(The House of Representatives was called to order at 12:00 o'clock A.M., Representative Joe Aresimowicz of the 30th District in the Chair.)

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives will convene immediately, members to the Chamber.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

(Gavel) Will the House please come to order? Will the members, staff and guests please rise, direct your attention to the dais where Guest Minister Ronald Saracino of Seymour will lead us in prayer.

GUEST CHAPLAIN MINISTER RONALD L. SARACINO:

Good afternoon. I bring you greetings from my church family at the Trumbull Church of Christ in Trumbull, Connecticut. I'm a guest of Representative Charlie Ferraro.

Let us bow our heads in prayer. Our Father in
Heaven, Lord of all creation, we praise you for all of your power, Dear God, and your wisdom and most importantly, Lord, we praise you for your everlasting love.

Father, we have so much to be thankful for. We thank You for Your mercy, and for Your grace, for Your compassion and for Your kindness. Father, we thank You for our lives and for our families, and we thank You for this Nation that we live in today. And Lord, I thank You for the men and women in this room who have been given the task to represent their fellow citizens. I thank You Lord for their time, their effort that they put in every day, and I thank You for their dedication.

Lord, we ask for Your guidance in any decisions that must be made in this room today, Dear God. Lord, we pray for wisdom and we pray for humility. And Lord, may the Representatives in this room strive to be an example of kindness and love in their communities. May we all do our best to follow the example of Your son, Jesus Christ, who at the cross put the needs of others before His own. And it is in His name, our
Lord Jesus Christ, that we pray these things. Amen.

(ALL) Amen.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you. Would Representative Hughes of the 135th please come to the dais to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REP. HUGHES (135TH):

Please join me. (All) 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.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you. Good morning, Mr. Clerk. Is there any business on your desk, sir?

CLERK:

Good morning, Mr. Speaker. Yes, there is list of Bills No. 52 dated March 27, 2019.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Ritter of the 1st district, sir, you have the floor.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Top of the afternoon to you, Mr. Speaker.
SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Good afternoon, sir.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

I move we waive the reading of the list of the Bills and the Bills be referred to the Committee as indicated. Thank you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

So ordered.

THE CLERK:

And last the daily calendar.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Are there any announcements or introductions? Representative Candelora of the, ah, Representative Candelora of the 86th District. Sir, you have the floor.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if I may make a parliamentary inquiry?

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative, would it be okay with you if you withdraw that for a moment just so we can get folks into the Chamber cause I'm guessing we'll have to do
that at some point anyways.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will withdraw and hit my button again.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Greatly appreciated, sir. While folks are assembling in the Chamber, are there any announcements or introductions? Representative Betts of the 78th, sir, you have the floor.

REP. BETTS (78TH):

Thank you and good afternoon, sir and it seems appropriate since today is Hospital Day, I've pulled our visitors from Bristol Hospital. I'm sad to report we don’t have anybody that can help you with your back, but the ambulance is on the way, but for purposes of introduction, Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce very proudly, if Representative Ziogas, who I talked to a minute ago, would come over and Representative Pavalock and Representative Petit. I'd like to introduce a Community Hospital that we're very blessed to have, very proud of, very talented and really represent the very best of Bristol and the
surrounding towns.

On the back wall, we've got a whole bunch of people from Bristol Hospital who've come to talk to us today about issues that impact them. I know you're a huge supporter of Community Hospitals as is Representative Klarides and a number of other people here and this is the reason why we should be proud and why we should be in Connecticut. When we have people like this, we have a very good reason to be here and it's my pleasure, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Bristol Delegation to introduce the people from Bristol Hospital and I ask the Chamber to stand and give them appropriate recognition for coming in today to visit with us. [Applause]

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Welcome to our Chamber and more importantly, thank you for what you do on a day in, day out basis for the State of Connecticut. We do appreciate everything you do so thank you. Are there any other announcements or introductions? Representative Wilson of the 66th, you have the floor.

REP. WILSON(66TH):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good to see you up there today. Sorry to see you so uncomfortable. I know how that feels and for purpose of introduction today, I'd like to introduce Chris Griffiths who is a member of the Town Committee in the good town of Woodbury and serves as treasurer in that position and he's shadowing me a little bit here today so thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you, Representative. Representative Carney.

REP. CARNEY (23RD):

Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I just rise for the purpose of a birthday announcement.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Please proceed.

REP. CARNEY (23RD):

So the youngest, I believe he's the youngest member of the House Republican Caucus, turned the big 29 yesterday. He is the Ted to my Bill, the Pumbaa to my Timon, and the Kevin McHale to my Larry Bird, my good friend from Westbrook, Representative Jesse
MacLachlan, Happy Birthday, pal. [Applause]

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

    Happy Birthday. So Representative Candelora, you have the floor.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

    Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if I may make a point of parliamentary inquiry?

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

    Please proceed.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

    Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as many of you may know, on March 26 I wrote a letter to the Speaker of the House and the President in the Senate outlining the fact that the Transportation Committee has 10 Senators serving on it, in violation of our joint rules 3 and in violation of Senate rule 18. In that letter, I requested that going forward, this issue be corrected so that the number of Senators are reduced down below the requisite 9. To date, we currently don’t have confirmation on whether that reduction will be made and under our rules, of course, the President of that body is the only individual that
can constitute these committees.

Also under our joint rules, a challenge on any action taken in a Committee needs to be made before that bill is taken up for a vote because I do believe once the bill is taken up for a vote, any action taken previously can be vitiated so it's a question that needs to be raised before the Transportation Committees' bills are taken up on the agenda, but I will say, determining whether an action is valid or invalid will be a determination that our body is going to have to make. It's not something that the presiding officer has the ability to make, but my most immediate concern is that any bills that are referred to the Transportation Committee going forward, if it is not properly constituted with 9 Senators, that any action going forward could also be invalid. And the fact that both Chambers have been put in notice of this violation, that to not correct the violation would constitute bad faith and under section of 16 of Mason's Rules, bad faith as a per se rule would invalidate any action.

And so what I would put on the floor is that I
think we as a body, a House Chamber, need to make a determination of whether the Transportation Committee should be split on any matters that are referred before it so that the House takes actions on those bills independent of the Senate because I would not want to see the Senate actions and their violation of a Senate rule potentially cause action that is done in the House, which is not in violation of the Joint Rules, any of our bills be impeded as a result.

We go through great pain to pass our Joint Rules. I think it's one of the most bipartisan actions that we do take. All four caucuses sit down and agree to them and I think that it is imperative that we make sure that those rules are complied with so I would say going forward, this matter needs to be corrected and if it's not corrected, I would respectfully request that any matters referred to the Transportation Committee, that that Committee make a motion to split when they take action on bills. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you, Representative. Representative
Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I appreciate the comments from my colleague, Representative Candelora. I would say a few things. The action for any challenge for an item that anyone in this Chamber believes from any Committee violated any rules would come at the time the bill was actually on a calendar and called by the Speaker of the House, again, prior to any vote and I believe that would then be time to do that so it is moot at this point in terms of this body. What the Transportation Committee decides to do from any splitting of Committee is again, a decision to be made by the Chairs and the Ranking Members of that Committee and again, the Speaker did receive the letter. The Senate President received the letter. Ultimately, as the Representative alluded to, this is a decision that can only be made unilaterally by the Senate President. We will certainly defer to them as to how they're gonna run their Chamber, but we will be mindful of it, we'll keep an eye on it and if there is further need to discuss this and further challenges at
the right time, when it is right for that consideration, this Chamber will deal with it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Lanoue of the 45th District.

REP. LANOUE (45TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for the point of personal privilege.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Please proceed.

REP. LANOUE (45TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As many of you know, you can tell from my number here, I represent the 45th District. It's five towns in Eastern Connecticut and I'm very, very proud of the towns. This represents rural America at its very finest. It's a rural district. We have a lot of farmers. The idyllic scenes are second to none. My constituents are second to none and I wanted to find a way to express that to everybody up here and one of my best constituents, I have the best constituents in the world, I have one of them here with me. It's Marnie Bourque. She's a
renowned artist and she painted this absolutely breathtaking portrait of -- I think this really represents who we are in the 45th District. It is absolutely as you can see. She did this by hand and I'm very, very proud to accept this today on behalf of the 45th District Office. It will be hung in that office. It will remain with the 45th District for evermore and it's going to be a great addition and I'm very, very honored to have you and your husband here today, Marine. Thank you so much for developing, creating this beautiful, beautiful portrait and thank you so much and I hope everybody can welcome here today. [Applause]

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you, Representative Lanoue and thank you for sharing this, your constituency and you know we do recognize that Connecticut is one of the most beautiful States in Connecticut and obviously you have that area. Representative Pavalock-D'Amato of the 77th district, you have the floor.

REP. PAVALOCK-D'AMATO(77TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for the purpose
of a personal privilege.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Please proceed.

REP. PAVALOCK-D'AMATO(77TH):

I have with me today Anthony Richard Selvaggi and he is here to receive a citation for his award of becoming an Eagle Scout. His project was actually two planter boxes at our local BARK and as a result, he won the project of the year award here in Connecticut so I wanted to welcome him and his entire family who's down in the well of the House, wish him congratulations and the best in your future endeavors. Thank you. [Applause]

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you, Representative and thank you our fine Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scouts go on to do great things and make our country strong so thank you. Are there any more announcements or introductions? If not, will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 51?

THE CLERK:

On page 2, Calendar No. 51, Senate Joint Resolution No. 26, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE
NOMINATION OF DAVID JIMENEZ OF HARTFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

The Assembly will be at ease. The Assembly will come back to order. Representative Vargas, you have the floor.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the resolution. Representative Vargas, you have the floor, sir.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This resolution is confirming the nomination of David Jimenez of Hartford to be a member of the Board of Regents for Higher education. This is a six-year, part-time volunteer
position. David Jimenez was unanimously voted on favorably after his March 5 nomination hearing. He has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Texas and a J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law.

Mr. Jimenez is being nominated by the Board of Regents and Mr. Jimenez is a principal in the Hartford-based Jackson Louis PC. He is also a co-chair of the firm's corporate governance and internal investigations practice group where he advised employers on litigation and other complex matters, I urge adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Representative Perillo of the 113th, you have the floor.

REP. PERILLO (113TH):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. I would just concur with the gentleman, the distinguished Chair of the Executive Nomination's Committee. The individual before us is highly qualified. This is a reappointment and I would also urge adoption.
Thank you. Would you care to remark further on the resolution before us? If not, let me you’re your minds. The Assembly will be at ease. The Assembly will be back in order. Would you care to remark further on the resolution before us? Seeing none, if not, let me try your minds. All those in favor of the resolution, please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

All those opposed? The ayes have it and the resolution is adopted. [Gavel]

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Will the Clerk please call calendar No. 52?

CLERK:

On page 2, House Calendar No. 52, House Resolution No. 22, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SEILA MOSQUERA-BRUNO OF MILFORD TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF HOUSING. Favorable Report of the House Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):
Representative Vargas, you have the floor.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to move acceptance of the House Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance of the Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the resolution. Representative Vargas.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This resolution is confirming the nomination of Seila Mosquera-Bruno of Milford to be the Commissioner of Housing. She will be performing this duty as a four-year full-time salaried position. Seila Mosquera-Bruno was unanimously voted favorably after her March 14 nomination hearing. Her education includes a Bachelor's Degree from Charter Oak State College, a Master's in Urban Studies from Southern Connecticut State University, and she was also a fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Mosquera-Bruno has been the President and CEO of
the non-profit fair and affordable housing advocacy group known as Neighborhood Works New Horizons since 2003. Prior to her time at New Horizons, Mosquera-Bruno served as Deputy Director of the Mutual Housing Association at South Central Connecticut and before that, she was Real Estate Development Director for the Regional Property Management Group.

She also noted during her testimony that when speaking of her early life, that she immigrated to the United States and initially she lived in affordable housing and has intimate knowledge of the challenges that residents in these living situations face and this background has deeply informed her career in housing, so I urge adoption of the resolution, Mr. Speaker, and thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Representative Perillo of the 113th, you have the floor, sir.

REP. PERILLO (113TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the gentleman mentioned, the nominee is highly qualified for the
position. She has an extensive background in housing. As the gentleman did, I would also urge adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Would you care to remark further? Representative Ferraro of the 117th, you have the floor, sir.

REP. FERRARO (117TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and good to see you up there. I rise in strong support Seila Mosquera-Bruno's nomination to the Commissioner of Housing. Seila is a determined young lady who's worked extensively in real estate. She has a great way and personality whether it's working with the employees or the staff and state and local officials. She does it with a great sense of humor and she brings to the office a practical working knowledge of affordable housing development. So she had to deal with state and local government and she brings that perspective of understanding the processes and where there might be inefficiency so I strongly support her. Thank you very much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):
Thank you, sir. Would you care to remark further? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor of the resolution, please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

All those opposed, nay. The ayes have it and the resolution is adopted. [Gavel] Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 48?

THE CLERK:

On page 1, House Calendar No. 48, Senate Joint Resolution No. 22, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF TONI M. FATTONE OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Blumenthal of the 147th District, you have the floor.

REP. LUXENBERG (12TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the resolution in concurrence with the Senate.
DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the resolution. Representative Blumenthal, you have the floor.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in support of Toni Marie Fattone's nomination to be a Workers' Compensation Commissioner. She is a resident of West Hartford. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Connecticut, her J.D. from the Stetson University College of Law. She has a long history of service in the law and in public service including in the Department of Administrative Services as a Deputy Commissioner and in this very Assembly shortly after she graduated from college. She is on the Board and serves on the Board of the Directors of the Children's Museum. She has a long career in healthcare law and great experience in that field as well as the field of administrative and regulatory law. I urge this Chamber's support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):
Thank you very much, sir. Would you care to remark further? Representative Rebimbas of the 70th District. You have the floor, madam.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and good afternoon to you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Good afternoon, ma'am.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the nominee before us certainly for all of the good reasons that the good Vice-Chairman had indicated. This is a very experienced individual, well qualified and she did pass unanimously out of the Committee so I rise in her support.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you very much, ma'am. Would you care to remark further? If not, will the staff and guests please come to the well of the House? Will the members please take their seats? The machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll.
Members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by roll, members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Will the members please check the board to determine if your vote is properly cast? If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally. The Clerk will please announce the tally?

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution 22.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

The resolution is adopted. [Gavel] Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 49?

THE CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar 49, Senate Joint Resolution No. 23, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE
HONORABLE DONALD R. GREEN OF MERIDEN TO BE A FAMILY SUPPORT MAGISTRATE. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Horn of the 120th District, you have the floor.

REP. HORN (64TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That would be the 64th District. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the resolution in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

[Gavel] Excuse me a moment. It's a little noise in the Chamber. If you could keep it down a little, I would appreciate it. Please proceed, Representative.

REP. HORN (64TH):

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the resolution in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption
of the resolution. Representative Horn, you have the floor.

REP. HORN (64TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the nomination of Donald Green of Meriden to become a Family Support Magistrate. He is a graduate of Trinity College with a law degree from the University of Connecticut. Since 1996, he has been serving as an assistant Attorney Journal representing the Department of Children and Families in all aspects of state litigation. He has served on the Commission on Children and the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity in Criminal Justice. He currently serves on the Meriden Board of Education and has served on the boards of the Boys and Girls Club, the NAACP, and Connecticut Junior Republic. I urge adoption of the resolution in concurrence with the Senate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you, madam. Would you care to remark further? Representative Rebimbas of the 70th District, you have the floor, ma'am.
REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the nominee before us. Certainly it's an individual who has expertise on the bench, but also very involved in the community so I do rise in support. It's an asset to our Judicial Branch.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you, madam. Would you care to remark further? Representative Abercrombie of the 83rd District, you have the floor, ma'am.

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this nominee and I urge my colleagues to vote favorably. I have had the pleasure and honor of knowing Don Green for many years. This is a man that believes in what he does. This is someone that worked for the State Attorney's Office on matters with DCF and there's nobody more qualified for this position so thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you very much, madam. Will you remark? Will you remark further? If not, will the staff and
guests please come to the well of the House? Will the members please take their seats? The machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

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CLERK:

Senator Joint Resolution No. 23.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

The resolution is adopted. [Gavel] Will the Clerk
please call Calendar No. 50?

THE CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Fishbein of the 90th, you have the floor, sir.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I presently have a matter before Judge Wilson and therefore, I'm gonna recuse myself from this matter. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you. The House will stand at ease. The Chamber will come back to order. Representative Palm, you have the floor, ma'am.

REP. PALM (36TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the resolution in concurrence with the
DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the resolution. Representative Palm, you have the floor.

REP. PALM (36TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the reappointment of Robin Wilson as Superior Court Judge for the New Haven Judicial District. This is a distinguished juror who has experience in the Middlesex Judicial District in Middletown, the superior court for juvenile matters in Stamford and Bridgeport and the district of Norwalk. She has a J.D. from Northeastern School of Law and a B.A. in Government from Connecticut College. She is a member of the Trial Lawyers Association and I want to point out that in 2011 at a Martin Luther King celebration, she was a keynote speaker and she said something very moving. She said that, quoting King, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others?" And this was a fundraiser for the elderly and she said
at a time when so many people cannot afford the rising cost of healthcare, these words matter because it is during these tough times when it is most difficult to consider anyone else, and I think that is the nature of a good jurist so I urge all my colleagues to accept this resolution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you, ma'am. Would you care to remark further? Representative Remimbas of the 70th District, you have the floor, ma'am.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Judge Wilson. Judge Wilson certainly is now very experienced and a professional bench. She truly comes to her profession with a sense of caring, understanding, and really does give everyone a fair hearing and shake that appear before her. I think that's very important for those individuals that come before her. Certainly I stand in strong support of her re-nomination.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you very much, ma'am. Would you care to
remark further? Would you care to remark further of
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DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

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CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 25 in concurrence with
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DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

The resolution is adopted. [Gavel] The House will stand at ease.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

[Gavel] The House will come back to order. Are there any introductions? Representative Cummings of the 74th.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, here with me I have two of our finest who are retiring and going to be leaving us. I wanted to say thank you for the opportunity to introduce both Chief Walter Lee, who is retiring at the end of this week. He has provided 20 years of service with the State Capitol Police and he's been at the Capitol for the last 9-1/2 years. Prior to that, he served 8 years in the Army Reserves.

Officer First Class Anthony Lombardi is retiring today after 19 years with the State Capitol Police and he also served 8 years in the Connecticut National Guard. We thank them both for being here every day to
protect us in this Chamber. Thank you. [Applause]

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (106TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And certainly the appreciation is equally strong and powerful on this side of the aisle. We can't thank you enough for your service, the protection you provide not only to everybody in this Chamber, but those thousands and thousands of residents who come to testify, be a part of our democracy. We wish you a lot of luck in retirement and thank you again for your service to our State. Thank you. [Applause]

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Let me say on behalf of the entire House of Representatives, congratulations. What are you going to do for aggravation now? [laughter] Thank you for keeping us safe all of this time and especially, I know how difficult it is, we have a lot of civilians come through both of our buildings daily who are unfamiliar with the building. You are friendly, you’ve been very helpful, and I do appreciate that too
so Godspeed in your retirement. [Applause] And we will return to the call of the Calendar. Mr. Clerk, would you be so kind as to call Calendar No. 89?

THE CLERK:

On page 18, House Calendar No. 89, House Resolution No. 21, RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN ARBITRATION AWARD BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS - CONNECTICUT BARGAINING UNIT (AFT CONNECTICUT, AFT, AFL-CIO).

Favorable Report of the House Standing Committee on Appropriations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Gentleman from the 91st, Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for acceptance of the House Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

And it's up on the board. The question is on adoption of the House Resolution. Representative D'Agostino.
REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The approximately 200 attorneys in the Office of the Attorney General serve as the State's law firm. They defend the State in civil matters and prosecute claims for the State and its citizens. They go toe-to-toe every day with the most powerful corporations and law firms in the world and they win. They average bringing in around $200 million dollars a year in revenue to the General Fund and even more than that in recovery to consumers and businesses throughout the State. In 2017-2018 alone, they recovered more than $700 million dollars.

This agreement is an arbitration award that approves an underlying collective bargaining agreement and an award with respect to certain terms for department heads, which I'll explain in a moment. The award follows the SEBAC architecture with respect to pension and healthcare so it's exactly the same there. It follows that same architecture with respect to wage and hour so there are hard zeros for the last three years. Two years of increases for FY20 and FY21, 14 department heads who control the various divisions of
the AG's office will receive stipends in FY20 and FY21 of $6000 dollars and $12,000 dollars respectively. The total cost to the State for FY20 is an additional incremental $1.6 million dollars. In FY21 it is $3.3 million dollars. It is well worth it. These folks pay for themselves as I just noted and this will allow us to retain and attract top legal talent to continue to protect and serve the citizens of the State well, and I urge adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. Good to see you and Representative D'Agostino again. A few questions briefly.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Proceed.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you. What is the total incremental cost of this agreement over the biennium? Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino. Do you care to
respond?

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

So total cost, I was told Mr. Speaker there would be no math, but it's FY20 $1.6 million dollars, FY21 $3.1 million dollars, so $4.9 million dollars over the cost of the two upcoming fiscal years. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you. And also, what are the average salaries give or take of the assistant attorney's general and their department heads involved in these two agreements? Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. There are four classes of attorney generals, AG's 1, 2, 3 and 4. The starting salary for an AG1 is about $77,000 dollars, AG2 $93,000 dollars, AG3 $105,000 dollars, AG4 $114,000 dollars. There is about a $12,000-dollar
range within those bands for salary and then the
department heads are all AG4's. We are not creating a
new category for department heads, but if you are a
leader of a department, doing evaluations, supervising
cases, etc, you will receive an additional stipend of
$6000 dollars in the first year of the biennium, and
$12,000 dollars in the second year within that range.
DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I understand, if the
Representative could just confirm, this is not a new
contract. These are two bargaining units that were
new at the time of the SEBAC agreement back in 2017?
And --

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino? Oh, I'm sorry.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

And we're not discussing a contract today, but
rather, but rather arbitration awards and there were
15 issues that were discussed during the arbitration
procedure, and there were two that were in dispute and
that is basically what is being concluded and resolved today; is that correct? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, generally correct. The bargaining for the Assistant AG's existed in 2016. They hadn’t started negotiations at that time, excuse me in 2017. A department head was created after that so this award subsumes within it all the agreed upon terms and conditions that they all previously agreed to, like as I mentioned the SEBAC architecture for pension and healthcare, wage and hour. There were two, as the Representative explained, disputed issues that went to arbitration that solely had to deal with the department head stipend amounts and the arbitrator ruled in favor of the Department Head Union with respect to that, the $6000 dollars in the first year, the $12,000 dollars in the second year. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Lavielle.
REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you. And the two issues, of the two issues, one concerned the first year and one concerned the second year; is that right?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you. Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

And if I could just ask what the last best offers of the unions and the State were on those particular issues?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. So again, those were the two last best offers, the arbitrator obviously chose the unions last best offer which was the 6 and 12. The State had proposed a sliding scale for different department heads based on how many people
each department head oversaw and it was in varying amounts from anywhere from a few thousand dollars to a little bit more than that, and again, the arbitrator ruled in favor of and adopted the union's last best offer of the flat $6000-dollar stipend in the first year, $12,000-dollar in the second.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you. And through you, Mr. Speaker, what was the top number of that sliding scale in each case?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. If you give me a minute to dig it up. It's in the arbitrator's award. I want to say it was, it was between $1000 and $1500 dollars so the State top range was $1500 dollars for the stipend. Through you. Uh, for the first year, for the second year, it was again $1500 dollars. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):
Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

So there was a substantial difference in those two last best offers. The top for the State's negotiation was $1500 dollars in each case, and for the Union, the offer was $6000 dollars in one year, $6000 dollars, and the other year $12,000 dollars so we've established that. A couple of other things, I'll try to keep my questions brief. The, again, I believe the Representative has already summarized those things that were already agreed to under SEBAC. I do have, yes, one question. Is the Representative aware of a statement on page 4 of the arbitration, a word document that was distributed by the Senate Clerk's office about protocol under SEBAC? And I can detail what says, but I wonder if we're working off the same document. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino:

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I am. That does refer to the fact that, as I mentioned in the introductory
remarks, that these bargaining units agreed to be
governed by the entire SEBAC architecture which means
of course that they're governed by the same pension
and healthcare provisions as everybody else, there's
no difference there. The wage and hour of course
follows that same SEBAC architecture and then you know
the entire protocol for dealing, for sitting down and
starting negotiations. This didn't just start in
Arbitration obviously. There's an agreed upon
protocol between the State and the SEBAC members and
bargaining units with respect to sitting down, who's
involved, obviously the Office of Labor Relations and
the State negotiates on behalf of the State and that's
the entire protocol that's followed both in terms of
process, but also as I mentioned and more importantly
the structural terms that govern these various
bargaining units in SEBAC. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you and that's exactly what I was referring
to was the protocol and it explains that the, there is
a protocol which has been followed since around 1991 in most cases where the SEBAC Committee representing the unions will agree to consider changes in pensions, healthcare, wages, etc in return for no layoffs, in return for job security over a period of time, and that is the way the protocol has worked. My question is, is that protocol law? Is it a regulation? Is it written down? Is there something that says it must be respected at all times? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. It's not part of our statute except to the effect of course that our statutes recognize SEBAC as the coalition that bargains for pension and healthcare. I think the SEBAC members would consider that a contractual obligation of the State when it is agreed to, and of course, that is what we agreed in 2017, the idea of all those concessions both on the pension and healthcare side, and the wage and hour side, in return for that four-year provision of no layoffs that we
debated a couple of years ago. Look, that will be up again in 2021 and there's nothing that prevents us from doing something different at that time. Negotiations will be open at that time, but while we are within that timeframe for new bargaining units that come onboard, that protocol controls the concessions, as are agreed to, again, pension, healthcare, wage and hour in return for the no layoffs. That's within every SEBAC bargaining unit the wage and hour piece expires in 2021 and this contract follows that same timeline. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Understood and thank you, but my question is, there is nothing in the nature of a contract that governs that protocol during mid-term contract negotiations, in other words when this part of the contract we have expires, there's nothing that says that protocol must be followed according to law?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):
Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you. When the wage and hour contracts expire in 2021, that is correct. Right now, we are of course governed by that contract including this part of, this part of the agreement and I think if we were to violate that, we would have issues contractually now, but not in 2021 as the Representative, 06/30/2021, as the Representative indicated. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you. That's very clear. I appreciate the explanation. One final thing. This is an arbitration award as we've just established, not a contract, it's part of a contract, but it's an arbitration award that follows an arbitration process and what is the process if the legislature does not approve this arbitration award? What happens then? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.
REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. That's a great question. We haven't had an arbitrated award in a while here. Through statute, Connecticut Journal Statute 5-278, if the Legislature rejects the arbitration award, it goes back to the parties and the arbitrator. Now, one of two things could happen. The parties could decide on an agreement on their own which would have to come back to the Legislature for approval, or the arbitrator could issue a new award. If the arbitrator issues a new award, which could be on the same terms as the prior one, it is deemed automatically approved and does not come back to the Legislature. That is a statutory process governed by 5-278. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you. But in that case, were that to happen, the latter case, the last best offers that are already on paper would be those that the arbitrator would be reevaluating; is that correct?
DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. That's my understanding. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you. So I understand then that there is no risk to the State at their being a higher demand from the unions, in that case? Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through you. That's a question.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

I didn’t hear the question.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

I'm sorry.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

My apologies.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

No, no, no.
DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. If it goes through the arbitration process. Now, if you reject an arbitration award, I think it's likely that the parties may sit down and negotiate something else which could be higher or lower, I don't know, but if it goes through the arbitration process, yes, it's likely you'd see the same award and it would be deemed automatically approved. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you. Very clear and I promise, the very last question, again, who will be paying for these increments as this goes forward? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. The Office of Attorney
General does distribute staff amongst different areas of our State Government. Principally, it's obviously the AG, the Attorney General's office budget, but some other divisions of state agencies will be picking up and distribute, and picking up part of the overall cost because they have AG's assigned to them. For example, there's AAG's that work for the Department of Energy at PURA so OPM has broken down the overall cost among the various departments and has said that there's enough in the reserve for salary accounts to cover these costs going forward for FY20 and FY21. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. But where does that money come from?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. It all comes from the general fund and the general fund obviously all comes
from the various revenue sources that we embed in the budget. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

And who's money was that originally? Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Obviously it's the taxpayers of the State of Connecticut who, as I mentioned before, benefit many times over from the recoveries of the Attorney General's Office. The office has an overall budget of about $30 million dollars and I mentioned in 2017 and 2018 alone, the AAG's recovered more than $700 million dollars for the State of Connecticut, for the general fund, and for consumers and businesses in the State. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I thank the good Representative for his answers and I won't have any further questions, just a few remarks. I appreciate very much the work of all of our Assistant Attorney's General including their department heads. All of them have a very important job and I understand that there department is one of those that brings in revenue for the State. There are many other departments that don’t and I guess that means those people shouldn’t be as well compensated. I don't know under that argument but I actually think that the revenue argument is not one that I really buy, but I do appreciate their work very, very much. And I also want to say again, as I did last time we were discussing a similar subject, that all of these people, the Assistant Attorney's General and all of their colleagues who work for the State are also taxpayers so whatever any taxpayer is obliged to pay, they have to pay it too so I do recognize that and I want to say that before saying anything, but I want to make a couple of points.

First off, on the issues that were in dispute, and what we're particularly discussing today, the
award of $6000 dollars, not an award but a payment of $6000 dollars to the department heads in the first year, $12,000 dollars in the second year, I didn’t ask the Representative but we established in the Appropriations Committee that those additions will be added to their wages when it's time to calculate their pensions that are due, that the spread between what the State offered and what the unions offered was very, very large, it was about $5000 dollars in one instance and about $11,000 dollars in another instance. The arbitrators under our rules in Connecticut are not allowed to choose a middle ground. I think that really disadvantages everyone and we're subject to it today so that's something else I wanted to mention, but the real thing that is behind all this is our State is in dire financial circumstances. We all know it, none of us can deny it. The Governor certainly does not deny it. Our friends across the aisle don’t deny it. We all know it and yet we had a contract a couple of weeks ago that cost several million dollars to approve. This is another almost $5 million dollars over two years. I understand we're
going to be getting one for the tax lawyers. We're going to be getting another one for UConn. They're gonna keep coming at us and it's more and more money that's not going to social services, it's not going to repair our infrastructure, it's not going to close our budget and it's not going to keep taxpayers from being exposed to tax increases which so far, we've only seen one proposal that made them substantial. And again, I have to ask, who is representing the taxpayers in that negotiating room including the State employees by the way who are also taxpayers. Who is representing them? Does it fall on us to represent them in the end? Yes. And I intend to do that, but I don't see how approving this arbitration award for which there is no risk to the State or the taxpayers if we don’t approve it. Honestly, I do not see how it could be representing the taxpayers' interest to vote for this arbitration award and I would like to see better representation for taxpayers in that room when these things happen because once again, it's a question of fairness. Once again, voting to approve this is asking taxpayers to vote to give other people something they can never
have themselves. So thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I will be voting no on this Resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am. Representative Case.

REP. CASE (63RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A few points and then I'll ask a few questions. Through you, Mr. Speaker. Here we are, and I have a few concerns on the road that we're heading down. In Human Services, we fight day in and day out for those people who are the most vulnerable and those people who take care of the most vulnerable. We hear it. CNA's need to make $15 dollars an hour, yet they're $12, $13 dollars. They take care of our most vulnerable. Our citizens, our private sector and we hear in Appropriations before when we had this contract in front of us. These attorneys can go and make more money in the private sector. Our people who take care of our most vulnerable barely make any money in the private sector and they take care of our loved ones. I'm just, I'm deeply disturbed on where this is headed. A few questions, through you, Mr. Speaker, for
clarifications, and just so we know, right now is the Health Committee's Appropriations Sub-Committee downstairs and I'm going through the budget here, which I am on that Committee. There's so much red in here and this is DDS, DMHAS. These are our most vulnerable people that can't get a single dime, but we're here willing to put an extra $3 million dollars a year into salaries. Yes, they do a great job. They work for the State of Connecticut but when you see the hallways lined with people for $15 dollars an hour, you see the CNA's that come up and say my mom can't get taken care of, you see the bill that passed out of Human Services yesterday because the ratio for CNA's to take care of our most loved ones is so low. It's cause we don't have the money to fund it. Through you, Mr. Speaker, the best offer here and the increases of $6000 dollars and $12,000 dollars, is that money pensionable? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

   Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

   Through you, Mr. Speaker. It is if you retire
while you're getting it. I should clarify here that the department heads are at-will employees. That can be dismissed at the will of the Attorney General at any time and replaced with someone else so if you're making that additional stipend as part of your salary as a department head when you retire, then yes, but that can always be taken away from you at any time with or without just and sufficient cause. It is always at the will of the Attorney General so the short answer is it depends on when you retire if you're earning it nor not. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Case.

REP. CASE (63RD):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. So if this contract goes through today, which I will be voting no, somebody gets this $12,000 dollars, that is pensionable to those managers? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):
Through you, Mr. Speaker. Again, that's in the second year of the biennium so if you retire that year and you're making it, then yes, it would count toward your pension. Obviously it would only count toward one year if you retire at that point because the only year you'll make the $12,000 dollars is in FY21.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Case.

REP. CASE (63RD):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. So in this contract, and I know it's part of the SEBAC, how many days off are these employees allotted to have, a total of sick time and vacation time? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. This contract follows the exact same model as the other SEBAC contracts do with respect to being able to earn up to 15 vacation days, the 15 sick days. There are certain State holidays as well. I think all total including the
holidays, which of course everybody gets, is 45 total. You know these are obviously attorneys who work throughout the year, I don't know how many actually take that. I do want to note one provision in here that is different from the other contracts which is with respect to the accrued vacation days. Everyone else can accrue up to 120 days for new hires. After 04/01/2018, that is capped at 60 days. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Case.

REP. CASE (63RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I thank the good gentleman for his answers and for answering the questions. I'll close with some comments. Here we are today. If you add this up, it's nine weeks paid time off. Nine weeks. Tell me a CNA or a personal care assistant that's taking care of our most vulnerable that gets nine weeks of paid time off. I agree, they do a job, they do a great job for the State of Connecticut, but you can't tell me that the people who take care of our most vulnerable don't do a
great job for the State of Connecticut and for our loved ones. To me, this needs to stop. We need to care of our most vulnerable. Our most vulnerable are the people who are out in the private sector. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Hampton.

REP. HAMPTON (16TH):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. I rise in strong opposition to this agreement. I think it shows a tone deafness to our current State economy and it's not reflective of what's happening in my District. My seniors aren't getting raises. My families with IDD aren't getting raises. The average citizen in my district isn't getting raises. They're struggling like all my colleagues here. We still have a spending problem in this State and it's a tone deafness and it's insensitive to go ahead with such an elaborate agreement. So insensitive, to echo two of my colleague, Representative Case and Representative Lavielle, especially insensitive to those who are not attorneys. God Bless them, they're doing good work,
I'm sure they deserve adequate compensation, but those who are home healthcare workers, those in human services, they're struggling every day and our constituents, young people, middle age and older are so disappointed with the current way we are managing our day to day expenses, and this is just adding insult to injury. We must stand together and reject this agreement and I will be strongly voting against it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and good afternoon. If I may, I just had some brief questions for the proposal.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Proceed.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Dealing with form and substance, I'm looking at page 32 of the agreement. I'm giving the Representative time to catch up a bit.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

I wasn't sure, I was like, I'm sorry.
REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Wake me up.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, 32 of the award or 32 of the attached agreement language?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

I believe it's of the award. It's in the middle of the page. It says agreed upon language.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, I'm there. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you. And am I to understand that that document is the cover page to what we would normally call an addendum? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.
REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, I guess yes with a little bit of a question mark and just maybe a, just a brief further explanation here. This award encompasses all the party's negotiation so attached to this award are a number of pages of an agreement that have gone back and forth and been initialed and red lined, etc. Once we approve the whole package, it is going to be put into a sort of classic CBA form with this as the cover page. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And if I may, that document, that particular document is numbered 32 at the bottom and the pages that follow are numbered 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12 and it goes on. Is there some reason why the pages in numbered sequence? Are there pages missing? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):
Through you, Mr. Speaker. That's what I was trying to explain, however, unartfully and so let me, let me put more of a finer point on it. So again, throughout this entire process and this was, this was I think more than a year of negotiations, the parties were going back and forth with different terms and condition pages and they agree on some and don’t agree on others and those are sort of shuttled back and forth. We've got many ex-municipal officials here, Board of Ed members, town council members. If you’ve ever negotiated a contract that leads to arbitration, that's what ends up happening and so what is bolted on here right now is the result of all those negotiations and it's imperfect in the sense that it hasn’t been sort of tabbed and put in chronological numbering order. Some of the pages aren’t numbered, for example. When this is done and approved, the clean copy, if you will, will be produced that will get rid of some of the red lining for example and put into a sort of, again, for lack of a better word, clean agreement. This is exactly what happens, some of you may recall when we did SEBAC, some of the wage and
hour agreements were not, you know, had the T's perfectly crossed and the I's dotted. That was done after the fact, after approval of SEBAC so that is why the numbering is the way it is with respect to the bolted on agreement terms. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So how am I to know, other than the good Representative's representation, that there is no page 3? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. So this was all on the record before the arbitrator. There is a transcript. I don't have the transcript, but we certainly can get it. If you look at the arbitration award, you'll note that there are a number of issues that are described and then shown as withdrawn or agreed upon so it's all embedded in the transcript and the parties' negotiations. And I would note this. There's a,
there's sort of a further safety measure, if you will, for the good Representative. By statute 5-278, when the parties do that and sort of codify the final agreement in those, in those you know perfectly numbered terms, if there's some reason any change that requires additional appropriation, etc, that has to by law come to us so he doesn't just have to take my word for it that this will be documented appropriately based on the party's agreement. If for some reason anything diverges from that, it has to come back to us by law. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know the problem is, the document that ultimately is going to become the contract is not before us so someone in the future may have to link the two up. You know just in the future, I would just very respectfully recommend that it very clearly could be, if there's 30 pages to an addendum, it's 1 of 30, 2 of 30, 3 of 30 and that way, we as a body know that it's the entire document so that's the
form, if we can just get to substance, and I will try to be brief.

Looking at the, well the fourth page of the addendum, which is numbered five, it is titled Union Security, and I notice in the first paragraph that there are two, well there's one revision. It inserts the word "may" and if I could ask the good Representative, it has to do with, something has to be done within 30 days and under this language, what is the employee required to do within the 30 days, given the "may". Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. So this the effort to make this language consistent with that same Janus language that we've seen and approved in other contracts that codifies, if you will, freedom of employee choice. So previously, this language would have said, absent the revision, that the employee automatically becomes a member of the union. Now, of course, they may become a member and may choose to
have their dues deducted or not and pay those dues or not so the "may" is meant to be in conformity with precisely that Janus language that we approved and that the Representative and I discussed at the last contract, the Public Defender contract and so within that time frame as set forth in here, the punitive union member may elect to become part of the member and then if you look at the next section, they of course have to sign the card and remit that to the state in order to affirmatively elect to become a member. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORARY GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So the followup question being, if the employee does nothing, what is their status? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORARY GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I just misspoke there. I mean they automatically are a member. They get all
the benefits of this contract whether they elect to pay their dues or not. That, of course, is Janus, but if you choose not to, you can be a non-paying member of the bargaining unit and still get all the benefits thereto. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question was, if they do nothing, are, cause it says they "may become" which I take that to be they, it's an opt-in provision. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. You have to look at it in conjunction with the next section which says that any employees who sign and remit to the State the authorization form so if they do nothing, if they do not sign that form, the dues are not deducted. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):
Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And to take that one step further, if they do nothing, then they're not a member of the union? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. No, that's not correct. They automatically are a member in terms of getting all the benefits of the union membership. They are part of the bargaining unit and get all those negotiated benefits. They get the salary increase, etc. They're just not paying dues. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My understanding is that they are a member of the collective bargaining agreement, but they are not a voting member. They can't vote at a union meeting or something like that unless they opt in to be part of that process.
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I mean the particular voting rights would depend on the bargaining unit. The key touchstone here obviously is the dues and under Janus, whether or not you have to pay those dues or not and that, that, that is what's taken care of here. In terms of the successive rights that are attendant to that, I don't know off the top of my head, but again, aside from the broad strokes of getting all the benefits of the agreement and not having to pay for it. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I've established what I need to and I'm done with my questions. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Dubitsky.
REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my constituents keep asking me why do we spend so much money? Why is the current budget proposal going to increase taxes? Why are we planning or considering taxes on sports instruction? On barbers? Expanding to putting sales tax on attorneys, on accountants. Why do we need all this money that we're gonna collect for tolls? Why do we spend almost ten times as much to build a mile a road than almost any other state in the Nation? Why do we spend so much money? Why do we need to tax the people of this district, of this State into oblivion? Why? This is why. This bill, this agreement. We're planning on giving highly paid attorneys who make $140,000 dollars a year, who are not workers, but who run departments. We're gonna give them an extra $12,000 dollars a year for a bonus. Do you know how long it takes for a regular working person in this State to make $12,000 dollars? Do you know how much it's going to cost them to get to work if we impose tolls? And yet, we're giving this money away as if it's not coming out of anybody's pocket.
This is craziness. It's like once you get into the bubble, once you get, once you become a State employee, you're in and we can just give away all this money because everybody outside the bubble has plenty of money, right?

Well the people in my District don’t. They work hard for their money. They're plumbers and electricians, farmers, nurses. What are we doing? Look at this. Look at the dollars in this bill. Look at who we're giving it to. We're giving it to department heads, $12,000-dollar bonuses to people who make $140,000 dollars a year. You go out on the street in your district and you ask somebody, does that make any sense? I can guarantee you that most of the people in this State will say that is ridiculous. That's why we have to raise taxes over and over and over on the people of our State, because we are giving money away as if it didn’t matter. As if nobody had to work for it. It is pathetic.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Distinguished Deputy Speaker, Representative Morin.
REP. MORIN (28TH):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Good afternoon, sir.

REP. MORIN (28TH):

Mr. Speaker, I have a couple of questions for the proponent, please?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Proceed.

REP. MORIN (28TH):

Based on what I'm reading, would the proponent please explain to me what increases in salary the affected folks got in 2016?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. They received no increase in 2016. I should note, no increase for the last three years. This same bargaining unit received no increases from 2009 to 2013, and from 2015 forward even though other members of the prior SEBAC deal did receive increases, they did not and just while I'm on
the point with the question, the department heads, if you look across the board at our other department heads, managers are typically two pay grades above. These are not. These folks are still, as I mentioned before, Assistant Attorney General level 4 with the stipend and can be dismissed at any time at will.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you for that answer. His succinctness actually eliminated two or three more questions so I appreciate that. I'm sure the Chamber does as well. Could you explain to me, I, not being attorney, what, how many years of schooling and what do you have to go through to become an attorney?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Obviously you need an undergraduate degree and then three years of law
school and then if you are hired by the Attorney General's Office, you would be an AG1. Through you. But they rarely hire right out of law school. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28TH):

Thank you. I did not know that. I appreciate the answer. So I've heard a lot of discussions, why we shouldn't do this and I've heard a lot, in my opinion only, my opinion a lot of apples and oranges comparisons, but what I'm gonna ask now to the proponent is, what happens if this does not get passed through today?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. And again, this is by statute, it's an arbitration award. I believe I'm correct in saying it has to be rejected by a two-thirds vote but I'll have to double check that, but if it is rejected, it goes back to the arbitrator for
consideration. If the arbitrator issues a new award, then it would be, it would not come back to this body. It would be automatically approved, second time around. That's what you see often with respect to arbitrated awards when they go back a second time. If the parties come to a further agreement on their own, it doesn't go to arbitration, that would come back to this body. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28TH):

Thank you. And Mr. Speaker, I guess one final question. So if it goes back to the arbitrator, does the arbitrator then just determine the agreement that we have in front of us and say we're gonna go with this. Can they do that? Can they change the agreement? So what I'm, what I think I heard from you is if the agreement changes at all, from the parties in negotiation, it comes back to us. Does the arbitrator strictly have to look at what we're sending back or would the arbitrator be able to make a decision based on arguments he or she has heard. I
DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Through you, I do. Yes, my understanding is the arbitrator will just solely look at the issues that were before him previously and consider whether to make a different determination. I do believe there are new last best offers submitted on those terms. I'd have to double check that, but regardless, the arbitrator would then issue a new decision and it would be deemed automatically approved. If there's anything else that changes in the contract of course, that does come back to this body. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28TH):

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the answers very much and based on those answers and what I've heard from the proponent, I'll be supporting this.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative O'Dea.
REP. O'DEA (125TH):

    Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and I want to thank the proponent of the bill for answering all the questions. Just briefly, what was the out-of-pocket cost for actually going to arbitration to the State? If we were to send it back, if we would go back to arbitration, what would it cost? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

    Representative D'Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

    Through you, Mr. Speaker. You know I don't know, I mean obviously we'd be guessing on how long that would take. I know the arbitrator's per diem fee was $700 dollars. By law, the costs of arbitration are split equally between the State and the bargaining units. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

    Representative O'Dea.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

    Thank you. That's my understanding. So basically, $350 dollars a day for the arbitrator is
out of cost for each day. That was my understanding as well so what I wanted to point out here is it's not -- I have a lot of good friends in the AG's office who absolutely deserve double this. That's not the point. I have -- the point is what can we afford? And the fact, I know I'm not allowed to do this procedurally or this rhetorical, but I'll bet you if I asked everybody to raise your hand if you think giving a $12,000-dollar one-time payment that's gonna count towards their pension if they retire in a couple of years, one year, and $6000 dollars another year, we could afford this, there wouldn't be a single hand up in this room. Not one. It's not about what the AG's Office should be paid. They should be paid more. It's about what we can afford. This arbitration system is broken. We cannot do it this way. We cannot afford these payments. Exactly what Representative Case was saying. There are, the State is dying.

My town, New Canaan, Connecticut, one of the wealthiest town in the State, I submit to you, I agree. We pay to the State of Connecticut in income
taxes in 2014, $220 million dollars. We were the third highest taxpayer. We got back less than a penny. I'm probably the worst State Representative in the history of this Chamber based on what I bring back to my town over the last seven years. We say that half in jest for the record, but it's probably close. [laughter] I am terrible at bringing money back to New Canaan. Horrible. And I know my opponent is gonna use this the next time I run for re-election if I do. My point in saying this is we pay $220 million dollars in income taxes in 2014. In 2017, we paid $190 million dollars; $30 million dollars less. You know why? Because my friends, who are making a lot more money than I am, are moving out of town. They're leaving. Out of State, excuse me. They're leaving out of State and it's costing us. So there's not enough, there's not gonna be more money. We can't increase taxes. My friends are leaving. So please. It's gonna cost us $350 dollars a day for an arbitrator to look at this again. We can't afford this. We gotta change the arbitration rules and we gotta send this back. Thank you very much, Mr.
Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on the resolution? If not, staff and guests please come to the well of the House. Members take their seats. The machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll. Members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by roll. Members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? If all members have voted, the machine will be locked. the Clerk will take a tally. And the Clerk will announce the tally?

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The resolution is adopted. [Gavel] I believe there's some introductions. Right after an announcement. Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. There's a mandatory House Democratic Caucus that will be starting as soon as we're done with the announcements. We'll see you in there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

For introductions, Representative D'Amelio.

REP. D'AMELIO (71ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege for an introduction please?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Just a second, sir. [Gavel] Ladies and gentleman, we have guests. Let's give them our attention. Representative D'Amelio.

REP. D'AMELIO (71ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I along with the
Waterbury delegation would like to welcome Leadership Greater Waterbury Class of 2019 here in the Chamber today. There's 12 members that are here today learning about our state government and all the ins and outs of local government. They are represented here by two mentors, Shawn Whisenhant and David Krechevsky and I ask the Chamber to please give them our warm welcome. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. [Applause]

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you for visiting us today. That's a really good course. I've seen it in action and I'm glad you're visiting here to learn a little bit about how this place works so thank you very much. Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For an introduction.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Proceed, sir.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like most of us here in the Chamber, outside of politics we all go to work every day for our mortgage-paying jobs and I have two
guests here today from my employer, Trinity College. One of them happens to be a constituent of Representative Wood, and I'll introduce the Chairperson of our Board of Trustees, Cornelia Thornburgh, and I would also introduce our President at Trinity College, Joanne Berger-Sweeney. They're both here to meet with one of our more prominent alumni from Trinity, Representative Klarides, so I would ask the Chamber to just give them a warm welcome.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you and welcome. [Applause] Representative Betts.

REP. BETTS (78TH):

Thank you very much. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. For purpose of journal notation, Representative Floren could not make it here due to a medical issue. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Reyes.

REP. REYES (75TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For purpose of journal
notation, Hilda Santiago, traveling on business,
Representative Stallworth, doctor's appointment, Peter Tercyak, Representative Tercyak, sick, Representative Wood, in District, and Representative Travis Simms, in District.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Any other announcements?
Representative Currey, announcements? And that was Kerry Woods for the recording by the way. Then my favorite part of the day, Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There being no further business on the Clerk's desk, I move that we adjourn subject to the call of the chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, the House stands adjourned subject to the Call of the Chair. [Gavel]

(On motion of Representative Currey of the 11th District, the House adjourned at 2:03 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair).
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