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*Testimony by Representative Themis Klarides
Before the Judiciary Committee
On Senate Bill 6068
February 28, 2007*

Good afternoon Chairman McDonald, Chairman Lawlor, Representative O'Neill, Senator Kissel, and members of the Judiciary Committee. I am Representative Themis Klarides, representing the 114th District. I am here today to speak on HB 6068.

In drafting this bill it was my intent that the language reflect that any factors occurring after the filing of the dissolution action, and before it is finalized, not be a factored into the court's decision when distributing property or awarding alimony. Unfortunately, due to miscommunication in the drafting of the bill it does not contain that language. LCO is aware of this error and is drafting language to remedy it.

The process of separation or divorce can be a very lengthy and painful process. Once the couple has filed for divorce or separation it would be unreasonable to ask someone to put their lives on hold for fear that any actions on their part may impact a court's ruling. This bill helps both parties heal.

Thank you for the hearing on HB 6068 and I wish to express my support of the bill and the committee's favorable action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Themis".

Rep. Themis Klarides