



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 13, 2007

**TESTIMONY OF  
GEORGE A. COLEMAN, INTERIM COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION  
ON**

**RAISED BILL 7017  
AN ACT CONCERNING DEMOCRACY EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOLS**

The Department of Education believes that practicing democracy should be part of every student's education. We currently have social studies curriculum frameworks that encourage this. These frameworks are the Department's guidance to school districts regarding what students must know and be able to. There is no question that every student should understand the principles of democracy and how they are applied. We look forward to working with the sponsors of this bill on ways to best reach that goal.