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Calendar page 9, Calendar Number 286, House Joint Resolution Number 73, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JAY A. DIRNBERGER OF WESTPORT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL, AS AN ALTERNATE PUBLIC MEMBER, favorable reported 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:

Question is adoption.

Will you remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Mr. Dirnberger is a resident of Westport. He has been nominated by the Governor for reappointment as an alternate public member of the Judicial Review Council. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Buffalo, an MBA from New York University. He's currently employed Lester, Watson &

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Company. He has over 30 years experience in the field of institutional and private asset management.

He is someone that has been active in his community. He's a member of the Westport Historical Society and is someone who is a -- a strong community presence and will certainly be a thoughtful member of this significant council when called upon to serve. And I would urge approval of his nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator.

Are there further remarks?

Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I rise to support this nomination. This gentleman has had a great deal of experience both in the pension fund area as a trustee and serves as a treasurer of a number of nonprofits where the issues of ethical responsibility and fiduciary responsibility are often called upon. In addition, he has been a mentor for the Westport schools and has been a champion and steward of the environment and open space.

So we think very highly of this individual and

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I'm very pleased to see his name and nomination.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Are there further remarks on this resolution?

Further remarks?

Seeing none, 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:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 287, House Joint Resolution
Number 74, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DOT
KELLY OF DARIEN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CONNECTICUT
RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY, favorable reported the
Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Mr. President, I need to recuse myself under Rule
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THE CHAIR:

The journal will so note.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Before bringing out the item, I would also note, for the record, that Senator Gaffey would also be recusing himself on this vote for the same reason.

THE CHAIR:

The journal will so indicate.

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:

Question is adoption.

Do you care to remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Ms. Kelly has been nominated to serve -- nominated by House Republican Leader Lawrence Cafero to serve as a member of the Connecticut

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Resources Recovery Board of Directors. And she holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Yale University. She is currently a vice president of Shearwater Design, Inc., since 1997. She has held positions in corporate safety, health and environmental departments.

She has been very active in her community, as a member of the Aquarion Citizen Advisory Board, member of the board of the Darien Library and the Darien Energy Task Force Board. She is someone who has been very active in her community in Fairfield County, very concerned about environmental and energy issues and will serve responsibly as a member of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority Board.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator.

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

I believe at least two members have recused themselves from this vote so a roll call vote will be -- a roll call will be required on this resolution.

Would the Clerk please make the appropriate announcement?

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

THE CHAIR:

The machine is open.

Have all members voted? Members, please check
the board to make sure that your vote is properly
recorded.

If all Senators have voted, the machine will be
locked.

And would the Clerk please take a tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of Senate Joint Resolution
Number 74.

Total Number Voting	32
Necessary for Adoption	17
Those voting Yea	32
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	4

THE CHAIR:

The resolution is adopted.

Are there any announcements or points of personal

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privilege? Announcements or points of personal
privilege?

Senator Williams.

SENATOR WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise with a very happy announcement.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. President.

It gives me great privilege and it's an honor to introduce the newest member to the Rudikoff family and for those of you in the chamber, who may not know our family in Senate Democrats, Joel Rudikoff is one of our senior attorneys and he's been with us for many years. He is joined with his wife Robin, today, and his son Benjamin and Robin's mom Evelyn and the newest addition of the family, Eli Rudikoff, who was adopted today at the West Hartford Probate Court.

So the one big happy family is here and we give them our great appreciation.

Mr. President, I can tell that Eli is beaming. So Joel and Robin, congratulations and it's great to see all of you.

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THE CHAIR:

Joel and Robin, and all the Rudikoff's,
congratulations to you.

Are there further announcements or points of
personal privilege?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

I just wanted to add my congratulations to Eli
and we know that his father, Joel, has already taught
him the benefits of patience and long-suffering as a
--as a Mets fan and all that goes along with that. ~~He~~
So wish them every blessing and happiness.

THE CHAIR:

Good point, Senator.

Further announcements or points of privilege?

Senator Stillman.

SENATOR STILLMAN:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

For a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, madam.

SENATOR STILLMAN:

Thank you, sir.

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I, also, want to congratulate the Rudikoff family, as well, and it looks like they're all going to have their hands full with two little ones.

So -- but with that, I just wanted to introduce a young man to the chamber. His name is Ke-Sen Wangchuck. He's a sophomore honor student from Old Saybrook High School and he is also part of the Tibetan in Old Saybrook. And just last October, he was welcomed into the greater community of this country when he became a citizen and his parents did shortly before that, as well.

He is my shadow for the next day -- for today and tomorrow and I'd like to ask the chamber to give this young man a warm welcome. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Will the Clerk please return to the call of the calendar.

THE CLERK:

Calendar page 9, Calendar Number 288, House Joint Resolution Number 75, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF STEPHEN CASHMAN OF WINDSOR TO BE A MEMBER OF THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION, favorable reported the Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Question is adoption.

Do you care to remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

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

Mr. President, Stephen Cashman of Windsor has been renominated to serve on the State Elections Enforcement Commission by House Republican Leader Cafero. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and his law degree from Temple University. He is currently engaged in private practice, general practice of law with specialization in the areas of criminal defense, bankruptcy and real estate.

He also served as a staff attorney for the House Republican Caucus. He was responsible for drafting proposed legislation, bill screening constituent

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services for a period of four years in the 1980s. He has been a long-time member of the State Elections Enforcement Commission having served for ten years. He has also been an elected member of the Newington Town Council in the capacity of deputy mayor and counsel minority leader.

He is certainly a seasoned attorney and someone with an understanding of public policy and election law and I urge his reconfirmation to serve on the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator.

Are there further remarks regarding this resolution? Are there further remarks?

If not, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

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Number 76, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF
JEFFREY MARON OF STAMFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE METRO
NORTH NEW HAVEN RAIL COMMUTER COUNCIL, favorable
reported 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:

Question is adoption.

Do you care to remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Mr. Jeffrey Maron has been
nominated by Speaker Chris Donovan to serve as a
member of the Metro North New Haven Rail Commuter
Council. He holds a bachelor's degree from the
Skidmore College. He currently holds a position as
head of the exchange division at SuperDerivatives.

He has been experienced working as -- in various

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business-related fields in terms of global commerce. He has served also as a member of numerous nonprofit community-based organizations. He's someone strongly committed to improving the quality of rail service in our state and I would urge approval of his nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Are there further remarks? Are there further remarks?

If not, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar page 10, Calendar Number 287, House Joint Resolution Number 78, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF PATRICIA J. CHRISTIANA OF MANCHESTER TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, favorable reported the Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

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Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of the resolution.

Will you remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, Mr. President, thank you..

Mr. President, Patricia Christiana of Manchester has been nominated by Governor Rell to serve as a member of the Board of Governors of Higher Education. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Connecticut State University, a master's of science degree in organizational management, also, from Eastern Connecticut State University.

She is treasurer of SynergyPAC. She has worked as director of finance for Congressman Larson. In the past, she's also been involved in many fundraising activities for the YMCA in Hartford, where she cochairs many advertising and fundraising activities

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and is someone who is certainly well-motivated for community service and would urge the approval of her nomination to serve on the State Board of Governors of Higher Education.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Are there further comments? Are there further comments?

If not, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 291, House Joint Resolution Number 79, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF STEPHEN J. LITKE OF NAUGATUCK TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL, AS AN ALTERNATE PUBLIC MEMBER, favorable reported the Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

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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:

Thank you, Senator.

Question before this Chamber is adoption of the resolution.

Do you care to remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Stephen Litke has been nominated by the Governor to serve as an alternate public member of the Judicial Review Council. He holds a bachelor's in marketing from Central Connecticut State University. He retired, recently, as the lead planning analyst for the State of Connecticut Department of Labor.

And he also has been involved in a significant number of community activities in Naugatuck as member of the board of directors of the Union City Little League. He's been active as an organizer for many

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Naugatuck youth activities and sports-related activities in that community. And I would urge his approval as a public member -- an alternate public member of the Judicial Review Council.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator.

Are there any other Senators that care to remark regarding this resolution? Are there further remarks?

If not, 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:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 291 -- correction -- Calendar Number 291, House Joint Resolution Number 79, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF STEPHEN J. LITKE OF -- correction -- Calendar Number 292, House Joint Resolution Number 80, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROGER J. CIRELLA TO BE A MEMBER OF THE METRO NORTH NEW HAVEN RAIL COMMUTER COUNCIL, favorable

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reported 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:

Question before the Chamber is adoption of the resolution.

Will you remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, Mr. President. Thank you.

Mr. President, Mr. Roger Cirella has been nominated by Speaker Chris Donovan to be a member of the Metro North New Haven Rail Commuter Council. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut. He works as a paralegal at the R.T. Vanderbilt Company and previously worked as a paralegal in law firms in both Hartford and in New York. And he has been a long-time train commuter.

He is a very strong advocate for improved rail

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commuter service in our state and I urge approval of his nomination.

(Senator Fonfara of the 1st in the Chair.)

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

No objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 293, House Joint Resolution Number 81, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT R. MORAN, JR., ESQUIRE, OF SIMSBURY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL, AS AN ALTERNATE ATTORNEY, favorable reported the 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 Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Attorney Robert Moran of Simsbury has been nominated by the Governor to serve as an alternate attorney member of the Judicial Review Council. Attorney Moran holds a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University, his law degree from Suffolk University School of Law. He's been a practicing attorney in private practice since 1971 with a focus on residential and commercial estate law as well as the formation of business entities and estate planning.

He had years of services as a member of the Simsbury Board of Education and was recognized for that service by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education. And he has also received a certificate of commendation from the state of Connecticut's

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Judicial Department in recognition of service as small claims commissioner for many years in the state of Connecticut also.

He is a highly conscientious attorney and will certainly bring seasoned judgment to the roll of an alternate member of the Judicial Review Council. And I would urge approval of the nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

If not, Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk -- Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Mr. President, thank you. At this point, if we might call for a vote on the next consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the

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Senate on the second Consent Calendar. Will 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 Consent Calendar Number 2 begin on calendar page 3, Calendar Number 32, Senate Joint Resolution Number 16; calendar page 4, Calendar Number 33, Senate Joint Resolution Number 17; Calendar Number 34, Senate Joint Resolution Number 18; Calendar Number 40, Senate Resolution 11; Calendar Number 79, Senate Joint Resolution Number 19; calendar page 5, Calendar 81, Senate Joint Resolution Number 13; Calendar 82, Senate Joint Resolution Number 20; Calendar Number 83, Senate Joint Resolution Number 21; calendar page 6, Calendar 196, Senate Joint Resolution Number 22; Calendar 197, Senate Joint Resolution Number 23; Calendar Number 243, Senate Resolution Number 14; calendar page 7, Calendar Number 245, Senate Joint Resolution Number 25; Calendar 279, House Joint Resolution Number 66; Calendar 279, House Joint Resolution Number 66; Calendar 280, House Joint Resolution Number 67; Calendar 281, House Joint Resolution Number 68; calendar page 8, Calendar 282,

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House Joint Resolution Number 69; Calendar 283, House
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Resolution Number 72; calendar page 9, Calendar 286,
House Joint Resolution Number 73; Calendar 288, House
Joint Resolution Number 75; Calendar 289, House Joint
Resolution Number 76; calendar page 10, Calendar
Number 290, House Joint Resolution Number 78; Calendar
291, House Joint Resolution Number 79; Calendar Number
292, House Joint Resolution Number 80; and Calendar
Number 293, House Joint Resolution Number 81.

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

THE CHAIR:

On the second consent calendar, the machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

If all Senators have voted, the machine will be

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locked. Mr. Clerk, please announce 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:

The second consent calendar is adopted.

Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I would move for suspension for immediate transmittal to the House of Representatives of any items on that second consent calendar requiring additional action by the House as well as any of the items voted earlier on individual votes that may require action by the House.

THE CHAIR:

If there's no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, having previously adopted Senate Agendas Numbers 1 and 2, if we might return to those items and I would ask for suspension for purposes of taking up judicial nominations, which appear on Senate Agendas 1 and 2.

THE CHAIR:

Any objection to suspension?

Seeing none, Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

If we might then turn to Senate Agenda Number 1 under Number 2 under Senate Resolutions Favorably Reported, if the Clerk would begin calling the items beginning Senate Joint Resolution Number 35 on page 1 of the Senate Agenda 1 and continuing with the Senate Joint Resolution 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 on page 2 of Senate Agenda Number 1.

THE CHAIR:

Before we return to the calendar, if I could ask if there are points of personal privilege.

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I very much

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appreciate this and my thanks to Senator Looney and Senator McDonald, as well.

For a very brief point of personal privilege, I'd like to introduce to the circle two great young people -- if you stand up right over here -- behind me I have Ms. Molly Rocket and next to Molly is Brandon Roberts and they are from Somers High School. They are juniors and they are here doing a job shadowing program. There may be some other young people in the building, as well, doing job shadowing. They were accompanied up to our wonderful chamber by Representative Penny Bacchiocchi, who I share the wonderful town of Somers with.

And I just want to let you all know that once upon a time, when I was practicing law in Enfield, Connecticut, I had a shadow, as well. His name was Brian Austin and he currently is the undersecretary at OPM for Criminal Justice. So you never know where you're going to end up when you do a job shadowing.

So if we all could rise and just give our warm greetings to Polly and Brandon that be wonderful -- Molly and Brandon. And with that, thank you very much, Mr. President.

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Thank you, Senator Kissel.

Mr. Clerk, please return to the call of the calendar.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Agenda Number 1, page 1,
Senate Joint Resolution Number 35, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD F.
COMERFORD, JR., OF STAMFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE
SUPERIOR COURT, favorable reported the Committee on
Judiciary.

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:

Will you remark?

SENATOR McDONALD:

I will, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Comerford hails from the
great city of Stamford and he presides over the most
serious trials in our criminal docket in the Stamford

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Superior Court. He is completely his second term as a judge of the superior. He's a graduate of Fairfield University as well as a graduate of Fordham University's Law School. Prior to ascending to the bench, he had a very productive and illustrious career as a private practitioner in both Stamford and Greenwich.

And in addition to his professional activities, he has been in the service of the community both in elected and appointed positions and several charitable and religious organizations. He still is a very active member of our community. He's a great community leader and a great judge and I commend him to the circle.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I appreciate the chance to say a couple of things about Dick Comerford and I also want to thank my esteemed colleague for the nice introduction of Judge Comerford. I've known him probably 35 to 40 years and I can attest that he is one of the finest people in

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Stamford in the business of law. He's done a tremendous amount of volunteer work in the community not just related to law but of course related to law on occasion.

And he's a father of some great kids and is a person who has great balance in his judgment in deciding on very difficult cases and also works outside of the courtroom to bring resolutions to some very, very difficult circumstances. So I am very much in favor of this and I appreciate the moment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Will you remark further?

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Senator McDonald -- Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Agenda 1, page 2, Senate Joint Resolution Number 36, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE

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HONORABLE JOHN C. DRISCOLL OF NORWICH TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, favorable reported 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:

Motion is on acceptance and adoption.

Will you remark?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Driscoll is a resident of Norwich, Connecticut. He was first appointed to the bench in 1994. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and the University of Connecticut School of Law. And as members of our committee know, he has -- he's done a great job as a judge. He is a proud resident of Norwich, where he was born.

And I believe given all of his experience, his training and his good nature and incisive mind, he will continue to serve the state as a judge with

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admirable accomplishments and skill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

If not, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution Number 37, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JAMES T.
GRAHAM OF BLOOMFIELD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR
COURT, favorable reported 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:

Will you remark?

SENATOR McDONALD:

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I will, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Graham is a resident of Bloomfield. He currently presides in the Hartford Superior Court. He was first appointed as a judge in 1994. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan as well as it's prestigious law school. While a judge, he has served in numerous capacities within the Connecticut Judges Association and -- including several leadership positions.

He has a long tradition of service in the town of Bloomfield, as well and I believe he will continue to make significant contributions as a judge of the superior court and I commend him to the circle.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

If not, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

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CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JACK L. GROGINS OF WESTPORT TO BE A STATE REFEREE, favorable reported 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:

Motion is on acceptance and adoption.

Will you remark?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Grogins is a resident of Westport, Connecticut. He currently presides as a judge trial referee in Norwalk Superior Court. He is the proud father one, State Representative Auden Grogins. And he made note of the fact that he had the privilege of serving with Auden Grogins in private practice prior to becoming a judge of the superior court.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and a law degree from the

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law school at the University of Connecticut. He is a judge trial referee now and he works a considerable amount of time in the Norwalk Superior Court.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

Let's see. Where am I --

Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise to support this nomination both from the standpoint of having him as a constituent in Westport but also as my experience as being a state representative from Norwalk. He's done a fine job and deserves to be renominated. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator.

Will you remark further?

If not, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

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THE CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution Number 39, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JULIUS J.
KREMSKI OF NEW BRITAIN TO BE A STATE REFEREE,
favorable reported 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:

Will you remark?

SENATOR McDONALD:

I will, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Kremski is a resident of New
Britain, Connecticut, where he presides as a judge
trial referee. He first was appointed to the bench in
1977 as a proud graduate of both UConn and its law
school. Prior to -- many years ago, he also had the
privilege of serving the city of New Britain as its
mayor and also served for approximately 12 years as a
workers' compensation commissioner.

And we are certainly indebted to Judge Kremski

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for his long years of service to the city of New Britain and to the state of Connecticut.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

If not, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution Number 40, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE LEVINE OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE, favorable reported the Committee on Judiciary.

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.

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The motion is on acceptance and adoption.

Will you remark further?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Levine is a resident of West Hartford and presides in the New Britain Superior Court as a judge trial referee. He was first appointed in 1994. He is a graduate of Yale University and received his law degree from Columbia University Law School.

Mr. President, Judge Levin presides over the tax section, if you will, of the superior court in New Britain and has really become an extraordinary resource and one of the -- one of the most knowledgeable judges in the state on all issues relating to tax matters, whether they are tax appeals from the Department of Revenue Services or some of the most complicated municipal tax appeals that can be referred to the New Britain Superior Court from judges around the state when they need somebody of the caliber of Judge Levine to try to mediate and settle cases.

He shared with us, before the committee, an extraordinary success rate at finding solutions to

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some of those very complicated cases and I can tell the circle that he has whittled down the docket so that those cases are moving very expeditiously and it's always better when mediated solutions can be achieved and he does a great job at it.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

If not, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution Number 41, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE LYNDIA B. MUNRO OF BETHANY TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, favorable reported the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Joint

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THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, actually, I first have to apologize to Judge Munro. I was called out of the hearing room when her public hearing was taking place so I didn't actually have a chance to thank her in person for her years of service to the state but I can tell you that I didn't need to be in the room because I know of the quality of her work over years as a judge of the superior court.

She currently is a resident of Bethany, Connecticut and presides in Middletown Superior Court dealing with some of the most complex family-related matters in the state. She is a graduate of Connecticut College and received her law degree from Case Western Reserve University Law School.

She has really been appointed in many respects by the judicial branch to spearhead reforms within the family division of the superior court and has done an extraordinary job in providing leadership in the state

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and in the judicial branch and I commend her to the circle without hesitation or reservation.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

If not, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution Number 42, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOSEPH M. SHORTALL OF BLOOMFIELD TO BE A STATE REFEREE, favorable reported 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:

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Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Mr. President, I will.

The nominee before us, Judge Shortall, is a resident of Bloomfield, Connecticut. He currently presides in New Britain Superior Court. He has been a judge of the superior court for approximately 16 years. He is a graduate of LaSalle University and received his law degree from the Catholic University of America. Mr. President, he is a very accomplished jurist and I think he will continue to do a admirable job on behalf of the people of the state of Connecticut.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you.

Mr. President, just briefly in support in the renomination of Judge Shortall. Prior to his appointment as a superior court judge, he served with great distinction as the chief public defender in the state of Connecticut. He's someone who had a long and very positive working relationship with the General

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Assembly during those years, as someone who was an advocate and an expert in the development of the -- of the criminal law during that time and certainly continued in his performance as a judge and now into his time as referee. And would urge, again, approval of the nomination.

THE CHAIR:

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:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Mr. President, that completes those items marked go on the first agenda.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Proceeding now to Senate Agenda Number 2 under Judicial Nominations, I would like to mark those items

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as go also that appear on page 2 of Senate Agenda Number 2 and that is House Joint Resolutions Number 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93. I would mark all of those items go.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Agenda 2, page 2, House Joint Resolution Number 85, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN D. BRENNAN OF EAST HARTFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE, favorable reported the Committee on Judiciary.

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:

On acceptance and adoption.

Will you remark, sir.

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SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Brennan is a resident of East Hartford, Connecticut. He has chambers in Hartford Superior Court. He was first appointed, I believe, by Governor Ella Grasso to the -- to the court. He is 92 years young but he has demonstrated over and over again that age is just a physical state not a mental one. He has really done a great deal over an extraordinarily extended period of time in the community and on the bench.

He is a graduate of Trinity College and the University of Connecticut School of Law. And among his other many accomplishments, he was a prosecuting attorney for the East Hartford Town Court, corporation counsel for the town of East Hartford, the mayor of the town of East Hartford and served in many other distinguished capacities in his community and on the bench.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

Senator LeBeau.

SENATOR LeBEAU:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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As we just heard, Judge Brennan is a great citizen. He's been a great citizen of East Hartford, a great citizen of the state of Connecticut and a great citizen of the United States. He is the kind of the person, as Andrew just recounted, he is as sharp as a pin despite his 92 years. He's been a great member of our community, engaged in many other things outside the law especially when he was younger in terms of children's sport activities and a whole variety of community activities.

He was our mayor. He ran against another great man and it was very, very highly contested election. Within a couple of years, they became the best of friends and that's the kind of person both he and his opponent were that they became friends. That's the -- kind of the best of politics and the best of citizenship and John Brennan is that. He's a friend and a neighbor and I cannot speak more highly that I could of anybody in the world. He is just a wonderful person.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator LeBeau.

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:

Without objection, so ordered.

And before we resume the call of the calendar,
I'd like to ask if there are points of person
privilege?

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President. Nice to see you in the
Chair this afternoon.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, madam.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

It is my pleasure today, I have with me and with
us in the chamber joining us are the graduates, the
2010 class, soon to be graduates of the Orange Senior
Leadership Program. And I wanted to just share with
the chamber that the Orange Senior Leadership Program
is a premier program of the Orange Community Services
Department and it is in conjunction of the leadership
center of the greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce.

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The purpose of this nine month program is to identify aspiring community leaders over a particular age, that I will leave unnamed, and support their growth through training and community education so they can serve as catalyst for positive change.

I am so pleased to have with me -- have with us today the program's 2010 class. There are 16 members and this class has been engaged over the past several months in four key projects to help Orange. They have been working on refurbishing a hiking trail in the community, forming a handy-man skill bank, expanding the town food pantry and providing a public information show for government access.

They do an incredible job in the community. Sometimes we think education is really just for our children but you can see from the Orange Senior Leadership Program in Orange, we continue to learn at all ages and I'm delighted to introduce to the circle. I would ask for a warm welcome for the members of the 2010 class of the Orange Senior Leadership Program.

And they are led by -- very ably by Joanne Burn, who does an incredible job.

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

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, madam.

And congratulations to all of you.

Mr. Clerk, would you continue with the call of the calendar.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 86, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS J. CORRADINO OF MADISON TO BE A STATE REFEREE, favorable reported 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.

Will you remark, sir.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Corradino is a resident of Madison and is currently assigned to Part A cases in the New Haven Superior Court. He is academic

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heavyweight, if you will, having graduated from Yale College and Harvard Law School. He had a long career in private practice including many years at New Haven Legal Assistance. And those who practice before him on a regular basis and those of us who have been the beneficiary of reading his decisions know he's got a bright and keen legal intellect and I certainly believe he has earned another eight years in -- on the bench and I recommend him to the circle.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I'd like to join Chairman McDonald in commending Judge Corradino for his service to the state and looking forward to its continuing. He was, as Senator McDonald said, really a legendary in the bar in New Haven during his years at the Legal Services, as a scholarly attorney. He is someone who engaged in many cutting edge cases in terms of advancing the law as an instrument of social justice and his tenure as a superior court judge has likewise been -- been scholarly and distinguished.

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Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

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:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 87, RÉSOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JACK W.
FISCHER OF MADISON TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR
COURT, favorable reported 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.

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Will you remark further?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Fischer, as was noted, is a resident of Madison, Connecticut. He currently presides in Hartford Superior Court. He is a graduate of Quinnipiac School of Law and has been a judge for just about -- just about eight years now. He has a career in private practice for a short period time before beginning his career in public service. He was employed in the chief state's attorney's office and then in the Waterbury state's attorney's office before he was nominated to be a judge of the superior court and I think he has, in addition to being a -- a public servant in the judicial branch, he was a long a public servant in the town of Southbury, as well.

I think members of the circle should have a lot of confidence that he will continue to serve the public well for another eight years as a judge of the superior court.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

If not, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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Thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 88, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE SEYMOUR L.
HENDEL OF NEW LONDON TO BE A STATE REFEREE, favorable
reported the Committee on Judiciary.

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:

On acceptance and adoption.

Will you remark?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Hendel is a resident of New

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London, Connecticut. He is a judge trial referee with chambers in the New London Superior Court. He was first appointed to the bench back in 1978 and, like our prior nominee, had the distinction of attending Yale College, although he ended up graduating from Columbia College before he went on to Harvard Law School. Mr. President, I believe that his career, his accomplishments and his skills speak for themselves and I believe he will continue to serve the state well for another eight years a judge trial referee.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

If not, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 89, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN P. MAIOCCO, JR., OF STRATFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE, favorable reported the Committee on Judiciary.

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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:

On acceptance and adoption.

Will you remark?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Maiocco is a resident of Stratford, Connecticut. He has his chambers in the judicial district of Fairfield at Bridgeport. He is a judge -- or has been a judge, I should say, since 1978. He attained his law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law. For many years, he was private practice in the Bridgeport area and he before he ascended to the bench, he served as a member of the Bridgeport Board of Alderman. He was a state representative on behalf of the city of Bridgeport. He was a deputy city attorney for the city of Bridgeport and ultimately became the probate judge for

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the city of Bridgeport.

His accomplishments, as you can certainly see, are far and wide I think he will do a great job, again, as a senior -- as a state referee for the state of Connecticut.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

If not, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 90, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE AARON MENT OF EAST HARTFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE, favorable reported the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Joint

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Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption.

Will you remark?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Ment is no stranger to the halls of this building. Those of who work on the Judiciary Committee and I believe all legislators have had, at one time or another, an opportunity to work with this extraordinary man. Judge Ment was not only a judge of the superior court but rose to the position of chief court administrator. He has been invaluable resource to this General Assembly and, perhaps, more importantly to the judicial branch to advance the causes of justice in the state of Connecticut and to make sure that those services are delivered in an efficient, effective and appropriate manner.

Mr. President, first was appointed to the bench in 1976. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut. He received his law degree from Boston University and has served in so many different capacities within the judicial branch and within the

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community. The list, literally, goes on and on, on his resume. I don't mean to give short shrift to them but it is just an extraordinary career and we are very, very to have him continued -- to continue in the service in the service of the state of Connecticut.

And he has one very fine son as well. Mr. President, you know, my facetiousness aside, I should mention, he has other children. My comment -- my comment was directed to the one that we deal with in this chamber all the time, Stephen Ment. I did not mean to, in any way, give short shrift to his other son, Jeffrey Ment.

THE CHAIR:

I'm sure he'll be glad to hear that, Senator.

Senator LeBeau.

SENATOR LeBEAU:

Thank you, Mr. President.

One thing we can say for sure about Judge Ment is he's got the best darn name for a judge we've ever had here. And I think the word that Senator McDonald used to describe Judge Ment was extraordinary. He's an extraordinary individual. He's been a great member of the bar, a great judge, chief court administrator. That's how I first got to know him as a Senator.

He's a tremendous aid to all of us in this chamber over the years dealing with a variety of issues. He's a man of tremendous quality and I'm proud recommend him for a positive motion today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator.

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL:

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

I also stand in strong support of Judge Ment. I remember he was already a very familiar jurist when I was first sworn in to practice law back in 1984 and I think it would not be incorrect to state that probably he has had the single largest impact on the workings of the Judicial Branch in last 25 years even above and beyond the illustrious chief justices that we have had and other very well-respected jurist.

Not only that, but over the years, I have noted that he takes particular attention with every new and renom -- new nominee and renomination to the bench. He is never hesitant to come over to the legislative office building to talk to the members of the Judiciary Committee and other legislative leaders

regarding issues effecting the Judicial Branch and its interworkings with the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch.

I have never, ever in my life ever seen him raise his voice regarding anything and, yet, without a doubt, he feels very passionately about Connecticut having one of the best systems of justice in the United States of America. And so I think we are all extraordinarily well-served and his illustrious family members, as well. And I'm happy to stand here and continue to support as he moves forward through this process.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

I would like to add my comments in support of the renomination of Judge Aaron Ment, who, as Chairman McDonald, Senator Kissel had said, his career has been legendary in the judiciary in the state of the Connecticut as a superior court and as chief court administrator.

He has had an extraordinarily positive relationship with the General Assembly down through the years and is now, in many ways, is a senior advisory, problem solver and troubleshooter for the judiciary because of that relationship that he has with the General Assembly. The fact that he is so well-regarded, so trusted that he understands the nuances of how -- of how legislative decisions are made as well as administrative and judicial.

He has been a treasure for the judicial department of this state for many, many years and we're fortunate that he continues to be there and available to all of us as an adviser and a source of great wisdom.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator Prague.

SENATOR PRAGUE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I don't usually speak after our Majority Leader has spoken but the name of Aaron Ment made me rush back into this chamber to stand up here and just add my support for the nomination of this

gentlemen. Over the years, I have respected Aaron Ment. He has been really a gentleman and somebody's whose opinion I admire.

So on behalf of Aaron Ment, I just want to be on record as strongly supporting his nomination. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator.

And if the Chair could recognize the nominee's stellar record being one of UConn basketball's biggest fans. I think that's worthy of notation, as well.

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:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 91, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MARTIN L. NIGRO OF GREENWICH TO BE A STATE REFEREE, favorable reported the Committee on Judiciary.

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:

Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I guess this is a personal privilege to bring out this nominee. Martin Nigro is a titan in the legal community in lower Fairfield County. He is a person who has served in so many capacities for so many years and has accomplished so much but, first and foremost, he's always done it with compassion, with integrity, with wit and charm and perhaps, most importantly, with incisive intelligence.

Mr. President, Judge Nigro is a -- was a former member of the Representative Town Meeting in Greenwich and he is a graduate of Fairfield University. He received his law degree at Yale Law School. He has written. He has spoken on issues of legal importance.

He has served his country in the U.S. Army and he has chaired more than few roasts in the city of Stamford. And he is somebody that is -- has quick wit and incisive -- incisive legal thinking.

He has presided over some of the most important criminal cases in Connecticut's history and it is truly a pleasure, as somebody who used to read to read about him as a young boy, is truly a pleasure for me to stand here today and recommend him to this circle.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

If not, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 92, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MARYLOUISE SCHOFIELD OF NEWTOWN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, favorable reported the Committee on Judiciary.

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:

Motion is on acceptance and adoption.

Will you remark?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Schofield is a resident of Newtown, Connecticut. She presides -- she is currently presiding in the superior court in Stamford. She oversees the family docket in Stamford, which I am told is one of the most predacious dockets in the state. She has a very difficult job but has -- carries it out with a lot of integrity and grace. And those who practice in the family area, tell me that she is really a pleasure to work with because she allows lawyers to try cases and is there as a guiding force and facilitates the trials that are before her.

She is a graduate of Stonehill College and received a master's degree from Fairfield University

and her law degree from Pace University. And I believe, Mr. President, that with her training, with her experience and with her grace, she will continue to serve as a wonderful trial judge in the Stamford Superior Court.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

If not, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 93, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE EDWARD F. STODOLINK OF STRATFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE, favorable reported the Committee on Judiciary.

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:

On acceptance and adoption.

Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Judge Stodolink is a resident of Stratford, Connecticut. He serves as a judge trial referee in the Bridgeport Superior Court. He is a graduate of Yale University and received his law degree from Columbia University. He has been a judge of the superior court and in the service of the judicial branch since 1973.

And, Mr. President, I remember as a young lawyer in the early nineties, he was one of the first judges I appeared before. He had great charm and wit then. He still does now. I think he has done a tremendous job as a judge and I believe that we are truly honored and blessed that he will continue to do so for another term.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

If not, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I would move that the Clerk -- I would ask that the Clerk call for a vote on the this next consent calendar.

THE CHAIR: .

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

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

Mr. President, those items placed on the third consent calendar begin on Senate Agenda Number 1, page 1, Senate Joint Resolution Number 35; page 2, Senate Joint Resolution Number 36; Senate Joint Resolution

Number 37; Senate Joint Resolution Number 38; Senate Joint Resolution Number 39; Senate Joint Resolution Number 40; Senate Joint Resolution Number 41; Senate Joint Resolution Number 42. On Senate Agenda Number 2, page 2, House Joint Resolution Number 85; House Joint Resolution Number 86; House Joint Resolution Number 87; House Joint Resolution Number 88; House Joint Resolution Number 89; House Joint Resolution Number 90; House Joint Resolution Number 91; House Joint Resolution Number 92; and House Joint Resolution Number 93.

Mr. President, that completes the items placed on the Consent Calendar Number 3.

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar Number 3. The machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted? Please check the roll

call vote. Make sure your vote is properly recorded.

Senator Caliguiri. Senator Maynard.

A VOICE:

Senator Maynard is out there.

A VOICE:

Well, somebody should tell him.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Maynard.

Mr. Clerk -- the machine will be closed.

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:

The motion is adopted.

Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I would move for suspension for
immediate transmittal to the House of Representatives

of any items adopted on Senate Consent Calendar 3
required action by the House.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, before calling for a recess to prepare some additional business for the afternoon, I would ask that -- for suspension to take up three items on Senate Agenda Number 2 under Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Then if the Clerk might mark as go on page 1 of Senate Agenda Number 2, House Joint Resolution Number 82, House Joint Resolution Number 83 and House Joint Resolution Number 84 and -- to call those items.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Agenda Number 2, page 1,

House Joint Resolution Number 82, RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LISA M. CASEY OF BRISTOL TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, favorable reported 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:

On acceptance and adoption.

Will you remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Governor Rell has nominated Lisa Casey of Bristol to be a member of the Advisory Board of the Workers' Compensation Commission as a representative of employers. She holds a bachelor's degree from Providence College. She currently works at Reflexite Technology Group as director of human resources. She's experienced in the human resource

field and will be a conscientious member of the advisory board for workers' compensation. I would approval of the nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Senator Looney. Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, Mr. President, if the Clerk would call the next item from Senate Agenda Number 2.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 83, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF GREGORY B. NOKES OF GLASTONBURY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, favorable reported 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:

Will you remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, the Governor has nominated Gregory Nokes of Glastonbury to be a member of the Advisory Board of the Workers' Compensation Commission as a representative of employers from a major general hospital. Mr. Nokes holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont and his law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law. He currently works as vice president of human resources at Middlesex Health System. He is experienced -- highly experienced in personnel management. And I would urge approval of his nomination to serve on the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 84, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MARK A. TILLINGER OF
BRIDGEPORT TO BE AN AD HOC MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY
AUTHORITY, favorable reported the Committee on
Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Gaffey.

SENATOR GAFFEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I will recuse on this matter
pursuant to Rule 19 and yield to Senator McDonald.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald, do you accept the yield?

SENATOR McDONALD:

Yes, I do, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I, too, will recuse myself under Rule 15 on this matter.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption.

Will you remark?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Mr. Mark Tillinger of Bridgeport as been nominated by the Governor to serve as an ad hoc member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority representing the Bridgeport project. Mr. Tillinger has a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and a MBA from Vanderbilt's Owen School of Management. He is a residential and commercial property developer in

Bridgeport. He recently retired from Accenture, where he held a variety of leadership positions including global managing partner and had a very distinguished career in business.

He's active in a number of civic and philanthropic educational and commercial projects in Fairfield County. He also serves on the board of Housatonic Community College Foundation. He's chairman of the finance committee for the Parish of St. Ann, St. Ann Parish in Bridgeport. He's very active as a community volunteer and leader and will certainly been a conscientious member of the Authority. I would urge approval of the nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

If not, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Mr. President, if we might have a roll call on this item since there are two members that recused themselves under Rule 15.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, would you announce the pendency of roll call vote and the machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

If all members have voted, the machine will be locked. Mr. clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of House Joint Resolution Number 84.

Total Number Voting	31
Necessary for Adoption	16
Those voting Yea	31
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	5

THE CHAIR:

Motion is -- resolution is adopted.

Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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

Before calling for a recess, if we might have a vote on the fourth consent calendar, which I believe consists of two items.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

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

Mr. President, those items placed on the fourth consent calendar are on page 1, of Senate Agenda Number 2, House Joint Resolution Number 82 and House Joint Resolution Number 83. Mr. President, that completes those items placed on the fourth consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar Number 4, the machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

If all members have voted, the machine will be locked. Mr. Clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar Number 4.

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 4 is adopted.

Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, first, we want to thank you and commend you for your service in the chair this afternoon in helping us to move business expeditiously.

And with that, I would move that the Senate stand in recess for purposes of caucuses to prepare some additional business.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand in recess.

On motion of Senator Looney of the 11th, the Senate at 2:43 p.m., recessed.

The Senate reconvened at 3:37 p.m., the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will come back to order. Before we start our business I would like to request the circle's attention. First, I'd like to apologize for not being here for business this morning. I was attending the funeral of Lance Corporal Tyler Griffin from Voluntown, as many of you know passed away in Afghanistan a couple -- about a week and half ago and this morning was his funeral.

And I thought it be appropriate specifically -- especially today since today was the mourn of his funeral for the circle to pay their respects to Lance Corporal Griffin and the many Tyler's who are our there every day protecting and allowing us the freedoms that we are able to do here in the state Senate Chamber, here at the capitol. And for

sacrificing their today so that we, us, and our families can have our tomorrows.

So if we can all stand for a moment of silence, I'd appreciate it.

Thank you.

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

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I believe the Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda Number 3 for today's session.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Mr. President, Clerk is possession of Senate Agenda Number dated Wednesday, April 14, 2010. Copies have been distributed.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I move all items on Senate Agenda Number 3 dated Wednesday, April 14, 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 is a motion on the floor to move all items on Senate Agenda Number 3. Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Mr. President, thank you.

Mr. President, we will proceed to take up business from Senate Agenda Number 2. I would ask the Clerk to first under business from the House, Emergency Certified House Bill Number 5544.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Agenda Number 2, Emergency Certified Bill 5544, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUNDS. The accompanied by emergency certification signed Donald E. Williams, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Christopher G. Donovan, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I move the emergency certified bill in
concurrence with the House.

THE CHAIR:

Acting on approval of the bill, ma'am.

Would you like to remark further?

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you.

In 2005, the body passed landmark legislation that we refer to as our campaign finance reform bill and what that bill did was that took the special interest dollars out of our campaigns. In that legislation also, though, was a provision that said that if a court found the program to be unconstitutional, we would have seven days to respond to that ruling to address the unconstitutionality of the ruling from the court.

Last year, as we all know, a federal court did find our program to be unconstitutional and enjoined

that program. The state appealed and brought that to the Second Circuit and the Second Circuit stayed the injunction and we are currently waiting for that Second Circuit to rule.

Election season is now upon us. Many people are already starting to participate in the Citizens' Election Program and we don't know when or how the court is going to rule and we don't know, in fact, whether the court will rule before the election. The court could rule at any time, now, tomorrow, the next day. It could affirm. It could reverse. It could affirm in part, reverse in part or remand for further proceedings. We just don't know.

Today, we standing firmly in support of the program and believe it is, in fact, constitutional. However, there's a great deal of uncertainty. If the Second Circuit rules against the program, we need more than seven days to digest an opinion that I'm sure will be complicated and long, craft and negotiate a response, come in to session and pass it.

The bill before us just extends the time for the General Assembly to do that. It takes it from seven days, in most cases, to 30 days and I would ask for the support of the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

Will you remark? Will you remark further on
House Bill 5544?

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise for a point of questions to the proponent
of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And to the proponent, I wonder if the sense of
this General Assembly, majority leadership, is that
there is no answer to the Citizens' Election Program
or any part of the program until the appeals court
issues its decision. Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

I think that the position of many people is that
it doesn't make a lot of sense for us to try to craft

a response to a ruling that has yet to happen.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And through you to the proponent, is it -- is it acceptable to the majority leadership that the arguments made in the appeals court process and the decision of Judge Underhill sort of clearly set out some aspects of the Citizens' Election Program that can, in fact, proceed and that, in fact, we should settle the issues that are not under appeal so that we can have a viable campaign cycle this year. Through you, Mr. President..

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Mr. President, if I just may ask, through you, I'm not in a position to stand and respond to the majority leadership's position and so if the proponent of the questions would ask a -- if there is a question here about the bill or the program, I'm happy to answer that. So if I could just ask the -- through the President, of the proponent of the bill if you

wouldn't mind rephrasing your question.

THE CHAIR:

Okay. The proponent of the bill. That's not Senator McLachlan, ma'am, that is you.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

The proponent of the question.

Thank you, Mr. President

THE CHAIR:

Okay. I thought there was question -- Senator McLachlan, maybe there's a different way to ask your question.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Well, I'll leave the question the same but the point the question to the cochair of the Government Administration and Elections Committee for your opinion, if you will, on what is viable for this General Assembly that's part of the current Citizens' Election Program that we can fix now, some eight or nine months after the Judge Underhill decision. It seems to me that the General Assembly has been remiss in trying to settle this issue, when the appeals process is only part of the program that we, in fact, should be talking about fixing and settling many other

issues of the Citizens' Election Program.

Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President.

If I understand the question, I agree that there are certain things that I personally would like to see happen but I also understand that there are many people that believe that it makes a lot more sense for us to wait for the court to rule so that we know exactly what we are addressing.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

So for clarification, as you see it now, without this bill we have before us today, if the appeals court does not issue a decision before the nomination process of candidates in this election cycle, what happens to the Citizens' Election Program. Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President.

If the court does not rule before the nomination process, then the program runs as it currently stands. There wouldn't be any change at this time. Part --

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLach --

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

If I may just add on for clarification.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, ma'am.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Because the injunction has been stayed by the Second Circuit, the program stands in existence almost as if the ruling did not happen. So it's going forward.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Thank you for that answer. And for clarification for those of us who don't follow circuit court of appeals business, how often are appeals granted? I'm understanding that it's very seldom. Through you, Mr.

President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I don't know the answer to that question.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

If the General Assembly took a proactive roll in trying to address the concerns of Judge Underhill in his decision, do you think it's viable that this legislative body could, in fact, fix the problem based upon his decisions and an anticipation of the appeal failing. Is there -- because of the short time frame we have in this election cycle, does it make any sense at all for this General Assembly to be trying to settle this issue promptly as opposed to waiting for an appeals court process. Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I believe that, you know, we could be -- we could come up with something right away and negotiate that and pass it and then the court could turn out and rule and rule something different. In which case, we could find ourselves back in or we could find that we haven't addressed it or that we've changed it in a way that the court still finds problematic.

And rather than addressing right now, when we don't know how the court is going to rule, all this does is give us a little more opportunity to understand what happens when the court does rule, if the court rules, in fact, before the election actually happens.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And through you, there is any -- any idea, in your opinion, as to when the appeals court decision may be coming. Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

I wish I knew but I don't.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And is there, in your opinion, anything that we could do beyond what is being proposed today that can settle issues that are clearly stated in Judge Underhill's decision that are not part of the appeal. Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Through you, Mr. President, your question being, could we --- could we change particular portions of the Citizens' Election law that are not part of the appeal. The answer to that question is yes and we have a number of bills from GAE that do make changes to the Citizens' Election Program, as it currently stands. Items that do not deal -- are not dealt within the lawsuits pending before the Second Circuit.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

So just for clarification, do you believe that there are issues that this General Assembly would entertain changes that were part of Judge Underhill's decision but are not part of the appeal process. Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President.

No. That's a different --

THE CHAIR:

Senator --

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

If I understand your question, that's a different question. So the difference between what's in Judge Underhill's decision, what's in the Second Circuit and what other changes we could possibly make that relate to the Citizens' Election Program are all different matters. We can address those things that are not in the appeal, that are not in the case but, at this time, if we were to address items that are in that appeal that is pending before the Second Circuit that's -- that would be premature at this time.

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Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And -- and through you, Mr. President, to the proponent of the bill, for matter of opinion, if I may, do you believe that the time that has passed since Judge Underhill's decision and the filing of the appeal has been overly burdensome by way of the court system to sort of leave us hanging here in the state of Connecticut with our election law. Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Well, I clearly think that's been difficult for us to be operating under this particular ruling but it is -- it is stayed at this time. So we are moving forward and doing the best we can with a difficult situation.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And so I'm sensing, then, that you don't -- you

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feel like your hands are tied. That there's absolutely nothing that can be accomplished by this General Assembly since Judge Underhill's decision and, yet, I've read of and heard about ideas that have been discussed, mostly in the media I guess, where this General Assembly could take certain steps to settle many issues of this Judge Underhill decision and settle issues of campaign election law here in Connecticut so that we could be settled through this election cycle.

Am I mistaken in that understanding or not?

Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Well, there are certainly different schools of thought. There are some people in this building who believe that we could make changes now in anticipation of a court ruling and hope that we have addressed some of the questions. And then there is the other school of thought that believes that it doesn't make a lot of sense for us to be trying to address a ruling that we haven't seen as of yet.

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the entire program. So if we start taking pieces out of it, right now, we may not -- we may not be making things better or more stable. We may, in fact, be changing laws now and find that we have to change them again in another month or another day.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Thank you for that answer. So is there, in your mind, nothing that can be done, no changes that can be done that we should be just waiting. And so if -- assuming that that is your -- your feeling on this, what happens if the appeals court process is denied. What will happen then? Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I'm not sure I understand. Appeals aren't generally denied. If -- appeals are affirmed or reversed or affirmed in part or reversed in part or reversed remanded with further instructions. I'm not exactly sure how to answer the question.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan, could please rephrase your question?

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

I'll rephrase my question. For a layperson's question to an attorney, if the appeals process by the -- by the Attorney General of the state of Connecticut is unsuccessful, what happens? Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan -- I mean, Senator Slossberg. Sorry.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Well, that all depends upon how the court rules. If the court -- the court could affirm. The court could in part, which means the court agrees with Judge Underhill on certain points. The court could decide that they don't agree with certain points, in which case, they'd reverse. So in some things they might affirm and some things they might reverse. Then they could also decide to affirm some things, reverse some things and send some things back to the trial court for more findings of fact.

So I can't tell you what we would respond to until we know what the court is going to do. And all this bill does is just give us a little more time to do that intelligently.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Okay. Thank you, Mr. President.

And thank you for answer. So I guess your feeling as though the only thing we can do is stop the time bomb, so to speak, which is this seven day rule has been referred to, that there's little else we can do then to give the General Assembly an additional 30 days for the process. And, yet, I don't think this General Assembly has any substantive conversation about anticipating what -- what the new rules can look like or should look like with the what if scenarios.

So it seems to me that, if we had really done our homework and anticipated what the changes may be based upon a given decision by the appeals court, then we would have answers ready to go in a quick forum to address it promptly.

My concern has been, since the court decision, that the General Assembly has really not taken the

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lead in trying to save what this General Assembly believes is such an important piece of legislation. And, yet, we're essentially by -- by sort of dragging our feet with us, I fear that it is -- it is as much of incumbency protection as anything.

If -- if the Citizens' Election Program is supposed to be an open process of encouraging more people to run and, yet, we're not aggressively trying to fix the program and we're dragging our feet now approaching a few weeks before the nomination process of candidates. Here we are with minority or potential opponents to incumbent elected officials are sort of left hanging.

And so my question is aren't -- aren't we or shouldn't we be taking a much more aggressive stance than just extending the time frame to fix this when, in fact, we probably could make changes that will get us through this next election cycle.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator McLachlan.

Senator Roraback.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon.

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THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Through you, if I may, a couple of questions to Senator Slossberg.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg, please prepare your answers.

Senator Roraback.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I just listened to the exchange between Senator McLachlan and Senator Slossberg and it leaves me confused because, through you, Mr. President, to Senator Slossberg, my understanding is that the district court struck down certain components of our Citizens' Election Program as being unconstitutional. Through you, Mr. President, to Senator Slossberg, does she have the same understanding?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

And thank you for the question. Yes, certain provisions were held to be unconstitutional. However,

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the entire program has been enjoined.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Roraback.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And my understanding is that we could pass a bill today addressing those components of the program, which were found unconstitutional, and if -- were we to do so, the Second Circuit would no longer have a case to decide. The Second Circuit would say the case is moot, the Legislature has addressed those things, which are identified as constitutionally deficient. Therefore, the program is reinstated and move on.

So through you, Mr. President, to Senator Slossberg, would she agree that we have the ability today to make those changes, which the court identified as being in need of repair. And if we do that then we don't need to delay for any reason. Through you, Mr. President, to Senator Slossberg.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Not necessarily. We could make changes based on

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what we think the Second Circuit is going to rule on or based even on Judge Underhill's decision. We could go point-by-point and try to address them but that does not guarantee that this makes the appeal moot and reinstates our program.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Roraback.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Respectfully to Senator Slossberg, I think the only thing that's under appeal is Judge Underhill's finding that certain aspects of our program our unconstitutional. Therefore, if we address those specific areas that he identified in ways which address the constitutional concerns he raised, the Second Circuit -- my understanding is the Second Circuit they may be, in fact, watching us now hoping that we do the right thing so that they can take tomorrow off and play golf.

Mr. President, the Second Circuit has no desire to decide a case if we do the right thing. They're dragging their feet in the hopes that we do do the right thing. We're dragging our feet, I'm not sure why, but through you to Senator Slossberg, why

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wouldn't we -- if wanted -- if want to revive this program, why wouldn't we act today to address the constitutional infirmities knowing that by so doing we likely -- I think we're 99 percent certain to have the Second Circuit say, thank you very much, you're back to the races, we're -- we're checking out. Through you, Mr. President, to Senator Slossberg.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I think the issue here is that that argument presumes that the Second Circuit would agree that whatever fix we make would be adequate to them. Not only that, it also presumes that both plaintiffs and the defendants would also agree that whatever fix we've made adequately addresses all of the problems. As well as the fact that, you know, during some of the discussion, there were pieces and -- during the last oral argument -- actually the oral argument before the Second Circuit, there were questions raised that left some people, who were there, with the impression that perhaps that there would be additional facts finding necessary.

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There's no guarantees here. And that's really the, you know, the issue that we're dealing with.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Roraback.

SENATOR RORABACK:

And I understand, Mr. President, that there no guarantees but there are realities. And the reality is Judge Underhill pointed to two or three sections of our bill, which he said are unconstitutional. Those are the questions which are being decided on appeal. Mr. President, if we act affirmatively to address those areas, which Judge Underhill said are unconstitutional, such as, to make our law constitutional in the eyes of the court.

What matters isn't the opinion of the plaintiffs or the defendant, what matters is the opinion of the court. If we address the court's opinion, so as to make this law constitutional, I think that's -- if we are eager to preserve this program, the thing that we should be doing today is addressing the constitutional infirmities not proverbial speaking, kicking the can down the road.

Mr. President, I appreciate Senator Slossberg's answers. I think we can do better and I wish we

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would. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark? Will you remark further on
House Bill 5544?

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Good afternoon.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR FASANO:

Mr. President, you know, we are in probably the
state of Connecticut -- a unique time in the state of
Connecticut history. Never before have so many seats
been up for election from U.S. Senator right on down
to representative. This is probably the biggest
election facing the state of Connecticut in moderns
times, if not probably the entire history of the state
of Connecticut.

And the very essence of having a campaign is the
ability to know what you're doing as a candidate.
Now, incumbents, we sit around this circle. We're
pretty much okay. People know us. We get in the

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paper. We have our frank mail. We have certain advantages that come with incumbency. And the idea of Citizens' Election Fund was to somehow even the playing field were the words I heard and I voted for it. I voted for it because it was even the playing field. To make things fair, equitable and give people chances to run who never had chances before.

So where is the urgency to correct that. Where is the urgency to step up since August of 2009 and say, Judge Underhill said these are three or four problems with our bill and said these are the ones that are unconstitutional. Where was the urgency to fix it?

As we sit here today in this chamber, on April 14th, there are two bills, as I understand it, being passed around committees and the chambers that talk about fixing the problem. One could very well be argued doesn't fix the problem because minority candidates are not treated equally and that's one of the Judge -- Judge Underhill's biggest issues and the second one is to stay forget about state representatives and forget about state senators, we're not going to deal with them. We're going to pass that issue.

Well, I thought the whole purpose of this was to deal with that issue. This isn't a surprise. This decision didn't come out yesterday. This decision has been here since August and we have done nothing. There are people on both sides of aisle, and probably with minority party, saying you should run. We want you to run and questions get asked, in this economy, how am I going to fund my election. Well, we have this Citizens' Election Fund, perhaps, maybe, kind of, we hope, we think, and we'll fix it.

And then we have a bill now that says, we've got to wait 30 days. Thirty days. We have passed budgets in two days. We have written massive laws on massive topics in 24 hours in this building. We've had enough public hearings on this issue for years when it first began all the way through. We can do this in seven days. Call us in. We'll get it done in seven days.

Why do we have to ask for 30 days?

We have a convention coming up in May. People ought to know how they stand and what they're going do. In the case of Citizen United, the Supreme Court case that made changes to the federal law. That court said, people have to understand the rules. People have to know what they're doing. Time frame is

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important. That's all we're asking to do here.

So Mr. Clerk, if I may, I would ask you to call
LCO 3402.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO 3402, which will designated Senate Amendment
Schedule "A," is offered by Senator Fasano of the 34th
District, et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO:

Mr. President, I move the amendment and I request
permission to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR FASANO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, what this bill does is say let's
stick with the seven days. And let's put a kicker in
there. Let's say if we don't do it in seven days and
we don't do our job, let's wipe out the money. The
money set aside. That's putting our mouth where our
actions are. If don't solve the problem in seven

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days, let's wipe out this account. Let's not hold on to the taxpayers money anymore. Let's not look for tax increases to solve our budgetary problems. If we don't have the heart and determination to solve a problem we've known for nine months, and we can't solve that in seven days, then let's wipe out the money and let's move on.

Mr. President, I ask for support of this amendment because it's important to the state of Connecticut. It's important for those who are going to run either for reps, for senators, Republicans, Democrats, Green Party, Yellow Party, Working Families Party, whatever, that they know where they stand and they know this system is alive and the onus and the pressure should come upon us because we are the ones who pushed this through.

We were the ones who said it was an important and we were the ones who demanded that we even the playing field. Therefore, Mr. President, I ask for support of this amendment. I ask that we vote by roll call, too. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Roll call will be ordered.

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5544?

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And I rise reluctantly to oppose this amendment from my friend Senator Fasano because I believe that, ultimately, if the court rules against and if the General Assembly can't address the court's concerns and if the reverter kicks in, then this would be -- this would be -- this would make sense. And my expectation is that if all of those things happen that is, in fact, what we will do.

You know, the underlying bill gives up 30 days -- extends us to 30 days. It's really more of a security blanket. There's nothing that prevents this body from acting sooner if we can find an agreement. But, at this time, there's just too many ifs in that sentence. It's a little bit -- to me, this seems unnecessary to this at this time in order to address this.

But my expectation is that if all of those things happen and everything goes south, that we would, in fact, transfer the funds from the Citizens' Election Program into the General Fund but it's my hope that that won't happen. Thank you, Mr. President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

Thanks, Mr. President.

I rise to speak in favor of the amendment. And I'll tell you, I think of all us getting into government, when we first made that choice, understood that democracy is a wonderful system but we know that it's reactive. It's almost impossible to be proactive. But here we find ourselves in a debate over how we're going to deal with the court's decision having to do with the Citizen's Election Fund.

It kind of reminds me another subject that we've been discussing here recently, Mr. President, which is the budget. And it's -- it's endemic to democracy that these issues take forever, entirely too long in my judgment to get through. Yes, this body is capable of doing yoeman's work very quickly to address any issue that's put before and I'm sure that this group is capable of doing this in much less than 30 days, let alone a week or even a couple of days because essentially the complaints by the -- by the Supreme -- by the judge have been made very clear.

So in the way that we operate in our private lives and in the way that we operate in, maybe, our business or professional lives, we look at these problems and if the -- the answer is right there sitting in front of you, why not at least start to try to address them and we haven't addressed the issues after that decision was made and I believe that was as long as nine months ago.

So, again, time works against us. This is something that I think we could absolutely address right now and we why are considering postponing the remedy to 30 days as opposed to one week at this point. It doesn't make the process move or work very efficiently. And in terms of the money being paid back, I think it's very important. In a perfect world, yes, we'd either have a pure Citizens' Election Program or we wouldn't have it at all is the way I look at it. So if we're not going to have it, then let's take the money and let's put it to where it's needed.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Frantz.

Will you remark further on Senate A?

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Senator DeBicella.

SENATOR DEBICELLA:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And Mr. President, speaking in favor of this amendment, this is just common sense and I actually think Senator Slossberg laid out the argument for this amendment is that what this amendment says is if the court overrules this bill -- or rules this bill unconstitutional and if the Legislature fails to act within the prescribed time frame, then the money goes to the General Fund for the year 2011, FY 2011.

We all know we have a \$700 million deficit for next year and if we are not going to have this program because it's unconstitutional and we fail to act, what else are we going to do with the money. Are we just going to let it sit there? We need this money to close our federal deficit and this is not proposing sweeping it tomorrow but only if it's ruled unconstitutional and we fail to act.

I think this is the height of common sense and that the amendment should be adopted. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

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Will you remark further on Senate A? Will you
remark further on Senate A?

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

THE CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

Have all Senators voted? 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 adoption of the Senate Amendment
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THE CHAIR:

Senate "A" fails.

Will you remark on House Bill 5544? Will you
remark further on House Bill 5544?

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, in light of the fact the fact that
the amendment went down and we're not going to sweep
the account after seven days, I would ask the Clerk to
call LCO 3406.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO 3406, which will be designated Senate
Amendment Schedule "B." It is offered by Senator
Fasano of the 34th District, et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I move the amendment and request
permission to summarize.

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Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR FASANO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, in light of the fact, as I said, the seven day amendment failed, this sort of keeps intact that we do it in 30 days, because there doesn't seem to be a will to shrink down the days. However, in the event that the Second Circuit were to find and conclude that Judge Axelrod was -- was correct in his decision that the lobbyists still not able -- will still not be able to give to the campaign.

As I understand the law now, at the end of the 30 day period, we would revert back to the way we had campaigns funded in previous years. Mr. President, what this does, is it says that lobbyists contributions will not be allowed should we have that reversion happen. So if after 30 days, we don't correct the bill, no lobbyist contributions can come into our campaigns. It keeps it a clean campaign, once again, not that we wont act in 30 days but if we don't act, we should preserve what we have in term so keeping what we deem special interest money out of our campaigns.

So Mr. President, in the event that the decision

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were to come down and in the event that we don't act within the 30 days, as we know, we're probably not prompt in a lot of things that we do, that we enact this amendment to prohibit lobbyist contributions from coming into our campaigns. And I ask that the circle support the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on Senate B?

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I unfortunately rise in opposition to this amendment, as well. We clearly believe, everyone in this room, that this lobbyist ban is a good idea and that's why we passed it in the first place and it is currently in effect and even if the court were to rule and even if the were 30 days -- the 30 days passed and even if we didn't get everything done, we have the ability to fix that lobbyist ban depending upon how the court rules, again, not knowing how the court is going to rule.

But we also have the ability, each one of us, to not take lobbyist contributions on our own

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voluntarily. I stand behind these prohibitions and any more that may be coming and it is clearly our intent to maintain them however unnecessary, at this time, to pass this legislation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

Will you remark further on Senate "B" to House Bill 5544?

Senator Roraback.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I appreciate Senator Slossberg's commitment but I've believed that there is no time like the present and each of us has the opportunity, at this moment, to put -- wear our hearts on our sleeves and to speak as to whether or not we wish for the bans on the lobbyist contributions to survive come thick or thin.

Mr. President, I would ask that when this vote is taken it be taken by roll. I urge -- urge support of the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

A roll call vote will be ordered, sir.

Will you remark further on Senate B?

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Senator Fasano for the number two time.

SENATOR FASANO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I said Judge Axelrod. I meant Judge Underhill. I misspoke. So I want to correct the record for that.

Number two, Mr. President, while I recognize what Senator Slossberg said, I don't understand what the failsafe valve of saying that if for whatever reason we don't act, maybe it falls during a time period of Fourth of July weekend, whatever the issue is that we don't act, that this protects our system against the special, which was the -- the main reason and the mainstay of passing our law with respect to protecting our elections.

So by having the public financing campaigns, it was to keep the special interest out. This only enhances that principle and furthers that spirit. It doesn't do anything to derail. If we're going to act in 30 days, then the language is superfluous. If we don't act within 30 days, then it's got some serious meat on it. So I don't understand what the downside is.

And the only fear would be is we don't act in 30

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days and we don't act 35 days and we don't act in 40 days or 50 days and the people who want to take special interest money from lobbyists because you're going to be able to. That's the only fear I see in voting against this because there is no downside. There is absolutely no downside. All upside.

So if we don't act and God knows we have not acted in a timely manner before. So Mr. President, I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President.

For the second time, I just -- would just like to remind people that when the court made the decision on the lobbyist and the contractor ban that was done by summary judgment. There wasn't any trial. So if the Second Circuit determined that this was unconstitutional and wanted to strike down the ban, they would have to send it back for a trial, in which case, the ban would still be in place. So there is -- even if it was struck down, there's no ruling until that happens and -- so still -- we would still have

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this lobbyist ban in place. It's just unnecessary for us to -- we can't just turn around and re-enact something that's been held unconstitutional even when there hasn't been a ruling.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

Senator Fasano, would you like to rise for the third time?

SENATOR FASANO:

With the permission.

THE CHAIR:

Without any objection, seeing none, please proceed, sir.

SENATOR FASANO:

I will keep it short.

Mr. President, the reversion clause absolutely, positively puts us back. It's a reversion for the Public Act 05. In Public Act 05, we have lobbyist ban. So if the reversion clause takes effect after 30 days unequivocally, no matter what the court says, unequivocally, that reversion clause kicks in. We go back to pre-05 bill, which means lobbyists, ad books, contractors can all give to our campaigns. That's

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unequivocal. It's what the law. That's what we did in 05.

So after the 30 days, if we don't act, the reversionary clause when from seven to thirty, we go back to 05, where apparently majority -- and I voted with that majority -- felt we need campaign financing to clean up the elections and we all stood high on soapboxes and talked about how we're doing all these great things for campaigns. We're going right back in there if we don't do this amendment.

Sorry, Mr. President. I apologize for --

THE CHAIR:

It's quite all right, Senator Fasano. If you want a fourth one, just let me know.

Will you remark further on Senate B? will you remark further on Senate B?

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

THE CLERK:

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

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THE CHAIR:

Have all Senators voted?

If all Senators have voted, please check your
vote, the machine will be locked --

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Senator Stillman.

THE CHAIR:

Is she here? Oh, Senator Stillman. Okay.

Is the machine still open?

The machine will be locked. The Clerk will call
the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is adoption of the Senate Amendment
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Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	12
Those voting Nay	23
Those absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

Senate Amendment "B" to House Bill 5544 fails.

Will you remark further on House Bill 5544?

My good friend, Senator Fasano, please proceed.

SENATOR FASANO:

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I am not going to call the other two amendments that I have. One is -- which deals with the same issue with the lobbyist but deals with the ad book and the second one is the same issue with the lobbyist but does state contracting. The reason being is if we're not going to do it with respect to lobbyist, I doubt that we're going to do it with respect to the next two and it's not my intention to hold the circle for votes that I know would not be supportive of my amendments.

That being said, Mr. President, I do want to say that I believe we have this very serious issue and now I assume the bill is going to go through to gives us the 30 days and I don't think that that's fair. I don't think that's fair to anybody who's running. I don't think that's fair to anybody our parties have asked to run. I know it's not fair to the minority party because Judge Underhill has indicated it was not fair to the minority party. And I know it's not fair to the state of Connecticut.

We hold an awesome responsibility in this chamber to speak for the people and we hold an awesome responsibility that we are going to live by the rules

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and values that we set. And the majority of us spoke loud and clear when we said we wanted this bill, for whatever reason. Although, there were some people who spoke in the circle who told us it was probably unconstitutional. Senator McKinney was actually one of them who did say it was going to be unconstitutional.

And while I appreciate the yeoman work of the GAE Committee to try to resolve this issue, we need an answer. We cannot wait on the day one, if the Second Circuit agrees with mostly of what Underhill said, which I believe it will. Even if it adds more things, we could start and have a bill ready to go out of the box now.

And it's my hope that although we gave ourselves 30 days, we don't come in on the 28th day or the 29th day and sit around here at 5:30 in the morning on the 30th day and take a vote while the bill is being talked about with chamber 1, chamber 2, amendment here, amendment there, fiscal note, everybody weighing in on it and changing every 30 seconds like we do a lot of business in this chamber. I hope we have more respect for the laws, for the elections than to treat it like that. And it is my hope that the day after

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the Second Circuit rules that we immediately start working on this bill because I think it's only fair.

We have a stay, which means what has happened is the court has ruled our election bill unconstitutional and our Attorney General to protect our interest, rightly so, stood up there and said we need a stay to keep this in affect. The people out there now trying to deal with Citizens' Election Fund and raising money -- if the Second Circuit comes out and says we agree it's unconstitutional and you got money from Citizens' Election Fund and that court says you have to return that money, what do you do?

How do you run a campaign if you're under Citizens' Election Fund? I don't understand it. If it's unconstitutional, you're under notice. You get that money. You get your matching grant. It's July. Second Circuit says we agree it's unconstitutional. In fact, we want you to give the money back. I don't know what happens. I don't know if your treasurer takes the fall. I don't know if you take the fall. I know one thing, it's a mess.

I know one thing that people aren't going to run because of the uncertainty and what in my view is disheartening, we can correct 95 if not 100 percent of

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that certainty and we won't do it. We won't take a shot. We won't even take a shot.

I didn't go under Citizens' Election Fund for this campaign coming up for those reasons. I have no idea what's happening. I haven't got a clue. I can't protect my treasurer. I don't know what's going to happen to him or her. So I'm not going to do it because I don't know the ramifications and I don't think anybody around this circle can guarantee what those ramifications are.

We have in the bill before that says you can keep the money unless the court says otherwise. The court may say otherwise. We don't know. This is a problem and this is a problem we, as a Legislature, can fix or ignore. In my view, we're ignoring it. I'm going to vote against the underlying bill. Not because I don't believe that we need Citizens' Election Fund but I believe we need to act now. We need to act today. Fix what Judge Underhill said were the problems.

If the Second Circuit -- I don't know if it makes it moot or not -- but anyway, if the Second Circuit comes out and adds a few more, we'll deal with those few more but we know the problem today and we can't fix it. We may not like to fix this and our budget

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upstairs and downstairs chambers who don't like to fix this. They don't like some of the ways that Judge Underhill says we have to do it but that's too bad. That's the law and that's the constitution. We all swore we were going to hold up that when we were sworn in.

So I'm very afraid. At a worst time for it to ever come is at a time when the state of Connecticut is facing historic elections. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator Prague.

SENATOR PRAGUE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I listened very carefully to what Senator Fasano said and he said he's not going to take campaign finance reform money. You know, Mr. President, I'm not going to take it because I don't believe that in this tough economy, we should be spending \$42 million on political campaigns and \$3 million just to pay for the staff that's going to oversee this public financing of campaigns. That's \$45 million that we could be putting into other

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programs in this state and not into political campaigns.

I believe in the concept of public financing. I think it's important and that's why I voted for Senator Fasano's amendment because I don't think lobbyists should be allowed to contribute nor should contractors nor should we be raising money by the ad books. I think we need to get out there and old fashioned campaign where we talk to people and shake hands and understand what's going on. I -- I'm not going to vote for the underlying bill because I don't believe that this is the time to be spending this kind of money on political campaigns whether they're statewide campaigns, whether they're senatorial campaigns, whether they're for the House of Representatives.

I believe in my heart of hearts that we need this money for other things. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

Will you remark?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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Mr. President, speaking in support of the bill, first i would like to commend Senator Slossberg for all of her hard on this -- on this issue in dealing with everything related to our campaign finance system and the implications of the -- of the federal district court decision and the -- and the pending appeal. I think she has shepherded this process very effectively.

I would also like to, looking back, commend Senator DeFronzo for his work and originally helping to craft the bill as chairman of GAE Committee when it was -- when it was initially passed in that very difficult process back in -- in 2005.

But the reality is that should the Second Circuit rule that portions of our statute are unconstitutional, either along the lines argued by Judge Underhill or otherwise, the bill will give us some additional time to craft an appropriate response and that I think is -- is important that we will not be, in effect, stampeded or under the (inaudible.) We'll have the time to react.

And it is not as if we have not been anticipating how we might react. The GAE Committee has been looking at a -- at a variety of alternatives that

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might be offered as ways to address the -- the proposed findings of -- of unconstitutionality in Judge Underhill's decision should they be upheld. So it is not as if there has been a vacuum that we're suddenly going to be scrambling to address if that becomes necessary.

But the reality is, we don't yet know that will be necessary. The Attorney General has -- has defended the statute in the Second Circuit. And we also know as a complicated factor going back that some of the very provisions that Judge Underhill found objectionable for one reason or another are some of the things that helped get the law passed in the first place in 2005 particularly issues having to deal with distinctions between major and minor parties. That was a reality of the time and continues to be so.

So I think that what this bill does, having passed the House and now proposed in the Senate, is give us an orderly way to respond should that become necessary to deal with an issue that has been much in our minds since 2005 when the bill was first passed. As I said, there are a variety of options out there that have been proposed within the GAE Committee about how to address provisions regarding minor parties, how

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to address provisions regarding the issue of a -- of a candidate addressing a self-funded candidate as an opponent. Also, the issue of the distinctions regarding single party or party-dominate districts in the grants available for that.

All of those issues that were raised in Judge Underhill's decisions, there are proposals contingent -- contingent proposals to address those that we will be ready to consider should they become necessary. So it is not as if we have been waiting in a vacuum. All of those contingencies have already been sifted. They've been evaluated and the issue is we don't know which ones we will be required to take action upon but we've had a considered process all the way through and this bill will give us the chance to make sure that we have a deliberative process to whatever end becomes necessary.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further?

Senator Williams.

SENATOR WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise to support the bill and also to thank Senator Slossberg and those who have worked tirelessly in the past on campaign finance reform and the clean elections program that we have in this state to help clean the influence of -- and eradicate the influence of special interest.

A lot of things have been said in terms of our anticipating what the second circuit might do. Senator Fasano, who I have a lot respect for, said we know what the problem is today. Actually, we do not. We know what the district court did but we do not know what the Second Circuit is going to do and how they are going to rule. If we were to act today, we would simply be taking a shot in the dark. Not knowing whether the Second Circuit would agree or disagree.

And quite frankly, there are two major issues here that are stake. The district court took a look at how we treat third parties and how they qualify for public financing. And another issue is the issue of matching funds. If you have a candidate that is either self-funded or receives help from special interests whether the other candidate is entitled to matching funds to help make up the difference.

Now, I would like to just say for the record, we

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do not concede that these provisions in our campaign finance law are deficient. I am hopeful that the Second Circuit will uphold those provisions. For example, the third party provision does require some additional process and procedure in terms of obtaining signatures and other thresholds. That is absolutely true but we modeled that on the federal presidential public financing system, which actually has more obstacles in terms of process and procedure.

And for many third parties, they can not get funding prior to the election. They can only obtain funding after the election if they have met the thresholds. Our system provides funding up front for the third parties that meet the thresholds so that they can use the dollars in the campaign. I would argue that our system, as to third parties, is better for third parties than the presidential public financing system nationally that has already been upheld.

As for the matching funds, the district court makes the argument that it somehow chills the first amendment rights of a big spender who is is outspending his or her opponent if we provide some amount of matching funds that do not necessarily

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continue to match the funding that the other candidates spends if they go over a certain amount but provides some additional funding to help meet that excessive funding coming from either a self-funded wealthy candidate or special interests. How in the world does that impair the first amendment rights of the person who is outspending the other candidate. That makes no sense to me. If anything, our matching funds enhances first amendment rights by providing more resources for both sides to be heard.

So I'm hoping that the Second Circuit not only upholds this, as to the third party provisions in this law, which I believe are better than the public financing provisions in the presidential law that has been upheld. And also, upholds the matching fund provision, which I believe enhances first amendment rights, not detracts from first amendment rights. So it makes all the sense in the world for us to wait for that opinion and not to take a shot in the dark.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

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

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. Will all Senators please return to the chamber. Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. 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. The Clerk will call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is passage of Emergency Certified Bill 5544 in concurrence with the action of the House.

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	24
Those voting Nay	11
Those absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

House Bill 5544 passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I would move for immediate transmittal of Emergency Certified House Bill 5544 to the Governor.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered, sir.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, if the Clerk would call as the next item from Senate Agenda Number 2, Emergency Certified House Bill 5545.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Agenda Number 2, Emergency Certified Bill 5545, AN ACT CONCERNING DEFICIT MITIGATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010, as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A." 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.

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Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

I move the emergency certified bill with in
concurrence with the House.

THE CHAIR:

Acting on adoption. Ma'am, would you like to
remark further?

SENATOR HARP:

Thank you, sir.

This bill makes modifications and revenue
adjustments to the fiscal year 2010 and fiscal year
2011 budgets. It will result in a \$323.2 net
reduction in the projected fiscal year 2010 General
Fund deficit. In the bill, there is a net
appropriations reduction of \$77.6 million in fiscal
year 2010 and \$120.3 million reduction in fiscal year
2011. And those reductions occur in various agencies
and accounts.

The bill transfers funds from various special
funds and accounts to the General Fund for fiscal 2010
and fiscal year 2011 and reduces several state medical
assistance and other social service programs. The
bill increases fines for various motor vehicle

offenses, decreases fees for resident and nonresident hunting, fishing and other sportsmen licenses, and caps camping and state park fees. It establishes a nonlapsing General Fund maintenance repair and improvement account for state parks.

The bill also trans -- adjusts transfers between the budget reserve fund or Rainy Day Fund, as we call it, and the General Fund -- and the General Fund and the special transportation fund. I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

Senator Debicella.

SENATOR DEBICELLA:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Through you, some questions to the proponent of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR DEBICELLA:

Through you, Mr. President, if the good Senator could just explain what some of the major differences are between the bill before us today and the bill that we were debating in the early hours of the morning on a Saturday about a week and half ago. Through you,

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Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Thank you very much.

Through you, Mr. President, basically the -- the bill that we have before us today makes spending reductions of approximately \$139.3 million, whereas the bill we had before us on March 26th made spending reductions of approximately \$115 million.

THE CHAIR:

Senator DeBicella.

SENATOR DEBICELLA:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And I can't help but notice there is no state tax for health care or hospital tax in this, as well, and how does this make up for those increased taxes in terms of spending cuts or otherwise. Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Through you, Mr. President, basically, through you, more spending cuts.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Debicella.

SENATOR DEBICELLA:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I am delighted to hear that answer. Mr. President, one more question, through you, given this bill's impact on FY 11, what is the approximate deficit that we will be facing in FY 11 once this bill is passed. Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Thank you very much.

Through you, Mr. President, approximately \$734.2 million give or take a few projections.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Debicella.

SENATOR DEBICELLA:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I thank Senator Harp for the answers to her -- those questions.

Mr. President, I stand today in support of this bill and stand here very pleased that we have been able to come together and agree on closing this years

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fiscal deficits with spending cuts rather tax increases. I think you see the proposal before us today has a combination of spending ideas from the Democrats, from the Republicans, from the Governor.

Ideas that we all, hopefully today, will come around. They are very moderate ideas. This is not slash and burn cutting but very well thought out spending cuts that we can all get behind. I'm very pleased that the hospital tax and the estate tax are gone. I hope they are gone for good and I believe that, Mr. President, this serves as a launching pad because Senator Harp just said we have a \$734 million deficit for the fiscal year that starts in just three months.

And we have an opportunity right now. We have an opportunity to actually address that problem before it gets to late. The issue that we had this year was we waited until three months before the fiscal year ends to actually close this deficit, which greatly limited our options on what could do. If this General Assembly takes action before our May deadline for adjournment on the 2011 budget in a manner similar to this, we will actually, again, have massive bipartisan support for a bill.

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A bill that reduces spending to cut -- to eliminate our deficit. Now, Mr. President, in any bill that's a compromise, there are some things you don't like. And in this bill, this still has SAGA moving into Medicaid, which creates a new entitlement, which personally I do not like but, Mr. President, I'm going to be voting for this bill today because any bill that we, as Democrats and Republicans, can agree upon that cuts spending is a good bill for Connecticut.

So, Mr. President, today I urge adoption of this bill but equally importantly, I urge us to get to work on 2011 before the end of this fiscal session to solve the \$734 billion deficit with spending cuts for next year just like we have for the \$323 million this year.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark?

Senator Meyer.

SENATOR MEYER:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I want to take my hat off the architects of this bill because what they've done is they preserved the

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all important safety net of Connecticut. They have not taken an ax to spending. They've taken a surgical knife. And what they've done, and I'm pleased to have been an advocate for this, is they preserved early childhood learning that the Governor proposed to cut dramatically. They've preserved school transportation for children after a proposed cut of \$5 million, which would have gone back to our towns and caused an increase in the property tax.

They preserved the school-based health centers, which have been such a tremendous benefit to kids in this -- in this state, who have been able to go to school and get health care at school. The bill, also, avoided the proposed increase in Medicare copays and that -- that would have cut the safety for our older people. The bill preserves so much of the Biomedical Research Fund, which had been attacked. And finally, it maintains Connecticut's successful mortgage foreclosure program, which seeks to mediate problems that homeowners are having when they're facing foreclosure and want to avoid foreclosure.

This -- this bill, as tough as it is with respect to spending cuts, does preserve the safety net, is done in a surgical way and it is something that I

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think, as a -- as a bipartisan manner, we can all support with enthusiasm. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Meyer.

Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER:

Thank you, Mr. President.

It's very nice to have you back in the chamber.

THE CHAIR:

It's good to be back, Senator.

SENATOR BOUCHER:

I rise to support this bill. It certainly is a new day from when we last met at 5:30 in the morning when we were so divided and could not agree on the direction we should take the state in solving its deficit problem. I am pleased to see that many of the alternative budget proposals that the minority Republicans brought forward that evening that were defeated that night that there's been a change of heart and coming together of those areas that we could agree on.

Particularly, I was happy to see, and I hope that it's not something we're going to have to revisit in just a few short weeks when we have to deal with the

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2011 budget deficit of nearly \$750 million but we did not see the hospital tax, which was going to be placed at 5.5 percent and then redistributed to winners and losers throughout the state. We did not see the change in the estate tax that was going to take us to a percentage that would be one of the highest in the country making us further unfriendly to our residents, luckily.

And we did not see the reductions to our local communities that are already suffering under a number of serious burdens themselves on solving their own budget problems, which many, luckily, are and I just received word, just today, from my own first selectman so that they had reached a wonderful agreement with their labor unions in our town for a freeze on salaries for a year to help solve the budget problems. And they were hoping that this wonderful gesture, this voluntary gesture, would permeate the community and our teachers unions would do the same and maybe if we're really lucky, the state employee unions will do likewise to help us.

Because if that were to happen, we probably wouldn't have to cut any programs at all and many of the nonprofits that are seeing less in support. So

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for those reasons, I am so pleased to see that we've come together not as the majority party's budget or the minority party's budget or the Governor's budget but as our budget here in the state of Connecticut. And for that reason, Mr. President, I'll be supporting this particular budget tonight. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of this measure before us today associating my comments with some of my colleagues. It was early in the morning awhile back where we were objecting -- we, as minority Republicans of this circle, myself included, objecting to a couple of measures that were very uncomfortable. Namely, I would say the hospital tax and the estate tax but shifting back to my focus that early morning hours of the hospital tax that would have had very dramatic negative impact on Danbury Hospital and its future strategic partner, New Milford Hospital.

So I'm glad to see that we were able to find appropriate spending cuts. I agree with Senator Meyer

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that this has been strategic and precision in the cuts. I think that this is a move in the right direction but I am hopeful, as my colleague, the ranking member of the Appropriations Committee stated, I'm very hopeful that we will proceed quickly to deal with the fiscal year '11 budget so that the \$740 million projected deficit does not balloon us and make it more difficult to make these tough decisions in the very near future.

So I enjoin my colleagues to approve this and I encourage all of us to work together quickly on the -- on the next year's budget so that we don't wait to the last minute and make the decisions that much more difficult. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of the bill before us and I'd, first, just like to thank the leadership for the great job in pulling this together and making this happen, as well as the leadership of the Appropriations Committee for Senator Harp and all of the hard work

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and incredible details that takes to go into a plan like this. You know, there's been some discussion of, there's no taxes in this, this is spending reductions, and it's all, you know, cuts going forward but there is something else in this bill and that is some smart government going forward.

And I thank, again, the leadership and the chair of appropriations for putting one piece of the work of the Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes in this bill and that's Section 14. In Section 14, what this does is it authorizes the Department of Administrative Services commissioner, on the state's behalf, to join an existing purchasing contract, a cooperative contracts, if it's in the best interest of the state of Connecticut. And by doing so, it allows us actually to save money going forward.

So for example, on some of the contracts that we have right now with perhaps Vendor A, we are paying -- I'll give you an example -- we are paying \$6.95 for an air handler whereas we can get that \$3.52 and save half the amount on that particular item from the same vendor. So there's no change in service. There's no change in vendor. There's no change in who's -- who's getting the contract. It's just a better price all

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around. Of course some of these are big ticket items but some of them are smaller.

But ultimately, at the end of the day, it adds up to actually millions of dollars over the years and millions of dollars each year that we will be saving by having this ability to join this cooperative purchasing network. So I'm delighted to stand up today and thank all of the members of the Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcome for their hard work and will be continuing to look for ways to find -- streamline our state government and to just make smarter decisions all around so we're not always looking for cuts and not always looking for taxes.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

Senator Kane.

SENATOR KANE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Good afternoon.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR KANE:

I, too, rise in favor of this bill along with my

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colleagues who have already spoken on both sides of the aisle, of course. I think it's very important that we finally get this done and move forward. I think the taxpayers have been asking us for this for quite awhile. I also want to thank Governor Rell for her work because quite honestly without her veto or potential veto of the last package that we debated until 5:30 in the morning, we would have seen the hospital tax gone through. We have seen the estate tax gone through.

So before we pat ourselves on the back too much, I want thank Governor Rell especially for using that veto power, as she did, because that was very important. We don't want that hospital tax to go through. We don't want the estate tax to go through and some of the other programs that were implemented on the package.

Through you, Mr. President, I do have a couple of questions for the proponent of the bill, if I might.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR KANE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

When we debated this bill a couple weeks ago, if

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you remember until 5:30 in the morning and I had some questions about the social service aspect of it and -- can you just speak to that maybe with a broad brush and may be different, what may be the same. I know we -- a number of us had a number of concerns in regards to some of the social service aspect, if you would. Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Let me see. I will try, if I can, and maybe I will focus my attention to the Department of Social Services. In the Department of Social Services, basically, what is different, I believe, is that in the Governor's latest proposal she proposes that we align Husky B copayments requirements with copayments charged for state employee health plans.

That is new to this plan. It was proposal that the Governor most recently made in here April 1st plan and it is something that we have now agreed to.

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Senator Kane.

SENATOR KANE:

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That's very good. Can you -- can you give me maybe a couple of specifics or an example of some of those copays. Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Through you, Mr. President, I believe that the copays for Husky were anywhere from \$1 to \$3 and I believe that the state employee copays are 5 and 10 and 15 depending upon the service. Through you, sir.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kane.

SENATOR KANE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

That's Husky B as opposed to Husky A. Correct? Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Thank you very much.

Through you, it is Husky B as opposed to Husky A. Husky B, as you will recall and probably know, is a higher income is a higher income than Husky A.

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Senator Kane.

SENATOR KANE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

One of the big questions I think we debated that evening was -- and morning -- was about the SAGA program and how we are able to cap the SAGA program. We -- have we made that change that was proposed in the last deficit mitigation to move those individuals off that program on to the Medicaid entitlement. Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Through you, Mr. President, the short answer is yes. I believe that one of the things that we discussed that late or early morning is that the new federal health care law allows states to move programs into Medicaid with a Medicaid plan amendment as opposed to a waiver. And, Mr. President, as you will probably recall, for at -- in at least three different sessions, the General Assembly has indicated to the Executive Branch that there was a desire to move SAGA into Medicaid through waiver.

So since federal health care bill no longer

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requires a waiver to move populations into Medicaid but a plan amendment, what this bill does is instructs the commissioner of the Department of Social Services to -- to apply for a Medicaid plan amendment to move the SAGA population into Medicaid through a plan amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kane.

SENATOR KANE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And I do believe that part of this process will allow us to take advantage of higher or at this point higher rates through the federal stimulus dollars. Is that true? Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Through you, Mr. President, yes. Normally, we receive a match of -- we are matched evenly, 50 percent -- we pay 50 percent and the federal government pays 50 percent but because of the financial stress that this recession has caused states, all states have been given an increased federal match. And now our federal match now instead

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of being 50 percent is 61.5 percent or nearly 62 percent.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kane.

SENATOR KANE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And that -- but that 61 percent will end after this fiscal year or 2011. Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Thank you very much.

I believe that it will end fiscal year 2011.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kane.

SENATOR KANE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And I thank Senator Harp for her answers. Obviously, she is knowledgable, as always, and I appreciate you taking the time. That was one of my big questions being the ranking member on the Human Services Subcommittee. It was one my big concerns throughout this time. So I wanted to make sure that

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we were able to clarify that going forward. It's been a couple weeks since we had the discussion.

But, as I said earlier, Mr. President, I am voting in favor of today's package and look forward to its passage. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator Guglielmo.

SENATOR GUGLIELMO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I'm also in favor of the proposed legislation. It certainly was important in my area, something that probably a smart part of the overall package but reduction of the hunting, fishing and camping fees is very important area. That's what people. They hunt, fish, camp and we doubled the fees, which in dollar amount might not have seemed too much but if you're family person and you want to take a son or daughter fishing, introduce them to the sport and you're only going to go once or twice a year, it's a big price to pay and not much of a value. So it was a good thing that we did among others lowering those fees was very important.

I also think actually that it will increase

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revenue because there are folks are who weren't going to buy these hunting and fishing licenses or they were going to go to other states. And it was actually cheaper in some of our neighboring states, as a nonresident, to get these licenses than it was in Connecticut. So I think that you'll find that the revenues will spike once this deficit mitigation package goes into place.

I did have a question though and I don't know if the proponent will be able to answer but on line 65 of the package there is a portion from the Department of Special Revenue and it says reduce oversight of nonprofits. And it's my understanding that in the Department of Revenue Services there are two -- there's a unit -- I'm going to try to get the correct name here and I don't know. I'm looking at my notes -- charitable gaming, perhaps, and there's two -- yeah, that's what it is -- it's Charitable Games Unit and there's two divisions -- two sections of that, one is registrations and permits and one is field operations.

And it was my understanding that if we take that -- that reduction, that this would completely eliminate any field operations of DRS, Department of

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Revenue -- Special Revenue. What that would mean is that there would be no one to go out to supervise the bingos, the other nonprofits and I think that would -- that would be a problem if that's -- if that's what this tries to accomplish.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Thank you.

Through you, Mr. President, I do believe that that's what this accomplishes.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Guglielmo.

SENATOR GUGLIELMO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

So the answer is yes that would completely eliminate that unit. Okay. Well, that -- that would then be a problem, I think. I just wanted to bring it to the attention of the circle. That would mean we'd have no field supervision over any of the nonprofit gaming activities in the state of Connecticut. Okay. Thank you very much.

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Thank you, sir.

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Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Great to see you.

THE CHAIR:

Good to see you, too, sir.

SENATOR KISSEL:

Well, I wanted to associate myself with the remarks of Senator Guglielmo and point out something that I think is highly unusual in this particular proposal and why I think it's a great moment for our Senate in working together in bipartisan fashion. And, again, that is the issue of the hunting and fishing licenses.

That has been an issue very near and dear to my heart. I felt that what took place last fall with the huge jump, 100 percent, in these fees was completely inappropriate and certainly my constituents in North Central Connecticut made that very clear to me in the last several months.

What's really noteworthy in this particular proposal that we have before us this afternoon is that in the process of whittling away and getting rid of our budget deficit right we have actually also cut

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down on the inappropriate fee hikes for these particular areas. And let me just point out before I thank some folks what some of these substantial fee changes are. For example, a resident firearm hunting, goes from 28 down to 19, much more appropriate; resident fishing goes from 40 down to 28. This is one is even impressive.

I'm not even sure how we did this but the one-day resident marine fishing will be going from \$15 down to 5 and I wonder even if we doubled in the fall, it must have been about 7.50 and now it's going to end up 5. So we're actually moving in a very positive direction for those one-day resident marine fishing licenses and I'm sure all those folks -- and that's part of our tourism and that's part of the beauty of our shoreline state that will be a benefits, perhaps, to those folks down there. Resident all waters fishing goes from 50 to 32 and I can go on and on and on.

The other thing that is important to note in this particular piece of legislation is that we've adjusted our camping and state park fees. And to give you an idea of how they have been adjusted as we've gone back and benchmarked them to April 1st of 2009 before the last budget changes took place, essentially doubling

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those fees, and we've stated that the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection would have to go down to no more than 135 percent of what that number was. In other words, essentially stating that the increase could not be more than 35 percent from a year ago and for nonresident 150 percent. Essentially saying it could not go up more than 50 percent.

In a perfect world, I would have liked to see us go back to where are these things were before. But in light of the fact that we have hundreds of millions of dollars of deficit that we're looking, I think it really is good that we worked very well in bipartisan fashion to reduce fees that will allow people to access our great outdoors. Be they hunters, fisherman, campers. Just folks that want to use the great environment in the state of Connecticut.

And so for that, I also want to specifically commend Senator Daily, who, to my knowledge, as the head of the sportsperson caucus, here in our Legislature. I want to commend Senator Ed Meyer. I remember testifying on behalf of my own bill to reduce these hunting and fishing fees before the Environment Committee and he was very open to all of that testimony and there was a good bill that got out of

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the Environment Committee and Senator DeFronzo who has been a champion of this measure as well here in the Senate.

And one of things that was recognized was to bridge this gap other fees would have to be concomitantly increased on the transportation side such as fees for driving without a seatbelt, maybe a specialized permitting fee for individuals who aren't allowed to drive but maybe have granted by the court's special permission to go to and from work and things like that. So there was a special attention made to make sure that this particular area was a wash but I know that the hunters and sportsmen and campers and all those folks in my neck of the woods are going to be very happy when they read about what we did in here in our Legislature this afternoon.

And down in the House, one individual also must be mentioned and given high praise that's Representative Craig Miner. He worked tirelessly on this particular issue. He was at the forefront of these changes and hammered out a compromise.

And this is the great stuff that can happen when we all sit around and we work together as a team. And I mean Democrats. I mean Republicans. I mean

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Executive Branch. I mean Legislative Branch. And I mean Judicial Branch.

In going out to town hall meetings, recently, and talking to my constituents whether it's in Somers or Suffield or Enfield or Windsor Locks or Windsor or East Granby or Granby, they have told me very clearly, they want optimistic and positive solutions. They recognize the situation that we're in but they feel very good about the state of Connecticut going forward if we can all work together here in Hartford. To the extent, they're still wrangling and disharmony and other kind of problems where we can't seem to take one step forward without taking two steps back, they really have no patience for that.

And so today is a great afternoon for the people of the state of Connecticut. I, for one, would have loved to see this happened months and month and months ago but guess what, I'm reasonable enough to know that half a loaf is better than none and if I can't get half a loaf, I'll take a couple slices of bread.

But going forward my constituents understand, we have tremendous budget problems going forward and they are hopeful and they are counting on us to address the fiscal problems that we have for the next fiscal year

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and the ones after that in a similar way as to we have finally gotten our arms around this one right now. And with that, I'm very supportive of this bill going forward as amended. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR: .

Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

Thank you, Mr. President.

This is a wonderful step in the right direction and I'm very encouraged by the bipartisan coming together and working together on this bill. What is not so great about it in my judgment is that it has taken so long. Mick Jagger had it all wrong, Mr. President, time is not on our side when we are facing large deficits like we've been facing here for the last year and we've known for a fact that we would be facing large deficits.

How much and how much would we be able to cover from federal assistance from other creative to -- to plug the hole, we didn't know. But we knew were facing large budget deficits.

I'm particularly happy, Mr. President and anybody listening, to see that this budget deficit mitigation package with two and half months left in the fiscal

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year, which is a little bit embarrassing but it does not include any tax increases on income tax, the estate tax, the hospital tax. All taxes that, despite the fact that, yes, they do raise revenues for the state of Connecticut, they are incredibly harmful to the long-term health of the economy of the state of Connecticut. And if, again, we hurt out tax base, we are hurting the state of Connecticut.

We've seen the relationship that we've all been predicting -- not all of us but many of us have been predicting here for the last year or so -- that when you raise taxes, you're not necessarily going to see a rise in revenues to the state of Connecticut. In fact, often times what happens is you see the exact opposite happening. Why is that? Well, obviously, you have some economy conditions that aren't as conducive to supporting larger revenues to the state of Connecticut and yes, part B, is that the tax base says we're `sick and tired of paying those kinds of increased tax rates and there are greener pastures throughout the rest of the United States of America. And in fact, companies, partnerships, and individuals and families leave the state of Connecticut to our detriment and that is the fine line that we are

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walking here in Connecticut.

We also have to keep in mind that Connecticut lags the national economy by approximately 12 to 16, maybe 18 months or so, in terms of when Connecticut goes into a recession after the national economy goes into recession and conversely when the U.S. economy comes out of a recession, it takes at least 12 to 18 months for Connecticut to also come out of that recession. So therefore, I don't think any time soon we're going to see revenues going back up.

If we do everything right in the state, we're going to see revenues rise without increases tax rates and without implementing some of these devastating taxes that were talked about, as recently as ten days ago, such as the hospital tax and the estate tax, which I believe would have put us into the highest taxed state in the country with respect to estate taxes.

The -- there were whispers in the building over the last day or so that these concepts of tax increases may come back and I plead to everybody in the circle here and everyone downstairs that we don't go that direction. What makes a state truly a great state is a progrowth strategy in which businesses can

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thrive. They can employ. The productive sector can expand rapidly and we do have some competitive advantages here in Connecticut versus the rest of the Northeast that we are losing rapidly.

We need to protect those but the good progrowth approach is one that allows us to grow the tax base that allows Connecticut government to not only exist but also grow so that all of these programs that we have in the state of Connecticut and hold so near and dear to our heart are ones that we can continue to support. Who in this circle wouldn't want to and including you, Mr. President, wouldn't want to support. Who wouldn't want to support the people in need in the state of Connecticut.

Worse case scenario, and we could be looking at that, if you look at in the out-years, the forecast of roughly \$4 billion per year in deficit, they are based on some fairly optimistic projections. We're not out of the woods yet in this recession, this great recession that we've been experiencing here for almost two -- a little over two years actually. And we need -- and we absolutely need to be doing the right things in terms of preserving what is great about the Connecticut economy. What's great about the

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employment situation right here because right now,
it's pretty dismal.

So the environment is what we have to protect and
we have to make sure that we don't lose the
corporations and partnerships that would move to
greener pastures and never have a chance of ever
getting them back. There's really no way out of it.
We've seen this happen with other states more
recently, one that's a neighboring state of
Connecticut, one that's on the opposite coast, one
that's south of us. We don't actually neighbor them
but they're south of us and i think you know which
ones we're talking about.

We need absolutely pay attention and do the very,
very best we can in terms of --

THE CHAIR:

Hold on a second, Senator Frantz.

The noise level is getting very loud in here.
I'm having a tough time hearing Senator Frantz and
he's right to my left. So if you have some chatter to
do please take it outside.

Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

I appreciate that, Mr. President. It was

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starting to remind me of my household and I was wondering if I could borrow the gavel tonight.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. And I know we'd rather be in our households now.

Go ahead, Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

My -- my point, Mr. President, was that if we -- if we protect integrity of the Connecticut economy, if we protect what's been great about this state for 375 years, we stand a chance, a fighting chance of coming out of this as a strong state with stronger employers and great, more employees on the rolls, who are paying taxes to the state of Connecticut at reduced rates. Hopefully, we can get to the point where we can reduce rates. Reduce income tax rates and see our coffers swell here in Connecticut so that we can continue to fund the programs that all of you want to -- to fund.

So with that, Mr. President, I think in looking forward to the negotiations that take place with respect to fiscal year 2011, which will undoubtedly effect 2013 and 2014, we have to do everything we possibly can to foster a progrowth strategy and a progrowth environment.

This is what we've been working so hard on in the Commerce Committee under Senator LeBeau's leadership and Representative Berger's leadership, is how do we for the long-term as well as the short-term, how do we protect what's great about Connecticut. How do we keep companies from leaving? How do we protect the companies that have had to layoff 100,000 people here for the last 18 months? How do we keep them interested in staying in Connecticut? How do we allow them to keep their doors open? Believe me, they are trying everything they possibly can, Mr. President, to survive this very difficult time and we know it's going to be at least another year to a year and half before Connecticut fully recovers if, in fact, we're going to fully recover. And I'm optimistic that we will.

But, again, it all -- it depends on what we're doing in this circle here, downstairs and across the way in the Executive Branch in terms of making Connecticut a friendly, wonderful and lucrative and profitable place for businesses to exist. So I applaud everybody for coming together on this budget deficit mitigation plan. I think it's the right thing to do. Every budget deficit mitigation plan has

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things in it that we aren't going to like. There are lots of things I don't like in it either and I'm going to run through every single one of them.

However, the important thing is that this sets the tone for moving forward when we go to address 2011, '12, '13 and years beyond that because it is imperative, imperative that we send out the right message and it is also imperative that we everything we possibly can to (inaudible) off the concept of insolvency in the state of Connecticut. And we've heard about that concept in other states. We know the one on the west coast has faced it. We know that the one to our south is facing it and we know the one to our west, our neighboring state to the west, is one that is facing it. And believe me, if you talk to legislators there, and I'm sure some of you have, it's a scary proposition.

Mr. President, thank you for my time. I appreciate that. Congratulations to everybody for coming together on a deficit mitigation bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator Roraback.

SENATOR RORABACK:

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Through you, if I may, just a couple of questions
to Senator Harp.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President.

The first question I have for Senator Harp does
she have in front of her a copy of the fiscal note.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Through you, Mr. President, yes, I do.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Roraback.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President..

And what I'm trying to understand is get a clear
picture of what we're doing here today so that those
that are watching at home on TV might kind of follow
the general parameters of the work that's been done.
So through you, Mr. President, to Senator Harp, it
appears that we are reducing spending to the tune of

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\$77 million in fiscal year '10, which ends on June 30th. Through you, Mr. President, to Senator Harp, does she read the fiscal note the same way that I do?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Through you, Mr. President, it says that we are reducing fiscal year 2010 by \$77.6 million.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Roraback.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the column under that is entitled "other expenditure savings, paren, cost" and that appears to be an ad vac of \$12,882,915. And through you, Mr. President, to Senator Harp, could she explain briefly what that represents.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Thank you very much. I'm just trying to see -- what page is that on? Through you, sir.

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SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Through you, it's on page 1 of the fiscal note in the column -- or the table that you --

SENATOR HARP:

Okay.

SENATOR RORABACK:

And the second line in the table shows --

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Thank you.

I do see that and there probably are other costs that are here. I can't really indicate to you exactly what they are. Hold on for a minute. Let me see if I can look at something else that will give me some sense of what those might be. Oh, yes, yes, yes. It's the SAGA change.

Because this is based upon this year's budget and we're implementing SAGA as of April 1st instead of July 1st, as we did in our biannual budget. The federal health care legislation allows us to implement it April 1st and so the amount that you see there represents our implementing the SAGA into Medicaid

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April 1st -- as of April 1st.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Roraback.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President.

So I guess we have to front load some of the cost -- there's an additional cost for us to convert from SAGA to Medicaid, which this number represents.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Through you, Mr. President, the -- the SAGA program currently caps hospital costs and -- which means that we have a certainly amount that we pay for hospitals no matter what the expenditures are and I'm assuming that this takes the cap off of hospital costs for this quarter.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Roraback.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And that -- that -- thank you, Senator Harp, for that explanation. That makes a sense. So we're obviously going to incur greater costs with the

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elimination of the cap but the offsetting revenues that we get by the Medicaid participation are going to more than offset that additional cost.

I thank, Senator Harp, for the explanation and I thank the Chamber for its indulgence. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Roraback.

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I've listened as many legislators spoke about this deficit mitigation bill and although I agree that we close the deficit gap for 2010, before we pat ourselves on the back too hard, this was the easy part. This is something that we could have done three months ago, fourth months ago, five months ago, six months ago. This was, with all due respect, a no-brainer in our obligation to the state of Connecticut and the tools that we used to close this gap would have been that much easier under the same theory and policy we used to close gap to do it three or fourth months ago.

But we didn't. There was some notion that we

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could do it by raising taxes. In fact, we were here, as I recall, in the wee hours of the morning voting to raise taxes or not, to close the gap for 2010. We realized perhaps we didn't have to do that. But our obligation is much, much more than 2010. We have over a \$700 million deficit in 2011. And if anything, we must have learned is that the longer we wait the harder the chore is. And we waited till April 14th to tackle a 2010 problem. Had we tackled six or eight months ago and chipped away at it, we wouldn't have had this problem. Or if we did, certainly, not at the magnitude that exists today.

So before we get too jubilant and excited about doing our job as we're obligated to the state of Connecticut, we have a bigger responsibility ahead of us and that's a \$700 million deficit. And much like Citizens' Election Fund, we can't wait. We should not leave this chamber, close out this session, until we fix 2011 because you save \$10 in July 2010, because start July 1st with our new budget, then it's \$20 in August and so forth and so on and it compounds.

But if wait to enact legislation to save money until September, October or hopefully not at a time after the election, the we failed the citizens of this

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great state. We need to be conscious of that awesome responsibility. We need to be diligent in what we do. So I am happy that we closed '10. Extremely frustrated that we have even come to some sort of resolution on '11.

I know it's been touted in our finance committees with respect to securitizing energy and we all know what that means, the stranded costs that were supposed to disappear in 2011 are not going to disappear, we're going to use that money and sell that income stream for money now for 2011. And as I mentioned to you before, I think a week ago, Marlin Firearms closed 265 jobs and the Freedom Group that bought Marlin back in 2005, I believe, came to the capitol last Friday and we talked about why they left. I'm going to tell you what they said. It's not conjecture. It's not hypothetical. It's not Len Fasano or Republican Party.

I'm going to tell you what they said in the meeting. They said, conversations of unitary tax told us what this state was doing. Conversation of electrical tax told us what you're doing. Conversation of increasing taxes without reducing expenses told us what you're doing. Connecticut is a

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great state but we deserve a return on our investment.
That's why we left. That's why we left.

He closed up shop, Freedom Group, in Massachusetts, the difference I might add, is he met with several people in Massachusetts after closing up shop and they were critical as to why he was leaving. In other words, they gave him a lot of guff for leaving. The group that we met with, Representative Steve Fontana was there as well, treated him with respect. Showed we want to work with them. What can we do to help you and his attitude was that was very gracious of the state and he's not reconsidering staying but what he's thinking about is maybe we can do something in Connecticut at that plant. That's amazing.

But the policies that we put out there, whether or not they become law, the fact that they go through committees tells people what we're thinking. It tells people how we're going to treat them. He told me that he hires people, Freedom Group, to look at legislation in every state they're in to see what they're doing to get an understanding of the direction the state is going. And he said, quote/unquote, Connecticut's not a business friendly state.

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And I don't think we should bend over backwards for businesses to the point that we bleed but I do believe that we need to make businesses understand that we're not going to harm them and we're not going to harm the taxpayers. Because the more we tax people, the more we raise the cost of living, the more we raise the cost of businesses, the less employment we have.

Nine thousand businesses moved out. Unemployment is at 9 percent. We're in trouble. So when we look at 2011, we have to act now because cannot be caught April 14, 2011 to come up with a plan that's going to save 700 million without causing significant burden on the people of the state of Connecticut.

So although I'm happy about this gap and this deficit mitigation plan and we all got together and talked and that's great, this was really, really easy. This was the easy part. We squeezed every juice we could to solve 2010 but we better start thinking about 2011 in a hurry. And we better make a pledge that we don't leave this chamber, we don't close this session till we fix 2011. The people of the state deserve it and we're obligated.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I'm speaking in support of this bill. I think this brings us this evening, or this late afternoon, early evening, to the end what has been painful but ultimately successful process for 2010. That this is a responsible plan. It does make, as was said earlier, judicious cuts where necessary to recognize that in this current economic crisis where Connecticut has been effected by the national recession where we have lost nearly -- or over 90,000 jobs and seen of our major revenues effected by that.

It is something that we share with the rest of the nation except for those few fortunate states that have their own natural resources to -- to tax base -- rather than the conventional revenue systems that -- that most states have. But this process is one I think that we need to recognize has been one that has brought to this responsible conclusion today.

And I'd like to commend Senator Harp for all of

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her work throughout, Senator Daily, also, in working hard. The two fiscal chairs have done extraordinary service in lengthy, lengthy hours behind -- behind the scenes. But especially, I would like to commend our Senate president. Senator Williams, I think more than anyone else on the Legislative side was the person who had a strong sense of urgency about moving this process forward and I think the difficult evening and morning that we spent on March 26th and March 27th was very important in moving this process.

That has helped, I think, create a framework that there is an absolute need to get a resolution for fiscal '10. That time should not be allowed to drift any longer and I think Senator Williams deserves unique credit for being the catalyst to move this process forward and to overcome the inertia that existed in many quarters in that direction.

This bill, as Senator Meyer and others said, there are a number of cuts. There are also a number of areas where policy decisions have been made to protect various important elements in the budget and some proposed reductions and cuts that had been made had been suggested earlier on by the Governor and others that might have negatively impacted children

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and elderly were rejected and certain funds that would promote job creation and help residents avoid foreclosure were protected. So that there was rejection of a proposed cut to early childhood learning and proposed cut to school transportation for children and a proposed cut to school-based health centers in the amount of \$250 and a proposed increase in Medicare Part D copays for low-income elderly individuals on Medicaid.

So some of the earlier proposals that would have been most harsh and most draconian in terms of having an impact on those, who are the most frail in our society, were rejected. There was also a protection of money for biomedical research, which promotes high-tech innovation and helps create twenty-first century jobs in the state and funding, also, to continue the state's successful foreclosure mediation program, which is also going to be important and has been a landmark of ways to assist people who are in the throws of the worst aspects of this financial crisis.

So, as was said earlier, our work in this stage now will be completed with the -- with this consensus bill, which I hope will have strong bipartisan support

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in this chamber, as it did in the House of Representatives, descended along to the Governor and complete this leg in our -- in our marathon race in this session.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney.

Will you remark further?

Senator McKinney.

SENATOR MCKINNEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of the emergency certification before us. Mr. President, Senator Fasano said it, we all know it. The longer we wait to deal with our problems, the harder the solutions become. We failed to timely deal with our problems in 2009 and, as a result, borrowed a significant amount of money. I think we failed to deal with our 2010 budget deficit in a timely manner, as well.

Senator Looney is right. There are painful decisions. Decisions no more painful today than they would have been in October and that is the one lesson. I want to take less than 30 seconds looking backwards because I think we all need to look forward. But that

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is the lesson. We need to look back at history of the last two years and say to ourselves, we cannot let our problems continue to linger before it gets too late and we're backed into a corner where all of us end up with bad choices.

Looking forward, there is a lot of positive today. I think there's a lot of credit that belongs to a lot of people. After that painful night, the Governor stepped forward and offered her own package. There was a leadership meeting, a good discussion amongst all parties. I share many of Senator Looney's compliments to Senator Williams. Our communication has been excellent through this process. He has pushed, as I know the Governor has, to find a solution and we are, as the House did, in a bipartisan fashion going to vote for a difficult package to try to balance our books for 2010.

That has to be the momentum that we take over the next couple of weeks. That has to be how we attack the 2011 budget deficit that's looming before us. And we all know what everybody is saying. I've even said it. Everybody in this building, everybody in the real world, is saying you guys aren't even going to deal with it. It's an election year. There's going to be

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a new governor elected, a new legislature, you solved 2010, just let it go and let someone else deal with it in the future. That would be a terrible mistake and we cannot let that happen.

There are tough decisions to be made. There will be differences between our approach and your approach. That shouldn't come as a surprise but that also shouldn't be a barrier to us trying to reach a solution that all of us can support at the end of the day.

So, Mr. President, I'm happy that we are here with a bipartisan solution. I don't necessarily -- I wouldn't characterize it as successful but I think it's an important step to say to the people of the state of Connecticut that we can come together, we can work together and, as Senator Fasano and others have said, we must come together to solve our 2011 problems before 2011 starts because that is our obligation to do that. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator Williams.

SENATOR WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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I rise to support the bill before us here. It is not the end of our fiscal challenges, as we pass this bill, but it is a milestone. Senator McKinney is right, you know, three weeks ago, people would have been surprised if they had been told that in short order we would have an agreement to close the 2010 budget deficit and that that agreement would be bipartisan, supported by both Democrats and Republicans in the Legislature and supported by Governor Rell. And yet, here we are. It does prove that we can solve these problems, difficult as they may be.

And I would like to thank very much, Toni Harp, our Appropriations chair, Eileen Daily, our Finance chair, Marty Looney, our outstanding Majority Leader. Behind the scenes, there was a lot of work to find the cuts, to do what we had to do to economize, slim down government, find the savings, just as families around this state and small businesses around this state are forced to confront the economic realities and to tighten the belt. We have done that as well here in the state of Connecticut. There is more to do but today, we can say that we came together to solve the problem for 2010.

Now, we have been chipping away. Now, this isn't the beginning because we did pass a balanced budget in 2009. We did pass a deficit mitigation plan at the beginning of this year. Unfortunately, there wasn't an agreement at that time. I think we can learn going forward that to solve these problems we do need to confront the fiscal realities, not get mired in ideology but look at the problems with a realistic and practical view. That's what families do. That's what small businesses do when they decide to expand in this area, to contract here, to cutback there.

They don't do it on the basis on some rigid ideology, on the left or the right. They do it on the basis of what makes sense. That's what we're doing and that's what we need to do in the future.

Now, I want to thank the Governor because after we spent that long night and we passed a balanced deficit mitigation plan that wiped out the 2010 deficit, two weeks ago, here in the Senate, the Governor did respond. She did say, you know, here's my updated plan. She incorporated many of our cuts as we had incorporated her cuts into our plan. Our colleagues in the House came to the table and said we want to partners and everybody stepped up. That's

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what made this a success.

So Senator McKinney, you were right when you say there's been great communication. We've been talking. We don't always agree and we're not always going to agree. That's our democratic process. The founders didn't expect agreement all the time but they did expect us to try to work together and where we could find agreement to go forward on that basis. So that's what we do here today.

I want to thank very much all the members of the caucus and the circle. Let me say everybody, Democrats, Republicans in this circle here, who stayed that long night, who participated in that long debate. It was messy. It wasn't easy. We were all tired the next day but it did move the process.

And to my caucus, I want to say thank you. Thank you for having the courage to face up to our responsibilities, to acknowledge that we have to close the deficit, to take action and then reach out. That's what you all did. That's why we're here today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on House Bill 5545? Will

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you remark further?

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

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. Will all Senators please return to the chamber. Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. 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. The Clerk will call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on passage of Emergency Certified Bill 5545.

Total Number Voting	36
Necessary for Adoption	19
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

It's unanimous. The bill passes.

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Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

We should take a picture for posterity purposes of that -- of that vote on the board.

THE CHAIR:

I would be happy to sign it for all of you also.
There you go.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Mr. President, I would move for immediate transmittal of the unanimously adopted Emergency Certified House Bill 5545 to the Governor.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. Governor -- Mr. President.

I believe that --

THE CHAIR:

(Inaudible.)

SENATOR LOONEY:

We all live in hope, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, sir. Thank you.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Mr. President, I would yield the floor to Senator McKinney for a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McKinney, do you accept the yield, sir?

SENATOR MCKINNEY:

I do. Thank you --

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR MCKINNEY:

-- Mr. Majority Leader.

Mr. President, colleagues in the Senate, my hometown of Fairfield lost a very good man and a beloved man by the name of Ralph Bowley. Ralph currently had served as our Republican selectman in town and he died far too young at the age of 63, after battling cancer. His wake is currently going on and his funeral is tomorrow. So I just wanted to take a moment to honor him by remembering him in the Senate.

Ralph was liked by everybody in town. As the Republican minority member on the board of selectman, he was even liked by the democrats, even by the first selectman, because Ralph didn't come with any pretenses or partisanship. He just was Ralph and did what he thought was right for the town of Fairfield.

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He dedicated most of his life to helping other people. He has successful businesses, as well. But our town has lost a great person. His wife and kids have lost a great husband and father. And if we could, I'd like a moment of silence in his honor.

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

If everyone could please rise for a moment of silence, please.

Thank you, Senator.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I would like to mark additional calendar items now for referral to various committees. We will move through the calendar skipping over items that will otherwise be retaining their place but only noting those that need to be referred to other committees.

Mr. President, beginning on calendar page 11, under favorable reports, Calendar Number 36, Senate Bill Number 14, I move to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

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Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 37, Senate Bill Number 15, I move to refer also to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, moving to calendar page 12, Calendar 68, Senate Bill Number 221, Mr. President, I move to refer that item to the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 13, Calendar 70, Senate Bill Number 64, Mr. President, I move to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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Mr. President, moving now to calendar page 16, Calendar 104, Senate Bill Number 45, Mr. President, I move to refer that item to the Education Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, on calendar page 19, Calendar 158, Senate Bill Number 181, Mr. President, I would move to place that item on the foot of the calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Also on calendar page 19, Calendar 160, Senate Bill Number 389, Mr. President, I move to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 21, Calendar 191, Senate Bill Number 407, Mr. President, I move to refer also to the Appropriations Committee.

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THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing to calendar page 21, Calendar 198,
Senate Bill Number 178, Mr. President, I would move to
refer that item to the Committee on Energy and
Technology.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing on calendar page 21, Calendar 199,
Senate Bill Number 323, Mr. President, I move to refer
this item Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Also on calendar page 21, Calendar 200, Senate
Bill Number 324, I move to refer this item to the
Committee on Energy and Technology.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar page 22, Calendar 201, Senate Bill
Number 327, Mr. President, I move to refer this item
to the Committee on Government Administration and
Elections.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Also calendar page 22, Calendar 202, Senate Bill
Number 451, Mr. President, I move to refer that item
to the Banks Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar page 22, Calendar 204, Senate Bill
Number 182, Mr. President, I move to place that item
on the foot of the calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Also, calendar page 22, Calendar 205, Senate Bill
Number 419, I move to place that item on the foot of

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THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing calendar page 22, Calendar 206, Senate
Bill Number 382, I move to refer this item to the
Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 23, Calendar 207, Senate
Bill Number 383, I move to refer this item to the
Committee on Public Health.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 208, Senate Bill Number 285, I move to
refer this item to the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 209, Senate Bill Number 289, I move to refer this item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing calendar page 23, Calendar 211, Senate Bill Number 370, Mr. President, I move to refer this item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 212, Senate Bill Number 13, Mr. President, I move to refer this item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 24, Calendar 213, Senate Bill Number 93, I move to refer this item to the Judiciary Committee.

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THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 214, Senate Bill Number 192, I move to refer this item to the Committee on Public Health.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 215, Senate Bill Number 254, I move to refer this item to Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing calendar page 24, Calendar 218, Senate Bill Number 302, I move to refer this item to the Environment Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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Number 402, I move to refer this item to the Committee on Human Services.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing calendar page 25, Calendar 220, Senate Bill Number 325, I move to refer this item to the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing calendar page 25, Calendar 223, Senate Bill Number 380, Mr. President, I move to refer this item to the Committee on Higher Education.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 26, Calendar 226, Senate Bill Number 314, I move to refer this item to the Appropriations Committee.

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Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar page 26, Calendar 228, Senate Bill
Number 32, I move to place that item on the foot of
the calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 27, Calendar 230, Senate
Bill Number 283, I move to refer this item to the
Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 231, Senate Bill Number 292, Mr.
President, I move to refer this item to the
Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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Calendar 234, Senate Bill Number 167, also, move to refer to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 235, Senate Bill Number 216, I move to refer this item to the Committee on Public Safety and Security.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 28, Calendar 236, Senate Bill Number 227, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Environment Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 238, Senate Bill Number 338, move to refer this item to the Environment Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 239 -- skipping that one, Mr. President -- moving to calendar page 29, Calendar 246, Senate Bill Number 22, Mr. President, I move to refer this item to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing calendar page 29, Calendar 247, Senate Bill Number 23, move to refer to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 248, Senate Bill Number 177, Mr. President, I move to refer this item to the Committee on Public Health.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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Continuing calendar page 29, Calendar 250, Senate Bill Number 453, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Environment Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 251, Senate Bill Number 455, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 30, Calendar 253, Senate Bill Number 180, Mr. President, move to place this item on the foot of the calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 254, Senate Bill Number 203, also, move to place on the foot of the calendar.

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Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 255, Senate Bill Number 352, move to place on the foot of the calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing on calendar page 30, Calendar 256, Senate Bill Number 124, Mr. President, I move to refer this item to the Committee on Planning and Development.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 257, Senate Bill Number 174, Mr. President, I move to refer this item to the Committee on Public Health.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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Calendar 258, Senate Bill Number 274, I move to refer this item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 31, Calendar 259, Senate Bill Number 385, I move to refer this item to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Also, calendar page 31, Calendar 260, Senate Bill Number 286, I move to refer to the Committee on Public Safety and Security.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 261, Senate Bill Number 362, I move to refer this item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 262, Senate Bill Number 363, move to refer this item to the Committee on Planning and Development.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 263, Senate Bill Number 390; move to refer this item, also, to the Committee on Planning and Development.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar' page 32, Calendar 267, Senate Bill Number 469, I move to refer this item, Mr. President, to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Also, Calendar 268, Senate Bill Number 315, move

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to refer this item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar -- continuing calendar page 32, Calendar 271, Senate Bill Number 428, move to refer this item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

On calendar page 33, Calendar 273, Senate Bill Number 303, Mr. President, I move to refer this item to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 274, Senate Bill Number 305, move to refer, also, to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing calendar page 33, Calendar 276, Senate Bill Number 339, move to refer to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Also calendar page 33, Calendar 277, Senate Bill Number 394, move to refer to the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And finally, calendar page 34, Calendar 278, Senate Bill Number 400, Mr. President, I move to refer this item to the Committee on Insurance and Real Estate:

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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I would move that all of the bills referred to various committees be transmitted to those committees immediately.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, sir, that will be done.

Thank you.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I would yield the floor now to members seeking recognition for announcements or points of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

At this time, I will take points of personal privileges or announcements.

Senator Maynard.

SENATOR MAYNARD:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I just wanted to share with colleagues, briefly, and ask for the thoughts and prayers for the family of Marine Lance Corporal Tyler Griffin. I appreciate, Mr. President, your attendance at the funeral today and I understand you were out of the chamber when you made an earlier remark about Tyler.

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He was a beautiful young man, 19 years old, who was killed in action. He's a young man that attended Griswold High School. He was so proud to be a marine and was killed after only 30 days. His family is mourning his loss this week and a service was held for him in the little town of Voluntown in my district. It's just 2200 residents. The entire town is in mourning and I just ask my colleagues to remember the family and prayer as they go through this very difficult.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator DeFronzo.

SENATOR DeFRONZO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, for a matter of a journal entry.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR DeFRONZO:

Mr. President, earlier -- earlier today I was out of the chamber on the vote on the first consent calendar dealing with some constituent business and I would like the journal reflect that I would have voted

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in the affirmative on the consent calender.

THE CHAIR:

It will be noted, sir. Thank you.

Senator Prague.

SENATOR PRAGUE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I, too, was out of the chamber when the Chamber voted on the first consent calendar. I'd like the journal indicate that I would have supported that vote. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

See, Senator Prague, if I was here, I would have waited for you. It will be noted.

Senator Roraback.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President.

For the purposes of a journal notation.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Would the journal please reflect that Senator McKinney may have missed some votes today due to family business.

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THE CHAIR:

It will be noted, sir.

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

If not, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I believe the Clerk is in possession of Senate Agendas 4 and 5 for today's session.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Mr. President, Clerk is possession of Senate Agendas numbered 4 and 5 dated Wednesday, April 14, 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 4 and 5 dated Wednesday, April 14, 2010 to acted upon as indicated and that the agendas be incorporated by reference into the Senate journal and the Senate

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THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to accept all the items on Senate Agenda 4 and 5.

Seeing no objection, so moved, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, that will conclude our business for today's session. Just for scheduling purposes, I would alert the members that on Tuesday of next week there will likely be a Democratic Caucus and session day is likely Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. So I would ask the members to plan accordingly.

And I would move that the Senate stand adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

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

On motion of Senator Looney of the 11th, the Senate at 6:06 p.m., adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

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The Senate was called to order, at 10:24 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, Tim Appleton of South Windsor, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN TIM APPLETON:

Grant us O God, an appreciation of our freedom, 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 Thursday, April 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) **SENATE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED** - to be tabled for the calendar and printing.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 127 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR REDEEMED BEVERAGE CONTAINERS.

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FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE

SB NO. 147 AN ACT PERMITTING "FIFTY-FIFTY" COUPON GAMES AT CERTAIN ORGANIZATION FUNCTIONS AND ATHLETIC EVENTS.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE

SB NO. 196 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND LOTTERY WINNINGS.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 231 AN ACT CREATING AN AMNESTY PROGRAM FOR DELINQUENT LOTTERY SALES AGENTS.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 290 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS ON THE INTERNET.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 334 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESOLUTION OF CLAIMS INVOLVING WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS.

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SB NO. 367 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF A COMPLAINANT TO INTERVENE IN A HOUSING DISCRIMINATION ACTION.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 399 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CIVIL ACTION WITH RESPECT TO CRIMINAL RECORDS USED IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 447 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR AN ADULT WHO IS SUBJECT TO A CONSERVATORSHIP OR A CONSERVATORSHIP PROCEEDING.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SB NO. 488 AN ACT CONCERNING LETTERS OF PROTECTION.

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SB NO. 489 AN ACT CONCERNING UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE FOR BODILY INJURY TO A NAMED INSURED OR RELATIVE.

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

The Senate, at 10:27 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 3:30 p.m., in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(b), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senator Minority Leader.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Please give your attention to acting chaplain, Tom Shields, of Newington, Connecticut.

ACTING CHAPLAIN TOM SHIELDS:

Lord, let us not put off for tomorrow what we can do today; postponement may bring sorrow, prompt action is the way. 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 Friday April 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) **REPORT(S) : RECEIVED** - to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

State of Connecticut Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund. Quarterly Report as required by Section 27-140 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Received April 15, 2010.

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Referred to: Select Committee on Veterans Affairs,
and Public Safety and Security.

- (2) **MATTER(S) RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE** - to be tabled for the calendar.

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GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 68 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND PHARMACY STATUTES.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 129 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF CONDOMINIUM OMBUDSMAN.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 188 AN ACT ESTABLISHING UNIFORM PROCEDURES REGARDING NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR AND HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR AND SALESMAN-RELATED COMPLAINTS.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 189 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 316 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON NONPROFIT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 330 AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT EMPLOYEES AND WORKFORCE COMPETITIVENESS.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 412 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT EVALUATION PREPARED FOR A STATE OWNED AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PREPARATION, EVALUATION AND REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT EVALUATIONS.

- (3) **BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE**

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(A) HOUSE BILL(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED - to be tabled for the calendar.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5024 AN ACT CONCERNING AN EDUCATION DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM IN NURSING EDUCATION. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 2945))

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HB NO. 5131 AN ACT CONCERNING VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AQUACULTURE CENTER SHELLFISH BEDS.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5235 AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVIDING OF CERTAIN INFORMATION UPON CERTAIN DENIALS OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5282 AN ACT CONCERNING FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS PERTAINING TO CERTAIN DISEASES. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 3467))

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5303 AN ACT REQUIRING REPORTING OF CERTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS DENIAL DATA.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 5326 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF INVESTMENT PERSONNEL BY THE TREASURER. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 3206))

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5346 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE WELL-BEING OF ALL CONNECTICUT CHILDREN AND REQUIRING AN ANNUAL REPORT CARD EVALUATING STATE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IMPACTING CHILDREN.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBST. HB NO. 5388 AN ACT CONCERNING HOMELESS FEMALE VETERANS AND BILINGUAL SERVICE OFFICERS.

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SUBST. HB NO. 5401 AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM STATUTES.

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

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HJ NO. 94 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT K. SATTER OF AVON TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

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HJ NO. 95 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS L. NADEAU OF WILTON TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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HJ NO. 96 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MAUREEN D. DENNIS-KELLY OF SOUTHPORT TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HJ NO. 97 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN F. KAVANEWSKY, JR. OF EAST NORWALK TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HJ NO. 98 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE FRANCIS X. HENNESSY OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

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HJ NO. 99 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD W. DYER OF MANCHESTER TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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HJ NO. 100 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT C. BRUNETTI OF GOSHEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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HJ NO. 101 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE BARRY K. STEVENS OF STRATFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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

The Senate, at 3:37 p.m., adjourned under the provisions of the Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the chair.

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The Senate was called to order, at 10:25 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 April 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 Senate Transcript.

SENATE AGENDA NUMBER 1

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

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 1 AN ACT CONCERNING THE
PRESERVATION AND CREATION OF JOBS IN CONNECTICUT.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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SUBST. SB NO. 438 AN ACT CONCERNING CHARTER SCHOOLS.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 444 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE NONRESIDENT CONTRACTOR BOND STATUTE.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 445 AN ACT ENHANCING THE ABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES TO COLLECT OUTSTANDING TAXES.

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

The Senate, at 10:28 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

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April 20, 2010

The Senate was called to order, at 10:35 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 understand that great things are done by a series of small things brought together.

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 April 20, 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.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE

SUBST. SB NO. 27 AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPECIAL TAX OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE STATE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SERVICE PLAZAS ON MAJOR HIGHWAYS.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 110 AN ACT ELIMINATING THE SUNSET
FOR CERTAIN TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCING PROGRAMS.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 313 AN ACT CONCERNING THE
ACCEPTABILITY OF CERTAIN CLAIMS FOR THE VETERANS'
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 379 AN ACT CONCERNING VOCATIONAL-
TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 432 AN ACT CONCERNING A REVIEW OF
TAX CREDITS.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 435 ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FEE
INCREASES.

- (2) MATTER(S) RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE - to be tabled
for the calendar.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 45 AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER
EDUCATION REMEDIATION PROGRAMS.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 221 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE
DISCLOSURE OF EMPLOYEE FILES TO INMATES.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 305 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OPTIONAL
MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM FOR
PROPERTY OWNERS WHO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN STONE
WALLS.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 325 AN ACT REPEALING CERTAIN
STATUTES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

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SUBST. SB NO. 327 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSOLIDATION
OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENTITIES.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 394 AN ACT CONCERNING THE
GOVERNANCE OF THE CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY
AUTHORITY.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SUBST. SB NO. 455 AN ACT CONCERNING THE
CONNECTICUT SPORTS AND MARKETING CORPORATION.

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

The Senate, at 10:38 a.m., adjourned under provisions
of the Senate Rule 9(b) subject to the call of the
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The Senate was called to order at 12:47 p.m., the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Members and guests please rise and direct your attention to the Rev. Barbara Headly, who will lead us in prayer.

Reverend.

REV. DR. BARBARA HEADLY:

Let us pray. Almighty God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come, as our Senate body gathers together today to seek Your wisdom concerning the concerns of our state. As we continue to face the pressures of difficult economic times, the conflict of opposing ideas and approaches to our concerns, grant our Senators the wisdom and patience to work together.

Enable them to find the common needs and outcomes that we seek for the well-being of the citizens of Connecticut. Bring an atmosphere of collaboration and partnership among our Senators as they work together to complete the work of this session. Grant peace and

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perseverance to all support staff who work behind the scenes to help our state government function.

Be with our Governor as she makes difficult decisions for our state. Thank you for hearing our prayer, Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Reverend.

Senator Debicella, will you join us in the pledge, please.

SENATOR DEBICELLA:

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:

At this time, I will entertain any points of personal privileges or announcements if they are out there.

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

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

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, ma'am.

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SENATOR HARP:

Thank you, Mr. President.

A giant has passed from among us. Dorothy Height who has been called the queen mother of the civil rights movement through seven decades of advocacy for racial and gender equality, including 41 years as a president of the National Council of Negro Women, has died.

Ms. Height, who also played a key role in integrating the YWCA, died yesterday of natural causes at Howard University Hospital in Washington, DC. Though not nearly as well-known as her male counterparts, Ms. Height was a steadfast presence in the civil rights movement, often the only woman at strategy meetings with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and other leaders. She pressed the importance of issues affecting women and children, such as child care and education.

Beginning in the 1930s, she helped shaped the national agenda for the YWCA. Traveling across the nation, she prodded the local chapters to implement interracial charters at a time when resistance to integration was often fierce.

In a statement, President Obama called her the

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godmother of the civil rights movement and a hero. She has devoted her life to those struggling for equality and, he said, served as the only woman at the highest level of the civil rights movement witnessing every march and milestone along the way.

She was also the president, from 1947 to 1956, of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., a public service sorority of African American women.

Besides the Presidential Medal of Freedom awarded by President Bill Clinton in 1994, Ms. Height's many honors include the Congressional Gold Medal awarded by George W. Bush in 2004. The two medals are the country's highest civilian awards.

And I believe that we should honor her today because had she not done her work, I likely would not be standing before you today. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

SENATOR HARP:

May I ask for a moment of silence --

THE CHAIR:

Yes, ma'am. If everyone can please rise --

SENATOR HARP:

-- for Ms. Dorothy Height.

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THE CHAIR:

-- for a moment of silence.

[Moment of silence.]

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator Roraback.

SENATOR RORABACK:

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

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President.

For an introduction, I think many of us, as elected officials, hold ourselves out when a charity is trying to raise money and allow people to bid on the exceptional opportunity to come witness the State Senate at work, and happily the Department of Consumer Protection doesn't regulate that process, Mr. President, because I'm not sure that the people that bid at those charity auctions always get what they deserve. That being said, Mr. President, today I have two neighbors and friends from Goshen who made a very generous bid, when the Goshen Community Care and

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Hospice had its annual fundraiser last year, to spend a couple of hours with us. And I'd like the chamber to extend its usual warm welcome to Ann and Ken Green.

If they could please rise and be recognized by the chamber.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Welcome to the State Senate and the State Capitol.

Thank you.

Are there any others?

Senator Musto.

SENATOR MUSTO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

As you may have seen, those of you who came through the tunnel today from the LOB, the YMCA was here in force today. I know, personally, some of the good works they do down in my district, in Bridgeport. They are the largest service provider of the Care for Kids program, which does relieve some of the burden from people who have children who are trying to find work or educate themselves to get better jobs.

I don't think I have to explain to anyone in the

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chamber the good works the YMCA does. But we do have some representatives here from the Y today, and I would like to introduce them. We have Phillip Dwyer, who is the Central Connecticut Coast president and CEO; Barbara Moore, who's the project director for the Y's obesity project. Dick Foote, the resource director for the YMCA of the USA. And last, but certainly not least, my neighbor in Trumbull, Morag Vance, who was served 11 years in the House here in Connecticut and two years as our first selectmen and our only female first selectman in Trumbull. And although she's a Republican, I count her as a friend and a neighbor. So if you would please rise and give your usual warm welcome to them as well.

THE CHAIR:

I'd like to extend my welcome also to the State Senate and State Capitol. Welcome.

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, for another point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, ma'am.

SENATOR HARP:

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You know in my first point of personal privilege, we recognized Dorothy Height who was a leader in our nation, and she also was distinguished by being the president from 1947 to 1956 of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., a public service sorority. And I would like to welcome
would like to welcome my sorors from Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., a public service sorority, who come here every year to advocate on behalf of women and children across our state.

So would they please stand and would we give them our welcome.

Thank you so much, sorors, for coming again.

THE CHAIR:

Welcome to the State Capitol and the State Senate, ladies.

Are there any other points of personal privileges or announcements?

Senator Boucher. Thank you.

SENATOR BOUCHER:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I also rise to recognize our YMCAs today. I'm privileged to have two of my towns YMCAs represented in a wonderful display as we walk through

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to come to this particular chamber. From the Wilton Y, we have with us Bob McDowell, who's the executive director; Lisa Bogan, board president; Karen Strickland, development director; Mary Ann Genuario, wellness director; and from Westport -- those are all from the Town of Wilton. And from Westport, we have David Cohen, who is the VP of Operations of the Westport Family Y.

We should recognize that this organization does a phenomenal job, along with our Boys and Girls Clubs. Not only to have just really great programs for our families and children, but they also are leading the fight against an epidemic of obesity that we have in this country and a very important worthwhile project. So I just recognize them as they walk through and come to our chambers. I'm sure that they'll be here shortly but we should recognize that they do us a valuable service in our state.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Boucher.

Are there any other announcements or points of personal privileges?

If not, Senator Looney.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, sir. How are you?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Very well, Mr. President. Thank you.

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

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Mr. President, the Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Copies have been distributed.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move all items on Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, April 21, 2010, to be acted upon as indicated and that the agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate journal and the Senate transcript.

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THE CHAIR:

There is a motion on the floor to include all items in Senate Agenda Number 1. Seeing no objections, so order, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, if we might proceed now to the marking of today's calendar. It is a lengthy calendar, but we will try to move as expeditiously as possible.

Mr. President, beginning under Judicial Nominations on calendar page 1, Calendar 405 and Calendar 406 should both be marked go.

Moving to calendar page 2, the matters on calendar page 2, Mr. President, Calendar 407, Calendar 408, Calendar 409, Calendar 410 and Calendar 411, all marked go.

Moving to calendar page 3, Calendar 412 also marked go.

Then continuing on calendar page 3, under Executive and Legislative nominations, calendar page 3, Calendar 31, Senate Joint Resolution Number 15.

Mr. President, would move to recommit this item to the committee on Executive and Legislative nominations.

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THE CHAIR:

Motion on the floor, recommit. Seeing no
objections, so order, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

On calendar page 3, also Calendar Number 80 is
marked PR.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing on calendar page 3, Calendar 391
marked go.

Then moving to calendar page 4, Calendar 392 is
go; Calendar 393 also go.

Continuing on calendar page 4, under favorable
reports, Calendar Number 42 is marked PR; Calendar 43,
PR.

Moving to calendar page 5, Calendar 47, Senate
Bill Number 137, Mr. President, we move to place this
item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, sir, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing calendar page 5, Calendar 53 is marked go; Calendar 55 marked go; Calendar 56 marked go; Calendar 61 marked PR; Calendar 62, PR.

Moving to calendar page 6, Calendar 66 marked go; Calendar 69, PR; Calendar 71 marked go; Calendar 72 marked pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 74, Senate Bill Number 132, Mr. President, move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 76 marked go.

Moving to calendar page 7, Calendar 78 is marked pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 87, Senate Bill Number 184, Mr.

President, move to place this item on the consent
calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Calendar 89, PR.

Calendar 90, Senate Bill Number 255, Mr.

President, move to place this item on the consent
calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 91, Senate Bill Number 259, Mr.

President, move to refer this item to the
Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing, Calendar 93, Senate Bill 63, move to

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refer this item also to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 8, Calendar 94, Senate
Bill Number 133. Mr. President, move to place this
item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 96 is marked go.

Calendar 97, Senate Bill Number 310, Mr.
President, move to place this item on the consent
calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 99, PR.

Calendar 100, Senate Bill Number 55, Mr.
President, move to place this item on the foot of the
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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 103, Senate Bill Number 43, Mr.

President, move to place this item on the consent
calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 9, Calendar 105, Senate:
Bill Number 136, Mr. President, move to place this
item on the foot of the calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 112 is marked pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 114, pass temporarily.

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THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 116, Senate Bill Number 60, move to
place this item on the foot of the calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 117 is marked go; Calendar 118, PR.

Moving to calendar page 10, Calendar 119 marked
go; Calendar 124 marked go; Calendar 127 marked go.

Calendar 134, Senate Bill Number 58, Mr.
President, move to place this item on the foot of the
calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 139, pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 142 also pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 143, PR.

Moving to calendar page 11, Calendar 144, PR;

Calendar 149, pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 151, PR; Calendar 155, PR; Calendar 156,
pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 157, Senate Bill Number 121, Mr.

President, move to place this item on the foot of the
calendar.

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Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 161, Senate Bill Number 258, Mr. President,
move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 162, PR; Calendar 168, PR; Calendar 174,

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Moving to calendar page 13, Calendar 177, PR;

Calendar 180, Senate Bill Number 152, Mr. President,
move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 184 is marked go; Calendar 185, PR;

Calendar 203, pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Calendar 210, PR; Calendar 216 is marked go;
Calendar 217, Senate Bill Number 201, Mr. President,
move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 221, pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 222, Senate Bill Number 275, Mr.
President, move to place this item on the consent
calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 224, Senate Bill Number 439, Mr.
President, move to refer this item to the Committee on
Human Services.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 15, Calendar 225, PR;
Calendar 227, PR; Calendar 229, PR; Calendar 232 is
marked go; Calendar 233, marked go; Calendar 237,
Senate Bill Number 300, Mr. President, move to refer
this item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 239, Senate Bill Number 105, Mr.

President, move to place this item on the consent
calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 240, PR; Calendar 241, PR; Calendar 242,
PR; Calendar 249, pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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Calendar 264, PR; Calendar 265, PR.

Calendar page 17, Calendar 266, Senate Bill
Number 468, Mr. President, move to refer this item to
the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 269, PR; Calendar 270 is marked go;
Calendar 272, pass temporarily.

Moving to calendar page 18, Mr. President,
Calendar 275, Senate Bill Number 337, Mr. President,
move to refer this item to the Committee on Finance,
Revenue and Bonding.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 294, PR; Calendar 295, PR; Calendar 296,
House Bill Number 5138, Mr. President, move to place
this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 297, House Bill Number 5219, Mr.

President, move to place this item on the consent
calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 298 is marked go; Calendar 299, PR.

Calendar page 19, Calendar 300, marked go;

Calendar 301, House Bill Number 5263, Mr. President,
move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 302, House Bill Number 5292, move to
place this item on consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 303, House Bill Number 5265, move to
place this item on the consent calendar.

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THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 313, House Bill Number 5002, move to
place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 20, Calendar 314, House
Bill Number 5201, Mr. President, move to place this
item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 315, PR; Calendar 316, Senate Bill
Number 278, Mr. President, move to refer this item to
the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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Calendar 317, PR; Calendar 318, Senate Bill
Number 418, Mr. President, move to refer this item to
the Committee on Government Administration and
Elections.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 319, Senate Bill Number 465, Mr.
President, move to refer this item to the
Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar page 21, Calendar 320 is PR; Calendar
321, Senate Bill Number 347, Mr. President, move to
refer this item to the Committee on Transportation.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 322, Senate Bill Number 365, Mr.
President, move to refer this item to the Committee on

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THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 323, PR; Calendar 324, Senate Bill
Number 423, Mr. President, move to refer this item to
the Committee on Planning and Development.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 325, Senate Bill Number 425, move to
refer this item to the Education Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 326, Senate Bill Number 463, Mr.
President, move to refer this item to the
Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 327, Senate Bill Number 462, Mr.

President, move to refer this item to the Committee on
Public Safety and Security.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 328, Senate Bill Number 467, move to
refer this item to the Commerce Committee, Mr.
President.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 329, Senate Bill Number 470, move to
refer this item to the Committee on Planning and
Development.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 330, PR; Calendar 331, Senate Bill
Number 473, Mr. President, move to refer this item to

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the Transportation Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 332, PR.

Moving to calendar page 23, Calendar 333, Senate Bill Number 270, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 334, Senate Bill Number 357, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 335, Senate Bill Number 359, move to refer this item to the Commerce Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 336, Senate Bill Number 360, Mr.
President, move to refer this item to the Committee on
Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 337, Senate Bill Number 433, move to
refer this item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 338, Senate Bill Number 434, Mr.
President, move to refer this item to the Committee on
Insurance and Real Estate.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 24, Calendar 339, is pass
temporarily.

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THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 340, marked go; Calendar 341, Senate Bill Number 284, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Transportation Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 342, Mr. President, move to refer this item, Senate Bill Number 424, move to refer this item to the Committee on Public Health.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 343, PR; Calendar 344 is marked pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Calendar 345, Senate Bill Number 457, Mr.
President, move to refer this item to the Committee on
Government Administration and Elections.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar page 25, Calendar 346, Senate Bill
Number 151, Mr. President, move to place this item on
the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 348, Senate Bill Number 250, Mr.
President, move to refer this item to the
Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 349, Senate Bill Number 272, move to
refer this item to the Committee on Public Safety and
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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 350; Senate Bill Number 333, Mr.

President, move to place this item on the consent
calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 371, House Bill Number 5014, Mr.

President, move to place this item on the consent
calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 372 is marked PR; Calendar 373, House
Bill Number 5371, Mr. President, move to refer this
item to the Committee on Planning and Development.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 374, House Bill Number 5225, Mr.

President, move to refer this item to the Committee on
Energy and Technology.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 375, House Bill Number 5320, Mr.

President, move to place this item on the consent
calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 376, House Bill Number 5254, Mr.

President, move to refer this item to the Committee on
Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 377, PR; Calendar 378, PR; Calendar 379
is marked go; Calendar 380, House Bill Number 5452,

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Mr. President, move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing calendar page 27, Calendar 381, House Bill Number 5006, move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 382, House Bill Number 5157, move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 383 is PR. Moving to calendar page 28, Calendar 384, House Bill Number 5204, Mr. President, move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 385 is marked go; Calendar 386 is marked go; Calendar 387 is marked pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 388, PR; Calendar 389, pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 29, Calendar 390, pass temporarily. Calen --

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 394, PR; Calendar 395, Senate Bill Number 127, Mr. President, move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 396 is marked go; Calendar 397, Senate Bill Number 196, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Committee on Labor and Public Employees.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:)

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 398 is PR.

Moving to calendar page 30, Calendar 399, Senate Bill Number 334, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Committee on Insurance and Real Estate.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 400, Senate Bill Number 367, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Housing Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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Calendar 401, Senate Bill Number 399, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Committee on Labor and Public Employees.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 402, PR; Calendar 413, House Bill Number 5024, Mr. President, move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 414, House Bill Number 5401, move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 415, House Bill Number 5131, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Education Committee.

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Without objection, so ordered.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 416 is PR; Calendar 417, House Bill
Number 5282, Mr. President, move to refer this item to
the Committee on Public Safety and Security.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 418, PR; Calendar 419, House Bill Number
5303, Mr. President, I move to place this item on the
consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 32, Calendar 420 is PR;
and Calendar 421, House Bill Number 5388, Mr.
President, move to place that item on the consent
calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving now past the single-starred items to matters returned from committee, on calendar page 34, Mr. President, Calendar 35 is marked PR; Calendar 39 is PR; and Calendar 46 is marked go; Calendar 50 marked go; Calendar 52 marked go; Calendar 60 marked go.

Moving to calendar page 35, Calendar 63, PR; Calendar 64, Senate Bill Number 187, Mr. President, move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 68, PR; Calendar 73, PR; Calendar 75, PR; Calendar 77, PR.

I'm moving to calendar page 36, Calendar 84 to be marked pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 85, marked go; Calendar 88, PR; Calendar 92, pass temporarily.

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THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

On calendar page 36, Calendar 95, Senate Bill Number 242, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing calendar page 36, Calendar 101 is PR.

Moving to calendar page 37, Calendar 102, Senate Bill Number 129, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 104, PR; Calendar 107 is marked go;
Calendar 109, Senate Bill Number 189, Mr. President,
move to place this item on the consent calendar.

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Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 111 is marked go; Calendar 120, Senate Bill Number 326, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 121, PR.

Moving to calendar page 38, Calendar 123 is marked go; Calendar 125, Senate Bill Number 316, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Committee on Public Health.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 126 is marked go; Calendar 128, Senate Bill Number 330, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Committee on Labor and Public Employees.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 129 is marked go; Calendar 133, PR;
Calendar 135, PR.

Moving to calendar page 39, Calendar 138 as PR;
Calendar 141, PR; Calendar 145, pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 146, PR; Calendar 148, Senate Bill
Number 226, Mr. President, move to place this item on
the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 153, Senate Bill Number 343, Mr.
President, move to refer this item to the Committee on
Public Safety and Security.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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Calendar 154 is marked go; Calendar 159, Senate Bill Number 387, Mr. President, move to refer this item to the Committee on Public Health.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 166, PR; Calendar 167, PR; Calendar 181, PR.

Calendar page 40, Calendar 182, Senate Bill Number 218, Mr. President, move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 41, Calendar 186 is marked go; Calendar 188, Senate Bill Number 200, Mr. President, move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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Calendar 189, pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 190, PR; Calendar 194, Senate Bill
Number 412, Mr. President, move to refer this item to
the Committee on Planning and Development.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Moving to calendar page 42, Calendar 201, PR;
Calendar 220, PR; Calendar 251, PR; Calendar 252 is
marked go; Calendar 274, PR; Calendar 277, PR.

Under Favorable Reports and Resolutions on
calendar page 43, Calendar 57, Senate Joint Resolution
Number 4, Mr. President, move to recommit this item to
the Committee on General Law.

THE CHAIR:

Motion on the floor to recommit. Seeing no
objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 115 is PR.

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On the items on the foot of the Calendar, Mr. President, beginning on calendar page 43, first item on the foot, Calendar 158, Senate Bill Number 181, move to remove this item from the foot and to mark it PR.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, sir, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing on the foot of the Calendar, calendar page 43, Calendar 205, Senate Bill Number 419, Mr. President, I would move to remove this item from the foot and to refer it to the Committee on Planning and Development.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing on the foot of the Calendar, Mr. President, calendar page 44, Calendar 253, Senate Bill Number 180, Mr. President, would just to move to remove this item from the foot and to mark it PR; and Calendar 254, Senate Bill Number 203, also, Mr. President, move to remove from the foot and to mark

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PR; and finally, Mr. President, the last item Calendar 255, Senate Bill Number 352, I move to remove from the foot and to mark it PR.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President, that concludes our calendar markings at -- at this time.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Calendar for Wednesday, April 21, 2010, calendar page 1, Calendar Number 405, House Joint Resolution Number 94, RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT K. SATTER OF AVON TO BE A STATE REFEREE, favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary.

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.

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THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President, it's my honor to bring forth the nomination of Judge Satter for another term as a judge -- as a state referee in the state of Connecticut. Many members of the circle, certainly, are aware of the storied and spectacular career that Judge Satter has had in the state of Connecticut.

He was first appointed to the bench in 1975, having many years of practice in a private law firm with other very notable legal scholars, including Judge Newman now on the Second Circuit. Mr. President, Judge Satter is a graduate of Rutgers University and attended Columbia Law School where his education was interrupted because he was called to the service of his country in World War II. Mr. President, after returning from the US Navy, Judge Satter went on to a very remarkable career, both at the private bar and now for the last 35 years in the Superior Court.

Judge Satter is a prolific author. He is a

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compassionate individual. He has written many books and enumerable law review articles. He has been a state representative, has served in many other different capacities, and I can't be more proud than to bring his name forth before this body for another term as a state referee.

And, finally, Mr. President, finally, Mr. President, we have to note that even at his age of 90, he is a very sharp astute individual, who still plays tennis and golf when he can but, by his own admission, not very well. Still he has a strength of spirit that I think is an inspiration to many who practice in the state of Connecticut and to the colleagues he serves with on the bench of the state. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on the resolution?

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Good afternoon.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, sir.

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SENATOR KISSEL:

I rise in strong support of Judge Satter, as well. It was very interesting to have him before us on the Judiciary Committee, but I can state to my friends and colleagues here in the Senate circle that over the past 26 years that I've been lucky enough to practice law here in the state of Connecticut, there have been times in the past where I had the great honor to serve my clients before Judge Satter. And, indeed, on some occasions I have been appointed a committee in a foreclosure action, difficult ones, and Judge Satter who does preside over the Foreclosure Calendars here in Hartford, with wisdom and dignity, makes sure that all the cases are handled with the utmost respect. There's one particular instance where I recall that I was a committee and it was a very difficult case, and I had -- the plaintiffs had brought an action of foreclosure and one of the duties that I had was checking their chain of title to make sure that they had sued the appropriate individuals and that they had legitimate title to the property and there was a real problem there. And I tried to work it out with those attorneys and they said, Well, you know, we're still waiting for an assignment of

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mortgage, but we're certainly the ones that have the right to pursue this. And they really wouldn't hold off on pursuing the matter until they obtained that assignment. And I felt that that was inappropriate, and so I brought that matter to Judge Satter's attention. He suggested that I, as committee, should prepare a motion for advice. I went through the details in that motion for advice, and Judge Satter in his great wisdom duly chastised the plaintiff's counsel, said that they had absolutely no standing at that time to bring the foreclosure action, was kind enough to state that I was correct in urging them to hold off until they had clear title. And I thought that he handled that with great dignity and wisdom. And, indeed, the defendants being duly afforded a little bit more breathing room, I believe, were able to work out of that situation, so it all worked out to the best. But it proved to me that, clearly, many years ago Judge Satter would take time out of his busy day to communicate with anyone to provide with you with guidance as to how to handle a particular matter if that was appropriate. And I believe that even with his many years of service to the people of the state of Connecticut, Judge Satter still has many more years

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ahead of him, and he is a great, great asset to all of the people of the state of Connecticut. And I strongly support his renomination. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Senator Handley.

SENATOR HANDLEY:

Thank you. Not spending very much time in court, thank heavens, I had -- I had not run into Judge Satter until working on the Intern Committee. We decided to choose his book on -- called "Under the Golden Dome" which is a study of Connecticut -- the Connecticut legislature and one of the most thoughtful and insightful and really charming books. So that Judge Satter's influence has gone, not only within the court system, but also within the -- within the students and the interns who have been working here. And I'm happy to be able to support him.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, ma'am.

Will you remark further? Will you remark further on the resolution before us? If not --

Oh, Senator Looney, I'm sorry.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Speaking in support of the resolution, Judge Satter has had an extraordinary career in the state of Connecticut. He is a World War II veteran, graduate of Columbia Law School. He then was a practice -- practiced law in Hartford with great distinction for many years. His law partner was George Ritter, later representative and the father of former speaker, Tom Ritter.

Judge Satter was also himself counsel to the house majority in the early 1970s prior to his appointment as a -- as a judge, served himself as a -- obviously, as a state representative. He talked about the closeness of a couple of elections that he was involved in when he was elected to the House of Representatives and then later served as counsel to the majority in the House, and then became a Superior Court judge and serves -- continues to serve as a referee with great acuity and great precision. His books has been mentioned, "Under the Golden Dome." He talks about the experience of having served as both a legislator, as legislative counsel and as a judge. And he often points out that the most enjoyment he had

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in all of those careers was during his service in the General Assembly. And it was my great fortune to have been a student of his at University of Connecticut School of Law. And when he taught a course in legislative process and later was asked back to be a -- a guest lecturer in his class, he continues to be vital, interested in the law, brilliant and scholarly. He has been just a great blessing to the state of Connecticut in so many ways over so many years, and I'm sure we all wish him good health and continued activity as he moves forward at the age of 90 to continue his service as one of our best and brightest referees. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on the resolution before us?

Senator LeBeau.

SENATOR LEBEAU:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I didn't mean to speak after the Majority Leader, but I -- I did want to -- I did want to say that I read Judge Satter's book. I -- I got the book and I said, What does this guy know? I'll tell you he knows

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quite a bit. Every time I look at the book -- and I keep it next to my -- next to my night stand -- and I -- every time I look at it, I learn something new. And that's amazing for a guy who's been here almost 18 years. So I very much appreciate the remarks that have been made. He's a brilliant man from what I can see. I haven't met him. I look forward to meeting him some time, but would recommend his nomination. Thank you.

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.

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

THE CHAIR:

Seeing -- Senator Debicella -- okay. Seeing no objection, so ordered. Thank you, sir.

Senator McDonald, we're going to just put a pause for a second.

Senator Debicella.

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SENATOR DEBICELLA:

Thank you, Mr. President. I jumped the gun, and thank you, Senator McDonald.

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

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR DEBICELLA:

Mr. President, we have coming into the circle right now the Stratford High School Boys Basketball Team who were not only the Class L Champions for the State of Connecticut, but were named the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Boys Basketball Team of the Year. They are the pride of Stratford. We are very proud to have them up here at the Capitol today.

They have not only had a phenomenal season this season, but the seniors on the team have a record that any sports team would be proud to have. The seniors have won 62 out of the last 64 games in their high school careers. And I just -- would just like to take a moment to introduce them to you because we in Stratford are very, very proud of them.

A three-year starter, and please just step forward and wave, Jason Charles; a two-time SWC

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all-league player, Russell Payton; our Connecticut Boys Basketball Player of the Year, Brandon Sherrod; senior, Rob Santo; senior, Dashawn Moffatt; Jeff Miller, Shaquille Stanley, and Isaac Gyimah.

Now the team is also got a lot of promise for the future. We have a strong slate of underclassmen on the team as well. Please step forward, Darnell Hudson, A.J. Arslan, Kyle Small, Asia Bolling, Tom Bajda, Bernard Brantley, and Marcus Vereen.

Now these guys would not be where they are today without their coaches, who we'd like to recognize today, Paul Dudzinski, Gene Rodar, Anthony Pierro, Dan Donnelly, Bryan Chong, Lou Pierro and Athletic Director Robert Baird, and most of all the beaming principal today, here with her husband, Margaret Lasek.

So I'd ask the Senate to please rise and join me in giving our customary welcome to Connecticut Boys Basketball Team of the Year.

(Senator Harp of the 10th in the Chair.)

THE CHAIR:

Will the Senate rise and give these heroes a round of applause. Thank you.

Congratulations to the team. We are so very

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proud of you.

I recognize Senator Gomes.

SENATOR GOMES:

As a representative of a part of Stratford, I just wanted to join Senator Debicella in his congratulation of your team and your record. I don't have to say anything. He said it all, but we're very proud of you.

Thank you for being here.

THE CHAIR:

Congratulations and we look forward to your continuing success.

Mr. Clerk, will you continue the call of the Calendar?

THE CLERK:

Returning to calendar page 1, Calendar Number 406, House Joint Resolution Number 95, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS L. NADEAU OF WILTON TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Question on the resolution?

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, Judge Nadeau is a resident of Wilton, Connecticut. He currently has his chambers in the Stamford Superior Court. He is finishing his second term as a judge in the Su -- in the Connecticut judicial system. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. He had a long career at a prominent law firm in Bridgeport before he ascended to the bench. And those of us who practice in the Stamford area know him to be an extraordinarily knowledgeable, thoughtful and precise jurist who discharges his responsibilities with a great deal of integrity. And it's my pleasure to recommend him to the circle.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator Boucher.

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SENATOR BOUCHER:

Madam -- thank you, Madam Pre -- President.

I rise also to support this nomination and was very pleased to hear of the very complimentary comments by my colleague on this committee. I have known Judge Nadeau for quite some time over the last couple of decades, and he has done a very good job. We're so pleased that he will continue on our bench. In fact he -- when he was quite young, actually served as a clerk in our own Supreme Court. He's really a locally grown lawyer and judge coming from Waterbury, Connecticut, and graduating from Watertown High School.

And I am -- I'm pleased to note -- to tell you that he does enjoy his job. It can be seen when he likes to drive through our town in some of his antique convertible cars from the fifties and sixties which speak to the fact that he is enjoying his time on the bench and also enjoying his time in our community.

Thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, this matter is placed on the
consent calendar.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar page 2, Calendar Number 407, House Joint
Resolution Number 96, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE
NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MAUREEN D. DENNIS-KELLY OF
SOUTHPORT TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,
favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President.

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

THE CHAIR:

A question on the resolution?

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, Judge Dennis-Kelly is a resident

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of Southport, Connecticut, and currently serves as a judge in the GA in Norwalk. She is finishing her second term as a judge of the Superior Court and, prior to becoming a judge, she had a long career in private practice and started her legal career as a public defender in the state of Connecticut. She's a graduate of both the University of Connecticut and its law school. And those of us who -- who serve on the Judiciary Committee know her as a zealous advocate on behalf of the judges of Connecticut. She has worked as a -- as the president of the Connecticut Judges Association and has been an invaluable resource to the members of the Judiciary Committee on a whole host of issues relating to the judicial branch and to -- more importantly, to the judges who are on the frontlines every day trying to implement and discharge the duties that we have assigned to them. It's my pleasure to call her a colleague in the administration of justice. And it is my pleasure to recommend her to the circle.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL:

Thank you very much, Madam President. It's great to see you there this afternoon.

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I stand in strong support of Judge Dennis-Kelly, as well. And I just want to be associated with the kind remarks made by Senator McDonald. Clearly Judge Dennis-Kelly has come before the Judiciary Committee on any number of occasions over the last several years. Indeed many, many times over the last 10 years that I've been the ranking senator on the Judiciary Committee. Not only is she a fount of wisdom and insights as to the workings of the judicial branch but she does bring an interesting perspective from that of the judges in the Judges Association. Believe me, it's not always about salaries and benefits and things like that. Many times, she has been given -- giving us wonderful information as to how we can better utilize our resources and better utilize the talents that we have within the judicial branch. And I strongly stand in support of her renomination.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, if there's no objection, might

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this item be placed on the consent calendar?

THE CHAIR:

If there is no objection, this matter is placed
on the consent calendar.

Senator McDonald.

Oh, the Clerk. I'm sorry.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 408, House Joint Resolution
Number 97, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE
HONORABLE JOHN F. KAVANEWSKY, JR., OF EAST NORWALK TO
BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, favorable report of
the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

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Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, Judge Kavanewsky is a resident of East Norwalk, Connecticut. He currently sits in the Fairfield Judicial District at Bridgeport. We miss him very much in the Stamford Superior Court, but we know that he is a great judge in the state of Connecticut. He is finishing his second term as a judge of the Superior Court. He's a graduate of both Wake Forest University, as well as its law school.

Prior to ascending to the bench, Madam President, Judge Kavanewsky had a very -- successful career in private practice in Norwalk. And he served actually in a law firm with our own Bob Genuario as partner for many years. Madam President, Judge Kavanewsky has written considerably on professional matters, and he has also served the state of Connecticut and its judicial branch on several commissions, including the Connecticut Code of Evidence Oversight Committee, the judicial branch's Committee on Utilization of Judge Trial Referees, and for an extraordinary length of time, as a member of the Public Defenders' Services Commission.

I can say when he was a judge in Stamford, I had a opportunity to work with him on a number of issues

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and I always found him to be very insightful, very thoughtful and very patient, and I appreciated all of those characteristics. And I look forward to him serving for another eight years on the bench.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much.

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, I also rise to endorse Judge Kavanewsky. As a person who's not a lawyer, I don't get a chance to see the inside of a courtroom except on days where they have the tours, which is good. So I can't speak to his manner inside the courtroom too much except that I know that he has taken some high profile cases over -- over the years and has handled that extremely well under circumstances that would pressure an awful lot of people. I have seen Judge Kavanewsky around the community. I think he is well liked and well considered and well thought of. And I believe that somebody of his stature and experience should be brought back on to the bench.

Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

If there is no objection, this matter shall be
placed on the consent calendar.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 409, House Joint Resolution
Number 98, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE
HONORABLE FRANCIS X. HENNESSY OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A
STATE REFEREE, favorable report of the Committee on
Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, I move acceptance of the joint
committee's favorable report and adoption of the

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resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Question on the resolution?...

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, Judge Hennessy is a resident of West Hartford, Connecticut. He currently has his chambers in Hartford Superior Court. He was first appointed to the bench in 1976 and has served ever since. And by all accounts -- I haven't had the privilege of appearing before him -- but by all accounts that I have heard, he does a remarkable job. He is a graduate of Fordham College and received his law degree from the University of Connecticut School of law. And he has written a number of articles on family law and judicial administration. And I believe that based on his experience and his answers to the questions by the Judiciary Committee, he has earned and deserves another eight years as a judge trial referee in the state of Connecticut.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald, thank you very much.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

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Thank you, Madam President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, this matter is placed on the
consent calendar.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 410, House Joint Resolution
Number 99, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE
HONORABLE RICHARD W. DYER OF MANCHESTER TO BE A JUDGE
OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, favorable report of the
Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

Question on the resolution?

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, Judge Dyer is a resident of

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Manchester, Connecticut. He is currently has his chambers in Enfield, has been a judge since 1994. He has attained his degrees at the College of Holy Cross where he received his bachelor's degree. He has -- he received his law degree from the University of Connecticut. He had been in private practice in, I believe, Hartford from 1977 to 1994 and has written articles relating to juvenile justice issues and family matters. And I believe that based on that experience and his contributions as a judge of the Superior Court he will continue to serve the state of Connecticut well as a judge of the Superior Court.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL:

Thank you very much, Madam President.

I rise in strong support of Judge Dyer. It was interesting when he came up for his renomination these past several weeks that he commented on the status of the courthouse in located in GA 13 in Enfield, which is the town where I reside and is a courthouse where years ago I had a wonderful opportunity to act as a special public defender, as well as practice law for a

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variety -- with a variety of very outstanding lawyers in north central Connecticut. And I was happy to learn in my colloquy with Judge Dyer that everything is running very smoothly at the GA 13 courthouse on Phoenix Avenue in Enfield, Connecticut.

Over the last eight years he has also served us in the courthouse in Rockville, Connecticut, and he was able to explain that that courthouse is running rather smoothly as well. And so having that information, knowing that everything is -- at least within the judicial branch -- seems to be running very smoothly in north central Connecticut. That was very reassuring.

Above and beyond that, regarding his own personal qualifications, they are beyond reproach. And I stand in strong support of his renomination to the bench.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator Handley.

SENATOR HANDLEY:

Thank you, Madam President. It's nice to see you there.

I rise in support of Judge Dyer's renomination

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for the -- for the court. I've known him for a very long time in Manchester. We worked together on several commissions. And since he has gone on the bench, I have seen him regularly -- usually at the market but sometimes at other places. And I am constantly delighted to hear from him how much he enjoys the job. He says he's never had such a great job. He's never had a -- work that has engaged and interested him and kept him so alert and -- and busy. And it's so wonderful to someone who loves the job they're doing. And it certainly suggests to me that he's doing a good job. I know he's particularly interested in the juvenile court area. So I greatly support his re -- his nomination -- reappointment.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Seeing no objection, this matter is placed on the

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Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 411, House Joint Resolution
Number 100, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF
THE HONORABLE ROBER C. BRUNETTI OF GOSHEN TO BE A
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, favorable report of the
Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President.

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

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, Judge Brunetti is one of the
many important residents of Goshen, Connecticut, and
is a judge who commutes from Goshen, actually, to
Bristol everyday where he is the only judge in the
Bristol courthouse running the entire show.

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Madam President, Judge Brunetti is a graduate of St. Michael's College and received his law degree from the Quinnipac -- Quinnipiac School of Law. He had started his career in private practice in the Danbury area and for approximately 18 years served as a prosecutor in the state of Connecticut. Madam President, I know that there are other members of the circle who can speak more competently of his qualifications, but, for my part, I was very impressed with his accomplishments and I certainly think he will have many more in the future.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator Roraback.

SENATOR RORABACK:

Thank you, Madam President.

I rise in support of the nomination. Danbury's loss has been Goshen's gain. Judge Brunetti had a distinguished career in Danbury and then he wanted some fresh air and moved up to the country. He's been a great addition to the Litchfield County legal establishment and has served us well in many capacities, and I urge support of his nomination.

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Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN:

Thank you, Madam President.

I rise to support this nomination. Judge Brunetti is a Danbury native who is and has served with distinction as an assistant district attorney for the Danbury district. He has a many friends in the Danbury community, has served our community in many capacities in community service and, I might add, holds the title of Danbury Amateur Golf Champion for many years in our area of Connecticut. I highly recommend this appointment and look forward to him continuing his fine service to this state.

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President.

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

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Seeing no objection, this matter is placed on the
consent calendar.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar page 3, Calendar Number 412, House Joint
Resolution Number 101, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE
NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE BARRY K. STEVENS OF
STRATFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,
favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Question's on adoption.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Madam President, Judge Stevens is a resident of
Stratford, Connecticut. He currently holds court,

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literally and figuratively, in the Superior Court of Waterbury. He is a graduate of Harvard College and received his law degree from NYU. He had a career in private practice when he first started in the practice of law but then served for approximately nine years as a assistant United States attorney for the District of Connecticut before returning to private practice and then ascending to the bench.

Madam President, Judge Stevens is an accomplished juror -- jurist and has served the state of Connecticut not only as a judge but as member of various local bar associations and community organizations. And we believe that based upon his -- the totality of his life experiences and professional accomplishments, he has earned another eight-year term, and we believe that he will continue to do the great work he has done over the last several years.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

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

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Seeing no objection, this matter is placed on the
consent calendar.

ME. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Executive and Legislative Nominations, Calendar
Number 391, Senate Resolution Number 15, RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF AMY J. LIVOLSI, ESQ., OF
STAMFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
COMMISSION, favorable report of the Senate Committee
on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Good to see you
there, Madam President.

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

THE CHAIR:

The question's on adoption.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Mr. President -- Madam President, Amy Livolsi has
been nominated by the Governor to serve as a new
appointee on the Freedom of Information Commission.

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She holds her bachelor's degree from Boston College, law degree from Widener University School of Law. Currently, Madam President, she is an attorney in general solo practice concentrating in civil litigation, real estate land use matters. Formerly worked as a general counsel for the Kershner Development Company; was a former associate in the law firm, Genuario, Conover, and of Freccia & Plotkin and also has been a member of the statewide attorney grievance panel and served as a commissioner of the board of directors of the Charter Oak communities, has been a member of the Connecticut and Fairfield County Bar Associations, has been a president of a elementary school parent-teacher organization, served on the Board of Ethics for the City of Stamford; formerly a member of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association and of the Women's Bankruptcy Bar Association. She brings significant experience and will certainly be a -- a solid addition to the work of the Freedom of Information Commission.

So I urge approval of the nomination, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator McDonald.

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SENATOR MCDONALD:

Just very briefly, Madam President.

Madam President, I've had the privilege of knowing Amy Livolsi for most of my life, and I know her to be an extraordinarily bright and capable attorney. And though she may practice in the Norwalk area, she was born and raised and still lives in the city of Stamford. She's done a great job as a member of our Board of Ethics. And I can't think of anybody who would be more qualified to serve on the Freedom of Information Commission.

I congratulate her, and I thank Governor Rell for the nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Seeing no objection, this matter is placed on the
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Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar page ~~4~~, Calendar Number 392, Senate
Joint Resolution Number 43, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE
NOMINATION OF J. ALLEN KERR, JR., OF WASHINGTON TO BE
A HUMAN RIGHTS REFEREE, favorable report of the
Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

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

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, Governor Rell has nominated J.
Allen Kerr to be a human rights referee, and he holds
his bachelor's degree from DePaul University, law
degree from the University of Connecticut School of
Law. Currently serving as a human rights referee and
with the commission -- and has been -- was a former

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counsel for the Baker law firm and previously counsel at Carmody & Torrance. He has significant experience as an attorney, has also served as vice chair of the Washington, Connecticut, Historic District Commission and is a significant practitioner and contributes greatly to the work of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and urge approval of the nomination, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Further comment? If not, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Seeing no objection, this matter is placed on the consent calendar.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 393, Senate Joint Resolution Number 44, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE NICHOLAS H. MULLANE, II, OF NORTH STONINGTON TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

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CONNECTICUT RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY, favorable
report of the Committee on Executive and Legislative
Nominations.

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Senator Gaffey.

SENATOR GAFFEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, I am recusing on this matter
pursuant to Rule 15 and yield to my good friend,
Senator McDonald.

THE CHAIR:

--Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD:

Thank you, Madam President. I, too, recuse
myself under Rule 15 on this nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

The general -- the Journal will so note. Thank
you.

Senator Maynard.

SENATOR MAYNARD:

Thank you, Madam President.

I would like to speak in favor of the nominee.

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Excuse me.

SENATOR MAYNARD:

Pardon me.

THE CHAIR:

I've got to recognize Senator Looney --

SENATOR MAYNARD:

Very good.

THE CHAIR:

-- who hasn't taken it out yet.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

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

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

The question is on adoption of the resolution.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, Senator McKinney has nominated Nicholas Mullane, II, of North Stonington to serve on the Board of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority.

Mr. Mullane has served as -- served on active duty in the United States Navy and in the Navy Reserves. Currently, he's serving his twelfth term as first selectman in North Stonington, a town representative to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Utility Coordinating Committee, had been employed for 37 years at General Dynamics, served for a significant period of time on the North Stonington Board of Finance and on the Board of Selectmen, has been a town representative for the Southeastern Regional Resource Recovery Authority and served for 10 years on the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority, was a past president, also, of the Council of Small Towns and has served on both the Governor's Solid Waste and Recycling Study Committee and the State Truck and Rest Stop Study Committee, been active in a large number of community organizations, has been a coach in the North Stonington Little League and a manager and coach in -- for youth -- youth soccer, active as an organizer of the North Stonington Agricultural Fair, longtime member of the Lions Club in North Stonington. Clearly, intricately involved in the community life of Southeastern Connecticut, and we urge approval of the nomination.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator Maynard.

SENATOR MAYNARD:

Thank you, Madam Chair.. I'm sorry. I was eager to speak on behalf of Mr. Mullane. I didn't realize his name hadn't actually been formally submitted at that point.

I do want to speak, for all the reasons that Senator Looney has outlined, in favor of the nominee. I also served with Senator -- with Mr. Mullane for 10 years on the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments. He's a very capable leader. He's obviously shown a deep commitment to public service, and I would ask for favorable consideration.

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Will the Clerk -- will you remark further?

Seeing no remarks, will the Clerk please call a roll call vote?

THE CLERK:

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

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

THE CHAIR:

The machine has been opened. Have all members voted? Have all members voted? If so, the machine will be closed.

Mr. Clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

The motion is on adoption of Senate Joint Resolution Number 44.

Total number Voting	30
Those voting Yea	30
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	6

THE CHAIR:

Resolution passes.

(Senator LeBeau of the 3rd is in the Chair.)

SENATOR LOONEY:

Madam President -- Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, Mr. President, for purposes of changing a