspension to take up the items on Senate Agenda Number 2 on House Joint Resolution involving judicial nominations.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor for suspension of the rules to take up the items on Senate Agenda Number 2. Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Agenda Number 2, page 1,
House Joint Resolution Number 52, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JOHN A. MASTROPIETRO OF
WATERTOWN TO BE A WORKER'S COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER,
favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption of the resolution.

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Sir, would you like to remark further?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Chairman Mastropietro is obviously the chairman of the Workers' Compensation Commission. He has been a great resource to the Judiciary Committee during the time that I have been there, and we have always have a -- a very good working relationship with him. He has, to the best of my knowledge, performed admirably under some very difficult circumstances given the caseload of the Workers' Compensation Commission.

He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and Western New England College of Law. And the committee is obviously well aware of his qualifications, and I think many members of the circle are as well.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further?

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL:

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

I, too, rise in strong support of Commissioner

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Mastropietro not only because he did graduate from my law school alma mater, but above and beyond that, clearly as chairman of the Workers' Compensation Commissioner -- Commission, rather, he has set a -- a tenor and a feeling over there such that, if we could reproduce that in other areas of state government, I believe we would all be well served. When there are nominees, whether they are renominations or new nominations come before our Judiciary Committee, they are always there with support.

In speaking to the other folks that work over there, they uniformly say that it is an excellent work environment and at the same time, they freely acknowledge that given the difficulties of the economy that they all have strong workloads, but none of them regret working there. In fact, I believe Commissioner Mastropietro said it was probably the best job he's ever had in his life. And when he was complimented on the job that he has done in setting the tenor for that particular area of our state government, true to form, he acknowledged the support staff that is involved in the workers' compensation system here in the state of Connecticut, whether it's the administrative assistant on the lowest tier, just coming in the door for his or

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her first job, all the way up through the ranks. It is truly an area that doesn't get enough attention, and maybe they don't -- maybe they're happy to have it have it way.

And when folks from the business community are strongly supportive and folks from the union communities, such as the carpenter union and others that appear before our workers' compensation commissioners, all speak with the same voice of praise, and that strikes me that that's an area of our state government we can learn a lot from and try to duplicate in other areas because that's an area that's working very, very well.

And I think Commissioner Mastropietro deserves an awful lot of that credit. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator Kane.

SENATOR KANE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I, too, would like to add my remarks to those of Senator McDonald and Senator Kissel. Mr. Mastropietro has been an excellent servant to the state of

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Connecticut as well as our hometown of Watertown. He and his family are very notable in our community and serve the community well, and I certainly would like to reaffirm his appointment. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on the resolution before us?

Senator Prague.

SENATOR PRAGUE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, I rise to support John Mastropietro as chairman of the Workers' Comp Commission. The Labor Committee frequently has issues about workers' comp, and we need the advice of that Workers' Comp Commission. They do a good job. They're very fair, will listen carefully. We are frequently concerned about injured workers not getting fair treatment. He does a good job in helping us with making sure that the treatment is fair.

I just have to put in a good word for Connie Rue, who is his assistant, who is just wonderful in his office. So they're -- they are good team and I'm happy to be able to stand here and support his

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renomination. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Prague.

Will you remark further?

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

If there's no objection, might this item be
placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion to place this resolution on the
consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 53, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOSEPH Q.
KOLETSKY OF WATERFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE, favorable
report of the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Joint
Committee's favorable report and adoption of the
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THE CHAIR:

Acting on acceptance and adoption of the resolution. Sir, will you remark further?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Koletsky is a resident of Waterford, Connecticut. He currently resides in his chambers in Hartford. He has been a judge of the superior court and now a judge trial referee since 1985. He's a proud graduate of both Yale's College and its law school. And, Mr. President, he was a very, and still is, a very prominent figure in the New London Country area.

And I am very happy to say that he still has a lot energy and commitment to the service in the state of Connecticut, and I look forward to his reappointment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further?

Senator Stillman.

SENATOR STILLMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I, too, rise in support of the renomination of

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Mr. Koletsky. He's a long-standing member of -- of my community, well-respected, has done an excellent job, and I'm delighted to see that he is before us again for renomination. Thank you, sir.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

Will you remark further on the resolution before us? Will you remark further?

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Mr. President, if there's no objection, might
this item be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion to place this resolution on the
consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered,
sir.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 54, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE CHRISTINE
E. KELLER OF HARTFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR
COURT, favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

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SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption of the resolution, would you like to remark further, sir?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Keller is a resident of the city of Hartford, and she sits on juvenile matters in Hartford's superior court. She has been a judge of the superior court since 1994. She is a graduate of Smith College and the University of Connecticut School of Law. Those of us who serve on the Judiciary Committee frequently have had the benefit of Judge Keller's wisdom and input particularly on matters relating to juvenile justice where she has been a leader not only on the bench, not only in Connecticut, but I venture to say in the country because of her expertise and her dedication to the issue of juvenile justice. And I'm pleased to present her before the circle for another eight year term.

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Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further?

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL:

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

I, too, rise in strong support of the renomination of the Honorable Christine Keller. Clearly, she has her hands full regarding all aspects of the juvenile justice as it is administered through the judicial branch. But also above and beyond that as we've had important initiatives in this side, on the legislative side, regarding legislation, Judge Keller has been selfless in giving of her time to work through the nuances and the difficulties of cobbling together amendments and changes to our statutory framework and structure so as to effectuate the goals that we, as a Legislature, have decided we wanted to pursue.

Quite often she's been in the position of having delineate that some of these things will take longer than others, but quite often that's more often driven by matters of dollars and cents rather than policy or effecting change in legisla -- in our statutory structure. But at the same time as legislators have

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moved forward with different proposals such as Raise the Age or dealing with families with service need individuals or other kinds of reforms that we feel are in the best interest of the people of the state of Connecticut breaking the cycle of recidivism, getting young people off the track of pursuing a life of crime and other things that hopefully, when we get it all done, we will have made great progress as a state.

She has been there to give us insights and expertise that we would not otherwise have, even despite the best efforts of our excellent support staff that we have in this building. So when someone is as passionate about children as she is -- we have her in the judicial branch and she affords us her expertise here in the legislative branch -- I find that highly laudable.

The last point I wanted to make is this: While she is covering all these different bases and wearing these different hats, she did make it clear the evening during the hearing process that she does try to sit on the bench at least once, if not more, every single week because she felt that her insights are best honed and kept clear by being right there in the trenches with her colleagues in meting out justice and

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seeing how the system actually operates when put into effect. And that last point, I think, can't be lost upon us.

I think it's one thing to establish public policy and work those issues that tend to come with a little bit of rarefied air, but it's yet another thing to get into the trenches and get -- and deal with some of these difficult issues where the rubber hits the road, so to speak, but where justice is actually being carried out, where you look at people in the eye and you realize how these things actually work themselves out and you realize what areas might need fine tuning and what areas might not.

So with that, Mr. President, I strongly support the renomination of Judge Keller. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

I, too, rise to support the nomination of Judge Keller. And I just wanted to reinforce what has been said. She has been working with the Juvenile Justice Planning and Operations Committee for the past

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three years and writing the legislation that relates to the operationalization of the Raise of the Age Bill. Oftentimes, we have legal concepts, but we don't really don't know how they fit into the overall operation of the justice system.

She has been there every step of the way to guide us, and she deserves her reappointment, and I want to thank her for the work she's done on behalf of the young people of this state.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

Will you remark? Will you remark further on the resolution before us?

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Mr. President, if there's no objection, might this item be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion to place this resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

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SUPERIOR COURT, favorable report of the Committee on
Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption of the resolution,
will you remark further, sir?

SENATOR McDONALD:

I will, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Kaplan is a resident of
South Windsor, Connecticut. He currently provides --
presides in the Rockville Superior Court. He's been a
judge since November of 1985 and is a graduate --
graduate of Bryant College and the University of
Connecticut School of Law.

And Mr. President, I should just note that there
were a couple members of the public who testified at
Judge Kaplan's confirmation hearing who were opposed
to the nomination, but it was considered opinion of

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the Judiciary Committee after listening to that testimony that the claims that were made against Judge Kaplan were unfounded, and I want commend him for comporting himself in a very dignified fashion through that entire process.

I think Judge Kaplan has done an admirable job in presiding as a judge and under some very difficult circumstances in some particular cases, and I think he has demonstrated the type of comportment and demeanor that we really need to encourage among the judges of the superior court. Thank you.

THE CHAIR: r

, Thank you, sir.

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL:

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

I also rise in support of Judge Kaplan, but I think it's also important to underscore while there was, a disagreement regarding the testimony brought forward by some of the citizens who had appeared before Judge Kaplan -- and Judge Kaplan made himself available to respond to those concerns -- it's also very important to note that the public is always invited and encouraged to participate in our judicial

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process regarding new nominees and renominees. And the fact that individuals, and without their permission, I don't necessarily want to name them here, but I respect the fact that they stayed at a hearing that started at one o'clock and they probably didn't even have an opportunity to testify until seven or seven-thirty.

There may have been a disagreement as to what their perceptions were of their encounters with Judge Kaplan. We, as the Judiciary Committee, try to be as fair and open-minded as humanly possible. But while they might not be happy with the conclusion at the end regarding Judge Kaplan, I want them to know that their opinions were heard, that they were carefully considered and that I am personally thankful that they participated in the process.

It is important for the people of the state of Connecticut to know that we have an open process regarding judicial nominations and renominations, and if anyone, whether they practice law or whether they are just a citizen who comes before the bench or just runs into a judge in some course of business in their lives, that if they have a problem, they are more than welcome and they are highly encouraged, as citizens of

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our fair state, to come and afford us their opinions so that we can weigh that in the balance.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark? Will you remark further on the resolution before us?

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

If there's no objection, might this item be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to place this resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 56, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE FRANK H.
D'ANDREA OF STAMFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE, favorable
report of the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

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SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption of the resolution.

Sir, would you like to remark further?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge D'Andrea is currently a judge trial referee in Stamford where he resides. He has been a judge of the superior court -- or a judge trial referee since October of 1993. He's a graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School. And, Mr. President, I can probably confirm what you already know, and that is that Judge D'Andrea has long before being a judge of the superior court been an integral member of the Stamford community. In fact, he actually used to be the corporation counsel for the city of Stamford, a position I had the honor of once holding.

Judge D'Andrea has really just always been a tremendously thoughtful, considerate, even-tempered

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and judicious member of the bench, and I am thrilled that he has seen fit to re up, if you will, for another eight years serving the people of the Greater Stamford area and the state of Connecticut as a whole.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL:

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

I also stand in strong support of state trial referee Frank D'Andrea. Some may wonder what is the distinction between a state referee and a judge, and we do have mandatory retirement ages, 70, but many on the bench, certainly sharp of wit and much versed in the law, are wonderful resources to people of the state of Connecticut. I don't think I'm speaking out of school by saying that Judge D'Andrea is 78 years old but seeing him come before our Judiciary Committee, still sharp as a whip in every way, and yet at the same time they fill certain gaps, as far as manning or people powering our benches to be politically correct so that cases can move forward.

And the unique and remarkable thing about Judge

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D'Andrea is that in, I believe, hundreds of trials just to him, bench trials, and hundreds, dozens if not hundreds more trials over the years where he has presided and it's gone to jury, never once has there been one complaint about his performance on the bench. And we had some judges where sometimes if you're dealing with criminal matters, more often than not if you're dealing with family matters, no matter how good you try to be, how precise with the law, how wise in your determinations, there is going to be litigants who feel that it should have gone their way and they file a complaint. That's typically not upheld whatsoever.

And I thought it was truly remarkable that Judge Trial Referee D'Andrea, out of the hundreds and hundreds of complex matters that came before him never once had a complaint, had the most wonderful judicial deportment in our hearing, and I look forward to his service to the people of the state of Connecticut. And I thought that -- it's probably not fair that Senator McDonald always has to rise in favor of the folks from Stamford so I figured I'd shine in on this one.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Ditto that.

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

If there's no objection, might this item be
placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to place the item
on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so
ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 57, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD A
DAMIANI OF NEW HAVEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR
COURT, favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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Acting on acceptance and adoption of the resolution, sir, will you remark further?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Damiani is a resident of North Haven. He currently sits in the Waterbury Superior Court. He's been a judge of the superior court for coming up on 24 years. He is a graduate of Providence College and University of Connecticut School of Law. And anybody who has been paying attention in the state of Connecticut over the last 24 years has seen many of the high profile cases that Judge Damiani has presided over. And we are certainly encouraged that he will continue to do so in to the future.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, speaking in support of the resolution, I would join Senator McDonald on his commendation of Judge Damiani's performance. He has been a -- a strong presence in the judiciary for the

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24 years of his service and exceedingly energetic as well. And now, as Senator McDonald said, he is presiding in Waterbury and New Haven's loss is Waterbury's gain because he was the presiding criminal judge in New Haven for a long time. He was extremely adept at conducting pretrials, getting to the heart of the issue, understanding the strengths and weaknesses of the prosecutions case, and the -- and the defense strategy and working out fair disposition in so many cases was, also firm but fair. In sentencing, he was -- had the respect of both defense counsel and the -- and the prosecutors in the many pretrials that he conducted in New Haven.

He also took on the -- the extra burden of sometimes literally sprinting across the street from the judicial district courthouse on Church Street to the G.A. Courthouse on Elm Street to preside over matters related to the drug court there, and it was something that was really was above and beyond the call of duty having an acting presence in both of the New Haven courthouses at the same time. So he was quite legendary in New Haven. Miss him now that he's in Waterbury and hope that in a rotation soon he'll be back in New Haven, but he has been a -- just a

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wonderful asset to the state of Connecticut, and we look forward to his continued service.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further?

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, if there's no objection, might this item be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR: n

There is a motion on the floor to place this resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Page 2, House Joint Resolution Number 58,
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE
KEVIN TIERNEY OF GREENWICH TO BE A STATE REFEREE,
favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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Thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Acting on acceptance and adoption, sir, would you like to remark further?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, I would, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Tierney is a resident of Greenwich, Connecticut, and I have long ago forgiven him for that, but he has, in all seriousness, he has been a judge of the superior court since 1994, and he is a regular presence, as many in the circle know, in the Stamford Superior Courthouse. He is a graduate of Williams College and received his law degree from Fordham University.

Prior to ascending to the bench in 1994, he practiced for 30 years in a very prominent practice in the town of Greenwich. And I have to say, Mr. President, that Judge Tierney has tackled an extraordinarily broad array of cases across the spectrum of disciplines in the state of Connecticut. Whether it's in complex litigation or criminal cases,

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family cases, he has really tackled some unbelievably difficult ones. And has also -- always done so with a great deal with judicial temperament but also very thorough research. And anybody who is a student of the law has been the benefit of his authored opinions.

We are very happy that he is going to be serving for at least another eight years as a state referee and a judge trial referee.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on the resolution before us?

If not, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Mr. President, if there's no objection, might this item be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to put this resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

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THE CLERK:

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THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Acting on acceptance and adoption of the resolution, sir, would you like to remark further?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Bishop has been a judge of the superior court since 1994. He was elevated to become a judge of the appellate in 2002. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and a graduate of the Georgetown Law Center. He is a prolific and scholarly writer of judicial opinions, but also of other legal works and bar journal articles. He has written with Justice Zarella on the

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separation of powers issues in a very thoughtful and compelling way. And he currently presides as the chair of the Evidence Oversight Committee of the Judicial Branch of the State of Connecticut.

I had an opportunity to work with him on administrative matters, and think he is a great asset to the state of Connecticut. I'm happy to place his name before the circle for another eight-year term on the appellate court.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on the resolution before us? Will you remark further?

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, if there's no objection, might this item be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion on the floor to place the item on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

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Mr. President, I would ask for suspension to take up the Executive and Legislative Nominations appearing on Senate Agenda Number 3.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to suspend rules to take up the Senator Agenda Number 3. Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Under business from the House, on Senate Agenda Number 3, under House Joint Resolutions favorably reported, if the Clerk would call House Joint Resolution Number 3.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Agenda Number 3, page 1, the Executive and Legislative Nominations, House Joint Resolution Number 3, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CHERYL L. CLARKE OF MIDDLETOWN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES, favorable report of the Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Acting on acceptance and adoption of the resolution. Sir, would you like to remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Governor Rell has nominated Cheryl Clarke of Middletown for reappointment to a member of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities to serve a term ending in July of 2014. She holds an associate's degree in business management from Albertus Magnus College, currently working towards a bachelor's degree. She has been employed as a supplier relation specialist for Northeast Utilities. She previously served as an environmental compliance specialist and supplier diversity manager.

She has been an advocate in many ways for -- for fair business practices for members of minority groups in Connecticut. She has been a board member of the

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Connecticut Minority Supplier Council, a volunteer facilitator for the City of New Britain, had also served previously as a business agent for a Teamsters local in Connecticut, has a significant diversity of experience and would urge approval of her reappointment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on the resolution before us? Will you remark further?

If not, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, if there's no objection I would move to place this resolution on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to place this resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 4, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF EDITH M. PESTANA OF
HARTFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN

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RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES, favorable report of the
Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Acting on acceptance and adoption of the
resolution. Will you remark further, sir?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Governor Rell has nominated Edith
Pestana of Hartford to be a member of the Commission
on Human Rights and Opportunities for a term ending
July 2014. She is a -- Ms. Pestana is a graduate of
Rutgers University, also holds a master's from Rutgers
University and a master's in public health from the
Yale University Medical School. She is currently an
environmental justice program administrator for the
Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection,
formerly worked as an epidemiologist for Connecticut

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Department of Health and a research scientist at Yale Medical School.

She has been a member of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, a member of the board of directors of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation and of the state of Connecticut Office of the Chief State's Attorney's Housing Code Task force. She also has been the recipient of a number of other community awards recognizing her service in a variety of capacities as a public health advocate.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

We urge approval of her nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark? Will you remark further on the resolution before us? Will you remark?

If not, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, if there's no objection, I would move to place this resolution on the consent calendar.

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There is a motion on the floor to place this
resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing no
objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 5, RESOLUTION --
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF RODNEY T.
CHABOT OF NEW CANAAN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE METRO NORTH
NEW HAVEN RAIL COMMUTER COUNCIL, favorable report of
the Committee on Executive and Legislative
Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Acting on acceptance and adoption of the
resolution, sir, will you remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

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Mr. Rodney Chabot of New Canaan for another term as a member of the Metro North New Haven Rail Commuter Council. Mr. Chabot has been a long-time member of this -- of this council. He is an adviser of private investments for various trust accounts in New York City. He served as a military police officer early in his career stationed in -- in Stuttgart, Germany. Also, he is a member of the Army Reserve.

The members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee were greatly impressed by his commitment to -- and excitement about the -- the significance of rail travel in our state. He is someone who has served on the council with great dedication, has an extraordinary sense of -- of historic memory of changes in the rail transport system throughout the state. He is an active and energetic member of the board and would urge his reappointment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further?

Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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I also rise to endorse this nomination. Rodney Chabot has been a long time member of this committee. He has been faithful and loyal in attending all of these meetings as well as being a very strong advocate of mass transit in our region and for our commuters in particular. That history, that good longitudinal history is very important for that committee. And so I am very pleased that he has agreed to continue after his very long tenure to help us in this state.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Boucher.

Will you remark further on this resolution?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, if there's no objection, I move to place this resolution on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to place this resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

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House Joint Resolution Number 60, RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF HUNTER KODAMA OF NORTH STONINGTON TO BE A NONVOTING STUDENT MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, favorable report of the Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Acting on acceptance and adoption of the resolution, sir, would you like to remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, the Governor has nominated Hunter Kodama, a young man from North Stonington to be a member of the State Board of Education as a nonvoting student member. He has been serving on that capacity for a number of months in acting capacity. He is a student at Norwich Free Academy. He is a recognized student leader, a high achiever. He is also someone

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who very much impressed the members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee as -- as a very bright, self-possessed young man of great promise, and he has made a significant contribution to the -- to the board and will continue to do so in the remaining months of this service. And I urge approval of the nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on the resolution before us? Will you remark further?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I move to place this item on the consent calendar if there is no objection.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion before us to place this item on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so
ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 61, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF HANNAH KLEIN OF

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WOODBIDGE TO BE A NONVOTING STUDENT MEMBER OF THE
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, favorable report of the
Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Joint
Committee's favorable report and adoption of the
resolution, also as the prior matters in concurrence
with the House.

THE CHAIR:

Acting on acceptance and adoption of the
resolution, would you like to remark further, sir?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, the Governor has nominated Hannah
Klein of Woodbridge to be a member of the State Board
of Education as a nonvoting student member. She is a
senior at Amity High School in Woodbridge and also
attends the Educational Center for the Arts in New
Haven, a very talented artist and dancer, as well as
an outstanding student in her academic performance at
Amity. Again, the members of the Executive and

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Legislative Nominations Committee were extraordinarily impressed by -- by her self-possession, maturity and thoughtfulness in her analysis of the State Board of Education and the issues that are pending before it and her participation in it as a student member where she has been serving for number of months in acting capacity.

A very gifted young woman of great promise, and I would urge the Chamber to confirm her nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on the resolution before us?

Senator Crisco.

SENATOR CRISCO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Senator Looney has described this talented young lady, who is really extraordinary, and I also rise to support her nomination. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark? Will you remark further on the resolution before us? Will you remark?

Senator Looney.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, Mr. President, thank you. If there is no objection, I would move to place this resolution on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion before us to place this resolution on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 62, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ANNA M. FICETO OF WOLCOTT
TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES CONTROL
AUTHORITY, favorable report of the Committee on
Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, Mr. President, thank you.

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Joint
Committee's favorable report and adoption of the
resolution in concurrence with the House.

THE CHAIR:

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resolution, sir, would you like to remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you.

Mr. President, Governor Rell has nominated Anna Ficeto to be a Commissioner of the Public Utilities Control Authority to serve for a term for four years from the date of confirmation and succession to former member and Chairman Donald Downes. Attorney Ficeto is an honors graduate of Mount Holyoke College, holds a law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law. We know her most recently as chief legal counsel, deputy chief of staff in the office of the -- the Governor.

Prior to that, she was a deputy commissioner of the state Department of -- of Public Works in 2005 to 2006. She was also director of legislation and regulations and communications for the Department of Public Works in 2003 and 2004, and also served for a number of years as a legislative and administrative manager in the Department of Consumer Protection from 1996 to 2003.

She is a talented attorney, someone who is strongly committed to public service and would urge her approval as a member of the commission of the

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Public Utility Control Authority.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on the resolution before us? Will you remark further?

I would just like to echo the sentiments that Anna has been a great chief legal counsel for the executive branch, and our loss is obviously the DPUC's gain. So she's a great lady, and I wish her well over there.

Will you remark further?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, if there's no objection, I would move to place this resolution on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to place this item on the consent calendar. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

If the Clerk might now call the consent calendar.

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Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the
Senate on the consent calendar. Will all Senators
please return to the chamber. Immediate roll call has
been ordered in the Senate on the consent calendar.
Will all Senators please return to the chamber.

Mr. President, those items placed on the third
consent calendar begin on Agenda Number 2, page 1,
House Joint Resolution Number 52, House Joint
Resolution Number 53, House Joint Resolution Number
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Resolution Number 56, House Joint Resolution Number
57; page 2, House Joint Resolution Number 58 and House
Joint Resolution Number 59; Senate Agenda Number 3,
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Resolution Number 4, House Joint Resolution Number 5,
House Joint Resolution Number 60, House Joint
Resolution Number 61, House Joint Resolution Number
62.

Mr. President, that completes those items placed
on the third consent calendar.

The Senate is now voting by roll call on the
third consent calendar. Will all Senators please

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return to the chamber. The Senate is voting by roll call on the third consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Have all Senators voted? If all Senators have voted, please check your vote. The machine will be locked and the Clerk will call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar Number 3.

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

Consent calendar Number 3 passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, this concludes our business for today. Before moving to adjourn, one time, Senator Handley -- a journal notation, Senator Handley was absent today and missed votes due to illness.

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THE CHAIR:

So noted, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

And I will yield the floor to other members seeking recognition for announcements of committee meetings if there are any or points of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

At this time, any announcements or points of personal privileges at this time?

Seeing none, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Again, that concludes our business, and I would move that the Senate stand adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

On motion of Senator Looney of the 11th, the Senate at 4:02 p.m. adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

February 25, 2010

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

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain James A. Carson of West Hartford, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN JAMES A CARSON:

Preserve our state, O Lord, from all evils and misfortune but grant that under Thy protection and guidance, we may reap the blessings from Thy bountiful mercy. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Thursday, February 25, 2010, 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 the Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

- (1) INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO.15) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

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

The Senate, at 10:18 a.m., adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

February 26, 2010

The Senate was called to order, at 10:20 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain Renee J. Simmons of Bloomfield, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN RENEE J. SIMMONS:

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

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday, February 26, 2010, 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 the Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

State of Connecticut Department of Correction.
Risk Assessment Strategy Report as required by

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Section 18-81z of the Connecticut General Statutes. Received February 25, 2010.

Referred to: Judiciary.

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

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS
COMMITTEE**

SJ NO. 15 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MARTIN B. BURKE, ESQUIRE, OF ROCKVILLE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL, AS AN ALTERNATE ATTORNEY.

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS
COMMITTEE**

SJ NO. 16 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN E. COLELLA, OF CHESHIRE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL, AS AN ALTERNATE FAMILY SUPPORT MAGISTRATE.

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS
COMMITTEE**

SJ NO. 17 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE DAVID A. DEE, OF AVON, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL, AS AN ALTERNATE FAMILY SUPPORT MAGISTRATE.

**EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS
COMMITTEE**

SJ NO. 18 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE PAUL MATASAVAGE, OF OAKVILLE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL, AS AN ALTERNATE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE.

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

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

The Senate, at 10:23 a.m., adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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March 1, 2010

THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

March 1, 2010

The Senate was called to order, at 10:50 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Alice Ann Joseph of West Simsbury Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN ALICE ANN JOSEPH:

Lord, teach us the secret of loving, the love you are asking today; then help to love one another; for this we most earnestly pray. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session by the office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 1, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

State of Connecticut Early Childhood Education Cabinet. Statewide Strategic Report as required by Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes. Received February 26, 2010.

Referred to: Education and Human Services.

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March 1, 2010

(2) SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE -

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 66 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF THE LIVERY LICENSE EXEMPTION TO INCLUDE COMMUNITY-BASED REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

Referred to: Transportation

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 139 AN ACT CONCERNING INDEPENDENT MONITORING OF THE HUSKY PROGRAM.

Referred to: Appropriations

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 146 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DNA.

Referred to: Judiciary

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 147 AN ACT PERMITTING "FIFTY-FIFTY" COUPON GAMES AT CERTAIN ORGANIZATION FUNCTIONS AND ATHLETIC EVENTS.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue, and Bonding

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO 149 AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S POWER TO MODIFY OR SUSPEND STATUTES, REGULATIONS OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

Referred to: Public Health

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

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

The Senate, at 10:53 a.m., adjourned under provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

March 2, 2010

The Senate was called to order at 10:23 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Lord, help me to realize that I am here not merely to make a living. I am here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, March 02, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

State of Connecticut Office of the Treasurer.
2009 Annual Report as required by Section 3-37(a)
of the Connecticut General Statutes. Received
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Referred to: Finance Revenue & Bonding

(2) BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE

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

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5155 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMING OF
TESTING FOR BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVELS IN OPERATING
UNDER THE INFLUENCE CASES.

Referred to: Judiciary

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

The Senate, at 10:26 a.m., adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule'9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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March 3, 2010

THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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March 3, 2010

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

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Frank A. Forzano of South Windsor, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN FRANK A. FORZANO:

Dear Lord, for each new morning with its light, for rest and shelter of the night, for health and food, for love and friend, for everything Thy goodness sends. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, March 03, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

- (1) SENATE BILLS FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
SB NO. 12 AN ACT CLARIFYING POSTCLAIMS
UNDERWRITING.

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INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 14 AN ACT PROHIBITING COPAYMENTS
FOR PREVENTATIVE CARE.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 15 AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION
DRUG COPAYMENTS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 16 AN ACT PHASING OUT THE INSURANCE
PREMIUM TAX FOR MUNICIPALITIES

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 52 AN ACT CONCERNING A TASK FORCE
TO STUDY HEALTH CARE FOR UNINSURED CHILDREN

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

The Senate, at 11:19 a.m., adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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March 4, 2010

The Senate was called to order at 10:39 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, James A. Carson of West Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN JAMES A. CARSON:

Dear Lord, just as the winter turns to spring, our lives have changing seasons too; so when a gloomy forecast comes, help us to remember You have plans for us. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, March 4, 2010, 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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- (1) REPORTS RECEIVED - to be referred to the committee(s) indicated.

State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. Annual Report on the Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program as required

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by Section 4-124s(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes. Received March 3, 2010.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue, and Bonding.

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

The Senate, at 10:42 a.m., adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The Senate was called to order at 10:56 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Renee J. Simmons of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN RENEE J. SIMMONS:

Heavenly Father, grant all who assemble in this chamber the patience to listen, the wisdom to see and the courage to act according to Your divine will and guidance. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, March 5, 2010, 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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(1) COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT
PRO-TEMPORE

(A) EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIONS
NOMINATIONS - to be referred to Joint
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TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-212b, it is my pleasure to nominate, and with your advice and consent, appoint **MS. TERRI A. CRONIN** of Norwalk, Connecticut, a member of the Metro North New Haven Rail Commuter Council. I am confident that Ms. Cronin's experience and knowledge will be of great value to the Council. I appreciate her willingness to make this commitment to public service.

Pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-212b, it is my pleasure to nominate, and with your advice and consent, appoint **MR. JOHN T. HARTWELL** of Westport, Connecticut, a member of the Metro North New Haven Rail Commuter Council. I am confident that Mr. Hartwell's experience and knowledge will be of great value to the Council. I appreciate his willingness to make this commitment to public service.

- (2) **REPORT(S) RECEIVED** - To be referred to committee(s) indicated:

State of Connecticut Auditors of Public Accounts. Monthly Report as required by Section 4-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes. Received March 4, 2010.

Referred to: Appropriations, Finance Revenue and Bonding

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

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 97 (RAISED) AN ACT CREATING A CIVIL ACTION TO ALLOW CONTRACTORS TO RECOVER UNPAID EMPLOYEE PENSION OBLIGATIONS FROM SUBCONTRACTORS.

Referred to Judiciary

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Substitute for S.B. No. 133 (RAISED) AN ACT
CONCERNING APPRENTICE TO JOURNEYMEN AND
CONTRACTOR RATIOS.

Referred to: Labor and Public Employees

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 168 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING
WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND A POLICE OFFICER'S
USE OF DEADLY FORCE ON AN ANIMAL.

Referred to: Public Safety and Security

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

Substitute for S.B. No. 171 (RAISED) AN ACT
REESTABLISHING A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE
PROGRAM

Referred to: Education

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Substitute for S.B. No. 208 (RAISED) AN ACT
CONCERNING REFUNDS FOR TAXES ERRONEOUSLY
COLLECTED FROM VETERANS.

Referred to: Finance Revenue and Bonding

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Substitute for S.B. No. 209 (RAISED) AN ACT
CONCERNING THE REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX.

Referred to: Finance Revenue and Bonding

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Substitute for S.B. No. 210 (RAISED) AN ACT
CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR ONE
HUNDRED PER CENT DISABLED VETERANS.

Referred to: Finance Revenue and Bonding

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Substitute for S.B. No. 211 (RAISED) AN ACT
CONCERNING CRIMINAL CASES OF PERSONS WHO
HAVE RETURNED FROM SERVICE WITH THE ARMED
FORCES.

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Referred to: Judiciary

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Substitute for S.B. No. 212 (RAISED) AN ACT
CLARIFYING THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE TAX
EXEMPTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES
APPLIES TO VEHICLES JOINTLY OWNED WITH A
SPOUSE.

Referred to: Finance Revenue and Bonding

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Substitute for S.B. No. 213 (RAISED) AN ACT
CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH THE MILITARY
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT

Referred to: Transportation

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Substitute for S.B. No. 214 (RAISED) AN ACT
NAMING THE STATE MILITARY TRAINING FACILITY
CAMP NIANTIC.

Referred to: Public Safety and Security

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Substitute for S.B. No. 215 (RAISED) AN ACT
CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS FOR VETERANS.

Referred to: Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Substitute for S.B. No. 313 (RAISED) AN ACT
CONCERNING THE ACCEPTABILITY OF CERTAIN
CLAIMS FOR THE VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX
EXEMPTION.

Referred to: Finance Revenue and Bonding

(4) **SENATE RESOLUTION(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED** - to
be tabled for the Calendar.

(A) **EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS**
COMMITTEE SR NO. 11 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING
THE NOMINATION OF PATRICIA A. REHMER OF WEST

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HARTFORD TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL
HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.

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

The Senate, at 10:59 a.m., adjourned under provisions
of Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

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

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Alice Ann Joseph of West Simsbury, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN ALICE ANN JOSEPH:

Lord, teach 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, to bring to the world a glimpse of Your light. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session by the office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Monday, March 8, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. Annual Report of State-wide Trends Related to Taxable Property and Exemptions from Property Tax on 2008 Grand List as required by

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Section 12-120a, of the Connecticut General Statutes. Received March 5, 2010.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

State of Connecticut State Board of Education.

The Condition of Education in Connecticut as required by Section 10-4 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Received March 5, 2010.

Referred to: Education

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

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 170 AN ACT CONCERNING TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS IN MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

Referred to: Public Safety

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

- (4) **BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE.**

- (A) **HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE** to be referred to Committee(s) indicated.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5060 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DENYING A PROMOTION TO AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED IN THE FOOD SERVICE OR RETAIL INDUSTRIES.

Referred to: Judiciary

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5061 AN ACT ELIMINATING CREDIT REPORTS AS A BASIS FOR EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS

Referred to: Judiciary

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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5148 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE JUDICIAL BRANCH.

Referred to: Appropriations

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

HB NO. 5259 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MILITARY FACILITY CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION PROGRAM.

Referred to: Government Administration and Elections

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

HB NO. 5260 AN ACT ESTABLISHING CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING ACCOUNTS.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

HB NO. 5261 AN ACT CONCERNING FALSE REPRESENTATION OF MILITARY STATUS.

Referred to: Judiciary

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

HB NO. 5262 AN ACT CONCERNING DEATH CERTIFICATE FEES FOR VETERANS.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

HB NO. 5263 AN ACT CONCERNING PROMOTIONS FOR RETIRED VETERANS.

Referred to: Public Safety

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

HB NO. 5264 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Referred to: Public Safety

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HB NO. 5265 AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPIRATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSES ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Referred to: Transportation

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

HB NO. 5266 AN ACT CONCERNING JURY DUTY QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES ON ACTIVE DUTY AND THEIR SPOUSES.

Referred to: Judiciary

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

HB NO. 5350 AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION CREDITS FOR MILITARY TRAINING.

Referred to: General Law.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

HB NO. 5351 AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS FOR VETERANS IN NURSING HOME FACILITIES.

Referred to: Public Health

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

HB NO. 5352 AN ACT PROCLAIMING MARCH THIRTIETH TO BE WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY AND MAKING "TAPS" THE STATE SONG OF REMBRANCE.

Referred to: Government Administration and Elections

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

HB NO. 5353 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.

Referred to: Human Services

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

The Senate, at 11:14 a.m., adjourned under provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The Senate was called to order, at 10:29 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Lord, help me to know that it is never too late to start doing what is right. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session by the office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 9, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

(1) **COMMUNICATION FROM THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

(A) **EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS** - To be referred to Joint Committee(s).

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to the provision of Section 13b-212b of the Connecticut General Statutes, as Chairman of

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the Transportation Committee, it is my honor to nominate and submit to you for your advice and consent the name of **JIM CAMERON** of Darien, Connecticut to be a member of the Metro North New Haven Rail Commuter Council, to serve for a term due to expire in June of 2013.

- (2) **REPORTS RECEIVED** - To be referred to Committee(s) indicated.

State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECREATIONAL USE OF CANDLEWOOD LAKE AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 11-4A OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES. Received March 8, 2010.

Referred to: Environment

- (3) **INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 23)** - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to Committee(s) indicated.

- (4) **BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE**

- (A) **HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE** - to be referred to Committee(s) indicated.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5111 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALZHEIMER'S RESPITE CARE PROGRAM.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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

The Senate, at 10:32 a.m., adjourned under provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The Senate was called to order, at 10:33 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Frank A. Forzano of South Windsor, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN FRANK A. FORZANO:

Father, help us to understand that the freedom You have given us needs living and acting concern; that the world of persons must be touched with love. For neither freedom nor love are ends in themselves, but are a share in Your power of creation. Banish from the hearts of men all rancor and ill feeling. Grant us the serene vision of a new prosperity pleasing to all the world. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session by the office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 10, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

(1) **COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR**

- (A) **EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS** - To be referred to Senate Committee(s).

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TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

Pursuant to the Sections 4-1, 4-9 and 10a-71 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **JONATHAN M. DAUBE**, Ed.D from Manchester, to be a member of the Board of Trustees for Community-Technical Colleges, to serve a term ending June 30, 2011 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Marie Spivey.

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, and 1-205 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint **NORMA E. RIESS** from Redding, to be a member of the Freedom of Information Commission to serve a term ending June 30, 2012 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

(B) **EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS** - To be referred to Joint Committee(s).

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 31-102 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **ROBERT A. DELLAPINA** from Huntington, to be a member of the Connecticut State Board of Labor Relations to serve a term ending June 30, 2011, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to John Moore.

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 **JAY A. DIRNBERGER** from Westport, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as an alternate public member, to serve a term ending November 30, 2012 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Linda Campanella.

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- (2) **REPORT(S) RECEIVED** - To be referred to
Committee(s) indicated.

State of Connecticut State Board of Education.

2009 Report on the Operation of the Charter
Schools in Connecticut as required by Section 10-
66gg of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Received March 9, 2010.

Referred to: Education, Finance, Revenue and
Bonding and Appropriations.

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

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

The Senate, at 10:36 a.m., adjourned under provisions
of the Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the
chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The Senate was called to order, at 10:43 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, John E. Filippetti of Waterford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN JOHN E. FILIPPETTI:

Grant us O God, an appreciation of our freedoms, even those of fun, sport, and relaxation. Let us be assured that these are enjoyed only after our duties to You and to others have been properly accomplished. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session by the office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 11, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. Special Act 09-12 with provisions of 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes. Received March 10, 2010.

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Referred to: Environment.

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

APPOPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 372 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS OTHER THAN THE GENERAL FUND.

APPOPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 373 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

APPOPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 374 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES AND COMMISSION AND THE STATE MARSHALL COMMISSION.

APPOPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 375 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF STATE AGENCIES PROVIDING PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 31 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR CONCERNING THE EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN IN THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 68 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND PHARMACY STATUTES.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 137 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE HUMAN SERVICES STATUTE.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 138 AN ACT CONCERNING MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGEMENT IN JUVENILE COURT MATTERS.

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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 140 AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH
TRANSITIONING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
ADDICTION SERVICES.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 17 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE
PROVIDER RENTAL NETWORK CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 51 AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DATA
STANDARDS FOR MACHINE-READABLE MEDICAL BENEFITS
IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND SCANNING DEVICES.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 92 AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION EYE
DROPS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 141 AN ACT REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF
OFFSETS IN GROUP LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE
POLICIES.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 190 AN ACT CONCERNING A FOUR-HOUR
ACCIDENT PREVENTION COURSE FOR OLDER ADULT DRIVERS.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SB NO 148 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TERM "EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR" AND REDEFINING "MAJOR DISASTER"
AND "EMERGENCY."

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 150 AN ACT CONCERNING REPEATED FALSE
ALARMS.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SJ NO. 4 RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO BAN
GIFT CARD FEES.

- (3) **SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF
REFERENCE** - to be referred to committee(s)
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**SUBST. SB NO. 151 AN ACT LIMITING THE
INDEMNIFICATION OF FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS.**

Referred to: Judiciary.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

**SUBST. SB NO. 167 AN ACT CONCERNING IDEMNIFICATION
OF CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS.**

Referred to: Planning and Development

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

**SB NO. 196 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF
DELINQUENT TAXES AND LOTTERY WINNINGS.**

Referred to: Finance, Revenue, and Bonding.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

**SUBST. SB NO. 269 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION
OF DAY CARE SUBSIDIES TO UNEMPLOYED WORKERS.**

Referred to: Appropriations.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

**SUBST. SB NO. 300 AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY AND
MEDICAL LEAVE BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEES.**

Referred to: Planning and Development.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

**SB. NO. 311 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSTABLES AND THE
CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE RESIDENT TROOPER PROGRAM.**

Referred to: Labor and Public Employees.

- (4) **INTRODUCTION OF STATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO.25)** - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to Committee(s)
indicated.
- (5) **HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF
REFERENCE** - To be referred to Committee(s)
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SUBST. HB NO. 5206 AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHERS' RETIREMENT CREDIT AND HAZARDOUS DUTY RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

Referred to: Appropriations.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5203 AN ACT PROVIDING AN INDIVIDUAL AN EARLIER RELEASE FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO FILE A CIVIL ACTION IN SUPERIOR COURT.

Referred to: Judiciary.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5207 AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PROSPECTIVE STATE EMPLOYEES.

Referred to: Government Administration and Elections.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5284 AN ACT CONCERNING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS AND DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES.

Referred to: Judiciary.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5285 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES AND VIOLENCE AND BULLYING IN THE WORKPLACE.

Referred to: Government Administration and Elections.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5293 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR REGIONAL FIRE SCHOOLS.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

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

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March 11, 2010

The Senate, at 10:46 a.m., adjourned under provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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March 12, 2010

THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

March 12, 2010

The Senate was called to order, at 10:37 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Renee J. Simmons of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN RENEE J. SIMMONS:

Dear Lord, we know not what the future holds - what in one hour may be; but we can wait while it unfolds and trust completely. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session by the office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 12, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB. NO. 53 AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO NOTIFY NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS OF CERTAIN ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS.

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Referred to: Human Services.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 152 AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Referred to by: Human Services.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 153 AN ACT PROVIDING A SAFE HARBOR FOR EXPLOITED CHILDREN.

Referred to: Judiciary.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 154 AN ACT AUTHORIZING A DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE.

Referred to: Human Services.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

S.B. NO. 156 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF EDUCATIONAL CREDITS.

Referred to: Education.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 292 AN ACT CONCERNING HOMELESS YOUTH.

Referred to: Human Services.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 293 AN ACT PROVIDING CERTAIN ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS WITH ACCESS TO PARENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION AND INFORMATION IN THEIR ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES.

Referred to: Judiciary.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 294 AN ACT CONCERNING DOCUMENTATION OF REASONABLE EFFORTS TO REUNITE A PARENT WITH A CHILD AND TO LOCATE RELATIVES.

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Referred to: Human Services

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 295 AN ACT REQUIRING A RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD OF OUT-OF STATE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF JUVENILES.

Referred to: Human Services.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 296 AN ACT CONCERNING VISITATION BETWEEN A PARENT AND A CHILD IN CASES INVOLVING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Referred to Human Services.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. SB NO. 298 AN ACT REQUIRING A FACTUAL BASIS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A PLEA IN CERTAIN JUVENILE MATTERS.

Referred to: Judiciary.

(2) BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE

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

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5339 AN ACT IMPOSING A MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE FOR ASSAULT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, EMERGENCY MEDICAL OR PUBLIC TRANSIT PERSONNEL AND INCLUDING HOSPITAL SECURITY OFFICERS IN SUCH OFFENSE.

Referred to: Judiciary.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5005 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS TAX CREDIT FOR HOTELS AND INNS THAT CREATE GREEN, ALLERGY-FREE ROOMS FOR THEIR GUESTS.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding

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March 12, 2010

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

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

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March 15, 2010

THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

March 15, 2010

The Senate was called to order, at 10:43 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Alice Ann Joseph, of West Hartford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN, ALICE ANN JOSEPH:

Lord, help us to remember that our tongues can be a blessing and the tongue can be a curse; what we say reveals who we are. So may we use our tongues for good and not for worse. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session by the office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 15, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

State of Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Statutory and regulatory mandates affecting Connecticut municipalities as required by Section 4-168(g) of the Connecticut General Statutes. Received March 12, 2010.

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Referred to: Planning and Development.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

SUBST. SB NO. 172 AN ACT MANDATING HOME HEALTH AGENCIES PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES.

Referred to: Labor and Public Employees.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

SB NO. 232 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF A CERTIFICATE, PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION OR ADVERTISING IN ADVISING SENIOR CITIZENS.

Referred to: Banks.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SB NO. 250 AN ACT CONCERNING ANATOMICAL GIFTS.

Referred to: Judiciary.

- (3) **INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 27)** - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to Committee(s) indicated.

- (4) **BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE**

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. HB NO. 5041 AN ACT CONCERNING CROSS-REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE AND ANIMAL CRUELTY.

Referred to: Environment.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5153. AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWERS OF CERTAIN UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE AGENTS AND OFFICERS.

Referred to: Judiciary.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

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HB NO. 5158 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF
FIREARMS.

Referred to: Judiciary

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. HB NO. 5161 AN ACT REQUIRING THE TRAINING OF
THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
ON GRANDPARENT VISITATION RIGHTS.

Referred to: Human Services.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5291 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHARING OF
INFORMATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AND ADDICTION SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
SERVICES AS RELATES TO MEDICAID FUNDED SERVICES.

Referred to: Human Services.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. HB NO. 5310 AN ACT CONCERNING PLACEMENT OF
CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHEN THERE IS SERIOUS RISK OF
DANGER TO HEALTH AND SAFETY.

Referred to: Judiciary.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. HB NO. 5313 AN ACT CONCERNING VISITATION TO
GRANDCHILDREN .

Referred to: Judiciary.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. HB NO. 5314 AN ACT BANNING CADMIUM IN
CHILDREN'S JEWELRY.

Referred to: Environment.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. HB NO. 5360 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN IN THE
RECESSION.

Referred to: Human Services.

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March 15, 2010

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

The Senate, at 10:46 a.m., adjourned under provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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March 16, 2010

THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

March 16, 2010

The Senate was called to order, at 10:49 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Carmela Balducci, of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Lord, let me not be among those who preach but do not practice, or those who tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but will not lift a finger to move them. For all their works are performed to be seen. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session by the office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 16, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 62 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO LABOR STATUTES.

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LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 64 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DENIAL OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS TO CERTAIN DRIVERS WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED AS A RESULT OF BEING DENIED A SPECIAL OPERATOR'S PERMIT.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 65 AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENDED BENEFITS.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 95 AN ACT PRESERVING GOOD CAUSE FOR LATE FILING OF CERTAIN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION APPEALS.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 128 AN ACT CONCERNING BOWLING ESTABLISHMENT ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PERMIT FEES.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SB NO. 130 AN ACT CONCERNING CANCELLED DOCTORS' APPOINTMENTS.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SB NO. 131 AN ACT CONCERNING RETAINAGE.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 183 AN ACT CONCERNING RETAIL WINE SELLERS AND WINE-RELATED CLASSES.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SB NO. 185 AN ACT CONCERNING ADVERTISING BY NONLICENSED TRADESPERSONS.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 187 AN ACT INCREASING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE NO SALES SOLICITATION CALLS ACT.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 191 AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR CARRIER INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 217 AN ACT LIMITING FINANCIAL INSTITUTION FEES FOR RECORDS NEEDED FOR MEDICAID APPLICATIONS.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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SUBST. SB NO. 221 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCLOSURE
OF EMPLOYEE FILES TO INMATES.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 281 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN
MEETINGS OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL AND THERAPEUTICS
COMMITTEE.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 354 AN ACT CONCERNING BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
TRUST FUND RESEARCH GRANTS.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

SUBST. SB NO. 103 AN ACT REQUIRING LONG-TERM CARE
FACILITIES TO PROVIDE PATIENTS WITH A COPY OF THE
PATIENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS, POST STAFFING RATIOS AND
INSTITUTE CONSULTATIVE PROCESSES FOR CERTAIN PATIENT
ROOM TRANSFERS.

Referred to: Public Health.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 231 AN ACT CREATING AN AMNESTY PROGRAM
FOR DELINQUENT LOTTERY SALES AGENTS.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

SUBST. SB NO. 233 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCHARGE OF
PATIENTS FOR NONPAYMENT OF APPLIED INCOME.

Referred to: Public Health.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

SUBST. SB NO. 234 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF
FINANCIAL STABILITY OF NURSING HOME FACILITIES AND
MANAGED RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES TO PATIENTS AND
RESIDENTS.

Referred to: Public Health.

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PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 267 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE ROLE AND PURPOSE OF THE CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY.

Referred to: Environment.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

SB NO. 317 AN ACT CONCERNING BUILDINGS LOCATED WITHIN THE FIVE-HUNDRED-YEAR FLOODPLAIN.

Referred to: Planning and Development.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

SUBST. SB NO. 347 AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTUAL BIDDING PREFERENCES FOR VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES.

Referred to: Government Administration and Elections.

(3) INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 28) - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

(4) **BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE**

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

SUBST. HB NO. 5108 AN ACT INCREASING TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE BENEFITS FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT CARETAKER RELATIVES.

Referred to: Human Services.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

SUBST. HB NO. 5160 AN ACT CONCERNING THE WELL-BEING OF ALL CONNECTICUT CHILDREN AND REQUIRING AN ANNUAL REPORT CARD EVALUATING STATE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IMPACTING CHILDREN.

Referred to: Human Services.

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

HB NO. 5277 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR ADULT DAY CARE CENTERS.

Referred to: Human Services.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

SUBST. HB NO. 5278 AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR CENTERS AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Referred to: Government Administration and Elections.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5289 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALARIES OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER AND THE DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER.

Referred to: Government Administration and Elections.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

SUBST. HB NO. 5388 AN ACT CONCERNING HOMELESS FEMALE VETERANS AND BILINGUAL SERVICE OFFICERS.

Referred to: Human Services.

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

The Senate, at 10:52 a.m., adjourned under provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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March 17, 2010

THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

March 17, 2010

The Senate was called to order, at 10:37 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Thomas Shields of Newington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN THOMAS SHIELDS:

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. And rains falls soft upon your fields. And until we meet again may God hold you in the hollow of His hand. May the luck of the Irish enfold you. And may the blessings of Saint Patrick behold you. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session by the office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 17, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 122 AN ACT CONCERNING FISHING LICENSES FOR
DISABLED VETERANS.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 241 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT
OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND PREQUALIFICATION AND
EVALUATION OF CONTRACTORS.

Referred to: Government Administration and
Elections.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 261 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT
JOB CORPS TASK FORCE.

Referred to: Committee on Commerce.

PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS

SUBST. SB NO. 269 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING AN INITIATIVE TO
SHARE AGENCY DATA TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Referred to: Human Services.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB NO. 272 AN ACT CONCERNING DRUNK BOATING.

Referred to: Committee on Judiciary.

PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS

SB NO. 306 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
CONCERNING WHISTLEBLOWERS.

Referred to: Government Administration and
Elections.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

SUBST. SB NO. 314 AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY OR
VETERAN STATUS ON STATE-ISSUED FORMS AND
PUBLICATIONS, BENEFITS FOR VETERANS AND STATE
EMPLOYEES CALLED TO ACTIVE SERVICE AND THE

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DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED
FORCES.

Referred to: Government Administration and
Elections.

- (2) INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 29) - to be waived and bills
and resolutions to be referred to Committee(s)
indicated.
- (3) BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE
- (A) HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF
REFERENCE - to be referred to committee(s)
indicated.

PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS

HB NO. 5197 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
CONCERNING THE POSTPONEMENT OF PROGRAM TERMINATION
DATES IN THE SUNSET LAW.

Referred to: Government Administration and
Elections.

PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS

HB NO. 5258 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
CONCERNING SCOPE OF PRACTICE DETERMINATIONS FOR
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS.

Referred to: Public Health.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5370 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE
FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF MODERATE RENTAL HOUSING
OPERATED BY THE HARTFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

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

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

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March 18, 2010

THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

March 18, 2010

The Senate was called to order, at 11:05 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Joseph E. Filippetti of Waterford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN JOSEPH E. FILIPPETTI:

Grant us O God, an appreciation of our freedoms, even those of fun, sport, and relaxation. Let us be assured that these are enjoyed only after our duties to You and to others have been properly accomplished. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session by the office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 18, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

State of Connecticut State Board of Education.
Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council
for School Administration Professional Standards as
required by Section 10-44e of the Connecticut

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General Statutes. Received March 17, 2010.

Referred to: Education

State of Connecticut State Board of Education.

Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council
for Teacher Professional Standards as required by
Section 10-144d of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Received March 17, 2010.

Referred to: Education

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

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

SJ NO. 19 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF
JIM CAMERON OF DARIEN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE METRO
NORTH NEW HAVEN RAIL COMMUTER COUNCIL.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SB NO. 132 AN ACT CONCERNING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 229 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRETRIAL
SUPERVISED DIVERSIONARY PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH
PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 246 AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF
EMERGENCY CERTIFICATES AND THE SAFETY OF PATIENTS
AND STAFF AT FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT
OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SB NO. 262 AN ACT CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE DRUG
THERAPY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SB NO. 265 AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO
DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BADGES.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 355 AN ACT CONCERNING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES.

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

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 24 AN ACT CONCERNING SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR RENEWABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 110 AN ACT ELIMINATING THE SUNSET FOR CERTAIN TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCING PROGRAMS.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 174 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STANDARDS OF WATER QUALITY.

Referred to: Environment.

- (4) **INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 30)** - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

- (5) **BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE**

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

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5202 AN ACT CONCERNING TELECOMMUTING OPTIONS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

Referred to: Government Administration and Elections.

PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5302 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING AN ACTION PLAN TO IMPROVE FAMILY PRESERVATION AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS.

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Referred to: Human Services.

With no further business remaining on the Clerk's desk
the Senate stands adjourned.
The Senate, at 11:08 a.m., adjourned under provisions of
the Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

March 19, 2010

The Senate was called to order, at 10:40 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b) and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to Acting Chaplain Renee J. Simmons of Bloomfield, Connecticut, who will lead us in prayer.

ACTING CHAPLAIN RENEE J. SIMMONS:

Dear Lord, understanding is one of the greatest accomplishments of life and with it comes wisdom. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

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

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday March 19, 2010, 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 the Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

(1) COMMUNICATION(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR:

(A) JUDICIARY NOMINATIONS - to be referred to the Joint Committee(s).

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

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SENATE

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March 19, 2010

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **THOMAS G. WEST** of Danbury to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from April 17, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **THOMAS J. CORRADINO** of Madison to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from April 28, 2010.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **JAMES M. BENTIVEGNA** of Avon to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from May 8, 2010.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **ROBERT C. BRUNETTI** of Goshen to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from May 8, 2010.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **JACK W. FISCHER** of Madison to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from May 8, 2010.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **ARTHUR C. HADDEN** of Branford to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from May 8, 2010.

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

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have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **MARYLOUISE SCHOFIELD** of Newtown to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from May 8, 2010.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **DAVID R. TOBIN** of Old Greenwich to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from May 8, 2010.

- (2) **SENATE RESOLUTIONS FAVORABLY REPORTED** - to be tabled for the calendar.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
SR NO. 12 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JONATHAN M. DAUBE, ED.D., OF MANCHESTER TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
SR NO. 13 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF NORMA E. REISS OF REDDING TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
SR NO. 20 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JOHN T. HARTWELL OF WESTPORT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE METRO NORTH NEW HAVEN RAIL COMMUTER COUNCIL.

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

COMMERCE COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 175 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL.

Referred to: Government Administration and Elections.

- (4) **INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 31)** - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

- (5) **BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE**

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

BANKS COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5050 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR NONPROFIT ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND CERTAIN LENDERS.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5210 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONNECTICUT ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD.

Referred to: Government Administration and Elections.

BANKS COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5279 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5301 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT.

Referred to: Environment.

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

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

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The Senate was called to order, at 11:25 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Alice Ann Joseph, of West Simsbury, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN ALICE ANN JOSEPH:

Lord, we thank you for blessings You give us on our way. May we for these be grateful and be thankful every day. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session by the office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 22, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
SJ NO. 21 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF
ROBERT A. DELLAPINA OF HUNTINGTON TO BE A MEMBER OF
THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS

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

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SB NO. 290 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF
STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS ON THE INTERNET.

Referred to: Appropriations

PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 307 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING ANGEL INVESTORS
AND PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED BY CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS,
INCORPORATED.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding

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

- (3) **BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE.**

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

COMMERCE COMMITTEE
SBUST. HB NO. 5115 AN ACT CONCERNING RECIPIENTS OF
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY THE CONNECTICUT DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding

COMMERCE COMMITTEE
SUBST. HB NO. 5208 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPEDITED
PERMITTING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Referred to: Planning and Development

PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
SUBST. HB NO. 5346 AN ACT CONCERNING IMPLEMENTING
THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE WELL-BEING

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OF ALL CONNECTICUT CHILDREN AND REQUIRING AN ANNUAL
REPORT CARD EVALUATING STATE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS
IMPACTING CHILDREN.

Referred to: Human Services

PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5348 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING ADDITIONAL
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING RETALIATION FOR
WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINTS.

Referred to: Government Administration and Elections

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5347 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR BROWNFIELD
REMEDIATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding

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

The Senate, at 11:28 a.m., adjourned under provisions of
the Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

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The Senate was called to order, at 12:38 p.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Carmela Balducci, of Deep River, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN CARMELA BALDUCCI:

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks for this is God's will for you Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session by the office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 23, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

- (1) SENATE BILLS FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 61 AN ACT REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT OF EMPLOYER OR INSURER PREAPPROVAL FOR THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS AND TREATMENT TO INJURED WORKERS.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

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SUBST. SB NO. 63 AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYERS PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO 118 AN ACT CONVERNING CONNECTICUT QUALIFIED BIODIESEL PRODUCER GRANTS.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 125 AN ACT CONCERNING DOGS AT STATE CAMPGROUNDS.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 133 AN ACT CONCERNING APPRENTICE TO JOURNEYMEN AND CONTRACTOR RATIOS.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SB NO. 184 AN ACT CONVERNING SURCHARGES ON RETAIL FUEL OIL AND PROPANE DELIVERIES.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO 195 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF REGIONAL FIRE SCHOOLS.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO 206 AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL LAND USE AGENCIES AND THE SITTING FO TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SB NO. 242 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETENTION OF JOBS IN CONNECTICUT.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SB NO. 255 AN ACT PROHIBITING DIFFERENTIAL PAYMENT RATES TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR COLONOSCOPY OR ENDOSCOPIC SERVICES BASED ON SITE OF SERVICE.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 259 AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MAMMOGRAMS.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 287 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESSIBLE VOTING FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES OR NEEDING ASSISTANCE.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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SB NO. 288 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS STATUTES.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 310 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY STATUTES AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGE.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 312 AN ACT MANDATING THE REGIONALIZATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATION CENTERS AND A STUDY OF CONSOLIDATION.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SB NO. 405 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF COST-EFFECTIVE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR FREQUENT USERS OF COSTLY STATE SERVICES.

Referred to: Appropriations.

- (3) **INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS' (LIST NO. 32)** - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.
- (4) **BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE.**
- (A) **HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED WITH CHANGE OF REFERENCE** - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5347 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE REVIEW, REPEAL AND MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN TAX CREDITS.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding

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COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5348 AN ACT STUDYING THE EFFECT OF
THE REPEAL OF THE CORPORATION BUSINESS TAX.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5440 AN ACT CONCERNING AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE
INFRASTRUCTURE.

Referred to: Public Safety

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

The Senate, at 12:50 p.m., adjourned under provisions of
the Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

March 24, 2010

The Senate was called to order, at 10:45 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Frank A. Forzano, of South Windsor, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN FRANK A. FORZANO:

Almighty God, send down upon those who hold office in this State the spirit of wisdom, charity and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session by the office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 24, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SB NO. 291. AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT HEADS.

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

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 127 AN ACT CONCERNING COMPOSTING FACILITIES FOR COMMERCIAL FOOD RESIDUALS AND THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR REDEEMED BEVERAGE CONTAINERS.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 276 AN ACT CONCERNING PETITIONS FOR NEGLECTED, UNCARED-FOR OR DEPENDENT CHILD OR YOUTH

Referred to: Judiciary

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 376 AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE STATUTES CONCERNING SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SB NO. 378 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TEACHER EDUCATION AND MENTORING PROGRAM

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 379 AN ACT CONCERNING VOCATION-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

Referred to: Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 384 AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE COST OF RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES IN STATE PARKS

Referred to: Appropriations

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

The Senate, at 10:48 a.m., adjourned under provisions of
the Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The Senate was called to order, at 4:24 p.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to the acting chaplain, Joseph E. Filippetti, of Waterford, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN JOSEPH E. FILIPPETTI:

Grant us, O God, an appreciation of our freedoms, even those of fun, sport and relaxation. Let us be assured that these are enjoyed only after our duties to You and to others have been properly accomplished. Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(b) the Senate is called into Session by the office of the Senate Clerk under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Minority Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 25, 2010, 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 AGENDA NUMBER 1

(1) COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR

(A) EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS - to be referred to Joint Committee(s).

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 10a-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to

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nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **PATRICIA J. CHRISTIANA**, from Manchester, to be a member of the Board of Governors of Higher Education to serve a term ending February 28, 2011, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to James H. Gatling.

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 **STEPHEN J. LITKE**, from Naugatuck, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as an alternate public member, to serve a term ending November 30, 2012, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Lori Littmann.

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 **ROBERT R. MORAN, JR., ESQUIRE**, from Simsbury, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as an alternate attorney, to serve a term ending November 30, 2012, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Cathryn Reynolds.

(B) **JUDICIARY NOMINATIONS** - to be referred to Joint Committee(s).

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant of Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitutions of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you, the Honorable **LAURA FLYNN BALDINI**, of West Hartford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you, in succession to the Honorable Joseph M. Shortall, who reached mandatory retirement age on April 5, 2009.

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

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of East Hartford, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from July 1, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **FREDERICA S. BRENNEMAN**, of Westport, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from July 1, 2010.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you, the Honorable **JOHN L. CARBONNEAU**, of East Lyme, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you, in succession to the Honorable John R. Downey, who withdrew his name for reappointment on April 11, 2009.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you, the Honorable **SUSAN Q. COBB**, of West Hartford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you, in succession to the Honorable Bethany Alvord, who was elevated to the Appellate Court on April 22, 2009.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **RICHARD F. COMERFORD, JR.**, of Stamford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from November 28, 2010.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you, the Honorable **SUSAN A. CONNORS** of Old Lyme, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of

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confirmation by you, in succession to the Honorable Alfred J. Jennings, Jr. , who reached mandatory retirement age on May 26, 2009.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you, the Honorable **JOHN A. DANAHER, III**, of West Hartford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you, in succession to the Honorable Burton A. Kaplan, who elected senior status.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **MAUREEN D. DENNIS-KELLY** of Southport to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from November 28, 2010.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **JOHN C. DRISCOLL**, of Norwich, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from November 28, 2010.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **RICHARD W. DYER**, of Manchester, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from November 28, 2010.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you, the Honorable **JANE B. EMONS**, of

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Woodbridge, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you, in succession to the Honorable Bradford J. Ward, who elected senior status.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h), 51-165 and 51-198 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you, the Honorable **DENNIS G.**

EVELEIGH, of Hamden, to be an Associate Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court and a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you or June 1, 2010, whichever is later, in succession to the Honorable Christine S. Vertefeuille, who has elected to become a Senior Justice.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you, the Honorable **ROBERT L. GENUARIO** of Norwalk, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you, in succession to the Honorable Patricia L. Harleston, who elected senior status.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **JAMES T. GRAHAM** of Bloomfield to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from November 28, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **JACK L. GROGINS**, of Westport, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from November 28, 2010.

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

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of Glastonbury, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from July 1, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **SEYMOUR L. HENDEL**, of New London, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from July 1, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **FRANCIS X. HENNESSY**, of West Hartford, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from November 28, 2010

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **JOHN F. KAVANEWSKY, JR.**, of East Norwalk, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from November 28, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **JULIUS J. KREMSKI**, of New Britain, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from July 1, 2010.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you, the Honorable **BRIAN J. LESLIE**, of Wallingford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you, in succession to the Honorable Jane S. Scholl, who elected senior status on.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **GEORGE LEVINE**, of West Hartford, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from November 28, 2010.

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Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you, the Honorable **KATHLEEN McNAMARA**, of East Hartford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you, in succession to the Honorable Thomas P. Miano, who elected senior status.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **JOHN P. MAIOCCO, JR.**, of Stratford, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from July 1, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **L. SCOTT MELVILLE**, of Bridgeport, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from July 1, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **AARON MENT**, of East Hartford, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from July 1, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **HOWARD J. MORAGHAN**, of New Milford, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from July 1, 2010.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **LYNDA B. MUNRO**, of Bethany, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from November 28, 2010.

Pursuant to Sections 51-50i and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable

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THOMAS L. NADEAU, of Wilton, to be a Senior Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from November 28, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **MARTIN L. NIGRO**, of Greenwich, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from July 1, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **STANLEY NOVACK**, of Stamford, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from July 1, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **ROBERT K. SATTER**, of Avon, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from July 1, 2010.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you, the Honorable **DAVID M. SHERIDAN**, of Manchester, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you, in succession to the Honorable Richard P. Gilardi, who reached the mandatory retirement age on August 3, 2009.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **JOSEPH M. SHORTALL**, of Bloomfield, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from November 28, 2010.

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **BARRY K. STEVENS**, of Stratford, to be a Judge of the Superior

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Court, to serve for a term of eight years from November 28, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for reappointment by you, the Honorable **EDWARD F. STODOLINK**, of Stratford, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from July 1, 2010.

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 280 AN ACT INCREASING THE FINES FOR VIOLATION OF SCHOOL BUS REGULATIONS,

Referred to: Judiciary.

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

APPOPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

SR NO. 10 RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF STIPULATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE STATE VOCATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, LOCAL 4200A, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, AFL-CIO AND THE STATE BARGAINING AGENT COALITION.

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

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 43 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 45 AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION REMEDIATION PROGRAMS.

BANKS COMMITTEE

SB NO. 55 AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC SECURITY.

BANKS COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 57 AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION LOANS.

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 129 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF CONDOMINIUM OMBUDSMAN.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 136 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S PROCESS OF REVIEWING AND APPROVING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 168 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND A POLICE OFFICER'S USE OF DEADLY FORCE ON AN ANIMAL.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 172 AN ACT MANDATING HOME HEALTH AGENCIES PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 189 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 214 AN ACT NAMING THE STATE MILITARY TRAINING FACILITY CAMP NIANTIC.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 245 AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKING IN WORKPLACES.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

SB. NO. 264 AN ACT PROHIBITING SMOKING IN LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 318 AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO CERTAIN HOUSING STATUTES.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 320 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SELECTION OF TENANT COMMISSIONERS.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 321 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S
CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT.

(5) BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE

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

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5112 AN ACT REDUCING THE INDIVIDUAL
CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE STATE-FUNDED HOME-CARE
PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.

Referred to: Appropriations.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5277 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR ADULT DAY
CARE CENTERS.

Referred to: Appropriations.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5328 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING SAGA HOSPITAL RATE
INCREASES.

Referred to: Appropriations.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5489 AN ACT CONCERNING SECONDARY SCHOOL
REFORM.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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

The Senate, at 4:27 P.m., adjourned under provisions of
the Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.