(The House of Representatives was called to order at 10:07 o'clock a.m., Representative Aresimowicz of the 30th District in the Chair.)

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

[Gavel] Will the House please come to Order. Members, staff and guests please rise, direct your attention to the dais where Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz will lead us in prayer.

HOUSE CHAPLAIN, RABBI ALAN LEFKOWITZ:

Good Morning. As a chaplain, I am often asked: "Where do I find God?" I’ll will often respond by saying: "Breathe!" So, if you would indulge me, I am going to ask all of you to take a breath. We are all breathing anyway, so why not take an intentional breath, being in awe of the breathing beings that each of us are. We are amazing beings, and no one
has been able to duplicate this magnificence of human life and human breath.

So, as we move forward, let us be open to more profound ways to serving goodness and ascending higher and be near to You, our Creator, our infinite source. And as we journey the many paths of our lives, let us not lose ourselves in oblivion - let us remember the original intention with which we began our journey - allowing God to be our guide.

On a personal note, I want to thank all the members of the House for allowing me this great honor of serving as your Chaplain. For me this has been my opportunity to serve our Country and our State. I am also grateful for the many sweet relationships that I have developed while serving here and as you may recall all of my prayers are reflected around relationship. The first and most primary with our Creator, with our God, Higher Power, Almighty any name that we choose to use the One who gave us life. And if you want to know how you are doing with God, check out how you are doing
with your fellow human beings because in actuality we are all we’ve got. So my prayer for each of us, for you is that we be kinder to each other and that God continues to give us good health so that we may continue to serve each other, our families, our State, our Country and may we all soon know peace. And let us all say, Amen.

ALL:

Amen.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you, Rabbi. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am joined by a special guest that is going to lead us in the Pledge today. It is somebody I usually bring on the last day of Session, his name is Andy Jortner. He is the Assistant Manager over at Good Cause Gifts over in Berlin but we are all very lucky to have a friend that when you’re feeling down, when you feel tired, where you feel like you just don’t have another day in ‘ya, I usually call on Andy. Andy comes to a lot of the stuff around my district and every time I see him, I get a big smile and I
say, hey, if Andy is smiling, I could be smiling. So it gives me great pleasure, we’ll introduce him and then he’s gonna come up and lead us in the pledge but one of my very good friends and our House Clerk’s son Andy Jortner, right behind me [Applause]. So Andy if you would be so kind to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance I would greatly appreciate it.

ANDREW P. JORTNER:

(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):

One more round of applause for Andy Jortner [Applause]. Is there any business on the Clerk’s desk?

CLERK:

Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have List of Reports.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Ritter of the First.
REP. RITTER (1ST):

Good Morning, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Good Morning, sir.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

I move that we waive the reading of the List of Reports and Reports be referred to the Committee’s indicated. Sorry! Mr. Speaker, I move that we waive the reading of the Senate Favorable Reports and they be tabled for the Calendar immediately.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Both are noted and will be ordered.

CLERK:

Number three is the Daily Calendar.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Are there any announcements or introductions? Mr. Majority Leader, I notice in the back of the room we’re starting to bring in some plants and it’s starting to look good in here. I don’t know whose idea that was, but I think I like it.
REP. RITTER (1ST):

It’s the Green Economy, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Green Economy, well played, Mr. Majority Leader. Representative Cheeseman of the 37th, madam announcements or introductions?

REP. CHEESEMAN (37TH):

Not really an announcement. I want to remind the Chamber I know we’re technically gonna be here tomorrow but tomorrow is the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and upwards of 85 million people around the world died and I want us to remember and celebrate and thank all those men and women who gave their lives in the defense of freedom and really defeated darkness. So many of those people are no longer with us, I know a few older brave souls are gonna be in Normandy but we are so blessed to be living in a world that we live in now where so many people wanted to make that ultimate sacrifice. So I just wanted to say, let’s remember them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, Representative. Well said [Applause]. Are there any other announcements or introductions? I’d also like to remind the members of the Chamber that there will be an email going out to both partisan and nonpartisan staff. At some point this afternoon I would like to take a break and at least recognize, have them all come into the Chamber and recognize the staff for all the work they did throughout the Session, so just as a reminder that will happen, we will take a break to recognize them. I know they are getting the email. All right Mr. Clerk, will the Clerk please call Calendar 574.

CLERK:

On Page 36, House Calendar 574, Senate Bill No. 556 AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN RETIRED PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Development.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):
Good Morning, Representative McCarthy Vahey.
You have the floor, madam.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good Morning, it’s great to see you up there on this last day of Session. Mr. Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Question before the Chamber is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark?

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker this Bill which had overwhelming support in our Committee permits towns to pay injured, severely injured and disabled retired police officers the difference between they are receiving from workers' comp benefits and what they would have earned had they continued to work. And Mr. Speaker I move passage
of the Bill.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Question before the Chamber is passage of the Bill. Representative McCarthy Vahey is there an Amendment 7552 LCO No. you would like us to call?

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment 7.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

7552.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

7552 and I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO NO. 7552 which will be designated Senate Amendment Schedule “A”.

CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule “A” LCO NO. 7552 offered by Senator Looney, Senator Duff, etal.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):
Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection to summarization? Is there objection to summarization? Seeing none, Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the Amendment before us simply narrows the scope of the ability of towns to do so and I move adoption.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, madam. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Zawistowski of the 61st, madam you have the floor.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question for the proponent if I many.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Please madam, proceed.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you. How does this actually narrow the ability of the towns to offer this?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.
SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

If I could just have a moment, I would be grateful.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Absolutely.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Amendment notes that the Public and Safety, Public Safety employee with a permanent and severe disability caused by a bodily injury which arose out of the course of employment would be the qualifying situation.

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):
Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And in the original Bill I believe that the municipality by a two-thirds vote of its legislative body would be able to approve this while in the Amendment it mentions where the legislative body is a town meeting by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Selectmen. I just got to see this now, so I just want to make sure that is correct.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you.

That is correct. It is a two-thirds vote of the legislative body or where the legislative body is a town meeting it would be a two-thirds vote of the Board of Selectmen.

Through you.
SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

And that does differ from the original Bill whereas it was just strictly town meeting I believe; I’m asking this to the proponent?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Mr. Speaker, I do like the underlying Bill but I cannot support this Amendment because if you have a town with a legislative body, you may have a Board of Selectmen that is only three or five people and to have two people on a three board Board of Selectmen have the authority to do this, I do take
issue with and I do recommend that we not pass this Amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

    Thank you very much, madam. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? On the Amendment, Representative Ackert of the 8th.

REP. ACKERT (8TH):

    Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate it and to the good lady, I was just looking at the Public Safety Employee and it kind of gives you the definition of that and so paid fire department members, so I know we have volunteer fire departments in our community. Any type of payment, is any type of payment included as a paid fireperson or is it a fulltime employment?

    Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

    Representative Cristin McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

    Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

    Mr. Speaker, through you.
It is my understanding that it is payment not
necessarily fulltime payment.

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Ackert:

REP. ACKERT (8TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I appreciate the
good lady’s answer. I’ll listen further on the
dialogue a little bit and just a final question. So
without this legislation the town can’t do this at
this time, is that right?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Through you.

That is my understanding, yes.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Ackert.

REP. ACKERT (8TH):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the good lady for her answers. Thank you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Representative Dubitsky of the 47th.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A few questions for the proponent if I may?

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you. Looking at the Amendment, as the good Ranking Member indicated, it appears that only the Board of Selectmen can make this decision without any type of town meeting. Is that correct?

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

If a town does not have a legislative body and
it is a town meeting, the vote would be by two-thirds of the Board of Selectmen.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Now this would, a decision by the Board of Selectmen, would bind the town to make payments until the disabled uniformed member of paid fire department or police department reached the age of 65. Is that correct?

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you.

Yes.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The word retired here, does that mean separated from service or does that official retirement after a certain period of service?

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Retired. And could you, Mr. Speaker repeat the question please. Ask the good proponent to please repeat the question.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is the word retired as used in this Amendment, does that word refer to any separation of service based on an injury or is it an actual retirement after a specific period of service?

Through you.
DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the good Representative for repeating the question and clarifying.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

The latter.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So for example, if a, if a firefighter were 20 years old and was injured and therefore separated from service based on that injury, do I interpret it correctly that this would not apply?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And Mr. Speaker, the
Amendment clarifies that this would be a permanent and severe disability as a result of serious bodily injury.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate that. I am a disabled firefighter. I was run over by a firetruck when I was 17 years old. I was a volunteer. I have serious lifetime injuries from that incident. Would this Bill cover that type of situation where a 17-year-old is injured and therefore separated from service based on that injury?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you.
No, it would not. This would cover only those who are in paid service and not a volunteer.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So if in that instance, I had been a paid member would this cover that situation.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my understanding that yes, if it was a serious and permanent injury that occurred through work and you were a paid member of that, it would.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So in such an instance where I, a paid member of a fire department, and I was injured at 17 years old, a vote of the Selectmen without going to public meeting but without a vote of the town meeting, could make the town pay for my pay the difference between in the worker’s comp payment and my regular pay from the time I was 17 until I was 65 years old, is that correct?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate the good Representative’s clarification and it is indeed the payment of the difference. You would be entitled to workers' comp from that point forward, yes it is correct that a two-thirds vote of the legislative body or in the case of a town meeting a two-thirds vote of the Board of Selectmen would allow a community to make the choice to pay the difference between that workers' comp and the
full salary.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At what point does worker’s comp in such a situation usually exhaust?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

If I could kindly ask that the good Representative repeat his question.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

At what point does worker’s comp in that situation exhaust?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):
Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I am not certain but just to clarify again this would cover those who have retired from service.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. From my personal experience worker’s comp is only paid for the first few years and under this Bill essentially the town after that worker’s comp exhausts would be on the hook for the entire amount. So one could imagine that the town could be on the hook for the full cost of a firefighters pay for decades, literally decades 50 or 60 or 70 years. That’s my interpretation.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

And am I interpreting that correctly?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):
Representative McCarthy Vahey do you care to answer that question.

REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

And my apologies, Mr. Speaker and to the good Representative, if he could just repeat the last part of what he said I would be grateful.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Dubitsky, could you rephrase your question?

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Absolutely, Mr. Speaker. My understanding is that worker’s comp will only pay out for a few years and then exhausts or stops paying. It doesn’t pay through 65 years old, at least that was my experience. So my question is, is it true that once workers' comp exhausts the town based on a vote of only the Selectmen would be on the hook for the entire cost of a retired firefighter’s pay for perhaps 60 or 70 years.

Through you.
Representative McCarthy Vahey.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you.

I want to thank the good Representative for repeating the question. I do appreciate that. A couple of things, the determination on workers’ comp is made by the doctors and in conjunction with regulations and again this for a permanent and severe disability. I would also point to Sections, excuse me, line 29 to 32 of the Amendment which stipulates that, “A municipality providing for compensation in accordance with this section shall establish procedures for the evaluation of any retired public safety employee considered for such compensation” so there is some mechanism for review.

Through you.

Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So I guess the answer is yes that from the time that the person is injured or is found to have a serious and permanent disability based on an at-work injury, up until the time they are 65, the town could be on the hook for virtually the entire cost of this firefighter. I think that is a very significant problem given that this doesn’t go to a vote of the legislative body, it’s just the Selectmen. In my town at the moment we only have two Selectmen so the two guys get to decide if its gonna put the town on the hook for potentially decades for the entire cost of a firefighter or police officer. I think that is a major problem. The other problem is I’ve got towns with paid firefighters and volunteers. They work side-by-side, they, if you look at them you wouldn’t know the difference, they go to the same calls, they have the same risks, they suffer the same injuries and to say that one gets this potentially lifetime benefit bestowed on them by the vote of two people, without any input from the rest of the town, and the
volunteers get nothing, I think that is a very significant problem. So, I can’t support this Amendment and I think it would be a grave disservice to the people of my district and the firefighters and the volunteers that man most of the town in this State quite frankly. I think it would be a slap in their face to give this type of benefit only to paid service and not to the volunteers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Delnicki, would you comment on this?

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Yeah. Just a couple of quick questions and a comment.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

To the proponent of the Bill, is this totally voluntary on whether a legislative body or a town council would even take this up.

Through you.
DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, through you.

Yes indeed it is, it is line five of the Bill, “municipality may.”

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I thank the good lady for the response there. So even if a town council took the issue up, or a Board of Selectmen or a town meeting if you did not have a supermajority then this could not occur?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And it would be a
supermajority of the legislative body or in the case of a town meeting town the supermajority of the Board of Selectmen.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Again I thank the Chair for the comments there and just a couple of closing comments. So this is a totally voluntary situation, this is not a mandate on a community. A community does not even have to consider this in their legislative body and it’s gonna be a situation by situation decision and for that reason I will be supporting it. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Zawistowski, would you care to remark on the Amendment?

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the indulgence of a second time. There weren’t that many people in the Chamber when we first spoke of this. I supported
this Bill in Committee and we had some very compelling testimony. At the time the way it was written was a two-thirds majority of the legislative body of the town which in many cases for statutory towns are the town meeting. I do still like the Bill, this Amendment though has some severe issues for me that got sent down from the Senate with this new provision that if you have legislative body that it town meeting that the Board of Selectmen can actually make this decision to commit the town to paying for this for maybe a number of year and in many of our towns we have three or five person Boards of Selectmen. A two-thirds majority is two people on a three member Board of Selectmen and, you know, I’d like to be able to trust our elected officials but if they have the ability under this Amendment to be able to commit for years and I suspect that it cannot be reversed. Actually, I have a question for the proponent if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Please proceed, ma’am.
REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you. Can a town reverse course on this, on payments to, on payments under this legislation?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, through you.

I would also point to lines 29 through 32 of the Amendment which would allow for the municipality to “establish procedures” so the answer as far as my understanding is, yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is some small comfort but at this point I still strongly urge that this Amendment be rejected. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Dubitsky for the second time.
REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn’t hear if anybody asked, but I ask that when the vote on this Amendment come, it be taken by roll.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

The Amendment will be taken by roll.

Representative Smith.

REP. SMITH (108TH):

Good Morning, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Good Morning.

REP. SMITH (108TH):

I was wondering about the worker’s comp aspect of this. So as I read the Amendment if the person was hurt while on the job, naturally he or she is entitled to workers' compensation and I am wondering what thought went into that aspect of reimbursement for the injury in consideration of what’s before us this morning.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):
Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the good Representative for the question. The discussion in Committee focused primarily on making up the difference between what worker’s comp may cover under the age and coverage and ability under the age of 65 and what that worker may achieve through a full salary and that severe and permanent disability given them the opportunity, they don’t then have the opportunity to be able to work in their line of duty, so that was part of the conversation in Committee.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Smith.

REP. SMITH (108TH):

So I am not a worker’s comp lawyer per se but my understanding is would worker’s comp similar to personal injury claims, in addition to a monthly or a weekly stipend that they receive they also receive
a lump settlement for the disability that the injured person has incurred. And was that aspect discussed because if they received a $100,000 dollar benefit, I shouldn’t say benefit, I should say $100,000 payment as a result of their injuries and they have that in the bank already how does that factor into what we’re proposing today?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

Though I don’t recall that we specifically spoke about that during the Committee discussion we did emphasize the fact that this would be a municipal option and that the municipality would be able to setup provisions so that we as a State were not making that specific determination but just giving them the option to do so.

Through you.
DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Smith.

REP. SMITH (108TH):

And typically, also when you have public employees, there is a collective bargaining agreement and how does that play into what we’re talkin about this morning?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARRY VAHEY (133RD):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I can’t speak to the specifics of course to each collective bargaining agreement would be different but again this is where the municipality who would have full knowledge about the specific collective bargaining agreements would then be able to tailor that to their town or city situation.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Smith.
REP. SMITH (108TH):

Just stepping back a moment to the workers’ comp aspects, so I believe the good Chairman indicated that there was some consideration given to the workers' comp payments that would be made to the employee and the idea behind this Amendment anyway is to kind of offset the difference between what was received by the employee and what he or she would have received had they been able to continue to work. If there actually is no loss, so that the employee is really has been made whole through the workers’ comp settlement or the workers’ comp payments how is the municipality then to deal with that situation where there is no loss to the employee?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank the good Representative for the question. The Amendment is
designed to make up, address the situation where there would be a difference.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Smith.

REP. SMITH (108TH):

And I apologize because I kinda came in midway through this dialogue and debate. Is there language in the Bill when the Amendment that talks about that difference?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If you could just give me one moment. Mr. Speaker, if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Please proceed, ma’am.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you very much and in lines, beginning in line 19 of the Amendment, actually line 21, it
“shall be in an amount equal to the difference between the total payment of benefits received”
“and the regular rate of pay.”

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Smith. Thank you very much for pointing that out. So based on the dialogue that we’ve had so far I guess the Selectmen would have to determine the amount of benefits received by the employee including I would assume any lumpsum payments in addition to the weekly or monthly payments that he or she receives. Is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Mr. Speaker thank you for the question and I too am not a worker’s compensation attorney or expect in any way and I am not certain of the answer to the good Representative’s question.

Through you.
Representative Smith.

So I guess we will find out as we go along. Does the Board of Finance have any say whatsoever in terms of obviously they propose the budget, the town passes a budget, the budget is already in place and then a claim is made under this particular Amendment if it becomes law, will the Board of Finance ultimately have any type of say to what the compensation will be, whether it is approved or not approved?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Through you.

The Amendment itself does not contemplate the involvement of the Board of Finance. I suppose that if a municipality in working through procedures in
this wanted to include that they would not be precluded from doing but specifically to the language of the Amendment the Board of Finance would not be included.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Smith.

REP. SMITH (108TH):

And based on that I’m assuming the language strictly deals with the Board of Selectmen as the final arbitrator, final group that has the say as to what the compensation will or will not be. Is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And in a town that has a legislative body it would be the legislative body that would be the two-thirds majority needed, in town where it is a town meeting, it would be two-
thirds of the Board of Selectmen.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Smith.

REP. SMITH (108TH):

I thank the Chairwoman for her answers this morning and look forward to further dialogue on this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Would you care to remark further on the Amendment before us? 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 members voted? Have all 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 announce the tally.

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

The Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended?

Representative Dathan.

REP. DATHAN (142ND):

I just wanted to speak on the underlying Bill, is that what we’re doing?

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):
That’s correct, ma’am. Please proceed.

REP. DATHAN (142ND):

Okay, so I just wanted to speak about this because this came to my attention based on a Norwalk constituent. There as a Norwalk police officer, Phil Rozell and his wife emailed me because he is looking for this to help him.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

[Gavel] It is difficult to hear Representative Dathan speaking. Could you please take your conversations outside the Chamber? Thank you.

REP. DATHAN (142ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Officer ROZELL was hurt in a freak training accident which resulted in him being shot. The wound had exacerbated his other health challenges and as a result Office Rozell was unable to return back to work. Under his workers’ compensation system, he was only able to get 80 percent of his normal pay. His wife has been fighting with Connecticut and fighting for other people who are in the same position as her husband.
to adopt a system similar to what we have in Massachusetts, what’s in Massachusetts. This allows the legislative body of the town to make the person whole for their whole compensation. This money is super important and these lives depend on it, these families depend on it. It is not an appropriation from our workers' compensation it is an appropriation coming out of the town or city and it is based on their discretion so I am urging my colleagues today to please vote for this because we can probably have someone in every single one of our towns that is affect by a severe injury that prevents them from getting back to work and doing the job that they loved. So thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you, ma’am. Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A couple of questions to the proponent of the Bill, if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):
Please proceed.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Is this, I would just like to verify that this is strictly voluntary on the part of towns, this is the municipal option?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you.

Yes, that is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Mr. Speaker while I think that the Amendment did a disservice to this Bill, I am going to be supporting the underlying Bill. There was some very, very compelling testimony. I think that there may be, even though I am very uncomfortable with adding the Board of Selectmen in here versus the
town meeting, I think that we are going to have some trust issues. I think people will give input if there is a hearing or not. A lot of these folks who have disabilities that they have incurred in the line of duty have some serious problems trying to get by just on workers' comp and I think this might be a kindness municipalities may have open to them to be able to help these people. I will support this Bill and I do urge that my colleagues do the same. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

    Thank you, ma’am. Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

    Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker as I said before when we were talking about the Amendment, this Bill does a disservice to firefighters in my districts and in districts across the State by making a distinction between injured volunteers and inured paid workers. Now I understand having a distinction while they are on the job. When a paid firefighter and a volunteer are doing a similar job,
they have slightly different circumstances so I understand that. But once a firefighter, whether paid or volunteer has been injured, has been crippled, has been put in a situation where they can no longer be a firefighter, they are exactly the same. They suffer the same injuries based on the same circumstances they should be treated the same and to say that we’re gonna take two people who responded to the same call and were injured when that same flaming beam fell from a roof and hit them both one of them, we’re gonna pay him his full salary for potentially decades the other one gets workers' comp and when that expires nothin. We should not be making those distinctions between people because they are doing the same job, they are putting their life on the line for you yet you are only recognizing in this Bill the sacrifices and the injuries of the firefighters and their families of those that work for the government. Those that are volunteers who put themselves out, who get virtually no benefit other than, in my town, they get a tiny
little stipend over a $1,000 dollars a year of something like that but because they want to serve, because they want to make sure that the people of my town are protected and because volunteers want to make sure the people of every town in this State are protected they put themselves out and what we are saying to them is their contribution and their sacrifice isn’t worth anything. Once they’re injured, they’re gone. We’re just gonna give them the workers’ comp system, let them fend for themselves but if they work for the government, they get the special benefit, not only do they get worker’s comp but they get their full pay up until they’re 65 years old. I was injured when I was 17, I’m not gonna do the math but that’s an awful lot of years between 17 and 65. Somebody making full pay. There is also the question well is it full pay that the time they were injured or does that pay increase each time there is a new collective bargaining agreement. Is the town gonna be on the hook for a salary of somebody who isn’t working for the town?
They may be living in Florida on full pay. All on the say so of potentially two people without any input from the town meeting, from the legislative body, just two people get to make that decision. I’m sorry, Mr. Speaker this Bill while well intentioned segregates out a very small section of firefighters and I think it does a grave disservice to those brave men and women who put their lives on the line everyday to protect our families. For that reason, I will not be supporting it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? If not will the Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will Members please take your 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
DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Have all members voted? Have all 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 announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 556 as Amended by Senate “A” and in concurrence with the Senate.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

The Bill as amended is passed [Gavel]. Are there any announcements or introductions?

Representative Cook for what reason do you rise?

REP. COOK (65TH):
For the purpose of an introduction, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Oh, please proceed, ma’am.

REP. COOK (65TH):

We are all blessed to have people with us.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

[Gavel] [Gavel] We have a number of introductions and announcements. If the Members could please bring their attention to Representative Cook.

REP. COOK (65TH):

Thanks, Mr. Speaker. As we know that today is gonna get a little bit crazy, Session has been long, we’ve all said it has been a little bit different, so I just would like to take a moment to thank all of our colleagues and friends and staff that have worked here with us to ensure that we’ve gotten to today. But most importantly I had an intern that has been with me the entire Session who has graduated from UConn and has come back after
graduation just to, you know, finish out the Session and work with us. So I would like our House to give her the warm welcome, this is Maddie Farrell and she has been amazing to us and many of our legislators. So thank you, Mr. Speaker [Applause].

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you and thank you Maddie. Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For purpose of introduction.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have with me here two constituents from Stamford, Dan Brennan and Zac Blomberg, they are both seniors at West Hill High School, they have been serving as interns here at the legislature, so I ask my colleagues to give them a warm welcome and thank them for their service to the General Assembly [Applause].
DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Welcome and thank you for your service to the State. Representative Michel, you have the floor, sir.

REP. MICHEL (146TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not going to talk about sharks, I am wanting to talk about how an incredible experience it has been to work with entire legislature. I want to sincerely thank the staffers, our aides, the press aides, everybody is incredible and they have done so much for us. I also want to thank some of the lobbyists out there who’ve also been working with us, staying late at night. I know some people at home might be shocked my me saying this but thank you everyone. [Applause].

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

And thank you, sir for your service [Applause]. Representative Luxenberg. Returning to the Calendar will the Clerk please call Calendar 673.

CLERK:
On Page 47, House Calendar 673. Senate Bill No.
320 AN ACT CONCERNING REAL ESTATE CLOSINGS AND
ATTORNEYS AND LAW FIRMS PREFERRED BY MORTGAGE
LENDERS. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing
Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Scanlon.

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Good Morning, Mr. Speaker. I move for
Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report
and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

The Question before the Chamber is Acceptance
of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and
Passage of the Bill. Representative Scanlon you
have the floor.

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk is in possession of
Amendment LCO 9634. I ask I be granted leave of the
Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):
Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 9634 which will be designated House Amendment Schedule “A”.

CLERK:

LCO No. 9634 designated Senate Amended Schedule “A” and offered by Senator Fasano and Bizzarro.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection to summarization? Hearing none, Representative Scanlon you may proceed with summarization.

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And this Bill makes a very simple change to our Statutes to say that when anyone is representing the legal interest of a party at a real estate closing that person must be a Connecticut admitted attorney in good-standing and I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Question before the Chamber is adoption of House Amendment Schedule “A”. Will you remark on the Amendment? Representative Comey.
REP. COMEY (102ND):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this Bill, this is an important Bill for the public to be able to bring in their own trusted family lawyer and bring transparency to the system. So I just wanted to urge my fellow colleagues to vote for it. Thank you very much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? If not, I will try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

All those opposed, nay. They aye’s have it. The Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Representative Pavalock-D’Amato.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier versions of this Bill I had no problem vocalizing my opposition
to but I think we, several parties worked hard on this. I want to thank the Chairman for working with everyone else on this Bill and just two questions, Mr. Speaker if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Please proceed.

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

Would it prevent an individual from representing themselves under this Bill? Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Scanlon.

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

No.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Pavalock-D’Amato.

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

Through you.

Would this prevent, let’s say for example a husband or wife from executing a Quick-Claim Deed
from one party to the other?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Scanlon.

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

No.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Pavalock-D’Amato.

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

Again I think it is a great Bill, protects consumer and I encourage my colleagues to support this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Smith.

REP. SMITH (108TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too rise in support of the Bill. As an attorney who has done thousands of closings we have seen over the years where there are many folks coming in from out of state and actually doing witness only closings and closings
without attorneys which creates not only title issues but also issues with the deeds as they get recorded or not recorded, so I thank the Chairman for his efforts in bringing this Bill forward and the Ranking Member of making this Bill with the Amendment what it is and this is something we should stand behind to make sure that title was transferred properly when doing a closing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? If not will Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will the Members please take your seats, the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):
Have all members voted? Have all 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 announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 320 as Amended by Senate Schedule “A” in concurrence with the Senate.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

The Bill as Amended is passed [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 310.

CLERK:

On Page 58, House Calendar 310, Substitute House Bill No. 7241. AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVENIENCE OF ACQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES AND
REGISTRATIONS. Favorable Report of the Joint
Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Simms from Norwalk.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

The Question is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill. Representative Simms you have the floor.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Clerk has an Amendment LCO 10312. I ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 10312 which will be designated House Amendment Schedule “A”.

CLERK:
House Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No. 10312
offered by Representative Leman and Senator Leone.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection? Hearing none, Representative Simms you may proceed with summarization.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker this Bill is a proposal from Governor Lamont that seeks to cut down on wait time at Department of Motor Vehicles. The average wait time at the Department of Motor Vehicles are often 35 minutes to well over an hour and 15 minutes. By extending the vehicle registrations one year, to three-year durations, and extend the drivers’ license an additional two years to an eight year duration Governor Lamont aims to decrease the foot traffic at DMV locations and in so doing wait time at the DMV branch locations for a more user friendly experience. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):
The Question before the Chamber is adoption of House Amendment Schedule “A”. Will you remark on the Amendment? Representative Devlin.

REP. DEVLIN (134TH):

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, or Mr. Speaker. So I rise in support of this Amendment as the good Vice-Chair of the Transportation Committee outlined, this Bill is really an increase in efficiency for our DMV. It also by extending that licensor there is a question for you, Mr. Speaker for the proponent. Just to confirm that there is no increase in fee, it is just a proration based on extending the time. Is that true.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Simms.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Devlin.
REP. DEVLIN (134TH):

Thank you. I support this Amendment and encourage all my colleagues to do the same. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Case.

REP. CASE (63RD):

Just a quick question to the proponent of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Please proceed.

REP. CASE (63RD):

So within this Amendment and I do agree with moving it out three years with that program that we started with Passport to Parks, is that figured in the amortization of moving out three years or do we lose a year of the $10.00 dollar fee?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Simms.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It’s accounted for.

REP. CASE (63RD):

I’m sorry, I didn’t hear that Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Simms, please repeat the answer.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It is amortized in the current Bill and charges you three years.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

[Gavel] [Gavel] The debate is having difficult time, please keep your comments down.

Representative Simms could you please repeat the answer? Representative Simms.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Yes.

Through you again, Mr. Speaker.

It is amortized in the current Bill for all three years.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):
Representative Case.

REP. CASE (63RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So the Passport to Parks program will stay solvent as it is today, it’s just amortized over the three years. Is that correct what I am hearing?

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Simms.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

You’re correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Case.

REP. CASE (63RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the good gentleman for his answers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Mastrofrancesco.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have just a few questions for the proponent of the Bill for
clarification.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Please proceed.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

Thank you.

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative Develin had asked about fees increasing and if I can just get clarification on that. I think the Representative said there was no increase in fees, but when I’m looking at this, there is an increase from eight to ten dollars, the maximum convenience fee the DMV authorizes contractors like AAA or municipalities can charge to process the DMV transactions, is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HENNESSY (127TH):

Representative Simms.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

That is to cover the time extension in the Bill.
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Representative Mastrofrancesco.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

Thank you.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Can you please repeat the answer to that question, I couldn’t hear you with the noise?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Representative Simms.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It’s to cover the extension of time in the Bill.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Representative Mastrofrancesco, please.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

Thank you. I apologize, I’m still not
understanding the answer. I guess what I wanted to know does the fee increase from eight dollars to ten dollars that municipalities or like AAA can charge the process those DMV transactions. Does it go from eight dollars to ten dollars and is that an increase in the fee?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Representative Simms, please.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, but it is an established proportionate fee that is already included in the Bill.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Representative Mastrofrancesco.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

I apologize, Mr. Speaker, I can’t hear his answer.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Back to you Representative
Mastrofrancesco.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

Thank you.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I apologize, I cannot hear his answers through the noise. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

[Gavel] Excuse me colleagues. The good Representative is having trouble hearing replies to her questions. If we could all please take our conversations outside and afford the participants the courtesy, we would all hope to receive it would make things easier. Representative Mastrofrancesco, excuse me for interrupting you, please continue.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. So I’ll just try one more time, I hope I can hear the answer this time.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Representative Simms, please.
REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It is an established fee that is proportionate to the fee.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much, Representative Simms. Representative Mastrofrancesco, that seems to be the replay, whether it was exactly what is being looked for or not. Back to you please.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

Okay, thank you. And just one more clarification, it says it raises the fee for original ID card and a six-year renewal from $22.50 to $24.00 dollars and that is prorated as well.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much. Representative Simms.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes.
DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. To you, Representative Mastrofrancesco.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and thank you for answering my questions, I just needed some clarification on that, the language seemed a little confusing to me. Thank you very much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Will you remark further on the Amendment? Representative de la Cruz of the 41st District please.

REP. DE LA CRUZ (41ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It’s a good Bill, ought to pass and one question.

Through the Speaker.

To the proponent of the Bill please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you Representative de la Cruz, we all appreciate you waiting until you have to go through
the Chair to ask the person next to you a question.

REP. DE LA CRUZ (41ST):

Thank you, sir. If you were to pick your favorite friend in this Building, [Laughter], no pressure, who would it be. Thank you, sir that’s all I have.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you, sir. We appreciate that. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Representative Ritter, please.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker, before I decide whether to PT this Bill can Representative Simms, answer that question? [Laughter].

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Representative Simms, it’s your turn again, sir.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Mr. Speaker, I reserve my right not to answer that question [Laughter].

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):
Thank you very much. Representative Ritter back to you.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

What I heard was the Speaker and Representative Klarides so I think that was a good answer, you’re all set. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Will you remark further on the Amendment? Will you remark further on the Amendment before us, if not I will try your minds. All those in favor please signify by say, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Opposed. The aye’s have it and the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Representative Develin of the 134th. You have the floor, ma’am.

REP. DEVLIN (134TH):
Mr. Speaker, good Bill, ought to pass.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much, Representative Devlin. Very good remarks. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Representative Simms.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you. I just want to thank my Chair, Roland Lamar and Senate Chair, Senator Leone as well as our Ranking Members Representative Devlin and Senator Martin as well as the Governor’s Office and the Agency staff for all their hard work on this Bill. I believe it is a good Bill and should pass and I encourage my colleagues to support it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much, Representative Simms. Will you remark further. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? If not will Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will the Members please take your seats, the machine will be open. [Ringing]
CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

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DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

The Bill as amended is passed [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 615.

CLERK:

On Page 42, House Calendar 615, Substitute Senate Bill No. 831. AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO SPECIAL PAROLE AND PAROLE DISCHARGE STATUTES. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Representative Blumenthal, please.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

The Question before the Chamber is on for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill. Representative Blumenthal, you have the floor, sir.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill makes a number of minor revisions or technical changes to the Special Parole and Parole Discharge Statutes the most significant among them is that it will require the Office of Victim’s Services to notify certain victims that the Board of Pardons and Paroles intends to consider terminating an individual’s special parole period and allows that victim to submit a statement. I urge the Chamber’s support.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on this Bill? Representative Rebimbas, please.

Welcome.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and good morning still to ‘ya. Mr. Speaker I rise in support of the proposal before us. Certainly the good Vice-Chairman did give us a good summary of the proposal and anytime again that we can take note of providing victims a voice and proper notification in any proceeding I think that is a step certainly in the
right direction so I do rise in its support.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

    Great, thank you very much Representative Rebimbas. Will you remark further on this Bill? Will you remark further on this Bill? If not will Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will Members please take your seats, the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

    Have all members voted? Have all 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.

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CLERK:
Senate Bill No. 831 in conjunction with the Senate.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

The Bill passes [Gavel]. Will you please call Calendar No. 718.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much. Representative Lemar,
please.

REP. LEMAR (96TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

The Question is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Lemar you have the floor, sir.

REP. LEMAR (96TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO 10174. I ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO Amendment 10174 which will be designated House Amendment Schedule “A”. Oh, Senate Schedule Amendment “A” on second thought.
CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No. 10174 offered by Senator Leone, Representative Lemar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection to summarization? Objection. Hearing none, Representative Lemar you may proceed with summarization.

REP. LEMAR (96TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the Amendment becomes the Bill and is a series of technical changes to DMV Statutes as well as some programmatic changes to current existing programs that DMV currently administers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

The Question before the Chamber is adoption of House Amendment, of Senate Amendment Schedule “A”. Will you remark on the Amendment? Representative Lemar.

REP. LEMAR (96TH):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Devlin, please.

REP. DEVLIN (134TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I’ll reserve my comments for the underlying Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? If not, I will try your minds. All those in favor, please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

All those opposed, nay. The aye’s have it and the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Representative
Devlin please for remarks further on the Bill as amended.

REP. DEVLIN (134TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill commonly called our DMV Aircraft Carrier is one that was developed with a lot of collegiality between both sides of this Chamber and upstairs as well. And I would characterize some of the changes here that I am sure the good Chairman will highlight for us is really around the themes of increasing efficiency and focusing on safety. It does some really good things just in terms of some streamlining that not only will help the DMV but also customers as well. And from a safety perspective, it really strengthens some requirements related to our drunk driving laws, it helps people with disabilities in terms of strengthening of the parking requirements that have been in place and it also give some more flexibility for school bus drivers to be able to communicate with the district. So I am in full support of this Bill, it’s a good
Bill, ought to pass and I will leave it to the Chairman. Thank you so much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much, Representative Develin. Thank you for your remarks including on collegiality. I hope that is helpful as I stumble through the right order of calling people to get this Bill passed. Thank you. Representative Lemar, please.

REP. LEMAR (96TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I thought it was appropriate that my great Ranking Member have a chance to highlight a lot of the issues because this is, as she mentioned, a great example of what happens in this Building when Chairs sit down with the Ranking Members and go through the issues that effect every aspect of life her in Connecticut and every district. We had that one contentious issue in our Committee this year, we worked through that one. We didn’t reach a resolution quite yet but on everything else we were able to work through. So
thank you very much. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? If not will Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will the Members please take your seats and 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 TERCYAK (26TH):

Have all members voted? Have all 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 Bill No. 924 as Amended by Senate “A”
in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number Voting 145
Necessary for Passage 73
Those voting Yea 143
Those voting Nay 2
Absent not voting 6

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

The Bill as amended is passed in concurrence
with the Senate [Gavel]. Representative O’Dea for
what reason do you rise, sir.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

For purposes of an announcement if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Please proceed.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

The Republicans will be caucusing for the next
11 hours and 56 minutes, downstairs. [Laughter]

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much, Representative.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):
Just kidding.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

And Representative Ritter, sir.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker, we are not caucusing. There is lunch available but Lord know what we would talk about at this hour, Mr. Speaker. So we will be at recess until the Call of the Chair. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much. If there is no objection, we will be at recess until the Call of the Chair.

[Gavel]

(On motion of Representative Ritter of the 1st District, the House recessed at 12:05 o’clock, p.m. to reconvene at the Call of the Chair.)

(The House reconvened at 12:41 o’clock, p.m.; Assistant Deputy Speaker Tercyak in the Chair.)
DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

    The Chamber will come back to Order, please.

Representative Ritter, will you remark.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

    Mr. Speaker, I move that we pass this item temporarily. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

    If there is no objection, so ordered. The Chamber will stand-at-ease.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

    Will the Clerk please call Calendar 713.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

    Thank you. Representative Rojas, good afternoon.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):
Good Afternoon, Mr. Speaker. How are you?

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Just fine, thank you.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

The Question is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Rojas you have the floor.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO 10215. I ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much. Will the Clerk please call LCO 10215 which will be designed Senate Amendment Schedule “A”.
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Clerk:

Senate Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No. 10215 offered by Senator Fonfara, Senator Flexer and Senator Haskell.

Deputy Speaker Tercyak (26th):

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection to summarization? Objection? Representative Rojas you may proceed with summarization.

Rep. Rojas (9th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the Amendment is a Strike-All Amendment which narrows the focus of the Bill. It was done in conjunction with the University of Connecticut so that they could continue to refocus their energy and initiatives on spurring innovation and entrepreneurship here in the State of Connecticut.

I move adoption.

Deputy Speaker Tercyak (26th):

Thank you. The Question before the Chamber is adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule “A”. Will you
remark on the Amendment? Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker if I may ask a question to the proponent of the Amendment?

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Of course, sir. Representative Rojas, ready. It’s your turn Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, through you.

To the proponent of the Amendment, the Amendment before us, the Strike-All Amendment does this eliminate the fiscal impact of the underlying Bill?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

That is correct, the University of Connecticut has indicated that it has all the resources it needs
to implement this Bill.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And it eliminates any additional positions that UConn would have to hire under the underlying Bill, it eliminates any additional buildings that they would have to build on campus as called for under the underlying Bill. Is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you, Representative. I’ll check.

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

That is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And with this Bill or the Amendment here before us, does this essentially work with the university to come with recruitment and hiring plan for entrepreneurial based professors. Is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

That is correct. It requires the President to work in conjunction with a number of other stakeholders to develop a plan to ensure that they could make better use and commercialize the research that is being done by research faculty at the University.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Representative Davis, back to you.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
And through you.

One more question, I see that there is a section about releasing patents that the University may have.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

In the Amendment does it call for them to release it after ten years but only if the actual professor who came up with the invention or the patent agrees to also release and not take ownership of it. Is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

That is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Sir.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The underlying Bill was troublesome to say the least. There was a
number of issues with that underlying Bill. I believe this Amendment here in consultation with the University of Connecticut has made that Bill much better. It removed the fiscal impact to it. Still keeps them focused on trying to expand the entrepreneurship within the University which is something I think most of us would agree would be a great thing for the University and the State of Connecticut and our economy and I support its adoption here today to try to move our State forward and make Connecticut an even stronger economy through our university system. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you, Representative Davis.

Representative Yaccarino did you want to speak on the Amendment, please sir? Thank you.

REP. YACCARINO (87TH):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment will become the Bill. I just want to make a comment or two? Through you.
DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Of course, please.

REP. YACCARINO (87TH):

I did not support this in Committee because of the fiscal costs. Not that I don’t appreciate and want innovation in the sciences and engineering and all that. I always speak about that. But I think they should already be doing this and they, we give them great funding, they do have a very good program, and with this, I will be supporting but I would hope UConn along with Yale University, the private and the public schools work together to create a better atmosphere for Connecticut. I know Yale, after many years, is coming to the table. They have been very aggressive the last few years and Quinnipiac does an amazing job with the sciences. So I would hope that the leadership of UConn, and Yale, and Quinnipiac, Fairfield and all the other schools, the University of New Haven, Southern to partner and work with the Governor and the bioscience community and the stem community for
a better State. So with that I will support this. I would hope, you know, this conversation needs to be had over and over but the leadership at the schools should be doing this as we speak. So with that I would make a comment to the good Ranking Member and the Chair for the changes. I would hope we work together to make a better State, a better University and a better State. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much, Representative. Will you remark further? Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? If not I will try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Opposed, nay.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Nay.
The aye’s have it and the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a quick comment for Representative Yaccarino, just so he knows some of the benefits of what’s already happening under the work that is going on with UConn even my own employer Trinity College has recently launched an initiative with Hartford Healthcare and the University of Connecticut for launching a digital accelerator here in Hartford here in the fall where we will be bringing to, ten startup companies from all around the world to make their home here in Hartford and work with our facility at both Trinity and University of Connecticut to help move their business along and provide clinical access to Hartford Healthcare’s facilities so they can test their new products.

Through you.
DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much, Representative. Will you remark further? Representative Haddad of the 54th please.

REP. HADDAD (54TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I rise in support of the legislation proposed by the Finance, Revenue, Bonding and Higher Education Committee. I don’t see a lot of finance, revenue and bonding in this Bill but none the less I think the changes that we’re making are very good. You know, the University of Connecticut has a strong history of working on these issues already. They have seven different degree minor in concentrations in entrepreneurship programs. They have a robust mentorship program for burgeoning number of students who are interested in becoming entrepreneurs. They have entrepreneur scholarships and all sorts of activities for students to engage in student competitions and entrepreneurship classes. And I think this builds on that success as I look forward
to our new incoming President, Tom Katsouleas has a history of working on this stuff as well and I know that he is committed working to build the University’s efforts in these regards. The one piece of unfinished business that I hope we can address in future year would be the way that this General Assembly and our budgeting decisions have assessed a penalty on the way we assign fringe benefit costs to research grants. That has been a hurdle that has been very difficult for researchers at the University of Connecticut who do the original research that leads to the technologies and the intellectual property that leads to the entrepreneurship and I think that we can do better at getting out of the way of the university’s researches and allowing them to compete for research grants and will yield ever greater economic benefit for the State of Connecticut. And so I thank the folks on the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee for working on this legislation. I think it is really good Bill and I am proud to support it.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you, Representative Haddad.

Representative Yaccarino. On the Bill please.

REP. YACCARINO (87TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do support it and I do want to apologize to the good Chair of Finance, Revenue, Bonding. I forgot to mention Trinity does a great job and I want to give them credit for that but at the end of the day I support this. We should support all this to move our State forward for jobs creation and innovation. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Well said, thank you very much. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? If not will Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will the Members please take your seats, and the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

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The Clerk will please announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 1130 as amended by Senate Amendment “A” in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number Voting 143
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Those voting Yea 130
Those voting Nay 13
Absent not voting 8

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

The Bill as amended is passed [Gavel].

Representative Walker.
REP. WALKER (93RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I missed the last vote and I would just like to have my vote recorded in the affirmative for the previous Bill. Thank you, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

The transcript will so note. Thank you, Representative Walker. Representative Dillon.

REP. DILLON (92ND):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. If my vote could be recorded in the affirmative. Thank you, very much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

The transcript was duly noted. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 672?

CLERK:

On Page 46, House Calendar 672, Senate Bill No. 72 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS THAT MAKE PAYMENTS ON LOANS ISSUED TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES BY THE CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY. Favorable Report of
the Joint Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

    Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

    Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

    The Question is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Doucette you have the floor.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

    Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my pleasure to speak on Senate Bill 72 this afternoon. This Bill is probusiness, pro-workforce initiative that represents a collaboration between numerous committees and legislators in both Chambers. It will help to reduce student debt and invest in our
workforce and maintain and create jobs for recent college graduates in our State and incentivize employers to hire and employees to stay in Connecticut. So it’s a win-win for our state. What it does it establishes a state-business tax credit of 50 percent of a Connecticut employer’s eligible student loan payments on behalf of a full time Connecticut employee. The employee can pay up to 5250, that $5,250 dollars annually toward the principle balance of the employees’ loan so it equates a maximum credit of $2,625. The employee must be a Connecticut resident who earned their first bachelor’s degree within the last five years. The eligible loans under this Bill are those that are issued by CHESLA or Connecticut Higher Education Supplement Loan Authority to refinance student loans. The proposal if successful even has the potential to grow that program further. The proponents of this Bill in both Chambers worked together to carefully craft this legislation to strategically control its fiscal impact. The amount
of $5,250 dollars was chosen to correspond to pending Federal legislation which would also add a Federal tax credit to employers in the same amount. At the same time this cap minimizes the fiscal impact, the fiscal note which is $525,000 dollars annually starts in FY 2023 so there is no fiscal impact in this biennium. I submit that this is a very modest investment in our workforce and our business community for the potential return of an educated workforce who will want to stay in Connecticut. I move adoption.

Mr. Speaker the Clerk has in his possession two Senate Amendments the first LCO 8228. I ask the Clerk to read it and permission to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO 8228 which will be designated Senate Amendment Schedule “A”.

CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No. 8228 offered by Senator Bergstein, Senator Maroney and Senator Haskell.
DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

The representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection to summarization? Is there objection? Hearing none, Representative Doucette you may proceed with summarization.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is Senate Amendment “A” which is a Strike-All Amendment and there is another Amendment which I am going to ask the Clerk to read in a moment which is another Strike-All Amendment which becomes the Bill. So I am moving adoption of this Amendment, Senate Amendment “A” at this time.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

The Question before the Chamber is adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule “A”. Will you remark on the Amendment? Will you remark further? Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Good Afternoon, Mr. Speaker.
DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Good Afternoon, sir.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

I am in favor the Amendment; I will make a few comments and ask a few questions after the Amendments become the Bill. So I reserve my comments for that point in time.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Thank you, Representative. Again on the Amendment. Will you remark further on the Amendment? If not, I will try your minds. All those in favor please signify my saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

All those opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So at that time I
would ask the Clerk to raise LCO 8999 Senate Amendment “B” and be allowed to summarize that.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO 8999 which will be designated as Senate Amendment Schedule “B”.

CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule “B” LCO No. 8999 offered by Senator Bergstein, Senator Maroney and Senator Haskell.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

The representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection to summarization? Is there objection. Hearing none, Representative Doucette you may proceed with summarization.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So this is a Strike-All which becomes the Bill. My understanding is that this Amendment changed the Bill to apply to only refinanced loans through CHESLA. I move adoption.
DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

The Question before the Chamber is adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule “B”. Will you remark on the Amendment? Nobody will remark. Representative Haddad. Representative Turco, on the Amendment.

REP. TURCO (27TH):

Mr. Speaker I just rise in support of the Amendment and the underlying Bill. We have a problem here in Connecticut with student loan debt, we are one of the highest in the entire nation, this Bill is a good step in that direction for reducing that debt, for keeping our young education workforce here in Connecticut versus going to other states that we are competing with. So I strongly support this initiative and I want to thank Senator Haskell and all those that worked on it and I hope we can continue making progress in helping reduce student loan debt in Connecticut years to come. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on the
Amendment before us? Representative Ackert.

REP. ACKERT (8TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So if I had an employee that had a student loan, and I wanted to help that employee as a benefit of my company to attract them to my company the load would have to be a long financed through CHE

REP. ACKERT (8TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I too am in favor of this concept of helpin our young folks and old folks too maybe that are in college that have student loan debt.

But through you.

Could the good gentleman tell me the difference between the Amendment that was earlier passed and this Amendment? I think you mentioned a difference in the loan program if I’m not mistaken.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes that is correct. I believe Senate Amendment "B" restricted the loans, the eligible loan to refinanced loans through CHESLA.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, that is correct. If the loan was originally through another lender they would go back to refinance through CHESLA and then the loan would be eligible for the program.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Ackert.

REP. ACKERT (8TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So just to back that up, so I would encourage that individual to say, if you could refinance through that loan program, that then I would help you pay those student loans. Is
that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, that is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Ackert.

REP. ACKERT (8TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The prior Amendment that we passed shortly would have been any financing institution that was for loans we would have paid those before this Amendment as approved. Correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Mr. Speaker, no. I believe the difference it was still always through CHESLA, they were always concerning CHESLA loans but I believe the difference
is now it is only with a refinance of an existing CHELSA or an existing loan.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Ackert.

REP. ACKERT (8TH):

Mr. Speaker, I thank the good gentleman for his answers on this and I will continue to listen to dialogue but I definitely like the concept of this adding another business benefit to employees. So thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the good gentleman for his answers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Thank you, Representative Ackert. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Representative Fishbein of the 90th.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and good afternoon. If I may just a few questions for the proponent.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Please proceed, sir.
REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

In comparing the underlying language to the amended language, it appears that originally the language that came out of Committee allowed for any postsecondary educational expenses to fall within this but no we’re only doing bachelor’s degrees. Is that true?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

If I just may review I believe that is correct. The definition of an eligible education loan in the original Bill was a “CHESLA loan to finance attendance at a private, occupational school or at a public or independent institution of higher education in the state”.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):
REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the good Representative for reading the language that was in the underlying Bill and in comparison now we have the requirement that the individual “earned his or her first bachelor's degree from an institution” and I believe the bachelor’s degree indication is new to this language unless the good Representative can correct me, I believe that to be true and if it is, that is my question.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, I believe that is correct and if I may I believe the intent of this was to minimize the fiscal impact of the Bill.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Fishbein.
REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So am I to understand the underlying Bill, you know, we talk a lot in this Building, in his room about STEM, and the trades and those kind of things, apprenticeship programs that the original language would have allowed the employer whose employee has gone through one of those programs, to avail themselves of this program but that this new language does not.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I don’t believe that is entirely accurate and that, you know, in terms of the subject matter of the bachelor’s degree I think the good gentleman’s question touches on that but it would have to be about bachelor’s degree.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):
Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will there be more clear under the original language of one doesn’t get a bachelor’s degree in plumbing, or electrical work or commercial contracting whereas the original language would allow for that training if it was paid for by the employer to get a tax credit.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Is that true?

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, I believe that is generally correct as those examples given may not require a bachelor’s degree. So it is restricted to a bachelor’s degree within, earned within five years.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Fishbein.
REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So just by way of comment, you know, when we utilize our tax code to drive people to act a certain manner to the point that our tax code becomes obsolete, in my opinion, and we are not helping the State of Connecticut with regard to just carving out these particular individuals who chose to or have been found to be appropriate to get a four year degree. Certainly, working in the trades if a laudable goal and to not allow for this process for those people who make that choice, I just don’t think is appropriate. Also an additional question if I may. The fiscal note indicates this will be a loss of revenue to the State of $10.5 million dollars I believe starting fiscal year 2022 and what is the plan to make up that? Is there an expense that we are looking to cut as a result of that loss of revenue?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.
REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I believe the good gentleman is looking at the fiscal note on the original Bill not the fiscal note on the Bill as amended.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Looking and the good Representative is correct. I believe that the fiscal note has been amended to $525,000 dollars as of fiscal year 2023 and is there a corresponding reduction in the spending in relation to that?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

This is in the next biennium so I don’t think
we can point to any corresponding reduction in spending.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And in the original fiscal note there was a reference to an expense the DRS was going to have to make of $75,000 dollars for update to the online Taxpayer’s Service Center and internal integrated tax administration system. Am I to understand through this new fiscal note that activity will not have to happen?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

No, that is in the new fiscal note for the Bill as amended as well.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.
DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I’m looking at that fiscal note, it doesn’t indicate that. So I don’t, there’s no reference to $75,000 dollar expenditure. The document I’m looking at is LCL No. 8999, file copy 256, Senate Calendar 139 which I believe is the Amended language and all it says is, “the amendment reduces the revenue loss in the fiscal note on the Bill as amended to approximately $525,000 annually beginning fiscal year 23.” It makes no reference to that expenditure so perhaps if the good Representative can show me where that expenditure is now in relation to this Amendment because I just heard that they’re still gonna have to expend those dollars.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):
Just a moment, Mr. Speaker. I want to make sure I have the right fiscal note.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I am not sure which fiscal note the gentleman is looking at but the one that I have for the Bill as Amended by Senate “A” and Senate “B” still has the “one-time cost to DRS of $75,000 for updates to the online Taxpayer Service Center”.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I’m looking at the fiscal note for Amendment LCO 8999 by itself because I believe that would be the appropriate one cause it struck, “A” struck the original language, that goes away “B” struck “A” so all we’re left with is “B” so I would think the fiscal note for “B” would be the only relative fiscal note before us unless the good Representative can point me differently. Thank you, Mr. Speaker
DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I am holding fiscal note that looks like it was prepared on 5/29/19 by OFA which has the reference in it, so I’m not sure which one the good gentleman is looking at, it might have been an earlier draft.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do now see the one that the good Representative is referencing. Just by way of comment, not looking to belabor this but there is no mention of it in “B”, it doesn’t make sense that it wouldn’t be. I do notice that it is in the one that has to do with “A” and “B” but since “B” gets rid of “A” it would be irrelevant. Look forward to whatever debate there is on this, so Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

    Thank you, Representative Fishbein. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Davis, on the Amendment.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

    Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

    Mr. Speaker, through you. Question to the proponent of the Amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

    Please proceed, Representative.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

    Thank you, Mr. Speaker. From my reading of it, if the student had a CHESLA loan initially they would not qualify for this repayment program, tax credit program?

    Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

    Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

    Through you, Mr. Speaker.

    That is correct. It would be a refinance.
Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So if a student already had that student loan they would be disqualified from this program but if they refinanced they would qualify for it. So if they refinanced within CHESLA would they qualify as well?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, through you.

To the proponent of the Bill, is the reason why
we are continued to limit this is to reduce the fiscal note or is there a reason why it is particularly targeted to finance loans for CHESLA?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I cannot speak to, I cannot speak to the intent of what happened in the Senate but I believe, yes, it is to minimize the impact of the fiscal note.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I supported this Bill in the finance Committee. As many of you may know the House Republican Caucus for a number of years proposed very similar measures, ones that would actually go further and impact even more students and businesses in the State of Connecticut but I do
appreciate the desire of the proponents of this Bill to limit the fiscal impact during these tough fiscal times so I will support the Bill as I do believe it is a good start to try to attract or mostly maintain and retain young people here in the State of Connecticut and give the opportunity for businesses to participate in that activity as well, so I will support the Amendment and the underlying Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Thank you, Representative, Davis. On the Amendment, Representative Yaccarino.

REP. YACCARINO (87TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a question or two to the proponent, good Chair of Banking.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Please proceed, Representative.

REP. YACCARINO (87TH):

I’m disappointed to trades especially like journeymen, to electricians, auto technicians,
plumbers many times they have jobs with companies
and they go to school to have a certain number of
hours in training, so I am disappointed that they’re
not included in this and I would hope in the future
we would include these folks cause they go right to
work, they go directly to work. They are generally
working for a company while they are goin to school
and its sometimes two years, one-and-a-half to three
years of school.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

So is there a reason, did I hear you correctly
it’s because of the fiscal note?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, I believe that was certainly part of the
intent.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):
Representative Yaccarino.

REP. YACCARINO (87TH):

Thank you, I appreciate that. The reason I say this is because we are an aging population. Connecticut is one of the oldest states in the country and on the trades carpentry, electricians, plumbers, technicians, HVC we need men and women to serve in these positions and work in their high paying jobs and they generally start at, you know, high salaries as much as they talk about the sciences, these positions in advanced manufacturing they are high paying jobs and I would hope in the future we would keep those folks in the vein of higher education because you do have to have an education, you have to academic and practical experience. So that’s really all I have to say. I did support it in Finance as the good Representative from the 57th said, we’ve been pushing this for years and if could get our fiscal house in order we could actually do the right things by people. So thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you to the good
Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Thank you, Representative Yaccarino. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Will you remark further? If not, I will try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

All those opposed, nay. The aye’s have it [Gavel] the Amendment is adopted. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the proponent of the Bill. Is the intent here to start a program up, see how it works out and then build upon whatever success the program has or if it has failures to address so that we don’t make a huge investment on a program that may or may not work?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.
DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, I think that is certainly fair to say.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And to the fiscal note and the original underlying Bill and quite frankly when it was originally proposed is the reason why I did not support it, was I believe $10.1 million dollars. Now to the proponent of the Bill in this start-up program that we have here, what is the fiscal note for next fiscal year and the fiscal year thereafter?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

There is no fiscal impact in the biennium. The program would start up FY 23.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you to the proponent of the Bill. And please correct me if I am wrong on this to the proponent, when the program actually kicks in for the next two years thereafter it would be approximately $525,000 per year. Is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):
Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And at this point in time, it is a start-up program, fledgling program that we’re trying to see how it is going to work out, approximately how many students at this point-in-time could it assist?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

At this point-in-time I understand the number is fairly low but certainly there is no limit on this and in fact if we got more students to refinance through CHESLA that would actually be a net, a potential positive impact to the State.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you.

Is it true that the Connecticut realtors seeing how devastated how our sales market is believes that this could be some way, some possibility to help spur home ownership, people investing in staying in Connecticut and it somehow gets the economy moving?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, that is my understanding.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Again I thank the proponent for his comments there and the answers.

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

As with any Bill do you anticipate once it proves itself, to be of value, to be effective, to
be actually doing something to help people grow the economy and have folks stay in Connecticut and conceivably buy a home, do you see this program expanding to the trades and other folks that maybe looking to get a higher education and stay here?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, I think that is certainly possible.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Again thank you to the proponent for your answers there and thank you, Mr. Speaker. I’d like to make a couple of comments on it. When it had the $10.1 million dollar fiscal note as a start-up, that was sticker shock. Quite frankly I believe a program needs to prove itself to make a
determination whether we are willing to make a substantial investment, and albeit $525,000 for the next couple of years is a substantial investment, but again I go back to the testimony of the Connecticut relators, the folks that approached me and talked to me and based on this start-up proposal that we have before us, that could do some good, I am supporting it here today and I think it is worth a try, it’s worth going forward because it may make a difference. And if it doesn’t, we will know very quickly and we can either amend it or eliminate it but I think from the standpoint of starting a program out to see if it does exactly what we would hope it would do, have employers work with employees, grow our housing stock and make Connecticut more marketable for our young people to stay here, it’s worth a try and that’s why I am supporting it here today and that’s why I ask my colleagues here to support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):
Thank you, Representative Delnicki. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? From the 8th District Representative Ackert.

REP. ACKERT (8TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the good dialogue that’s taken place on this and we’re moving in a good direction but we’re just moving a little bit, I think, I think what we need to do is, I think the intent of the good people that put this legislation in really had a vision for Connecticut to help those young people or old people to help with their student loans, help their businesses and so, is think in a manner we’re making some has and some has nots here and I hope that this, maybe we could have just given a smaller amount per individual, something along that line whether it was in the trades or whatever the individuals wanted to go into and so I’ll decide how I will vote on this. It is a move in a direction, it’s just a very small move in the correct direction. So thank you and I thank the people that had the wherewithal to put
this legislation in. I know it’s been around for a while and so, thank you, Mr. Speaker and I’ll let someone else have the floor.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Very kind of you, Representative Acker. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? From the 35th District Representative MacLachlan.

REP. MAC LACHLAN (35TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a few comments and questions on the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. MAC LACHLAN (35TH):

Thank you, sir appreciate it. You know before I was elected to office one of the issues that really caught my attention some of the work that was done in this Chamber was the effort spent to pass the Learn Here - Live Here Bill and it really caught my attention. I really appreciated that there was efforts being made to make Connecticut a more affordable place for young people, incentives being
created for college graduates to buy a home and actually afford to buy a home despite the crushing amounts of student debt that so many of your young people are experiencing in the State of Connecticut.

And through you Mr. Speaker.

Does this Bill, would this Bill implement the Learn Here - Live Here Program?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

No, I believe, I’m familiar with that concept from the Higher Ed Committee this is a different proposal. It’s just a straight tax credit to the employer and principle payment by the employer on behalf of the employee. It is not tied to purchase of a home in the way that I understand that proposal was.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):
Representative MacLachlan.

REP. MAC LACHLAN (35TH):

Thank you and I thank the good Representative.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

When would this program be implemented?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you.

It would take effect January 1, 2022.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative MacLachlan.

REP. MAC LACHLAN (35TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And does that implementation depend on the availability of appropriated funds given the fact that our State has experienced some fiscal turbulence, having to come back into this Chamber on several occasions to overcome deficits.
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Would this implementation depend upon availability of appropriated funds?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, presumably it would.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH): s

Representative MacLachlan.

REP. MAC LACHLAN (35TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do appreciate that answer. Going through the overview that contemplates the issue of eligibility. What criteria will CHESLA be using to determine which businesses would apply for such a tax credit?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.
REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It is a tax credit against the corporation tax and the insurance, the insurer tax.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative MacLachlan.

REP. MAC LACHLAN (35TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I see that is Senate Amendment “A” addressed the Insurance and Health Care Center taxes, is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, I believe that is correct, again it also appears in Senate Amendment “B” which is a Strike-All which becomes the Bill.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):
Representative MacLachlan.

REP. MAC LACHLAN (35TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
And through you.

Is there any time requirement, I see that there was that a five year requirement of eligibility was struck. Was there any time requirement for residing within the State of Connecticut?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

No, the only time requirement is the five year from the bachelor’s and obviously the employee is a Connecticut resident at the time.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative MacLachlan.

REP. MAC LACHLAN (35TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And so in this case
eligibility is then limited to the period of graduation within five years, is that right?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative MacLachlan.

REP. MAC LACHLAN (35TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And when would that tax credit expire?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Within five years of the earing a bachelor’s degree.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative MacLachlan.
REP. MAC LACHLAN (35TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Are any other states, I know we look at surrounding States for inspiration on certain issues and ideas, are any other States implementing this type of policy and what has been the fiscal impact if so?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I do not have that information. I believe there are other states, the State of Maine is coming to mind on that. I don’t have that information in front of me, but yes, I believe the State of Maine has a similar program.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative MacLachlan.

REP. MAC LACHLAN (35TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I feel my questions
have been answered thoroughly, I do thank the good Representative for his time and graciousness and I will be supporting the legislation. Thank you, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Thank you, Representative MacLachlan. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Mark further on the Bill as Amended.

If not will the Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members please take your 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 MORIN (28TH):

Have all members from Berlin voted? If all the members from Berlin have voted, the machine will be locked.

Will Clerk please announce the tally?

CLERK:
Senate Bill No. 72 as Amended by Senate “A”
and “B” in concurrence with the Senate.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

The Bill passes in concurrence with Senate
[Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 671.

CLERK:

On Page 1, House Calendar 671 Senate Joint
Resolution No. 41 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE
NOMINATION OF MICHAEL J. AJELLO OF NORTH HAVEN TO BE
REAPPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE STATE ELECTIONS
ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION. Favorable Report of the
Joint Standing Committee on Executive and
Legislative Nominations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Vargas.
REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the Acceptance of Joint Committee’s Favorable Report and Adoption of the Resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

The Question before the Chamber is Acceptance of the Joint Committee’s Favorable Report and Adoption of the Resolution. Representative Vargas you have the floor.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is Resolution confirming Michael Ajello of North Haven to be a member of the State Election Enforcement Commission. This is a job that is a part-time position paid on a per diem basis and this is a renomination. Attorney Ajello is nominated by Senator Fasano and I would just like to make a short note of the fact that during the Public Hearing although Representative David Yaccarino was not able to be with us, he did make a point of sending his support, communicating his support to the Committee. I would like to say
that Attorney Ajello is a graduate of Northeastern with a bachelor’s degree there and he also has a juris doctorate from the Thomas Cooley Law School. Attorney Ajello has spent his career in private practice working mainly in real estate closing, civil and commercial litigation.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

[Gavel] [Gavel] Excuse me, Representative Vargas. It is really difficult to hear you. I know everybody is excited, there’s only what 10 hours left. So let’s be a little respectful to the fine Representative Vargas.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker Attorney Ajello has spent his career in private practice working mainly in real estate closing, civil and commercial litigation and real estate law. He is a member of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association also a member of the New Haven Country Bar Association and is on the Town of Hamden’s Planning and Zoning Commission. I urge a favorable support.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Would you remark further on the Resolution before us? Representative Perillo.

REP. PERILLO (113TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, I echo the gentleman’s comments. The nominee for this reappointment is quite accomplished, has done a wonderful job and serves the State very, very well and I would urge adoption of the Resolution as well.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Thank you, Representative Perillo. Will you remark further on the Resolution before us? From the 87 District, Representative Yaccarino.

REP. YACCARINO (87TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon. I stand in strong support of Mr. Ajello. I did miss the meeting that day, I had a doctor’s appointment. I couldn’t vote for him anyway because it was a Senate Resolution but I stand in strong support and
I urge our Chamber to support him. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

   Thank you for your comments, sir. Will you remark further on the Resolution before us? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor of the Resolution please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

   Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

   All those opposed, nay. The aye’s have [Gavel] it, the Resolution is Adopted. Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

   I rise for purpose of an introduction.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

   Please proceed, sir.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

   Well you could probably tell what’s goin on over there with the crowd. But I would like to welcome, first of all, Former Senator Art Linares
who is also known as Carolyn Simmons’ husband [Applause]. The warmest introduction for a Senator today and would also like to introduce their beautiful baby boy Teddy who has also joined us up there with Caroline. [Applause] And as I conclude, Mr. Speaker I told Caroline he has a very difficult choice to make when he turns 18. Thank you. [Laughter].

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Mr. Majority Leader, I really don’t agree with you on that, I think the choice is very simple. He is standing with his Mother right there and she will lead him the way. [Laughter and Applause]. Welcome Teddy and Senator. Good to see you.

The Chamber with stand-at-ease.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 687.

CLERK:

On Page 49, House Calendar 687, Substitute Senate Bill AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on
Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

The Question before the Chamber is on I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill. Representative McCarthy Vahey, you have the floor, madam.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker this Bill allows adult adoptees adopted prior to October 1, 1983 access to their original birth certificates by written request to the Registrar of Vital Statistics. It eliminates the Department of Public Health’s reporting requirement about the number of original birth certificates issued and it requires the Department of Children and Families to
report the number of contact preference and medical health history forms filed by birth parents. Mr. Speaker as I bring forward this Bill I would like to thank all of those folks who shared their stories, their experiences and their pain. I would like to recognize the complexity of this issue for all parties involved all the adoptees, birth parents, family members all have their own unique experiences. There were hundreds of people who submitted testimony on this Bill. Prior to 1975 all adoptees had access to original birth certificates. The coalition of support behind this Bill for access includes organization from the Connecticut State Medical Society to CT Now to the Connecticut Council on Adoption and the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. The technology has surpassed us today with DNA testing, the desire to provide anonymity and protection for birth parents has been surpassed by this and unfortunately for some we can no longer guarantee the privacy that birth mothers may have been
promised a long time ago. Adult adoptees who testified seek a quality end of the law, access to their health information and as some have put the right to know their human story and original identity. Mr. Speaker I thank you for the time to summarize this Bill and I urge support and passage.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Bill? Will you remark further on the Bill? From the 61st District, Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is to me the most heart wrenching Bill that we’ve looked at in this Session this year. I certainly understand the needs of adopted people who are affected by this to understand their origins and possibly their medical history, absolutely under that but I also understand that there are birth mothers who were offered protection, I don’t know, this is before I even got here, I don’t know a whole lot of details but it is
my understanding that they were offered these protections and it is really heart wrenching as well to have them exposed when they felt they were not going to be. I absolutely respect both sides of this issue and the main problem is if we do nothing it is bad, if we do something it’s bad. I really think we need to be able to work to find some kind of common ground on this and I had hoped we would be able to do this before this time. It has also been framed as a women’s right issue by some of the proponents of the Bill and I get that but it is also a woman’s rights issue on the mother’s side. It is just not an easy issue at all. If I may, Mr. Speaker I would like a few questions to the proponent?

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Please proceed.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

This Bill was brought through the Planning and Development Committee in the past couple of years and this year it was actually referred over to
Judiciary. I know it’s been through several Committees in the past, if the proponent of the Bill would kindly explain which Committees it’s been through over the past years.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you.

I of course misplaced my list but some of the other Committees that its been through over the many years this topic has come up is as you mentioned, Planning and Development, Judiciary, Public Health and Children’s. So there have been many Committees of cognizance involved.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you for that
answer. Is there a particular reason this year that it came to Planning and Development?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. The Bill changes the access point from the Department of Public Health to the Town’s Registrars of Vital Statistics. So in working with the Town Clerk’s Association the thought that it was a proper or acceptable Committee of cognizance I presume.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Has this ever been through the Public Health Committee?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.
REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

   Mr. Speaker through you.

   If the good Representative could just repeat
the beginning of the question, I did not hear that.
DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

   [Gavel] [Gavel] I’d ask you to keep it quiet.
Representative please rephrase.
REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

   Very happy to do so, Mr. Speaker. Has this
Bill actually been heard at some point over the past
years by the Public Health Committee?
   Through you, Mr. Speaker.
DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

   Representative McCarthy Vahey.
REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

   Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the good
Representative for repeating the question. In this
current Session with this Bill, the Bill went to
Planning and Development and the Judiciary
Committee. In the past this Bill has been before
the Public Health Committee.
Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you for that. Under current law I understand the period of time that there is no access to birth certificates would be between the, sometime in the 1970s and October 1, 1983 which is 36 years ago. Is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And Mr. Speaker through you.

Up until 1975 all adult adoptees had access to their original birth certificates and beginning in 1983 the Probate Court created a notice form that made sure that parents relinquishing or terminating rights voluntarily were aware that they or their adopted children could have access to original birth
certificates. I cannot remember the year the law was changed but there was a period of time in which those adult adoptees who once had the right to that original birth certificate were then, no longer had the right.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is there currently a path through which by court order for example, that some of these adoptees can actually get their birth certificate and under what circumstances.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you.

There are currently a couple of options in the Bill as well, it still contemplates the option for
an adult adoptee to go to the Probate Court and receive that access if the birth parents consent and that is one of the differences in the Bill. This Bill would allow access via the town Registrar of Vital Statistics and would not require the birth parents consent.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And is the father’s name generally on the birth certificate or are there exceptions when it is not?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you.

It is not always on the birth certificate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):
Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Through you Mr. Speaker.

The father’s name is not always on the birth certificate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Thank you. Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you for that, I appreciate the answers. I know that some of the adoptees that have been concerned about their medical histories have consulted genetic testing and I know that there are some available at this point. It does open up a whole other can of worms because if you have an ancestry picture done with these tests that are done, you may find out who some of your relatives are and it maybe an option that way and not always a good way to do it. But if the good proponent of the Bill could help, if she would let me advise, is that a route that some of the adoptees have been taking.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.
DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you.

Indeed, as I mentioned this previously many people have shared very powerful stories of how they are connecting with their birth families and one of them is through DNA testing. Some adoptees are connecting with other family members who are then in contact with birth parents. The situation or the role that we have here in terms of DCF as I mentioned the contact preference forms with access to an original birth certificate and adult adoptee would be able to make direct contact or could check with the Department of Children and Families to see if a contact preference form was available. The contract preference form would state whether or not the birth parent was interested in being contacted. We recognize and acknowledge that there are certainly birth parents who have interest in being
contacted but others who do not have interest.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the Madam Chair of the, the good Chairwoman of the Planning and Development Committee for all these answers. You know, in an ideal world we could have probably come up, it would have been great if the two sides on this could have come out to some kind of accommodation that could protect the birth mother and also provide enough information but it is not a perfect world and I think it is something to work for. I’ve received a lot of email, both messages, email, in person visits by people effected by this on both sides of this issue, both adoptees who are now adults and by people who have actually contacted their birth parents, didn’t go well, and also by people who were being protected. The passions run high on all sides of this. I’m glad we had the
opportunity to talk about it in here. I am going to listen to the rest of the debate. I am interested in the rest of the views involved in this and Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Thank you for your comments, madam. Will you remark further on the Bill? From the 54th District Representative Haddad.

REP. HADDAD (54TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I rise in support of the legislation. This is an issue actually I’ve had the opportunity to be thinking about for a longtime. I first came to the General Assembly as a staff person, this was an interest of the State Senator that I was assigned to work for and I first met some of the advocates who are here today 20 years ago who were asking for this legislation. In this Building and it is something they are still here asking for. I wouldn’t have know then that my own experience would be so connected to this issue but I just wanted to make a
couple of points in support of this legislation.

First what I didn’t know when I first started thinking about his issue was that I would actually become an adoptive father. It is something that my wife and I in 2013 and in the process we went through the home study that is required of all folks who are interested in becoming adoptive parents and it is there that we learned a lot from the experience from our social workers who were guiding us through the process. And one of the things we became really profoundly aware of was the idea of the right to know who you are. We talked extensively with folks at the time we were going through our home study about what we would tell our daughter about her story as she grew up and when we would share that information with her. I know that her adoption happened well after the laws have changed and maybe attitudes have changed a lot to but for us it has been a very, we had to give a lot of careful thought to what we would share with our daughter and when we would do that and decided that
really here whole story was something that we would never withhold from her, that she would know her birth mother and she would know that she was adopted and we talk about that even now as she, you know, talks about her own life. The second thing we learned during our home study really is that there are no secrets anymore. In the day and age of information being traded on the internet and elsewhere that it is just wrong to expect and erroneous to expect that anonymity can be maintained give the amount of information that is out there. We ourselves were intensely interested in knowing what our daughter’s ancestry was and so we did an ancestry.com test and subsequently have been contacted several times by people who she is genetically related to asking for information about the details of her birth, asking for information about how we might be related and it seems to me that this new technology has really sort of lifted the expectation of anonymity permanently and in a substantial way. It’s now become common place for
me when I go to ancestry.com account to see these connections that she has genetically to other folks and folks who are reaching out somewhat indiscriminately at this point to us to try to find out how they might be related. And that I think would yield, be very scary proposition to birth mothers so I see the legislation and that is actually a more private way of reaching out and connecting these two folks moving into the future in a way that I think would be more respectful of the concerns that birth mothers might have. Last thing I just wanted to say about those concerns about birth mothers might have is I think we need to recognize that, you know, times have changed a lot and while I can’t speak to the feelings that every birth mother might have or any, every adoptive parent or adoptee I mean I can tell you what my experience was around this. I think a lot of this issue gets tangled into the morality of the time of these women were making these decisions, you know and we need to recognize that many of these
adoptions occurred in a time when being an unwed mother or being, you know, pregnant and unable to care for their children economically was something that folks were quite ashamed of and embarrassed about or they were made to be felt ashamed or embarrassed and I can only tell you my experience is actually quite in contrast to that. I had very privileged to be in the delivery room when my daughter was born. Anybody who’s become a parent knows that this is an important time in your life and it was really quite an honor and a privilege and I don’t take that honor and privilege for granted for even a moment. You know I was also unprepared for it. Cause like all parents are and so after my daughter was swaddled by the nurses and aspirated and you know, they handed her to me and asked me to turn around and give her to the “mother” and I turned around and was faced with two. That was, I was unprepared for that at the time but I did what I thought was right at the moment and I handed the little girl who had become my daughter to her birth
mother, who had a moment there, and then handed her to my wife in what was perhaps the most generous and selfless and compassionate and loving act that I have every witnessed and I think that the narrative that we have around who birth mothers are and the decisions they’ve made has to include the incredible sacrifice that they make and I think that we should hold that high as a good an positive thing that when they make these choices that they do so out of love and out of compassion and it should never be something that folks should be ashamed of or embarrassed about. So I hope that we, we can’t make those cultural changes here in the House be we can move forward and develop good public policy that begins to change the cultural attitudes around these issues. I am grateful for the relationship that my daughter has with her birth mother and I know that will be important to her moving forward as she assesses her own identity, her own life and her own story and I wish that this was something that we could provide to other adoptees as well. Thank you,
Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

    Thank you, Representative. From the 101st District, Representative Kokoruda.

REP. KOKORUDA (101ST):

    Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Kokoruda but that’s okay. You know you’ve heard me speak about this before if you’ve been in any of the Committees and I’ve spoken on the floor back when we changed the law for any adoptions after 1983. I know that this is a very difficult issue. It is an important issue and I see merit on both sides. We just heard Representative say when he saw the birth mother such a selfless act, such an incredible selfless act, over the years in the Building, think about how many times the women that made the selfless act spoke to you compared to an adoptee or a relative of an adoptee. We’re all getting emails. Nobody speaks for those people. Talk about a silent number and they are all women.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
[Gavel] [Gavel] Ladies and gentlemen our members are having difficulty hearing this conversation so if we could please take our conversations outside, I understand that it is the last day of our legislative session and there are many things going but if we could please take our conversations outside or lower them to, lower them so we can hear. Our members are having difficulty hearing each other. Thank you so much. Representative I apologize for the interruption.

REP. KOKORUDA (101ST):

Thank you, Madam Speaker, I appreciate it. You know one thing I just want to point out, when I talk about these silent women, mostly women, we have people in this Chamber who have said to me, look it, I’m really uncomfortable with this Bill, I don’t want to vote on it. And one of the reasons is, and you will hear this from other people, we are being attacked on social media, phone calls, there are several of us that have been accused of giving children up for adoption. I get its personal but
the way legislators have been treated in this
Building on this issue, I’ve never see in my nine
years, ever and obviously we’ve had a lot of
contentious issues. The women I’m talking about
don’t have that voice. Rarely do they send any
emails. You’ll hear about one or two today. We
have a program called Safe Haven that we all have
pride in. And what is the goal of Safe Haven? Help
the mother and keep the baby alive. That was the
goal of agencies like Catholic Charities 50, 60, 40
years ago. That was just the goal to keep the
babies alive and help the mothers. What are we
saying to the Safe Haven Program? You can drop the
baby off on a doorstep and we’re never gonna come
looking for you but now it’s a big issue. These
women, people talk about how times have changed,
obviously I’m one of the older ones in this Chamber.
Times have not changed for these women. This is
something that happened in their lives, they made
decisions and they made a decision to give the baby
up for adoption with the agreement that if there
ever was a contact it would be done mutually. And that is what this is really about. It’s not about saying to adoptee you don’t have a right, it’s not picking a winner or a loser. You’re saying to the adoptee and the biological mother we’re gonna do everything possible to bring you together. I just want to read to you briefly The National Council on Adoption historically has opposed any type of unrestricted access that is currently being proposed in this Bill but today the organization, a 40-year-old organization says it supports legislation that balances the need of the adult adoptee and the birth parents. They believe that they would produce trained confidential - I can’t say the word intermarry to discretely contact birth parents or adoptees and see if they want to reunite and it leaves open the option for birth parents to decide whether they want to be contacted. We support people who want to be contacted and allow ways to make that happen. There is a few of us that have been working here to really take our registry that
really isn’t active enough and build it up. I spoke to Catholic Charities they really said people don’t understand what they go through. Their goal is to reunite these folks, but the differences here are mutual. You know I used the word outing. What they are talking about that this Bill is outing 80-year-old women, I’ve said it before, that is the only way to put it. So we appreciate and believe strongly the right thing to do is for these folks to be reunited but in a way that is humane to everyone. Being put into the position to have change an 80-year-old or 70-year-old woman’s life. Times were very different back then. These women, some of them, abortion was illegal. They were getting illegal adoptions, ah abortions. Some of then unlike today did not go back to school when they found out they were pregnant, didn’t go home, didn’t take the job, life didn’t change. They dropped out of school, they left their jobs, they quite often left their families. They did not take the easy way out. They were courageous and my thought has always
been why would we do this to these people. They
didn’t take the easy way out. There is no list of
the names of people that got abortions and I’m
prochoice and I’m saying that. These are women that
did it the hard way because they believed in life
just the way we do with Safe Haven. The contracts
that were signed with these agencies were agreements
that both sides committed to. How many times here
did we talk about a grievance or agreements. We
bring up that we’ve got to do something about the
pension. If an agreement with CBAC, the CBAC
agreement, we can’t touch that. That’s a promise.
We’re talking about a promise here too. There are
only 4 states that have this kind of unrestricted
access Alabama, Alaska, Maine and Oregon. And when
others have different types of access but the bottom
line, they all have a piece that has a mutual, a
mutual consideration. So I ask you today let’s work
with both sides of this and I ask the proponents of
the Bill, and I don’t mean legislators, please stop
attacking us. We just really believe in supporting
these women, we want to be a voice for them cause no one else is. So thank you very much. I know it is a difficult decision, times have changed but I’ll tell you what, when you look at the amount of women who have asked and sent letters, it’s very few, when you look at the testimonies, a hundred people signed up. They have lobbyist, they have agencies, when you hear from these women, when you hear from them its from the heart and they are terrified. Terrified that a decision they made 50 years ago is going to be overturned in their life, they made that decision not to tell their children, their husbands. One woman said to me, you know I was raped. Nobody in my family knows it, nobody, I don’t want to have to divulge that to anybody. That is her decision so I to feel that when we don’t have a problem with the father’s name not being on birth certificates but this is a big issue. This is attacking women especially older women. So I thank you for your time, I think this is something we need to continue, we have to work better to get these reunifications.
We should unite them but in a way that is humane.
Thank you very much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):
Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I certainly appreciate the emotional testimony that this bill has elicited today and throughout the session and it was understood by all parties that it would not have been possible to have this Bill called before we adjourn tonight at midnight and so for those reasons, we will passing this Bill temporarily. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
If there is no objection so ordered. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 664.

CLERK:
On Page 46 House Calendar 664, Substitute Senate Bill No. 929 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL MANDATED REPORTERS, THE DURATION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS AND THE

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Boyd.

REP. BOYD (50TH):

Good Afternoon, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Good Afternoon, sir.

REP. BOYD (50TH):

I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Question before the Chamber is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill. Representative Boyd, you have the floor, sir.

REP. BOYD (50TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This Bill is an agency Bill from the Department of Children and Families and has gone through the Children’s
Committee and has passed through the Senate. I makes a number of changes including expanding the definition of mandated reports, it changes some of the reporting dates and also makes ourselves eligible and in compliance with Federal Law. Madam Speaker, the Clerk has an Amendment LCO 9364. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be grated leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO 9364 which will be designated as Senate Amendment Schedule “A”.

CLERK:

LCO No. 9364 designated Senate Amendment Schedule “A” and offered by Representative Linehan and Senator Slap.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection to summarization? Is there objection? Hearing none, Representative Boyd you have the floor and may proceed with summarization.
REP. BOYD (50TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Amendment does a number of things. One it removes Section 3 which the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families will remain on the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission which the original Bill had removed. It also has exact language to make ourselves eligible for federal reimbursement program and clarifies a number of technical issues as well as further defines who a contractor or a vendor is with the Department of Children and Families. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Question before the Chamber is adoption of Senate Amendment “A”. Will you remark on the Amendment? Representative Green.

REP. GREEN (55TH):

I will hold my comments until the Bill is amended. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark
further on the Amendment before us? Will you remark further. If not, I try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

All those opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Representative Green.

REP. GREEN (55TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. As the good Representative stated this Bill does extend the mandatory reporting and it was required for the Federal Program of Family First and this Bill makes Connecticut eligible for $25 million dollars so this is extremely important and this Bill ought to pass.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you. Will you remark further?

Representative Boyd.
REP. BOYD (50TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This has had input from a lot of folks and we feel it is in a really good spot to move forward. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a few questions for the proponent if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

You may proceed, sir.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you. I notice that there is a provision in here with regard to getting information from perspective contractors as to where they have lives for the last five years. What is the purpose for that?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Boyd.
REP. BOYD (50TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Through you.

That is a provision that makes us in compliance with Federal Law. So it is a Federal provision.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And what is one to understand the utilization of that information as to where somebody has lived for the last five years, how would that be used?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Boyd.

REP. BOYD (50TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker and thank you to the good gentleman. My understanding is that is there so a proper background check can be done and again to be compliant with Federal Law, five years is what is required under Federal Legislation.
Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And in reviewing the language it appears that we’re asking that information so that here in Connecticut we can acquire of that other state as to whether or not that individual is on that particular state’s neglect or abuse registry within the last five years, so that presumption correct?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Boyd.

REP. BOYD (50TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My understanding it is the practice of the Department of Children and Families to look at any state’s system that they have for as long but the Federal Law requires five years at a minimum and every state is slightly different but they do take a thorough look as to
their current practice absent this provision currently. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

I appreciate the answer but the question was if we, my understanding of this language is that we intend to inquire that other states as to whether or not in the last five years that person is on a neglect or abuse registry as is presently existing in that state, is that presumption correct?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Boyd.

REP. BOYD (50TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My understanding again is that if that person has resided in that state for the last five years that would be the minimum about that would be required due under law. Obviously if somebody has not been a resident in that state for the last five years, it is not gonna
show up beyond their residency period. But again, my understanding of the practice is that DCF currently looks, the long view but this legislation compliant with Federal Law has a minimum of five years.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Well perhaps we’re not, I still haven’t gotten an answer to the question, so I’ll give a scenario. I have someone who is applying in Connecticut, they lived in New York four years ago. I would expect that disclosure is made in Connecticut am I to expect that they are going to inquire of New York as to whether or not that person was placed on New York’s neglect or abuse registry?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Boyd.
REP. BOYD (50TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My understanding to the gentleman’s question the answer is yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And why do we only care about looking at whether or not somebody is on the neglect or abuse registry five years ago. You know, if something happened five years and one week ago is it not relevant before the Chamber?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Boyd.

REP. BOYD (50TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I thank the gentleman for that question. My understanding again is that five years is the minimum for Federal Law. However, they potentially would be on that registry longer than that let’s say something that would be a disqualifier would have been on their record from
ten years ago would still be carried there. You know, I think there is a worthy discussion in the future as to if five years is not the right number, it was chosen for this legislation because that is the number that the Federal Law requires. We certainly as a State could go further if that is what we desire to do.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. That would be a conversation that I would like to engage in. you know, if we’re going to say that anything that the Federal Government does is appropriate for us to do just because the Federal Government does it, there’s a lot of things that I could come up with but we’re not there. So in my position is that we’re looking to protect children five years is certainly not enough time for this lookback to get disclosure so that we are able to protect children utilizing the
processes that we have here as well as what other states have. So I still don’t know how I’m voting on this. But I think ten years would be much more appropriate as far as when somebody came into this State, we can look at where they have been in their registry. I just don’t think this is appropriate. So, thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Will you remark further. Representative Boyd.

REP. BOYD (50TH):

Thank you again, Madam Speaker. I think the gentleman brings up a very fair and worthy point and in conversation on this Bill both the Chair of the Children’s Committee and the Agency feel that is a discussion that we should have going forward and we can commit to the good gentleman that we will take that up again and would like his partnership. So, thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Will you
remark further on the Bill as Amended? If not will
Staff and guests please come to the Well of the
House. Members take your 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 COOK (65TH):

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

Will the Clerk will please announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 929 as Amended by Senate “A”
and in concurrence with the Senate.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Bill as amended is passed [Gavel].

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mr. Speaker I rise for the purposes of an introduction.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Well please proceed, sir.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you. In the Well of the House, and I know Representative Yaccarino has been asking for her all Session. We have former Commissioner Melody Currey who I usually call “Mom” [Laughter] and I just wanted to take a moment and just welcome here, thank you for her over 25 years of dedicated service [Applause] to the State of Connecticut and the Town of East Hartford. Also accompanying here today is her first dude and her driver, my Father, Don Currey
who this year has decided that he will not be running for office and for those who don’t know, since 1982 there has always been at least one Currey on a ballot in the town of East Hartford, now I will carry that on traditionally, carry that on by myself solo and so I just wanted to welcome them both and thank them both for everything that they’ve done [Applause].

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

A huge welcome to the Currey Family and thank you for sharing your son with us. He continues to keep us in line [Laughter]. Representative MacLachlan of the 35th. Apparently they’re not ready for you to speak sir, one moment.

REP. MAC LACHLAN (35TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise for the purpose of an introduction.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. MAC LACHLAN (35TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am very pleased to
be joined here by a friend and constituent Ms. Haley Phelps. Haley is a high school junior, wrapping up her junior year. She is a very impressive young lady, an accomplished basketball player, Lacrosse player, an avid community volunteer through The High Hopes’ Therapeutic Horse Program. She is part of the Spanish Honor Society and the National Honor Society. She helped me out on my campaign but don’t hold it against her, please give her a Chamber welcome to Ms. Haley Phelps from Killingworth. Thank you [Applause].

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

   Haley welcome to our Chamber. If my husband referred your basketball game, I’m sorry for the call [Laughter]. Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

   Madam Speaker before I get to the reason I did speak, I appreciate that Representative Currey mentioned that his mother was a commissioner, but that pales in comparison to her time in the House of Representatives, we should point that out. Madam
Speaker I also would move that Thank you

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

If there is no objections, so ordered [Gavel].

Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 707.

CLERK:

On Page 51, Calendar 707, Substitute Senate
Bill No. 936, AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.
Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The esteemed Chairman of the Education
Committee Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I move
for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable
Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with
the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Question is Acceptance of the Joint
Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill
in concurrence with the Senate. Representative you have the floor, sir.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Madam Speaker this Bill contains recommendations from the Office of Early Childhood for changes to the Early Childhood Statutes. This is an Agency Technical Bill. Madam Speaker the Clerk has an Amendment LCO 9948. I would ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO 9948 which will be designated as Senate Amendment “A”.

CLERK:

LCO No. 9948 designed Senate Schedule “A” and offered by Senator McCrory and Representative Sanchez.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection? Is there objection? Hearing none, Representative
Sanchez you may proceed with summarization.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mr. Speaker the purpose of this language change is a minor change in the DCF’s definition of foster child. This language gives also OEC statutory authority to approve head teachers and educational consultants through their licensing process. It clarifies the requirements for background checks and the language allows the children ages 23 to 26 months of age to be considered three years old for the purposes of being enrolled in a preschool program. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Question before the Chamber is adoption. Will you remark further? Representative McCarty.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I rise to make a few comments regarding the Amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Please proceed, madam.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):
Thank you, Madam Speaker.

And through you.

To the good Chair. You mentioned the change in the section about, let me see here, moving the eligibility requirement, is that correct?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

That is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative McCarty.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Yes, thank you and I believe that moves from 75 percent to 85 percent and just to clarify if I am correct I think that is in keeping with what our Federal requirements are and that is very necessary in this Bill to comply with the requirements that we hear in the Amendment so that Connecticut is in compliance with Federal requirement and we do not
lose the funding that is necessary for the Care4Kids Program if I may direct that.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

To the good Chair, is that correct?

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Madam Speaker, that is correct and it actually that change of up to 85 percent will also cover more children under Care4Kids.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative McCarthy.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Yes, thank you and I would like to point out that while it does increase the amount of children, I think it is the neighborhood of 600 children, it does not add in any increase to the fiscal responsibility that that funding will be there.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

Is that correct?

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

That is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative McCarty.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Thank you. And then the good Chair mentioned the foster care portion and I think that is an excellent piece that allows for a grace period of up to 45 days for foster children and it does mean that they have not received their immunizations but it gives time to locate those records. Is that true?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

That is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative McCarty.
REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Thank you very much and I think I’ll reserve the remained of my comments for the Bill itself, thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Candelora.

REP. Candelora (86TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker just a couple of questions.

Through you.

To the proponent.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Regarding the Amendment, Representative?

REP. Candelora (86TH):

Regarding the Amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. Candelora (86TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Starting in lines
22, it seems as if we are giving the commissioner the authority to revoke or suspend a headteacher’s certificate. Am I correct?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

That’s correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Candelora.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And what is the purpose of this?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

It is in regulations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
Representative Candelora.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I guess I wholeheartedly support the underlying Bill. I think it is absolutely necessary and I just reiterate that a lot of these jobs these individuals have their $14 dollar, $15 dollar an hour jobs, there is quite an extensive certification process that we have put on these individuals and a lot of them tend to be mothers who have gone back into the workforce and I look at this provision and it seems very broad that the commissioner has discretion to revoke or suspend licenses if they believe that what the person, as I am reading this, “has engaged in other behavior that renders the person unsuitable to work as a headteacher.” And I know we struggle with trying to get more people, good people, into this calling and I call it a calling as opposed to a job because it does not pay a lot of money and the individuals who engage in this profession are really there because they love the children, they want to help these
children. And I know the good Chairman feels very
passionate about these programs as well. I feel as
if language like this is gonna even further make it
more onerous and difficult for individuals to seek
certification. I just know of so many organizations
or so many daycares where the teachers haven’t even
begun the process of getting an associate degree and
getting the certifications that’s necessary. It
really is quite extraordinary when I look at it, you
know, I’m a licensed lawyer and I feel as if its
easier to get a law degree than it is to become
certified in early childhood and then I look at now
we’re gonna add on the ability for the commissioner
to revoke those licenses when they’ve gone through a
lot of hurdles to get them that I don’t want to
break these individuals. So I just, I hope that we
could move forward and really take a good look next
session at our Early Childhood Program and try to
improve it so we can make sure that these
individuals continue on such a great profession.
Thank you, Madam Speaker.
DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative O’Dea.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just briefly I was able to have a conversation with the good proponent, in line 30 my understanding says, “engaged in any other behavior that renders the person unsuitable”, that simply is codifying current regulation. Is that true?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

That is codifying current practices.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative O’Dea.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

Thank you and what is an example of “any other
behavior that renders the person unsuitable?" Has there been a similar or a situation where that has been utilized?

Through you, Madam Speaker

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

It would similar like sexual violence.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative O’Dea.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

All right so it is more of an extreme situation, it is not a more narrow or more common occurrence. That’s okay. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the comments of the good proponent.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Fishbein.
REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. If I may just some further question of the proponent?

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you. Centering once again on line 30 and I heard the exchange about the standard of “unsuitable.” Where can one look to find that it had to be an egregious matter to be found unsuitable?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

[Gavel] Ladies and gentlemen, we have some questions that are trying to be heard and responded to, if you could please take your conversations outside it would be extremely appreciated.

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

It current regulations and in policy that you would find that language.
Through you, Madam Speaker, I’m sorry.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you. Just, I mean, statute trumps a regulation. So now we are codifying something that is, doesn’t say it adds. So I’m just trying to figure out, you know, when we open perhaps suitability there may be a restrictive thing in the regulation, we as the legislature have the ability to open up that standard through the statute. So is there some definition in the statutes as far as was unsuitable is?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

It is my understanding it is through the AG’s Office that we have to codify this part of the regulations.
DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think we’re getting into a lot of trouble here. I mean what I think Representative Sanchez eats for lunch may be unsuitable to me and I know that is a ridiculous thing here but that’s what we’re saying. We’re saying upon that commissioner determining that behavior renders that person unsuitable, behavior. What is that in the context of this? I don’t know how anybody could ascertain that it is a high bar, it’s a low bar, it’s a bar at all cause certainly suitability is subjective to many different people based upon a lot of different factors. This is totally inappropriate language for us to be addressing here in this Amendment. I certainly do not feel comfortable empowering one to revoke a license. I understand there is some notice provisions in here. How long, once that person uses their discretion to determine suitability, how much
notice has to be given to that person before the license is revoked?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):
Through you, Madam Speaker.
I would imagine it would be immediate notice to that person.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):
Through you, Madam Speaker. Well I mean we get into trouble when we imagine things here. Cause I’m looking at the actual language before us and immediate is that an email, certainly not certified mail because that is not immediate. So am I to expect that we are going to make sure that these notices are send by email which would be immediate?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

So, I can talk about experience through a childcare center, working at a childcare center. If a teacher or a staff member does anything in a classroom or has a behavior such as, like I mentioned earlier it could be a sexual harassment type of thing or some really inappropriate behavior with that child, they are moved out of that classroom immediately. There is a process that takes place and then during that process the Office of Early Childhood gets called in and depending on what the seriousness of the issue is, DCF gets pulled in and that staff member gets removed from the classroom and then that staff members gets immediate notice of either suspension, depending again on the severity of whatever the issue maybe and then that person gets investigated not just through the Office of Early Childhood but also DCF. That’s a process that happens, I’ve seen this
process happen in the past. And if there is non-substantiated evidence on that individual then that individual gets placed back in the classroom but the process takes sometimes a couple of weeks before the investigation is over. If I’m not mistaken its about 30 days.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

And I am aware of that process. But we’re not talking about DCF investigation because that is certainly not in the language. It doesn’t say DCF opens an investigation and then it maybe deemed that the person is unsuitable. Nothing about that, merely says that if, “in any other behavior that renders the person unsuitable.” So a divorce and you’ve got a female teacher and the husband makes accusations that there is some bad things going on at home. The Department becomes aware of that is
that potentially behavior that “renders the person unsuitable” in the context of their employment?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

In my 37 years in the field I have never seen where that type of behavior of what you had mentioned, Representative, divorce has ever played, has ever been part of a behavior that would remove that person from a classroom. I know for a fact that if somethin happens in the classroom that is inappropriate behavior and there is an accusation either by another staff member or by a parent, automatically that individual has to be removed from the classroom and then there is a process, an investigation. Now DCF comes in only if, OAC. OAC gets called first. Then if they determine that this is somethin that needs more investigating then DCF comes in but OAC does make a decision at that time
with that director of that agency or that center
that individual has to be out of the classroom
because the behavior is somethin that’s not
acceptable. But it would have notin to do with the
person maybe havin emotional issues because of a
divorce or whatever. It has to be somethin really
drastic where the child’s safe wellbeing is in
question.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And could the good
Representative point to me the section of the
language says that it is only the activities in the
classroom that lead to that determination of “other
behavior that renders the person unsuitable” cause I
don’t see it unless the good Representative can
point that out to me?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

It is not just the classroom. If a person does something outside.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

[Gavel] [Gavel] Ladies and gentlemen I know we have a significant amount of guests that have just entered our Chamber, we are discussing a piece of legislation and we do need to hear each other, please. I’m sorry, Representative Sanchez please proceed.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. So it’s not just in the classroom. So let’s say one of these teachers or teacher assistants, there’s an incident that happened outside in their home where there is either a domestic violence issue, a child gets hurt, police gets called into the house, DCF gets involved, immediately OAC a notice about what has happened to this particular teacher and then again, the process
kicks in where the teacher is kept out of the classroom until, until they make a determination or that the person is innocent, there’s not, there’s nothing there to substantiate.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Will you remark further on the Amendment before us. Will you remark further? If not, I will try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Those opposed, nay. The aye’s have it. The Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Representative
REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Madam Speaker I just want to thank the Representative, my Ranking Member Representative McCarty, Senator Berthel and Senator McCrory and everyone who has worked on this Bill in this past Session. We worked on it. We looked at it very carefully. And I thank everyone that was involved. I also for the freshmen that are in the House, I’ve been a teacher in Head Start and I’ve also been a student of Head Start so this is dearly, I’m very passionate about early childhood and so I thank you all for your support on the Early Childhood Bills that have come out of this Chamber this year and I look forward to working with Representative Candelora on some of the issues he brought forward to this Chamber. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative McCarty.

REP. MCCARTY (38TH):

Yes, thank you again, Madam Speaker. And I
want to apologize, I think I made some comments earlier on the Bill itself but they were still relevant and I want to just emphasize that this is a very important Bill for us today that will protect the Office of Early Childhood. I want to recognize the commissioner for her good work and the good Chair of the Education Committee. We really need to protect the children that go through the Care4Kids Program and this Bill is necessary for that reason and also, we talked about some of the issues on the Bill. There is provision in this Bill for summary probation and that really goes a long way in trying to hear the fairness to all parties and I think that is a very excellent provision of this Bill as well as those other areas that we mentioned earlier and I think I would like to ask my colleagues to support this very important Bill in front of us today.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Will you
remark further? If not will Members, will Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will Members take your 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.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Ladies and gentlemen after you have voted I would ask you to stay in the Chamber please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

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

Will the Clerk will please announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 936 as Amended by Senate “A” in concurrence with the Senate.
Total Number Voting 147
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Those voting Yea 140
Those voting Nay 7
Absent not voting 4

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Bill as Amended is passed [Gavel].

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Chamber will stand-at-ease [Gavel].

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Are there any announcement or introductions?

Any announcements or introductions? Representative Perone.

REP. PERONE (137TH):

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It is my privilege and honor to introduce to the Well of the House, Lt. Col. Lippett and his daughter Chelsea. Lt. Col. Lippitt is the liaison officer for the Connecticut Civil Air Patrol. There are currently 800 members of this patrol. They do a phenomenal job at keeping our citizens safe and the Coast Guard
does what it does but on land, in the Sound and the sea, they do a terrific job at making sure that they do all they can to, you know, if our loved ones are missing or in harm’s way they go and look for ‘em and they also do a phenomenal job at training the next generation of cadets would be the cadets for the Air Force and other branches of the service. So if, I would like at this moment, for everybody to rise and give a hand to the Civil Air Patrol for the State of Connecticut [Applause].

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Lt. Col, thank you for your service and welcome to our Chamber and to your beautiful daughter.

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. For purpose of introduction.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have here in the
Well of the House before my nameplate Julliette Ochoc, Senior at Brian McMann High School who has served as an intern for me during this General Assembly period and I would like everyone to give her a warm welcome and thank her for her service to the General Assembly [Applause].

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Are there any other announcements or introductions? Representative Klarides of the 114th, madam you have the floor.

REP. KLARIDES (114TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker as we can see we have a lot of extra people in this Chamber today and I am sure they can’t wait to get out [Laughter].

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

They’re with us, Representative [Laughter].

REP. KLARIDES (114TH):

No, I understand that but they would rather be with us in their rooms, in their offices than down here. And they are down here because we asked
everybody nonpartisan and partisan staff to join us here today so we can give you a big thank you because we know that we couldn’t do what we did or what we do without you that you are really the driving force of this Building and we know we demand a lot of you because people demand a lot of us and we are just so proud that so respectful of what you do, our own staffs and the nonpartisan staff.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

I would ask that we hold our applause until we all go, so Representative Ritter from the 1st District, sir.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of our caucus and you’ll certainly wrap the entire chamber. We also want to thank everybody for their hard work but I have some good news. There seems to be some disappointment when things were moving along, they were getting so much stuff done and some said, well we they come back. The good news is I think we will be back sometime in June, ladies and gentlemen so we
can all be together again. [Laughter] So I know you’ll all be happy about that. We didn’t resolve every last issue.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Ritter, they didn’t smile when you said that [Laughter].

REP. RITTER (1ST):

But all seriousness, I think it is what this entire Building really relies upon you all because if we did not have the nonpartisan staff and the ability to vet things and run ideas by and drafting, it simply would not work. So thank you for making our democracy work and our State a better place. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you. [Applause] Again, hold on one second ladies and gentlemen. Thank you. I want to add to that. I’ve been very lucky in my life to work many places, coaching football, obviously with the labor union that I work with and we talk about family but I have to tell you, I have never been
around a group of dedicated workers like the folks up here, whether you’re the partisan staff for House Republicans, the partisan staff for House Democrats the nonpartisan staff the level of professionalism that you bring to this process, the level of stability to help us move forward with the policy agendas that we all hope will help the State of Connecticut is truly, truly remarkable. This place is a great place and most of that is because of each and everyone of you in this room. So at this time I would ask all of my elected colleagues to please rise and let’s give ‘em a round of applause. They really deserve it [Applause]. So again ladies and gentlemen please accept our thank you, this isn’t the Oprah show so I’m not giving out cars or anything else, but your work is truly appreciated. Thank you. The House will stand-at-ease.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

    [Gavel] Representative Borer, just one moment.

    Will the Chamber please come back to Order.

    [Gavel] The Chamber will come back to Order.
Representative Butler we are doing more Bills. Will the Clerk please call Calendar 116.

CLERK:

On Page 6, House Calendar 116 House Bill 7246

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE
CONNECTICUT STATE GUARD. Favorable Report of the
Joint Standing Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The fine Representative Borer.

REP. BORER (115TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Question is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill. Representative Borer you have the floor, madam.

REP. BORER (115TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Connecticut State Guard is an organized militia.
DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

[Gavel] [Gavel] Ladies and Gentlemen you are welcome to stay in our Chamber I just ask that you take your conversations to a low level so that we can hear each other please. Representative Borer, please proceed, madam.

REP. BORER (115TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker the Connecticut State Guard is an organized militia and under current law the Governor can only call the Connecticut State Guard into action when the Federal Government has called the Connecticut National Guard into action or if the Governor sees that it is imminent. What this Bill does is it changes that law to allow the Governor to call into action the Connecticut State Guard when he or she feels fit. This is really just a codification. We are currently doing this as a result of an Attorney General’s opinion in 2017. I move adoption of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Bill? Representative Vail.

REP. VAIL (52ND):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of this Bill; it is a good Bill. The Adjutant General supports this and can use volunteer services that can use air specific skills in times of need here in the State when we have a crisis and I strongly support this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Bill? Will you remark further on the Bill? If not will Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will Members take your 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 COOK (65TH):
Have all members voted? Have all members voted? Will the members please check the board to determine if your vote has been properly cast. If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk will please announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill No. 7246

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DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Bill passes [Gavel]. Will the Clerk call Calendar NO. 305.

CLERK:

On Page 17, House Calendar 305. Substitute House Bill No. 7140 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SEAT BELTS, THE OPERATION LIFESAVER
PROGRAM, MAINTENANCE VEHICLES AND TRANSPORTATION STATUTES. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Lemar.

REP. LEMAR (96TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Question is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill. Representative Lemar you have the floor, sir.

REP. LEMAR (96TH):

Thank you very much. Madam Speaker the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment, LCO No. 10982. I ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be given leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO 10982 which will be designated House Amendment Schedule “A”.
CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No. 10982 offered by Representative Lamar, Senator Leone.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection? Is there objection? Hearing no objection, Representative Lemar you have the floor, sir.

REP. LEMAR (96TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker the Amendment is a Strike-All Amendment that becomes the Bill. It makes a series of changes to transportation related statutes. The most controversial one that you see up there in the title itself has been removed based upon coordination and cooperation with folks from all of our caucuses. We’ve worked closely together for the last few months to ensure that the policies contained in here have broad approval. It also recognizes some pieces of legislation that passed earlier in the Session that haven’t quite made it through another Chamber.
and so I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Question before the Chamber is adoption on the Amendment. Representative Devlin.

REP. DEVLIN (134TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. So I rise in support of this Amendment know as our DOT aircraft carrier. This baby has been on the runway for a while and we’re hoping it takes off pretty quick. But again it has been quite a collegial process working between the caucuses, both sides of his Chamber and upstairs as well and the result is this Bill does some really good things. So, you know, it will limit the use of red and blue steady lights that are visible in the front of a car, just the police officers and DMV inspectors only. It also will require that TNC details are displayed on the passenger side. We are able to make some safety improvements to allow DOT to use green lights in addition to yellow and amber. Importantly we are making a change with this that for parents with
disabled minor children, they will be able to get dual placards so that both parents can, you know, be able to drive and pick up their kids and as the good Chairman of Transportation said, you know, we’re pretty efficient down here in this Chamber and we’re gonna help him move along upstairs. So it does include a couple of things that we voted unanimously in the house. So I would just like to extend my thanks to the good Chairman Lemar of Transportation for his help in working together and our great Clerk Phil and encourage all our members in the Chamber to support the Amendment. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Will you remark further on the Amendment? If not I try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

All those opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the
Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Representative Lemar.

REP. LEMAR (96TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And to echo the comments of my good Ranking Member, this is again a very collegial process that we start on earlier in the year. Prior Chairs and Ranking Members have an expectation they hand down to new Chairs and new Ranking Members that you work together, you iron out the details and you come up with some good polices for the State of Connecticut. Great appreciation to our LCO, OFA and OLR staff whose instrumental in trying to pull all the pieces together that we have over the few months of our legislative session. And what the Madam Speaker I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Representative Godfrey of the 110th.

REP. GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I’m looking thorough
this quickly. So let me do this as a question to the proponent. Is there a task force on red light cameras still in this or not?

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Lemar.

REP. LEMAR (96TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Through you.

No that section has been removed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Godfrey.

REP. GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you so much. I really hate the spy cameras in government. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Happy to help you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Will you remark further? If not will Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will the Members take your seats, the machine will be open.

[Ringing]
DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

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SPEAKER

Have all members voted? Have all members voted? Representative Camillo? Have all the members voted? The machine will be locked.

Will the Clerk please take the tally, announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill No. 7140 as amended by House “A”

Total Number Voting 147
Necessary for Passage 74
Those voting Yea 146
Those voting Nay 1
Absent not voting 4

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Bill as Amended is passed [Gavel].

Representative Currey.
REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to merely transmit all action needed to the Senate that needs further action by the Senate. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Is there no objection? So ordered [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 474.

CLERK:

On Page 29, House Calendar 474 Substitute Senate Bill No. 1024 AN ACT CONCERNING A MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM IN REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICTS. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Commerce.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Elliott.

REP. ELLIOTT (88TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Question before the Chamber in on
Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill. Representative Elliott you have the floor, sir.

REP. ELLIOTT (88TH):

So what this Bill does, it came out of Committee on a bipartisan basis and had all yes votes. There is no fiscal cost and basically what it does it authorizes three regional tourist districts to establish and administer a matching grant program for tourism industry businesses. This will be great for the State and I urge acceptance.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Will you remark further on the Bill?

Representative Cummings.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker I rise in support of this. This allows for matching moneys and allow for different communities to work together to bring together and highlight our communities a little bit better. I urge my colleagues to support this. Thank you,
Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

    Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Bill? If not will Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members take your 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 COOK (65TH):

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

    Will the Clerk please announce the tally?

CLERK:

    Senate Bill No. 1024 in concurrence with the Senate.
DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Bill passes [Gavel]. Will the Chamber please stand-at-ease for a moment.

Ladies and Gentlemen before those that leave the Chamber, please come back in, just a quick announcement. This is the last day of Session, the longer you take to get back to your buttons some of the legislation that we call care about will die. So I suggest that we all stand and stay close. Representative Ackert of course unless you don’t like it. So if you all could stay close to the Chamber and be attentive to the bell that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so very much.

Representative Zawistowski for what reason do you rise, madam.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):
Madam Chair I was a little tardy to the last vote I would like to be recorded in the affirmative.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Journal will note. Thank you, madam.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Will the Chamber please come back to Order? Representative Hanes, you have your button pressed? Not there? Representative Exum not there.

The Chamber will come back to Order. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 562.

CLERK:

On Page 35, House Calendar 562, Substitute Senate Bill No. 504 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS FOR TREATMENT OR OTHER SERVICES IN MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT OR MISUSE CASES AND CONCERNING DETENTION OF JUVENILES. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Stafstrom.
REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Question is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Stafstrom you have the floor, sir.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO 5394 which was previously designated Senate Amendment “A”. I ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative could you please repeat the Amendment No.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

It is LCO 8394.
DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will the Clerk please call LCO 8394 which will be designated as Senate Amendment Schedule “A”.

CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No. 8394 offered by Senator Looney, Senator Fasano, et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection? Is there objection? Hearing none, Representative Stafstrom you have the floor, sir.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker this is a Strike-All which becomes the Bill. What This Bill is intended to do is to address the issue that has been occurring in some of the towns in our State particularly some of our inner ring suburbs where there seems to be an uptick in the number of car thefts being committed and some of those car thefts being committed by juveniles. Certainly the Chamber
is probably aware there is actually a national uptick of car thefts. Around the nation car thefts are on the rise particularly as folks with key fobs leave those in the car and unfortunately the juveniles use that as a crime of opportunity and have taken advantage of that situation to steal motor vehicles. What the Bill before us does it seeks not to undermine the work that this legislature has done over the last couple of years but in fact to enhance it and to make sure that those juveniles who are wrapped up in the system as a result of a car theft get the services they need and an opportunity to right themselves and learn from certainly the mistake and unfortunate event of having stolen a motor vehicle. With that Madam Speaker, I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Question before the Chamber is adoption of Senate Amendment “A”. Will your remark?

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):
Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I rise in support of the Amendment before us. I want to thank the leadership of the Judiciary Committee as well as Representative Cummings who serves on the Judiciary Committee, for everyone in points and bipartisan work in this proposal. Again these are juveniles that we want to make sure obviously that their commission of crime comes to an end but there is a learning experience that comes with it as well to make sure that things don’t perpetuate and continue and especially in the theft of motor vehicles. So Madam Speaker I rise in its support.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Mushinsky.

REP. MUSHINSKY (85TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I too support this Amendment. This will help us in Wallingford where we have had a rash of thefts by juveniles and I discovered that they did not, the judges did not have a diversion technique because of funding cuts
in previous sessions, now they do under this Bill. We can turn these kids around, they will not get off scot-free they will be directed by the judge into a program that will change their behavior and we can arrest these kids and direct them in the right path. So thank you to the Judiciary Committee for helping us with our issue. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Cummings.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I rise in support of the Amendment. I think this is a good first step, I still think there is a lot of work to be done for communities such as Waterbury which is experiencing such a high rate of juveniles stealing cars and I encourage my colleagues to support this to make our communities a little bit safer. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Representative Butler.

REP. BUTLER (72ND):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I too stand in support of this initiative. I too would like to see some more initiatives brought forward because as previously has been stated in Waterbury the uptick in car thefts has just been astronomical and we need to do more for diversion and actually have programs and organizations that we can divert these youths to too actually help them in, you know, their wrongful ways and actually help them to find a meaningful options and not being out there stealing our cars. So I’m glad there’s a Bill that came forward to actually address the issue but I think it just the first part of what we really need to do to make sure that all of our youth have some other meaningful diversion and programs in their lives to serve as an alternative to stealing vehicles. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Amendment before? If not, I try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

All those opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Bill is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Will you remark further? If not. Representative Sredzinski.

REP. SREDZINSKI (112TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And while I appreciate the Amendment and I will be supporting the underlying Bill, I just wanted to say that I think we could do a better job. We heard stories in the Public Safety Committee on House Bill 7332 which went further and it permitted for the automatic transfer of the juveniles to regular court. I think that we have a serious problem in this State when it comes to gangs and other criminals using our young people to steal cars, to commit other crimes and
then those youths knowing that they are going to get off and not be tried as a regular member of the criminal justice system. I think it is an unintended consequence of some of the second-chance laws that this House passed in recent years and I do believe this is a good first step but as my other colleagues said, I do believe that we could be doing a much further job. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Will you remark further? If not will Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will the Members take your seats, the machine will be open? [Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

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

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CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Bill as amended is passed [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 693.

CLERK:

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Gresko.

REP. GRESKO (121ST):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Question in on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Gresko you have the floor, sir.

REP. GRESKO (121ST):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This Bill permanently bans, accepting, receiving, collecting, storing, treating, transferring, selling, acquiring, handling, applying, processing and disposing of hydraulic fracturing waste, natural gas waste or oil waste in the State of Connecticut with the lone exception being for research. To that end, Madam Speaker the Clerk has a Senate Amendment LCO 9936.
I ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO 9936 which will be designated Senate Amendment “A”.

CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule “A” LCO 9936 offered by Senator Cohen, Senator Kushner, etal.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection? Hearing none, Representative you may proceed with summarization.

REP. GRESKO (121ST):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Amendment basically preempts any current municipal ordinance that has to deal with the fracking waste in exchange for getting a uniform policy across the State of Connecticut so we don’t have a patchwork or a piecemeal approach. Advocates have accepted this Amendment and this compromise and I move adoption.
DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Question before the Chamber is adoption of the Amendment. Rep Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the Amendment and looking forward to speaking on the underlying Bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? If not, I try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

All those opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Representative Gresko you may proceed.

REP. GRESKO (121ST):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Currently we have 58 municipalities in the State that have one form of
fracking waste ban or another and this Amended Bill would create a uniform policy that would affect every municipality in the State and I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

And through you, Madam Speaker.

My understanding is that currently in law we have a moratorium on fracking waste. And so my question.

Through you.

Is the language in this Bill making it a permanent ban is essentially the same as the current ban we have which is a moratorium?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Gresko.

REP. GRESKO (121ST):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.
And through you.

The 2014 moratorium was contingent on DEEP creating regulations to manage the fracking waste in the Connecticut, in Connecticut and this Amended Bill would take care of that as far as the State goes on a uniform basis.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. So I appreciate the good proponent’s answer in regards to the regulations aspect being taken out because we are permanently banning the issue which is a good thing. My question is the language otherwise that bans, what its banning here, the named substances, etc. is it the same as the moratorium language outside of that provision regarding DEEP crafting regulations?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Gresko.
REP. GRESKO (121ST):

Thank you, Madam Chair. I believe that this ban also widens the scope to include natural gas waste and oil waste to include in our Bill since 2014 with additional studies on the affects of what the waste can do to the environment and the health, the idea of the Bill was expanded.

Through you, Madam Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

And through you Madam Speaker.

The good proponent mentioned that we have all the interested parties in on this and basically, we’ve crafted an agreement with that language. So my question is in regard to the widening of the language as the good proponent mentioned, have all the interested parties in that regard weighed in on this and given their opinion and their okay?

Through you, Madam Speaker.
DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Gresko.

REP. GRESKO (121ST):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, this compromise legislation was agreed to by all parties involved and actually passed the Senate unanimously.

Through you, Madam Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH): Thank you, Madam Speaker and I want to thank the good proponent for his work as well as summarizing the Bill. I do support the ban. We don’t currently practice this now as evidenced by the moratorium, the widening doesn’t seem to impact any current industry but it would prevent some detrimental environmental industry to come in and utilize this practice. So I support this Bill and I urge my colleagues to do the same. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark
REP. PISCOPO (76TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I just want to spend a few minutes on the Bill. I think I understand the reason for the Amendment and I don’t have any questions for the proponent. But I do understand the reasonings for the underlying Amendment we just passed. If we could have crafted that to just be the language of the Bill and kept it that narrow, I would have cosponsored the thing because the towns having the ability to just create these regulations and the moratoriums on their owns, little town lied moratoriums is quite problematic and the unintended consequences is that the towns are having trouble with their own infrastructure improvements as far as materials they can gather to pave their roads and put proper bedding under their roads when they put in new roads. So I would have gladly supported something like that but the underlying Bill has always bothered me because its basically symbolic. This State does not treat
fracking waste, it does not take in fracking waste, there is no one that’s clamoring to receive it. It’s mainly treated on-site and the nearest site for fracking, I believe is in Pennsylvania, it’s hundreds of miles away. It would not make any sense to truck fracking waste or boat, on barge fracking waste the State of Connecticut. So I just wanted to bring that up as one of my basic oppositions to this Bill. I mean it just makes no sense to me. In the past I have said that we might as well create a Bill that says an asteroid shall not hit the planet earth or something as absurd sounding as that because it always just sounded so strange to me that we were doing this and I still don’t quite understand the underlying reason for a Bill like this. But as far as fracking goes the natural gas industry has seen a great revolution. Back in the 90s when my wife and I bought our first house, it was, we had natural gas supplied to the house like many, many other people in the State of Connecticut and it was getting quite expensive to heat the house
in the winter, it was an older house and it was getting quite expensive to heat the house on natural gas. The monthly bills used to just clobber us like December $500 dollars, February of $600 dollars way back in the 90’s this was a lot of money and it was hard to meet that heating bill every month and that was quite a problem nationwide. We were actually in a gas shortage. We will lookin to import natural gas from other countries. In fact I remember fighting a facility that was proposed on Long Island Sound, there was a huge facility being proposed there. It would have taken up acres and acres of our precious Long Island Sound for the reason of importing natural gas from other countries. And there was also a huge facility down in off the coast of Florida and Louisiana in the Mediterranean Gulf. Not the Mediterranean Gulf, the Gulf of Mexico, I’m sorry. Got to get my geology straight, the Gulf of Mexico. So they put a huge, they build a huge facility ready for importation of natural gas and then the revolution of fracking came along. We’ve
always had fracking, I think since the 1940’s we’ve been fracking but the revolution came along with diagonal drilling and horizontal drilling technologies that were improved upon and what this did was, we can tap into the shale and we were releasing huge amounts of natural gas. Natural gas in to take care of millions and all of a sudden, we were flush in natural gas. Our heating bill went down to a December of $200 dollars and a February of $300 dollars, something like that. I was actually cut in half of what it was and that was just such a great boom for the people of this State and the country when we started fracking. And there has been kind of a lot of myths about fracking because people were, you know, naturally opposed to it. Some of the people that didn’t really quite understand it were opposed to it. You know there was a myth that it was contaminating groundwater and there has never been one documented case of groundwater contamination in the history of thousands and thousands of these hydraulic fracking
waste wells. Fracking uses the same amount of water and all these thousands and thousands of wells use the same amount of water as New York City uses in one minute. So it doesn’t use a real extraordinary amount of water and so to dispel some of those myths. And then finally on the groundwater protection itself the wells actually, the target wells are 6,000 feet and the average groundwater is maybe 2,000 feet so there are 4,000 fracking is 4,000 feet below the groundwater so it is well below the groundwater. It will never affect or infiltrate into a regular groundwater well. I mentioned that in the Gulf of Mexico there was a huge facility built to import natural gas. That facility is being changed, we are now actually an exporter of natural gas as a country and we’re using it to export natural gas and put it on the world market. So that is kind of the story behind fracking and by the way in the Dakota’s in the shale that was the Marcellus Shale that is located in the Dakotas is producing a huge amount of natural gas and the biproduct of some
of that fracking is a light sweet crude so all of a sudden we’re producing a lot of oil out of those wells also and it’s a great light, very refineable oil which contributes to our market, America burns about 15 million gallons of oil a day. We are now producing more than we are using and we’re an actual oil exporter. We’re, if not the largest oil producer in the world, we’re one or two anyway. I mentioned that I got a little sidetracked there, I mentioned about the groundwater protection. The actual well is protected by a casing, a casing goes around the actual drill. There’s outside the casing there is another surface casing, there is cement, a conductor casing and then more cement. So it is very, very well-protected, well below any aquifer right down to where they’re actually drilling.

And I want to say a few words on the chemicals, 99.5 percent of fracking waste, 99.5 percent of fracking waste is, well 90 percent is water 5 percent is sand. So 99.5 percent of fracking waste is water and sand. The 0.5 percent left to make it
100 percent, 0.5 percent are the chemicals, actual chemical additives to lubricate the drill and what fore and so forth. And I’ll go through those chemicals just very quickly sodium chloride is normal table salt. There’s polyacrylamides that minimizes the friction between the fluid and the pipe, it common application is soil conditioners, water treatment and soil conditioners we use everyday here. There is ethanol, Glysol it prevents scale deposits in the pipe and those are just basic cleaners, automotive antifreeze you’ve heard of, I dumped some in my car this morning, deicing agents, household cleaners things like that. Then there is the borate salts, that maintains fluidity, viscosity with the actual drill. They are used in laundry, cosmetics, hand soaps, it’s just a common, common application. Then there is the glutaraldehyde, I’m pronouncing all these wrong, I just can’t pronounce these chemicals but it eliminates bacteria in the water. The common thing is like a disinfectant in normal use that we use everyday here. The dentist
actually uses it to clean dental equipment and that goes right in your mouth and ceramics and then there is the gar gum that thickens the water to suspend the sand. That’s basically a thickener, it’s a thickener in cosmetics and you actually eat that, it is a thickener in ice cream also. And then citric acid, we know what citric acid is, it is added to many of our beverages and isopropanol that’s used to increase the viscosity and that’s a glass cleaner basically. We use it everyday as a glass cleaner. So that is basically the rundown on the chemicals. It’s not, it’s nothing even that bad but then again having gone through all that, we don’t treat it here in this State, no one here in this State wants to treat it. There was a company, I think, in South East Connecticut that takes, who did take like a barrel of it to work in their lab to create, they were kind of a consultant and they would go on site and help treat the fracking waste. But that’s the extent of it and again, symbolic Bill, doesn’t need to be in front of us. If we just had some language
that stopped these towns from doing it on their own, I would of course enthusiastically support that but the underlying Bill I can’t support and thank you, Madam Speaker and the Chamber for giving me the time to speak on this.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Absolutely, Representative. Thank you. Rep Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the Bill. I am a cosponsor as I have been in past years. So I just want to make a quick comment on the Bill. In my area of the State, in southwestern Connecticut there are a number of towns that have passed their own ordinances and there are others that would like to but they feel the process is very onerous which it is cause it’s kinda complicated. And they have been saying to me for a longtime please can’t you get the State to do this so we don’t have to worry about it. And so I am glad to see that we have, that it’s passed in the
Senate and we are now talking about it in the House and I think it is actually, we tend to do a lot of things in this Building that make life much more difficulty for our towns, we impose a lot of mandates, we make them to through a lot of hoops and summersaults and this time at least in my region we’re making life a lot easier. So again, I stand in strong support of the Bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Representative Camillo.

REP. CAMILLO (151ST):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I too stand in strong support of the Bill. As we’ve heard it makes permanent the moratorium we put in place in 2014 and I want to salute the 58 towns that have been working on this and put something in place on the local level especially my own group in Greenwich that worked very hard including my friend Elizabeth Dempsey who is probably watching this right now.
Thank you all for your advocacy and I urge strong support. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

   Thank you, Representative. Representative Case.

REP. CASE (63RD):

   Thank you, Madam Speaker. A few questions to the proponent of the Bill.

   Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

   Representative Gresko please prepare yourself.

   Representative Case, please proceed, sir.

REP. CASE (63RD):

   Thank you, Madam Speaker. So when we put the moratorium on and we talked about this a few years ago, just for legislative intent this Amendment which is part of the Bill now, in line five when it states “oil waste” is that oil waste through the fracking process or is that oil waste?

   Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
Representative Gresko.

REP. GRESKO (121ST):

Thank you, Madam Chair. It is oil waste through the fracking process.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Case.

REP. CASE (63RD):

Thank you. Thank you for that clarification.

So when we talk about fracking there are many different types of fracking. This Bill does not infringe or put restraints on any directional boring or well drilling because those companies that do do that do use a product call bentonite which is the lubrication and when it comes out of the hole it is considered fracking waste. Is that not part of this as we excluded that last time?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Gresko.

REP. GRESKO (121ST):
Through you, Madam Chair.

That’s correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Case.

REP. CASE (63RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. So when we talk about this and I think the good speaker a few before me gave quite an education on fracking waste and what some of it is, so anybody who does any boring or drilling for this outside of the State and upstate New York or wherever there is shale, just cannot come through the State of Connecticut. Is that correct?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Gresko.

REP. GRESKO (121ST):

Thank you, Madam Chair.

And through you.

The transportation of any fracking waste through the State of Connecticut is not prohibited
as long as it doesn’t, you know, end up in the State.

Through you, Madam Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Case.

REP. CASE (63RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. So as we did talk about this previously because if we did not allow the transport through the State of Connecticut from one state to another it would put an increase cost on product coming to the State that is actually fracked inboard coming out of the ground, I believe that is why we allow it to be transported but not stopped and used in Connecticut or incinerated for a better purpose. Is that correct for legislative intent?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Gresko.

REP. GRESKO (121ST):

Thank you, Madam Chair. And for legislative
intent that is correct.

Through you, Madam Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Case.

REP. CASE (63RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And, you know, just a few comments. I thank the good Vice-Chair for his answers. I don’t know if he was around when we talked about this the last time. You know, there are some issues that people have with fracking but it is part of us that we use everyday in our vehicles and how we get the gasoline, how we get the oil for our homes and, you know, there was a big concern on having truckers or having the transportation of this going around Connecticut because that would just make the product here. I’m not saying that fracking is good for us to have here in Connecticut but we want to make sure that we don’t raise the costs of any products that are actually brought out of the fracking process in a raw point in order to make some products that we use
on an everyday basis. So that was the reason for
the legislative intent. I just wanted to make sure
that we weren’t infringing on some of those things
that we had worked on before. I think
environmentally this is the right thing to do. I do
know other states use this waste on their roads for
winter use and things like that and we chose not to
because we are not too sure what is in all of this
product and how it washed off the sides of the road
and can go into the rivers. So with that, I do
thank the good Vice-Chair and thank the good
Chairwoman for, or Speaker for giving me the time
and for the legislative intent because we do have a
bunch of companies here and especially in the
northwest corner when you drill for a well, you’re
gonna have fracking waste. When you directional
bore for fiberoptic lines in our roads you’re gonna
have fracking waste. I just need to make sure
legislative intent that that product, the fracking
waste that comes up after the bentonite which is the
product that is used for lubricant of the drills is
not what we’re looking to ban here because that is an industry that we desperately need in this State in order to make our infrastructure even stronger and to make the drinking water that people drink available. So for legislative intent I just wanted to make sure and I thank the good Speaker and the Vice-Chair for his answers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further? Representative Kokoruda.

REP. KOKORUDA (101ST):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to briefly get up and stand in support of this Bill. My town was one of those 58 towns that voted for a ban. I know it was controversial, I understand both sides but I’ll tell ya this is something that the State should be doing. The fact that our towns felt they had to take it on themselves because we weren’t addressing it. Many of us have put this Bill in for a few years now, I know on both sides of the aisle. So I stand in support. I know when my town voted
for it, our Selectmen voted for it, the stories and the research and the passion from our citizens was quite impressive and I was very disappointed that last year this Bill didn’t get here. So I want to thank the proponent, certainly urge support. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. A couple of quick questions for the proponent if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you. The Amendment added a provision that preempted local municipal ordinances and acts. Through you.

Just what is the mechanism by which a town has an ordinance on its books, is there some mechanism that the State would use to indicate that ordinance
is no longer in effect?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Gresko.

REP. GRESKO (121ST):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I believe the, I am no legal expert but the fact that a State law unless otherwise indicated would supersede a municipal law when it comes to incidents like this.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I just want to ask a couple of questions to follow up on what Representative Case had been talking about with regard to other types of drilling that use what could be considered fracking lubricants and things like that. I note in lines 14 through 17 there is a definition of hydraulic fracturing and then in lines 17 through 19 there is a carveout of that
definition. It says, "'Hydraulic fracturing' does not include the drilling or repair of a geothermal water well or any other well drilled or repaired for drinking water purposes." And my question is the carveout of the definition for legislative intent that is not an exclusive carveout so there are other things that are not considered hydraulic fracturing so long as they don’t meet the definition in lines 14 through 17. Is that correct?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Gresko.

REP. GRESKO (121ST):

Thank you, Madam Speaker and the answer is yes. That is the way I read it as well.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the proponents responses.
DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? If not will Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will Members take your 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 COOK (65TH):

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

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 753 as Amended by Senate “A” in concurrence with the Senate.
DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Bill as amended is passed [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 684.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Madam Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
The Question is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Stafstrom you have the floor, sir.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Madam Speaker the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment which is previously been designated Senate Amendment A, it is LCO 10039. I would ask the Amendment be called and that I be grated leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO 10039 which will be designated Senate Amendment Schedule “A”.

CLERK:

Senate “A” LCO 10039 offered by Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, etal.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection? Is there objection? Hearing none, Representative Stafstrom you may proceed with summarization.
REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker this is a Strike-All Amendment of the underlying Bill. The underlying Bill is my understanding the language that ran in another Bill so this language before us today as a Strike-All deals with the certain issues of the use of force by police officer and also creates some reporting requirements and reporting mechanisms so that we as a legislature can better track incidents of use of force by police officers. The Bill is also intended to give some transparency and accountability with respect to certain instance investigations involving the police use of force and I move adoption. And I ask when the vote be taken on this Amendment it be taken by roll.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Question before the Chamber is on a roll call vote. All those in favor of the Resolution, please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.
DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The aye’s have it. The 20 percent has been met the vote will be taken by roll [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker - Madam Speaker. It’s been a while. Madam Speaker I actually rise with some complexity and concern regarding the Amendment that is before us. But what I’m gonna do is I am going to wait until the Amendment passes because it is a Strike-All but I do just have a few followup questions regarding the Amendment and to the procedure by which it is before us.

So through you, Madam Speaker.

For the good Chairman, it’s certainly the good Chairman who leads Judiciary and myself as Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee. This is not a Bill number or Title that I recall seeing in the Judiciary Committee so if the good Chairman could just procedurally inform the Chamber of how we came
with the Amendment that is before us.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

I believe that this original Bill number originated in the Public Health Committee and certainly on a topic that I believe many Committees took up and I believe this Chamber took up earlier in the year. This Bill did come through the Judiciary Committee on a referral from the Public Health Committee so it in fact has been to both Committees.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I thank the good Chairman for his explanation as to what’s before us currently so what I am going to do is I am going to
reserve my comments for the Amendment once it is passed. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? On the Amendment, Representative Nolan.

REP. NOLAN (39TH):

Thank you and through you, Madam Chair. Just some clarity and questions in regards to let’s see lines 176 through 180. So I will hold off until after the Amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Representative Fishbein, you have your button pressed on the Amendment sir, or do you want to proceed on the Bill after we adopt?

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

On the Amendment if I may.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):
Focusing on the paragraph that starts on Line 108 through 124 there appears to be a change in line 116 and if I could know the reason for that change.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

This section of the Bill specifies and clarifies those instances in which the use of deadly force by law enforcement officer of other designated member is justified in using such deadly force. The import of the change here is to make clear that when someone, that someone is justified in using deadly force to prevent the escape from custody of a person who he or she reasonably believes has committed a felony not necessarily in the instance where there was a, somebody was in custody and there was a previous attempt at felony.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And am I to understand that we are expanding the use of deadly force or we are contracting it?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

I guess it could be seen as slight contraction although I would submit that I think this is more of a clarifying attempt here to make it clear that an officer is justified in using deadly force to effect an arrest when they reasonably believe the person has committed or attempted to commit a felony but once somebody is actually in custody presumably for that underlying felony that attempted, the attempted felony is not the triggering event, it is the actual commission of that felony that is the triggering event.
Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I’m just trying to figure out is it a contraction or expansion?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

I’ll stand by my previous answer.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Presently the standard is that deadly force can be used to prevent the escape or custody but the Amendment would have us restrict that to certain criteria. Is that true or false?

Through you, Madam Speaker.
DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

As I indicated in an attempt to explain, I think what the Amendment does is clarify that the use of deadly force is justified to effect an arrest when an officer reasonably believes that another individual has committed or attempted to commit a felony which involved the infliction or threatened infliction of serious physical injury. What the amendment before us does is clarify that an officer is also justified in using deadly force when they reasonably believe that someone who is already in custody and has committed that type of felony is trying to escape from custody.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will reserve the
rest of my comments until after the Amendment is adopted. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Rebimbas for the second time, madam.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker regarding the Amendment. I’m sorry, Madam Speaker did you say this is on the Amendment still before us.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

We are still on the Amendment, madam.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Madam Speaker I’m reserving my right on the underlying Bill once the Amendment passes. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

And we will be doing that right now. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Will you remark further? If not, will Staff and guests
please come to the Well of the House. Members
please take your 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 COOK (65TH):

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

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Amendment is passed [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended?

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker as I indicated the Strike-All becomes the Bill has several pieces to it so for the edification of Chamber I’ll just briefly walk through some of the various sections. The first section of the Bill clarifies and expands use of force reporting requirements and makes clear that a use of force report needs to be provided where use of a chokehold or other type of neck area restraint is applied. The bill also specifies that reports will be made beginning in February 1, 2020 and annually thereafter but law enforcement units concerning incidents of use of force to OPM again as I indicate for tracking and use by policy makers in making decisions. The second section of the Bill clarifies
and sets parameters for when dashboard and body worn recording equipment will be disclosed to the public following certain enumerated incidents. The third section of the Bill speaks about investigations and when certain investigations will be conducted by the Chief State’s Attorney and expands investigations will be conducted where the use of deadly force is used. And also clarifies that status reports on use of force investigations will be presented back to the legislature. The fourth section of the Bill as indicated in the previous questioning on the Amendment clarifies the definition of justification of the use of deadly force. The fifth section of the Bill deals with police pursuits and the situations in which the police pursuits are necessary, appropriate and type of actions that can be taken. The sixth section of the Bill establishes a task force to study police transparency and the seventh section of the Bill requires the police officer standards in training counsel to conduct a study of the use of firearms by police officers.
engaged in a pursuit. I urge support for the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Bill before us as Amended? Will you remark further on the Bill before us as Amended? Representative Harding of the. I’m sorry Representative Harding. Representative Rebimbas has pulled rank on you. Representative Rebimbas of the 70th. Ma’am you have the floor.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. And Mr. Speaker I would certainly never pull rank, if certainly my good colleague Representative Harding except for as a Ranking Member the Judiciary Committee I’ve been certainly been requested and trusted to speak first but I do thank Mr. Speaker for that.

Mr. Speaker I rise with some strong concerns regarding the proposal as Amended that is before us. I know that this has gone through many different iterations. I know that many hands and eyes have touched and seen and worked on this document that is
before us and I must say that the majority of the individuals I have spoken to specifically on those who are going to be subjected to this proposal are very concerned regarding what is before us. I know that there is a lot of people who are interested in speaking on this. So I will try to limit my questions but certainly highlight those portions that I am concerned about.

So through you, Mr. Speaker.

To the good Chairman of the Judiciary Committee a few questions.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Please proceed, madam. Representative Stafstrom prepare yourself.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the good Chairman had indicated there is portions of this proposal that requires data gathering and specifically on Page 2 it now includes using a chokehold or other method of restraint applied to the neck area of another person. Now I do know in the normal course
of reporting, officers, law enforcement officials are already recording a lot of the things that take place when they are either arresting or restraining an individual and I believe a chokehold is pretty clear as to what that is, but if the good Chairman could explain exactly what other methods of restraint are applied to a neck area of another person is?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

As the Ranking Member indicted a use of force report is required anytime that there is use of physical force that is likely to cause serious physical injury. That remains unchanged by this Bill. So any restraint applied to the neck area that is likely to cause serious physical injury already would require a use of force report. I believe what this language does is simply clarify
and elaborate sort of the including but not limited to portion to make it crystal clear that a chokehold or other method of restraint that is likely to cause serious physical injury requires the publishing of report. As to what a method of restraint applied to the neck area indicates as I understand that it would mean any sort of gripping or holding that reduces air or blood flow through the neck of the individual affected.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the good Chairman for that explanation because my next question was going to be exactly what is serious physical injury so the good Chairman’s description regarding not allowing air or certainly restricting one’s blood flow then the definition of a serious physical injury to the neck.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.
Representative Stafstrom

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It does not actually have to cause serious physical injury; it is any incident that is likely to cause serious physical injury and I would suggest that restraining someone’s neck in such a way with some level of force that is enough to restrict blood or airflow through the neck is likely to cause serious physical injury be that some sort of asphyxiation or severe bruising or of course an extreme case, suffocation.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative Rebimbas.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, you know, when the descriptions being used that sounds more like a chokehold which is
already obviously enumerated here but I am still confused regarding the restrain applied to the neck area of another person. Is this going to be that the individual who is experiencing it is going to be their determining factor as to whether or not they were restrained by the neck, is it going to be law enforcements then opinion in that regard. I mean certainly I could see a situation where if an individual is being thrown to the ground for restraint and law enforcements arm then happens to get hooked on the individuals neck that might be perceived by the individual as an attempt to restrain where in fact it might have been that both individuals were falling to the ground. So I have strong concerns regarding the way that it is written here, “method of restraint applied to the neck area of another person” is this the individual that is reporting or law enforcement or both?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.
REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It is law enforcement's determination as to whether the use of physical force is likely to cause serious physical injury. I believe even in the instance described where, whether it is on the neck or another part of the body that someone is thrown to the ground in with some level of force some type of violent manner to restrain them, then that is the use of physical force and likely to cause serious physical injury and in that instance then under existing law a record would need to be created and maintained detailing the incident and I believe generally speaking that would be the police report.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. And as we proceed, Mr. Speaker there are again reports that are being generated or needs to be generated for the first
time regarding some specific information and then reported to OPM as well as other Committees of cognancies. Is there a fiscal note associated with this Bill?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

No.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom. Representative Rebimbas, I’m sorry.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

Has that already been determined with the current language that we are debating currently?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.
REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Last I checked the fiscal note is said there was no fiscal impact for this Amendment.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

Specifically, lines 21 through 36 there is a variety of different data information that is being requested that law enforcement record and certainly provide again on an annual basis to OPM. And specifically, it talks about in Section (a) “the race and gender of such person upon whom force was used,” and then it goes on to “identification of such characteristics shall be based on the observation and perception of the police officer.” Now Mr. Speaker I have some concerns regarding the
observation and perception of law enforcement regarding gender or race of an individual. If we are trying to collect data I would imagine we would want the data to be as accurate as possible. Would this allow law enforcement to specifically inquire of an individual what their sex or gender or race is?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I believe the information for this report would be complied from the police report so if it is part of filling in out the police report the police officer was unsure to the race or sex of the individual upon whom force was used, they certainly could inquire as to that but I think that the intent of this language before us is to make it clear that in an instance where the individual is restrained refuses to identify their race or gender that
whatever the perception or observation of the police officer is then that would be sufficient I think the intent here is to make sure that the police officer is not obligated to undertake that type of investigation as seems to be eluded to but certainly they could under existing law.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the good Chairman’s response in that regard but again I don’t see any language in here that says the individual refuses to provide the information and therefore they go based on observation or perception. I also don’t see anything here that indicates that the law enforcement official is actually allowed to ask these questions because it specifically says, “shall be based on observation and perception of the police officer.” So this is one example, Mr. Speaker of my strong concern regarding the language here. What we
essentially have is actually mandatory language under here that a law enforcement official now is going to be based on his or her observation try to determine what this individual’s gender is and what their perception of their race is. I can’t tell you how sensitive those two topics are for many individuals and if an officer gets that incorrect and that is to be placed in a report that’s going to be posted and shared that is concerning, Mr. Speaker. If the intent is to get the right information for proper analysis then we make sure that we have the ability to get the information so there should be the actual request that the law enforcement inquire and if the individual is unwilling to give that information that is a different story. But the way it is written here, “shall be based on the observation and perception” so that is very concerning to me.

Also in Section (c) it talks about “injury suffered by such person against whom force was used.” Now is that injury going also be based on
something that law enforcement official can observe, is it going to be injury based on what the individual is going to allege that they suffered or is the standard going to be that the individual actually needed medical attention, medical care?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I believe it is the best information that is available to law enforcement unit at the time they devise the either the underlying police report or the ultimate summary report.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the good Chairman for that response and again I still think that unfortunately it is very vague. If we are
going to attempt to get proper information in order to analyze this we’re gonna have to really define what we mean “injury” and I think it makes a huge difference as to whether we’re going to base this on an observation of law enforcement or the actual individual who may or may not have suffered that injury. I think it’s pretty clear that if there is medical attention that gets called that everyone could agree that at least there was a report of an injury. But short of medical attention being requested I think again it certainly could be subjective if there is an injury that is not visible to the human eye and/or if it’s the individual suffering again something that is not visual to the human eye.

But going on to the next section it does go on and expand and include other types of recording and we understand that. And specifically line 46 it talks about that the individual, so, you know, this technically could be the alleged person who might be facing some charges. Well no, my apologies. This
is the law enforcement who is reviewing the video. It indicates that law enforcement official has the ability to review it in the presence of an “attorney or labor representative.”

So through you, Mr. Speaker.

If the good Chairman could indicate why law enforcement would be restricted to one or the other opposed to if the law enforcement official decided to have both individuals present at that time?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

This is, that line is existing law in Statute. I don’t know, and I don’t want to speculate how that has been interpreted or applied by the various departments as to whether they allow one of the other or they allow the law enforcement officer to have both an attorney and a labor representative present at the time. Again I would just hate to
speculate on how this has been applied given that it is existing language in existing law.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the good Chairman for that clarification because in fact it is existing law but what concerns me is the new language that appears right after that and what implications that we now have as a result of existing law. So following that provision in lines 49 through 54, we have actual timeline by which this video recording is going to now be released. And specifically, we have here that “Not later than forty-eight hours following an officer's review of a recording under subdivision (1)”, or if the officer does not want to review the recording, then no “later than ninety-six hours” whichever shall be earlier” the “recording shall be disclosed, upon request, to the public, subject to the provisions of
subsection (g).” Now with that said going back to what has already been described as current law, law enforcement only has the ability under this literal language of existing law to have either an attorney or a union representative but now what didn’t exist under current law is a time constraint of the release of this video.

So through you, Mr. Speaker.

For what purpose do we have of that 48 hours after the first time conceivably that law enforcement is reviewing video tape that his now is mandated, mandated to be released to the public?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Simply for the simple reason that we’ve seen recently in a number of instances around our State where there have been violent use of force by police officer, there is public interest in those
incidents, certain cellphone video camera footage may be out there available that get’s picked up by the news media but the news media and the general public and perhaps a victim or a bystander or others have an interest in the recording of what happened in that incident that this provision here sets a timeline and some parameters by which that video recording will be released to the public so that both the victim, the police officer, the police department, the media, the general public all are operating on the same timeline and we can get some clarity as to when records will be made available.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I am really happy to hear the Chairman highlight that recent incidents of video recordings being released because I’ll give you a hypothetical of a real or actually a hypothetical of a situation but this has
occurred in reality. There is one video tape that is sent out. There is public perception based on that one video tape and that could be favorable for the individual who is being accused or that could be favorable to law enforcement. And low and behold there is additional video recordings available, could have been surveillance on buildings, could have been several other officers, could have been a variety of, could have been just a passerby with a video camera on their cellphones. But it is not until all videos are appropriately evaluated and reviewed could we potentially have a close to the real story as possible. But what this has here is an arbitrary period of time that says, it doesn’t matter as soon as that law enforcement official reviews this, with whether an attorney or a union representative, whether you like it or not, whether we have the full story, whether there is other videos out there and we’ve reviewed it or haven’t reviewed it, this is going to be sent out. There is no logical purpose that we would want to defame the
accused or defame a law enforcement official based on one video if in fact we have actual knowledge that there might be additional videos or whether in fact we are still investigation and attempting to get additional videos but there is no language here that says that we could wait. It’s mandatory. Moreover, Mr. Speaker it says that if law enforcement official doesn’t view it, it’s gonna be released within 96 hours anyway. So, Mr. Speaker if there is a grave, serious incident where law enforcement official is shot, placed in the hospital in a coma, and there is a video recording are we in 96 hours going to release that because that law enforcement official cannot view it?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Not necessarily. This is subject to certain exceptions which are enumerated in Connecticut
General Statue 29-60 subsection (g) which creates certain exceptions and those exceptions such as an incident of domestic abuse, sexual assaults, homicide or other privacy concerns could mitigate against release of the video footage.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker and I thank the good Chairman for highlighting what is indicated in Section (g) which I am very familiar with and what that actually does is restrict the situation that those incident are taking place it doesn’t negate the question that if that law enforcement official absent these situations of domestic violence, etc. everything that is enumerated in Section (g) so if it is an incident that is in plain sight, not domestic violence, out in the open, on the street that does not fit these provisions, if a law enforcement official for whatever reason in my
hypothetical was that they were in a coma there could be a variety of other reasons why they can’t view within this allotted amount of time and it is not unreasonable that they can’t view it within 96 hours, there is no public good that would come from this. And again I say that on behalf of law enforcement and specifically, Mr. Speaker also those that are being accused. But I’ll move on to the next section.

The next section talks about deadly force. And again it indicates in line 59 “a result thereof or uses deadly force, as defined in section 53a-3, upon another person.” Now in this particular situation here it talks about that the officer is utilizing deadly force. Now again is that deadly force that has been described by law enforcement official or is that an actual medical examiner that has indicated that a force used by law enforcement lead to someone’s death?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):
Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

The former.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, Mr. Speaker again I would like to just further clarify that because that would make sense. So again, any correlation to initial incident report or a final report that is going to describe what deadly force is it needs to actually come from a medical examiner that could directly relate an action by law enforcement upon causing the actual death of an individual. Is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.
I don’t believe so because deadly force doesn’t necessarily mean that it has caused a death, and in an instance where there has not been a death, I don’t know that the medical examiner would necessarily be involved. Deadly force as it is defined in the Statute is just that type of force which is reasonably expected to cause death or serious physical injury does not necessarily have to result in death it could result in, as the Ranking Member indicated before maybe somebody was put into a coma or somebody lost limbs, there could be any number of serious incidents where deadly force is used but the individual does not in fact perish.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I thank the good Chairman for that clarification. So in line 58 which currently we have that says, “uses physical force upon another person and such person dies as a
result thereof” and then we do have “or” uses “deadly force as designated by 53a-3. So as the good Chairman then indicated that again when we talk about line 58 that is actually physical force upon a person’s death that has to be correlated through a medical examiner.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Yes, Mr. Speaker that’s existing language in the existing reporting requirement triggers when there is a death, when force is used that causes a death. That full force may not actually be deadly force, it could be an instance where someone tackles someone and it just so happens that the person ruptures their spleen in the tackle. The tackle might not actually be the use of deadly force, it was a use of force and resulted in death and that is the current reporting requirement. Under the expanded provision here, the same reporting
requirement would also come into effect where deadly force is used even in the instance that does not actually cause the death.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the good Chairman for that explanation because the next section is all new language and it needs further clarification in that regard so in line 67 it talks about, “whenever a peace officer, in the performance of such officer's duties, uses physical force upon another person and such person dies as a result thereof,” so result thereof is as a result of the physical force wording in line 68. Then there is “shall cause a preliminary status report to be completed.” So again based on that explanation that the good Chairman had provided then we are specifically saying that in order for this even the preliminary status reports to correlate
that physical force caused someone’s death is must come from a medical examiner?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Not necessarily. I think what this getting at is as I indicted there were two instances as we continue on in this section where the State’s Attorney will be required to prepare a report and do an investigation and that would be the first instance, the current instance in which the use of force is used that results in a death, we’re expanding to create a second criteria in which the State’s Attorney would investigate and that is were deadly force is used whether that creates a death or not. Under the provision that was just referenced by the good Ranking Member, the preliminary report that would be made to the legislature would only have to be made in the first of those two instances, only I
the instance where there is an actual death not in
the instance where there is deadly force is used
that does not result in death.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. But that is not the
way it is stated here. So if we’re looking at the
preliminary report that is going to be provided to
the Committee and clearly someone needs to die, so
on line 69 is says, “such person dies” but if you
look at line 68 it says that, “uses physical force
upon another person and such person dies.” So the
way I’m reading this is that physical force caused
the individual to die. So now we’re asking for
preliminary reports to be provided issued, shared
based on not a medical examination that is
concerning. Again this is a report that is going to
be provided publicly. We are not doing any service,
not to the individual that may be the perpetrator,
not to law enforcement and certainly not to the public in providing false information or I would say maybe it’s not false but it is not verified information because then it could be false or it could be true. This is concerning and there is no public good, common sense reason that we would not be doing our full due diligence investigation as it currently is and asking now for a preliminary report. Preliminary report, Mr. Speaker that then farther on in that section indicates, that “the report not later than five business days after the cause of the death is available” in accordance with the provisions, “that is be provided to the Committees in the Judiciary Committee and Public Safety.” And again, I am not going to repeat myself because we just had that conversation but these reports are going out to the Committees. Again that is concerning.

Mr. Speaker through you.

To the good Chairman on page four it talks about those repots will be made available on the web
site and it says, lets see here, specifically there is also a timeline in that regard, “forty-eight hours after the copies are provided to the chief executive officer and the commissioner or chief of police” and just for clarification.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Is that the actual report and not the preliminary report?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. Let’s be real clear here. There is a preliminary status report that is sent on or before the fifth business day and that report merely contains just the topline information of the name of the deceased person, the gender, race and ethnicity or age - and age, the date, time and location of the injury causing such death, the name of the law enforcement agency involved, toxicology report, if available and death certificate if
available. The actual full report that is created by the Division of Criminal Justice following a full investigation that report can and we’ve seen in recent instances can take a month, can take a year, year-and-a-half. At the conclusion of that year or year-and-a-half investigation once the final report is presented to the chief administrative officer of the commissioner of deaths, then the report is provided on the internet web site. So the only report that is posted on the web site with any specific period of time is the actual final report the Chief State’s Attorney issues 48 hours after that has been shared with basically the chief of the law enforcement agency at issue.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. And I am happy to hear that it is just the final report that is going to be posted on the web site. However the good
Chairman just highlighted again the preliminary status report and I can’t stress enough all of the concerns that I raised earlier regarding that because again that is where there is a death and again the determination has be to “physical force upon another person and such person dies” that is without medical examination. Again as the good Chairman had indicated, it is going to have the individual’s gender, race, ethnicity, age of the deceased person. Try to get those wrongs and see how someone feels about having their misinformation out there in public. I can tell you right now I wouldn’t be happy with that based on someone’s observation or perception. But I am going to move on to page 5 where it talks about actual pursuits. So in Section 5, the word has been added in line 131 to be “fleeing motor vehicle” and “motor” has been added regarding this section in pursuit. For what purpose was “motor” added to this line?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):
Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

I believe this was an LCO cleanup of the underlying statute based on the fact that the statute was being amended just for clarity.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

So again we’re not making any clarifications regarding whether or not a pursuit is behind an individual in an unmotorized mode of transportation such as a bicycle that doesn’t have a motor on it. Is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):
No, Mr. Speaker I think that is merely trying to match up with the existing definitions and language in our statute books.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. So, Mr. Speaker we have all this added data that needs to be collected by law enforcement and then also on page 6 we’ve got annual reports that are going to be provided but also once a year, again there is going to be a reporting requirement or once every five years and then also there is a variety of different organizations that are going to get together and adopt regs and again all this is extra work but yet there is no fiscal note. So I don’t know how that could be done when I hear from my law enforcement officials that they already have a lot of mandates in this most challenging fiscal crunch. But again.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.
Looking at page 7, it talks about here that, “No police officer engaged in a pursuit shall discharge any firearm into or at a fleeing motor vehicle, unless such officer has a reasonable belief that there is an imminent threat of death to such officer or another person posed by the fleeing motor vehicle or an occupant of such motor vehicle.” Okay so to break that down, Mr. Speaker. It is very narrow here when an office can actually shoot into a vehicle and I am goin to look at this when it says, “an imminent threat of death” of the officer, someone in the vehicle or someone else. Now when we talk about that usually it is somebody else that receives some kind of threat. Now what is a vehicle that is being pursued so usually in this situation they are speeding, wouldn’t the mere fact that you’ve got a speeding vehicle on public roadways a threat of imminent danger?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.
REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It may be an imminent threat of danger but as I read the language before us, it is required as an imminent threat of death.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the good Chairman because that is obviously clarification on my question. What I meant to say imminent danger of death, so if there is a speeding vehicle on a roadway and let’s say that it is in the busy downtown area possibly in that regard any racing vehicle could potentially cause death. We’ve heard of so many incidences of people crossing a road, at a crosswalk, on sidewalks and a speeding vehicle even losing control. Under this provision law enforcement would now not be able to shoot. Under this provision, Mr. Speaker if an individual had
been, let’s say under investigation and there is an arrest warrant for murder, and let’s say it was a murder that was being investigated for that happened last year, this individual has now been identified and the officer is in pursuit. They murdered or under suspicion of murder last year, who’s to say they are not going to go do it now, so wouldn’t we want well-trained law enforcement officials to make that decision as to whether or not they should be shooting at the vehicle and there is a variety of different ways of shooting at a vehicle. It could be to the tires, it could be to a variety of different things but again what we’re saying here is unless it is specifically under these three categories there is no other categories out there that law enforcement can make their well-trained decisions and protocol and protocol, because we said so in this legislative body. I have concerns regarding that. Also I have concerns regarding the next section and Mr. Speaker I think I am going to reserve my questions as there’s many others who want
to speak on this. But it talks about a law enforcement official, “police officer shall intentionally position his or her body in front of a fleeing motor vehicle” and it goes on, unless it is an acceptable “tactic approved by the law enforcement.” Let me tell ‘ya, Mr. Speaker I don’t think any law enforcement official would put themselves in harm’s way if in no way, shape or form it was approved as a tactic or they believe that at that moment in time it would be beneficial in some way. But I can assure you that if that law enforcement official happened to have a family member in that vehicle or happened to know that that individual did something to a family member of theirs they may actually want to risk their life, maybe not the best decision, but risk their life.

Mr. Speaker, through you.

What if law enforcement does put themselves in front of the vehicle or at the top shoots into a vehicle what kind of discipline or charges are we
looking at for law enforcement?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I believe as the Ranking Member just indicated they could be subject to discipline within their department or depending on the results of their action and conduct and if it created a reckless disregard for safety and put others at risk, potentially could face any number of charges as a result of that.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker one of the other provisions I have here also that’s very concerning is new language. Listen, law enforcement there’s times where they’ve got their own
regulations regarding whether or not to pursue someone, how to report the pursuit of someone if they are going into a neighboring town, they’ve got that already. But once again we’ve got new language which here that says they “shall immediately notify.” Again, what is immediately? What is reasonable to a law enforcement official who is driving? But here we are, this legislative body taking it upon ourselves to say, hey listen all of your, you know, years of work, training all of these specific deaths, associations, organization that actually on a daily basis live this, we’re telling them what they need or not do with no analysis. We’re legislators. We do have some former, retired individuals who served in law enforcement and I am thankful for that because they have a lot of really good input. But we should not be telling them what they need to do because we have, even in this provision, data that is being collected to later be analyzed. Allow them to continue to gather their data. Allow them to determine what is the most
efficient equipment, state of the art equipment that maybe would allow them to notify while they are in pursuit safely, not immediately. What is immediately mean? So, Mr. Speaker again I rise not supporting this proposal. This is not necessary. I would strike out all of the provisions telling law enforcement how they should do their job, to serve and protect the residents of Connecticut that we have asked them to. The data collection, Mr. Speaker, I’m in strong support of that because then we can analyze as legislators, we can have the professionals, those law enforcement officials that are daily putting their lives on the line, analyze it and make regulations in accordance to the exact information, not asking for perceptions, not asking for observations but actual information and not standing here pushing a button just based on what we think is good for public safety. So, Mr. Speaker I have strong concerns regarding the proposal before us and I would encourage my colleagues to read what is being proposed and I encourage my colleagues to
maybe revisit this because the data portion I do believe is a good thing, but everything else I do not support and therefore for the Amended Bill I do not support it and ask my colleagues to also reject it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Thank you, Representative. Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And so Mr. Speaker I do have some questions and then I’ll make a comment if the good Speaker allows. Just to kind of piggybacking on what the good Ranking Member mentioned in this Bill I also support many of the provisions in regards to data collection. I think it makes a lot of sense for, one transparency purposes and for two, for us to learn from our mistakes. Everyone makes mistakes, law enforcement included and so it’s always good to take a look from time-to-time to see what we can learn from, how we can change our policies to assist in their efforts.
With that said, getting into provisions of this Bill that I also have significant concerns about as well as the good Ranking Member in regards to pursuit, in regards to ways in which a police officer can and can’t defend themselves and other individuals, particularly, if I may.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I do have a question for the good proponent.

Looking at line 116. It looks like in that provision it says, “effect an arrest” and the previous language which is struck out “or prevent the escape from custody” that goes into line 117. That is taken out and then it seems to somewhat reappear again in line 119 and it seems to be in the same exact fashion as it was previously in line 116 in subsection (A). So I’m just trying to figure out what exactly the intention is there with the language, is it more of a technical change or is it actually substantive and if so, the substantive if the could proponent could please let me know and let the Chamber know what we’re looking to change there.
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I believe I was asked this question by Representative Fishbein earlier, so let me try to summarize my answer without contradicting it but my read of this is a clarification of when the use of deadly force is justified in certain instances. Certainly was fairly clear in the language the use of deadly force is justified when a law enforcement officer is defending themselves or if the person from the imminent use of deadly force and this clarifies that the use of deadly force is also justified to effect an arrest of someone who either has committed or is attempting to commit a felony that may cause serious physical injury and the third instance is when someone who has committed the felony has already been shown to have committed the felony that is likely to inflict serious physical
injury attempts to escape custody after they are already in custody. So I think the one word that is taken out I believe is the word “attempted” from the third scenario but I think as I read this it is a clarification as to what is required under each of those three scenarios.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I want to thank the good proponent for the clarification there because the language is somewhat confusing as to why it was change but the good proponent seemed to explain it in a manner that I seem to understand which is not easy for me to understand much of anything, but I do want to thank the proponent for his clarification. Moving on, if I may, Mr. Speaker into page 7 particularly line 181 which essentially says, “No police officer shall intentionally position his or her body in front of a fleeing motor vehicle.” So
the first question I have is we have the law that is stated and so maybe I’m missing something somewhere later in the Bill but what is the ramification, so what exactly is the penalty. If there was an instance in which a police officer put themselves in front of a fleeing vehicle because they had concerns about the safety of other individuals they were trying to protect and did not what that suspect to flee, what would be the ramifications? Cause I don’t see and maybe I’m missing something but I don’t see anywhere in this Bill what the ramifications would be if an office were to do so.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

The questioner is correct. There is not a penalty set forth in the Bill specifically for intentionally positioning oneself in front of a fleeing motor vehicle. I think the intent here in
this language is to make it crystal clear that it is not the policy of the State of Connecticut, not our expectation that a police officer will intentionally position themselves in front of a fleeing motor vehicle, if they do then there may be other protections, other use of deadly force protections that may or may not be available based on the circumstances but the intent here certainly is to avoid instances like we’ve seen recently where an officer as method of trying to stop a vehicle from fleeing jumps in front of it which it think in certain folk’s estimations makes a bad situation worse and we are trying to prevent those types of instances in the future.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank the proponent for his answer there. And that is a little troubling to me that we do not have setout
guidelines in regards to what the ramifications are, what the penalties may be in regards to when a police officer may conduct one of these actions. One of the things the good proponent did mention was in regards to protections that some protections may be removed. One question I’ll ask is a hypothetical if I may, Mr. Speaker.

Through you.

I am assuming that one of those protections or abilities of the police officer I should say would maybe to attain workers' compensation, to litigate in some manner for his or her injuries in regards to stepping in front of a vehicle so, I mean, is that something that in the good proponent’s understanding of the Bill that maybe a police officer may be prevented from doing if he or she was struck and injured in regards to conducting this particular policy?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.
REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I would think that would depend upon the policy of the law enforcement unit for which that office works. I think the statutory scheme from which this particular section is inserted is a larger provision of our general statutes which deals with those types of polices and regulations which a law enforcement organization, law enforcement unit as that term is defined must promulgate and so this issue of when it’s okay for someone to jump in front of a fleeing motor vehicle I think is one that is, should be taken a look at by our individual law enforcement units and certainly the intent of his language is to make sure that they do that and do that forthwith.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you to the proponent for this answer on that question.
Advancing that if I may, Mr. Speaker on the say, you know, question and the same section, in regards to another hypothetical would this potentially or is it the intention for this to potentially become a Fourth Amendment issue in regards to violation of search and seizure if a police office were to stand in the way of a fleeing motor vehicle in violation of subsection (d) here would that become a Fourth Amendment issue or is that the intention of the Bill.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

That is not the intention of the Bill and I don’t necessarily believe that this would implicate a Fourth Amendment issue. I think that it’s certainly this issue and certainly the lines in the Bill before us that the Ranking Member had asked about, lines 176 through 180 are meant to reflect
and not be out-of-step with the Supreme Court’s Tennessee v Garner decision and the progeny thereon on Fourth Amendment protections with respect to this issue.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And so thank you to the proponent for his answer. Following up looking at lines 184 which would be subsection (e) in regards to a pursuit of a vehicle by a law enforcement body entering the jurisdiction of another law enforcement body. My question is I would think this is something that is policy so what I’m following up is why the good proponent felt it necessary for this language to be in the Bill. What does the good proponent envision this section being able to accomplish?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):
Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Very well maybe although it is my understanding that at least in certain recent instances as reported through the news media this has not been followed and folks have not notified us they have crossed town lines, I think the intention here certainly is GM driving through Hamden, I’m heading towards the New Haven town line and the dispatch will be notified and will notify the town in which the responding officer is entering.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And so through you, Mr. Speaker.

Is it also then the intention of the Bill to then allow suspend pursuit upon the other law enforcement body entering the pursuit? I’m just
trying to understand that aspect of it.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

No, there is no requirement that the pursuing law enforcement unit suspend its pursuit in this Bill.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I do appreciate the response in regards to no requirement. But what my question is, and this is me being a lay person not being a police officer, when it enters a jurisdiction of another municipal body let’s say is it the understanding that that municipal body would then have jurisdiction over the pursuit therefore if it became a point where that municipal department
felt that the pursuit was at too high of a speed
they would have the ability to tell officers to back
off?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I believe that is a department by department
issue but certainly I know that a lot of departments
in the State have issued policies with respect to
police pursuits the exact reason being that I think
the data has shown that in fact police pursuits are
more likely to cause death or serious injury or to
result in undesirable outcomes then they are to
achieve by engaging in the pursuit. You know, it is
my understanding that there has been at least 24
fatal, sorry I take that back, there has been at
least six deaths in Connecticut after police vehicle
pursuits in 2017 alone and for that reason, yes I
believe there are certain departments who have said
police pursuits should not take place within our town line and I think the intent of this language is certainly one town is crossing into the other that once that unit is notified they could request that the pursuing law enforcement unit or officer suspend their pursuit and that would be handled on a case by case basis based on the fact of the ground and on the based on the polices of those particular departments.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And that will conclude my questions and I want to thank the proponent for clarifying some of the issues or questions that I had. So if I may, Mr. Speaker I’ll just kinda conclude with some of my concerns. And again where I stand here as I said before, I have no issue with the data collection, the reporting requirements. Those seem like common sense efforts. They seem to
be efforts in which we can utilize the records obtained from such legislation and utilize them in a positive manner so I have no objection to that and the good Ranking Member mentioned that. Where my objection lies to this particular piece of legislation is in regards to the requirements we’re placing upon police officers when they are dealing with some of the most difficult situations when they are dealing with pursuits, when they’re dealing with attempting to protect themselves, attempting to protect many individuals in the surrounding community and the surrounding scene so to say many of us, some are police officers, some are retired in this Chamber, we’re so fortunate to have them to provide their expertise but I know for one I am not a police officer. I know many but I do not know what it is like to have to enter a very dangerous situation, run to that dangerous situation when essentially everyone else is running away and have not only my life on the hands but have the lives in the hands of so many individuals that are around me
and throughout the community. And these men and women are some of the finest individuals that we have in our community, some of the bravest individuals we have in our community and we do have regulations as we should in regards to what these officers are allowed to do and not allowed to do, they are already on the books. We have an amazing Constitution not only in the United States as we know but right here in the State of Connecticut and thanks to case law they have interpreted certain cases to also protect us as citizens and lay individuals and also to set certain ramifications in regards to what police officers can and cannot do. But to sit here now, in this Chamber as lay individuals like myself and to say a police officer in an emergency situation where life and death is on his or her hands that we know better than you do that you need to conduct your business differently, that you need to think about protecting the citizens differently. I don’t think that is a place for us to stand. We are so fortunate to have these
individuals in our community protecting us and here we are in this Chamber legislating that we don’t think they are doing a good enough job that we think we need to have more ramifications over what they do to protect us and to protect themselves. And what frustrates me even further is the fact that we have a Bill called the ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND WELLNESS TRAINING AND SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR POLICE OFFICERS. That is the name of this Bill and after this Amendment whatever that previous Bill may have been, after this Amendment now it is a Bill that says we think that we know better than you do and you are not doing a good enough job of protecting others and we need to put more ramifications around how you protect yourselves and protect other citizens. I think it is very disheartening, very, very disheartening considering what the title of this Bill is. I’m very frustrated and I certainly urge every single one of my colleagues to oppose this measure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Thank you, Representative. Representative Klarides-Ditria of the 105th, ma’am you have the floor.

REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA (105TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a couple of questions to the proponent of the Bill and a comment.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Please proceed.

REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA (105TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Line 77 and I apologize if I am repeating a question. In line 77 it states the report needs to be completed “not later than five business days after the cause of the death is available.”

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

How long does it take to get the cause of death?

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):
Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It depends.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Klarides-Ditria:

REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA (105TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

On what?

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It depends on the underlying incident, it depends on what type of investigation the medical examiner needs to do, it depends on any number of factors but as I read this the report has to be five business days after the cause of death is available. So if the cause of death is a shooting then that is probably fairly quick to determine. If the cause of death is blunt force trauma that leads to internal
bleeding that could take several days or weeks or even months before the cause of death is made available.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Klarides-Ditria.

REP. Klarides-Ditria (105TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Can you give me an average of the cause of death how many days?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

I cannot, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Klarides-Ditria.

REP. Klarides-Ditria (105TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

This five days after the cause of death is this time frame realistic given the amount of oversight
that will occur before that report can be reviewed by legal staff and then signed off by administration?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Stafstrom

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, I want to be very clear. There’s two reports that are discussed under this section. The report that needs to be made available five days after is a very preliminary cursory report of topline information such as name, race, gender, date and location of incident. It is not a full investigation into the facts and circumstances. It does not determine fault; it does not seek to have witnesses interviewed or any of the type of thing that would go into a full-fledged investigation. This really is a who, what, where, when and in order to get the facts of the circumstances out there and again this is five days after the death. You know I
think as we see many times the media reports on these instances well before the fifth day following the cause of death and often times there can be conflicting reports, there can be misinformation out there and the intent of these preliminary reports really is to have the State’s Attorney in very, fairly short period of time give the who, what, where, when in a formal contained manner so that it puts to rest any speculation. You know, Mr. Speaker I just have to comment real quickly that we seem to be focusing, or the questioning seems to be focusing on this Bill as somehow being some sort of attack or constraint or other commentary on law enforcement. I submit to you, Mr. Speaker and to the questions that it is not, what this is, what this reporting requirement could just as easily be of benefit to the police officer in that the basic facts and circumstances of the event can be out there, formally publicly without the need to wait a full year or year-and-a-half for a formal report with witness details and the like having to be out there
in the public and can cut down on some of the media rumor of the internet rumor or the like.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):
Representative Klarides-Ditria.

REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA (105TH):
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Currently as far as documenting physical force don’t police departments already document for physical force as part of the compliance to the Law Enforcement Standards And Practices?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):
Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Per statute they’re required to, they may be per statute, I believe the requirement is that law enforcement has to document any use of physical force that is likely to cause serious physical injury and that requirement remains unchanged under
this Bill.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Klarides-Ditria.

REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA (105TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

And with the additional reporting that has been required through Bill will it not add more manpower and more hours; they are saying there is no fiscal note so I am not understanding how there can’t be a fiscal note on this Bill.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

As I indicated before the fiscal notes indicates there is no fiscal impact on this. I believe most of the information that law enforcement will be required to provide is information that is already collected on a standard police report and
what the law enforcement agency is required to do is merely to compile a little bit of that information in certain instances on an annual basis for submission to OPMs so I don’t think it will be an overly taxing endeavor for local law enforcement.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Klarides-Ditria.

REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA (105TH):

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

Line 176, the first two lines where is says, “No police officer engaged in a pursuit shall discharge any firearm into or at a fleeing motor vehicle, unless such officer has a reasonable belief that there is imminent threat or” danger.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Aren’t they already taught this at the policy academy and isn’t this part of their procedures?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.
REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

They very well maybe because of this language I believe conforms with the United States Supreme Court precedence on this issue and that this is the, this is these requirements would need to be followed in order for law enforcement officer or agency not to run afoul of the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Klarides-Ditria.

REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA (105TH):

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

I do believe this should be policy. We shouldn’t be legislating this and a comment.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Police is a split-second decision, police work in a hostile environment for little pay. While risking their lives often sometimes with little assistance and our critique for situations they have
very little control over. I thank our police
officers everyday for putting their lives on the
line to enable us to do what we do and feel safe
doing it. I encourage my fellow legislators not to
support this legislation so I rise not supporting
this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Thank you, Representative. Representative
Cummings of the 74th District. You have the floor,
ma’am.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is good to see you
up there, all the way from the center of the
universe.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Thank you. Back at you.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Mr. Speaker I rise for a couple of questions
and a comment to the proponent of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Please proceed.
REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker in looking at Section 2 subsection (f) it indicates that “If a police officer is giving a formal statement about the use of force or if a police officer is the subject of a disciplinary investigation” and then it proceeds. Would the good proponent of the Bill agree that this entire subsection (f) then is in the purview of a disciplinary investigation?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, there is either the office is subject to a disciplinary investigation or the officer is giving a formal statement about the use of force. I think a formal statement can be given as to use of force without necessarily instituting a disciplinary proceeding but it could be either or both situations.
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Cummings.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Could the good proponent please provide an example of when a formal statement would be issued outside of a disciplinary investigation?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I think if force is used to restrain an individual they’re taken down, they are taken into custody perhaps it is a chokehold as we discussed before, they’re may be a need to because there is a fear by the law enforcement agency that there could be a civil lawsuit as a result, there could be an allegation that the force was not justified or simply that the law enforcement agency has a policy
to document those use of forces as I think they are required to do under Section 7-282 (e) of the general statutes to document those use of force incidents in case it is ever questioned before. But I guess, I’ll go back to what I said earlier and maybe respond to the last questioner’s comment that I don’t think any, please don’t misunderstand by certainly it is not the intent of me, the proponent of this Bill or I don’t think anyone else who may vote for it, that this is some sort of attack on law enforcement or that we are questioning their competency or their ability or the role of our police departments. I to stand strongly in support of our law enforcement officers and units and alike but what this simply say, this language simply says, is when there is a use of force, and it is documented, and there is a request publicly for that information to be made available because it has caught some sort of attention either from the victim of that use of force, maybe their attorney, or the media at large that there are certain parameters
under which that information can and will be released publicly and sets those paraments into our statute.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Cummings.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I have concerns about how the language listed in lines 49 through 54 would actually be effectuated and considering that many times these hearings and statements would only be made once the office is made subject to a disciplinary investigation which is typically significantly after the actual incident has occurred. And when you look at lines 51 to 52 which indicates that if an officer has not reviewed the tape then the tape must be released 96 hours following the recorded incident. I’m not sure how 96 hours following the recorded incident when disciplinary investigations happen significantly after the incident how those two would comport. If
the good proponent of the Bill would please explain that to me, I would be very grateful.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I’m glad for the question because I want to be really clear here that the language here at lines 51 through 54 do not require that every body camera or every dashboard recorded video be made available upon request within four days. That is not what this language intends, that it is not how I read this language. There must be the preceding triggering event that triggering event is either the giving of the statement of the use of force of the disciplinary action and only in those instances where there is a request would the body camera or dashboard camera have to be produced. If, so let me be a clear as I can. If somebody were to walk into a police department in the State and say, hey I was
pulled over for a traffic stop the other day, there’s probably a dashboard video of that, I’d like it produced to me within 96, I would like it produced to me. There is not a requirement that that video has to be produced within 96 hours of the incident. There may be other FOIA laws in which somebody could get that video but this particular provision does not apply in that instance. This provision only applies where there was use of force and a report generated as a result of it or where an officer is subject to disciplinary proceeding. It does not apply in the run of the mill traffic stop incident.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Cummings.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

To make sure that I understand this issue. If there was a use of force but yet there was no formal statement and no disciplinary investigation had yet
started 97 hours, following the recorded incident, if someone made a request would that video need to be produced?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

No.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Cummings.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

Upon request if it did so fit the itemization of requirements here, if there were other victims that could be seen in the video or innocent bystanders would those people edited out of the video?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.
REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, pursuant to subsection (g) of 29-60.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Cummings.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Would that editing be mandated to be done as soon as the video is produced so as it can be released 97 hours later?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

The video would need to be edited, yes upon request prior to the timeline for release of the video.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):
Representative Cummings.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to turn my attention to where it begins on line 67 which indicates that, “whenever a peace officer, in the performance of such officer's duties, uses physical force upon another person and such person dies as a result thereof,” who is making the causal relation that the injury that produced death was related to the use of physical force?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It is the law enforcement unit that is making that determination so long as they are not, so long as that determination is reasonable in the circumstances.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):
Representative Cummings.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

And I will refer similarly to a hypothetical that you brought out earlier. If a police officer tackles somebody and they have a heart attack while being tackled who causally relates, the heart attack is the ultimate result that causes death. Who determines that the heart attack is causally related to the tackling and therefore the use of physical force?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

I think it is the law enforcement unit.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Cummings.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.
And would this report be admissible in any civil proceeding for any sort of negligence or recklessness claims brought?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):
Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Subject to our State’s Rules of Evidence, it likely could.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):
Representative Cummings.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):
I am very concerned, Mr. Speaker that law enforcement agencies who are not medical professionals are going to be making causal relations relating to an injury and a physical impact from a police officer and further, Mr. Speaker it requires that the date, time and location of the injury causing such death would also be the
law enforcement agency determining those specific articulated items?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It is actually the, I stand slightly corrected, it is actually the law enforcement agency in conjunction with and probably ultimately the decision of the Division of Criminal Justice who is the one charged with investigation these types of incidents and it would be the Division of Criminal Justice, our State’s prosecutors who have the obligation to compile this information and present this report. So I believe it would actually be that office in the scenario given the questioner.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Cummings.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):
Through you, Mr. Speaker. Subsection (f) of this provision indicates that a death certificate is available must be produced. Would the good Speaker, the good proponent of the Bill please identify if this would be the shortened version of the death certificate so as to not include the decedent’s Social Security number or other sensitive information?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Certainly the intent of this is not to give our sensitive information so certainly the Social Security number could either be redacted or the short form could be provided.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Cummings.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Would any of the family members or other authorized parties of the decedent have to be questioned about their release of this information or is it automatically obtained and subsequently released into the general public?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

This generally would be publicly available information as I indicated previously, many of these incidents end up in media reports or elsewhere and this is a documentation of those and it is certainly the expectation that the decedents’ next-of-kin will have been notified long before this report is to be produced or made available.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Cummings.
REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the good proponent for his answer to that question. I am turning my attention now to lines 176 through 180 which as been touched on by my colleagues a little bit previously but I wanted to delve a little bit deeper.

Mr. Speaker, through you.

If a suspect was driving erratically down a Waterbury road would that be considered an imminent threat of death?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

As I indicated before, I want to be a little careful on these hypotheticals because much of this language before us comes from our Supreme Court’s progeny of Fourth Amendment protection so I don’t necessarily want to put into legislative intent to
this Bill anything that may be seen as running afoul of/or superseding the existing case law in this area. So I think that in this instance what I would like to do is rely on the case law and point the gentlelady back to Fourth Amendment Case Law on this area.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Cummings.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I just want to give an example. In our good City of Waterbury an 18-year-old was driving erratically because he got scared and he ended up killing a three-year-old child after he slammed into an oncoming vehicle and his car careened onto the sidewalk injuring the 3-year-old’s 18-month-old sister, injuring his mother and killing him. So if there is any disbelief that a fleeing motor vehicle or a speeding recklessly driving motor vehicle is not an imminent threat of death, I turn their
attention to loss of life of a three-year-old. Mr. Speaker I have grave concerns of this Bill and I also really like some of this Bill, the data collection that was mentioned by many of my colleagues, the task force that studies transparency and accountability, those are really good aspects of this Bill. But, Mr. Speaker we have been debating this Bill now for about an hour and 15 minutes flushing out, making sure that we know the details of what this Bill is going to do and we are trying to legislate the details of a split-second decision made under stressful situations, something that we cannot even imagine except for those of use who have been in law enforcement, not myself, and I think that it is very unfair and restrictive on the police community when time and time again we try to tell them, you’re not doing it right and we know better as spoken by my colleague, Representative Harding. Mr. Speaker I urge my colleagues not to support this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):
Thank you, Representative. Representative Buckbee from the 67th, you have the floor, sir.

REP. BUCKBEE (67TH):

Good Evening, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Good Evening.

REP. BUCKBEE (67TH):

Good to see you up there. I have a couple of comments to make if the good proponent would like to have a seat and relax for a moment, he has been up for over an hour, rest his legs. So I saw this come through and I have to be honest, as we all should be, I am more than disappointed with what we see in front of us. AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND WELLNESS TRAINING AND SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR POLICE OFFICERS. When this went to Public Health this was a good Bill. Now all that is wiped aside. We don’t even approach that, we don’t talk about it at all. Instead we talk about use of deadly force, not saying that is not worth talking about. I’m not saying at all that we shouldn’t have that discussion
but it is insulting not just to the officers to every single person in this room and to everyone who reads this Bill after this. Someone is going to read this Bill and go wow, that’s a great idea. Look at all those people who voted against it. Feels like that gotcha politics that none of us should be seein. Well you take a beautiful idea and something we should be standing by each other’s side; mental health care doesn’t get enough attention around here in this Building ever and I don’t think anyone in here would argue with me on that especially for our police officers. And we have the audacity to strike-that out and not even think about it. It is arrogant. It’s frustrating to do this kind of thing and I’ll tell ‘ya two years ago when I came in here, I had someone who is a colleague and I won’t name the person, I got up and said something like this about a Strike-All amendment that changed the whole intent and that intent was laughed at. That person came over to me and laughed at me and said, “You don’t know how this
works.” Well maybe not but I consider myself a commonsense guy. I’m not an attorney like the attorneys in this room, I’m not the smartest gut in this room by an means, I’d never claim to be but as of today, I don’t care whose names are on this Amendment, it doesn’t matter to me, upstairs, downstairs, in this House it is a bad decision to do. It is a bad decision to make, not saying this topic isn’t worth discussion. I hate to be the commonsense guy but we’ve been sitting her talking about accountability and transparency. We don’t offer that right now on this Bill to the public. It is a disservice to the community, it’s a disservice to this room and this Chamber. I’m appalled by it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom would you care to remark, sir.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Mr. Speaker just very briefly, I certainly understand the gentleman’s comments on this but I
just want to be clear for the record that this Chamber I think did work very hard and this legislature worked very hard this year on PTSD Bill to get at the issue of police wellness training, suicide prevention and the like. I believe there were many members of this Body who were interested in that topic at the beginning of the session and as a result there were a number of, a number of Bills that were proposed on that particular topic and I think Senate Bill 164 is the ultimate Bill that moved forward on that topic so I don’t for a minute want anyone to think that we are sweeping that topic under, under the rug. I think that given that 164 was the Bill that going to move forward and this Bill was not going to move forward in the Senate, it was, I can only assume by the Amendment that was offered that it was a bipartisan decision upstairs to use this particular Bill so that this legislature could have this conversation on this important topic which I think as this debate is indicated is one that this legislature can and should be having, Mr.
Speaker. So, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Candelora of the 86th District, you have the floor, sir.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good evening. Mr. Speaker I rise in opposition to this legislation and I feel that this piece of legislation is an example of deflection and creating a scapegoat for what we are actually seeing in society right now. I think that there are actions that occur that people need to be held accountable for and what this piece of legislation does is attempts to hold police officers accountable for conduct that frankly may not be their fault. And there is another side to this equation. I’ve had family members who have been police officers and served a lifetime of duty to protect the citizens within the State of Connecticut. I’ve also had family members who served in the Armed Forces, my exposure to deadly force and the use of weapons really has been from a
recreational standpoint and I couldn’t imagine being charged with the responsibility everyday of going out and wearing a badge, carrying a gun, knowing that at any given time I may have to use deadly force to protect not just the residents of Connecticut but also myself and I recall back when I was younger we had a situation in my community where an individual was high on drugs and was driving a vehicle and the police officer had shot at that vehicle out of concern for their own safety and what ensured was a very protracted law suit and a lot of publicity. Ultimately that office was justified in doing what they did and now unfortunately we’ve seen time and time again stories in the news of officers reacting with physical force and deadly force and all we hear in the conversation is the officer might have acted inappropriately and the spotlight goes on those police officers. And we don’t have a broader conversation of what is happening as a society that is caused us to be putting so many people into these positions. You know, fortunately we did have
legislation that passed out of here unanimously dealing with the fentanyl issue but I know just in my community that I grew up in as a child, we have a rural community, people never had to lock their doors, they didn’t have to worry about those issues and now everybody in my community they are locking their doors, the conversations are all over social media, whose home has been broken into, whose car has been stolen and yet we continue to turn to the police and somehow victimize them and blame them. This piece of legislation is a reactive piece of legislation, it is not proactive. The reality is we have a much bigger issue on what are police officers are doing and what is happening to society. But this legislature refuses to have that global conversation of why teenagers are breaking into vehicles, stealing those vehicles, going on joy rides and killing themselves and other people. No, rather we turn our attention to individuals who have gone through training, who have sworn an oath, who are out there every single day protecting our lives,
every single day answering an emergency call, every single day responding to a car accident where there could be an injured person or some unsightly act that nobody in this Chamber would have to want to witness in their lifetime, yet these officers can witness them potentially every single day. But rather than address the issues that we really should be addressing and that is why are we seeing an increase in crime, why are we seeing an increase in drug use. We take the easy way out and we victimize, we villainize our police officers and that is how I feel what this piece of legislation does. You know, I don’t serve on Public Safety, I don’t serve on the Judiciary Committee any longer, but I am currently serving on Public Health and the trend that I’m seeing here, what concerns me is we’ve had legislation in public health that is actually determining how a doctor and when a doctor should perform a surgical procedure. And fortunately, we haven’t seen that legislation get passed into law but I liken this piece of
legislation to that very thing. We are putting into statute what we think is best practice for police officers, what is best practice to keep us safe so we are gonna dictate and mandate when a police officer should be allowed to discharge a weapon, when they should be allowed to make an act that protects themselves and protects us. And to me that is unprecedented and I can only imagine the next piece of legislation we’re gonna see is questioning when a doctor should perform open heart surgery and what instruments that doctor should use. And that is my concern. It is no different and so rather than turning our attention to police officers who are sworn officers, who are under that public spotlight every single day we should be turning attention and offering help on why we are seeing these criminal activities throughout the State of Connecticut and why every single day they need to pull out weapon. And so, Mr. Speaker I rise in strong opposition. I understand why this legislation germinated out of this legislature
unfortunately I think it partly was a reaction to what just occurred in the City of New Haven a couple of months ago and that is why we’re seeing this as a Strike-All Amendment on an underlying Bill that had nothing to do with this. But this type of legislation needs public scrutiny. It shouldn’t be done as a strike-all without a full public hearing, without full public vetting because what we’re doing when we vote yes on the this Bill are yet again subjecting police officers to the full light of day to full public scrutiny as if being in the news isn’t enough, being picketed isn’t enough, having parades isn’t enough against them, we are putting them under this public scrutiny yet ironically this Bill didn’t get a Public Hearing, it didn’t have that same scrutiny, we didn’t have that same conversation and so I reject this legislation, let’s all reject it and next year take up an appropriate conversation where we have dialogue with our police officers, with our judicial department and we come together arm-in-arm and have that conversation
rather than turning and demonizing these officers with this legislation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Thank you, sir. Representative S redzinski from the 112th District, you have the floor, sir.

REP. SREDZINSKI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise with some significant concerns about the Bill. I do have some questions but I’m gonna try not to repeat a lot of the questions that were asked. I’ve been paying attention to the debate for the most part so if I do ask some repetitive questions, I apologize. I received this Bill probably about a week, two weeks ago. This was a Bill that did not come out of Public Safety although much of the content in this Bill is focused on police operations. And I have to say that we had numerous Public Hearings in the Public Safety Committee, some on Bills that were similar to this yet for whatever reason we’re looking at a Strike-All Amendment that is brought before us that did not receive a Public Hearing. I
understand that the agencies and some of the players involved in this type of legislation have been involved in discussions. But to remove the ability for the public to have a Bill that is on a web site that is viewable that you can email your legislators about, that you can email the Committee about. To have this type of action take place is frustrating. And while I understand the proponent’s intent and what they are trying to get at, and I think I would just like to reiterate again that the data collection is not something that we are opposed it. It’s certainly not something I’m opposed to, we’ve heard other State Representatives talk about the data collection is a good thing and I think that the data helps us make decisions as legislators. Data is not the problem. What is the problem is some of the timing of the reporting, some of the mandatory training and policies that are going into effect and just for example in line 12 of the Amendment we add “chokehold or other method of restraint applied to the neck area of another person” as defined as
deadly force. I talked to my police chief, I talked to a sergeant in a police department, I talk to police officers every day and that is not something they’re trained in. Chokeholds are not common practice. What bothers me most is that by adding this language it makes it seem like police officers are out there using chokeholds on a daily basis and that is simply not the truth. Have we seen videos from around the country and around the world of police using tactics to restrain someone, absolutely? In Connecticut they do not train on the chokehold and to add that I believe is disingenuous. And further on that topic we change the rules of deadly force to include engaging in a pursuit. As many in this Chamber know I work for a 911 dispatch center and we often are involved in the police operations of the town that I’m in. I am a civilian, I am not a sworn officer but I’ve seen and heard enough pursuits to know that there are thousands of different kinds of pursuits. For example, someone that is suspected of drunk driving,
the office pulls behind them, maybe the person reacts slowly and according to the definition which is “maintain or accelerate” that could be considered a pursuit if the person doesn’t pull over immediately and maybe goes 20 feet. Is that something that we need to be investigating? I don’t think so. Other pursuits are high speed pursuits and some of them end very tragically. Are those something would should document, absolutely. So to just say pursuits and not clarify which type of pursuit, high speed pursuit, maybe multijurisdictional pursuit would be more effective. But moving on some of the other language in here, this question may have been asked but if I may to the proponent of the Bill.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

In lines 21 through 25 it discusses the annual report that would go to OPM.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Why is the report being sent to the Office of Policy and Management?
Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

There are many instances where we use OPM as sort of the central repository for these types of information, in fact this Chamber just yesterday passed a Bill that required some reporting to OPM in the prosecutorial Bill that we did. I think there are many instances where OPM is sort of the most logical place to send this type of information for dissemination to other agencies within the State as necessary.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Sredzinski.

REP. SREDZINSKI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And as a follow up to that, was the chief prosecutor offered this data or what DES offered this data?
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I don’t know if the chief prosecutor was but as I indicated I think OPM is a more logical place given that it is an executive branch agency that they are the central repository for a number of other reports that are submitted by our municipalities. I don’t believe DES would be a proper repository considering that DES would be one of the law enforcement units that would be submitting a report at the end of the year.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Sredzinski.

REP. SREDZINSKI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you.

To the proponent, what would the data be used
for ultimately?

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

The data would be available for any purpose as I think was indicated certainly as we continue to work to refine and craft our statues both to protect and help our men and women in uniform as well as the public that we should have this information available and depending on the need and obviously we seek to make decisions as informed as we can based on the data available to us at the time.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Sredzinski.

REP. SREDZINSKI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I would be remiss if I didn’t comment on the quietness of the Chamber and I am able to hear all of the questions and answers so thank you very much to the good Speaker
for maintaining decorum here. On lines 35 to 36 it talks about redacting the information “that may identify a minor, witness or victim.” What is reason for the redaction?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Sredzinski, excuse me, Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The purpose for redaction is to limit the amount of information that may be disclosed that could be seen as being confidential or sensitive but unnecessary to the underlying data collection effort that is envisioned through this provision.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Sredzinski you have the floor, sir.

REP. SREDZINSKI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What is the age
definition for minor as used in this section of the Bill?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Your considering there is not something else indicated, I believe it would be 18 which is our general definition for minor in our penal code.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Sredzinski.

REP. SREDZINSKI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And the redaction speaks about a minor, witness or victim. What is the suspect or the arrested person is a minor? Would that information also be redacted?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.
REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I certainly, if the, I don’t believe that is the intent of this. I think as indicated if you look back above the report that is submitted is actually a copulation of the date so I don’t think there is generally gonna be an instance where names are necessarily provided so to speak but in the proper instance where a third-party victim needed to be protected, there is a provision for redaction here but I think by in-large when these reports are submitted it will be just summary data and not as envisioned by line 27 and not actual case-by-case data with names attached to it.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Sredzinski.

REP. SREDZINSKI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the gentleman for his answers. I do have concerns about some of this being a unfunded mandate on our local
departments. I know that many of our departments have records divisions, we have lieutenants that work in those divisions that are responsible for reporting, I don’t think it is going to be something that is unwieldy however I do think it is important to recognize that we are asking our local and state police to do more and as you know, a lot of them are underfunded and struggles to do the work that they do. So this reporting and again I want to make it clear once again that I support the data collection.

    Through you.

To the proponent what are the consequences if the law enforcement agency does not comply with this section of the statue?

    Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

    Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

    Through you, Mr. Speaker.

    I don’t think we’ve got a penalty provision in here. I think as with any other report we request
that our municipalities send to OPM, it’s the expectation that our political subdivisions of the State will comply and share the information that’s requested but there is no specific penalty laid out in this Bill.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Szrezinski.

REP. SREDZINSKI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And as a follow up to that if a municipality for some reason, coming up with a hypothetical, let’s say that the records lieutenant was out sick for an extended period, maybe he was injured on the job, maybe she had a family medical leave happening. I mean that record lieutenant wasn’t able to compile those records for legislative intent, would there be any penalty or punishment to that municipality for not complying with the law?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):
Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

As indicated there is none envisioned through this Bill.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Sredzinski.

REP. SREDZINSKI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And it was already addressed in lines 49 through 54 about the timing, so I am not going to ask the good proponent any questions but I think it is concerning that we’re looking at releasing body camera footage or dashcam footage or parts of investigation before the investigation is even complete. We all know that there has been incidents that create outrage in the public and while I understand how some of those recordings can help to prove facts out and show what actually happened, sometimes they can be edited or they can be clipped and it does not help and I just
think that it is important that we conduct an investigation in a timely manner, mind you, but there are all sorts of mitigating factors that can lead to an investigation taking a longer time. I think all of us that have been involved want investigations to be done promptly and quickly. We all have to answer to constituents, why is this taking so long. We have had Bills proposed this legislative Session in the Public Safety Committee, we’ve had public hearings on these things where we try to expedite hearings and investigations but sometimes, sometimes it’s just not possible. People get sick, people go into comas, people lose consciousness, people go on vacation. These things take time and I think it would be a disservice to the criminal justice system overall and a disservice to our law enforcement agencies to rush and release information that may not have been fully vetted. And as a follow up to that, to the proponent of the Bill, has the Division of Criminal Justice been brought in and had discussions on what this Bill
will require of them?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my understanding that they were involved in the negotiations of this language that took place in the Senate. I touched base with their legislative liaison this morning and he did not indicate any concerns with the Bill when we spoke.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Sredzinski.

REP. SREDZINSKI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the gentleman for his answer. In line 77 it talks about getting the information of a deadly force incident to the Judiciary Committee within five business days of the incident occurring. This means that if, heaven forbid there were a deadly force incident, that
would happen today, that law enforcement agency has to get a preliminary report submitted with a bunch of information which I am not gonna go into, within five business day to the Judiciary Committee doesn’t specify if we’re in session or out of session or if it's the holidays.

Through you.

What is the reasoning for the Judiciary Committee to get this information in such a rush?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It is the Judiciary Committee and the Public Safety Committee. It would be submitted to both Committees of cognizance and again I think the intent here is certainly to get this information complied, get it out publicly so that it can cut down on sometimes internet rumors or inaccurate or conflicting medial reports or the like and to have a
formal statement about these incidences that is complied not by the local police department but by the division of criminal justice who is charged with investigating these. And I think part of the reason for it to come to legislature is that as the gentleman indicated often when these events occur in someone’s community it is the legislators, it’s the local officials who are the ones fielding most of the calls and questions from constituents and so certainly by the Committees of Cognizance and the Chairs and Ranking Member of the Committee of Cognizance having the information available to them, they can share it as appropriately with their colleagues who can share it with others as they see fit.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Sredzinski.

REP. SREDZINSKI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I definitely appreciate that information and yes it is, Public
Safety as well, but why five days? Why can’t it be 30 days, a month, two whatever it may, five days seems like a very quick turnaround to get yet another report submitted to another agency.

So Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

As I’ve indicated several times I believe this is very high level information that generally is available in the police report, the idea is to get that information out quickly, we are not talking about some sort of detailed report, we’re not taking about witness investigations, we’re not taking about extended interviews or any of the like that would go into a formal report or as to who may or may not be culpable in a particular incident, we’re looking just for that topline who, what, where, when information that I think can be disseminated very quickly in these types of incidents.
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Representative Sredzinski.

REP. SREDZINSKI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And moving on to later on in the Bill and I don’t have any questions at this point, we go into dictate the way police officers do their police work. Lines 176 through 180 talk about a police officer not discharging his or her firearm into a moving vehicle. For clarification to the Members of this Chamber, while I am not a police officer, I’ve never been a police officer, I work very closely with police officers and we may see things in the movies where you have police officers putting out stop-sticks or creating barricades or having out of their driver’s side windows as they fire at another car, that is not what happens in common police practice. The number one police practice is safety, keeping yourself, your fellow officers and the community sage as well as the suspect. I talked to several police officers
from rank and file officers to sergeants to chiefs, no one can remember or recall having to hand out of their driver’s side window or passenger’s side window while driving and fire at a moving vehicle. Now, there are times when someone appears, a suspect appears to be driving into an officer or driving into a crowd and that person is using that vehicle as a deadly weapon, in those cases yes it is appropriate. We shouldn’t be dictating to the police departments what they can and cannot be doing to keep our community safe here. Line 181 starts a section about no office putting his or her body in front of a fleeing motor vehicle. Now let’s just think about that for a little while. Do we really think that a common practice or any police department’s policy to throw themselves in front of a fleeing motor vehicle? It doesn’t make much sense to me and I can tell you that the people I talk to also confirmed that is not a common practice. If there is a fleeing motor vehicle the office either pursues that vehicle, communicates with dispatch or
lets it go and they call off the pursuit. There are no officers that are throwing themselves in front of moving vehicle. Further communicating with other agencies, this is also something that is commonly practiced so in my opinion we do not need legislation to command the police departments to inform them of that. It is a common practice; I understand that in recent incidents it may not have occurred which is kind of where I want to wrap up. The overall concerns in this Bill may be a direct response to the recent incidents that we’ve seen covered in the local news. These both required were, they involved the use of deadly force. I believe that as a legislature we need to be patient. We shouldn’t be rushing this. Rushed legislation is rarely good legislation. We should be taking our time, doing careful consideration. The investigations are not yet complete in these two incidents. They may show several things, the policy was wrong, the personnel was wrong, both or neither. But in my opinion it is shortsighted to create
state-wide legislative policy telling police departments across this State how to police while we have not yet seen the results of those investigations. Mr. Speaker, I am opposed to this legislation. I urge my colleagues to reject it. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Thank you, sir. Representative Piscopo from the 76th District, you have the floor, sir.

REP. PISCOPO (76TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, appreciate it. Mr. Speaker I would be remiss as a Whip of this caucus to mention that we had a couple of very upset colleagues on this side of the aisle because on this Bill and I think as you recall, maybe, I don’t know, on the first day of this Session I got up and I kind of said, and I was speaking and somewhat as an individual where this strike-all process is somewhat frustrating where we will get a Strike-All Amendment, strike everything after the enacting clause and then an Amendment comes up and it has
little to do with the actual underlying Bill. It changes the whole language of the Bill. While this had received a hearing, and that is gonna have at least received a hearing, I understand it didn’t make it out of Committee. The Committee thought better of sending it out of that Committee putting it out on a favorable so the legislature did it’s due diligence and decided this Bill wasn’t ready. We had to study it more as the speaker just before me said. So, you know, I just felt I had to get up as the Whip of this Caucus and just say that, you know, on the first day and here we are on the last day. On the first day I raised those concerns and this is a perfect example of how a Strike-All Amendment, Mr. Speaker changes the text of the Bill and it upsets a lot of, some of the members on this side of the aisle. So I would urge that we oppose it just on that basis and thank you for your time, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on the
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please come to the Well of the House. Will the
Members please take your seats, the machine will be
open. [Ringing]
CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

Have all members voted? Have all members
voted? Will the members please check the board to
determine if the 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 Bill No. 380 as Amended by Senate “A”
and in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number Voting 146
Necessary for Passage 74
Those voting Yea 86
Those voting Nay 60
Absent not voting 5

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (72ND):

The Bill as amended is passed [Gavel].

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 120.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Haddad you have the floor, sir.

REP. HADDAD (54TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):
The Question before the Chamber is on the Joint Committee’s Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill. Representative Haddad.

REP. HADDAD (54TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This Bill concerns workforce training needs in the State of Connecticut. I have an Amendment, it is LCO No. 11013? I would ask the Clerk to call the Amendment and that I be permitted to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 11013 which will be designated as House Amendment Schedule “A”.

CLERK:

LCO No. 11013 designed House Amendment Schedule “A” and offered by Representative Aresimowicz.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize. Is there objection? Objection? Hearing none, seeing none, Representative Haddad.

REP. HADDAD (54TH):
Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, this strikes the underlying study and instead modifies legislation that we passed two years ago which establishes a work force training authority in the State of Connecticut. It does so by modifying the membership and clarifying the underlying intent of the workforce training fund by more carefully defining eligible recipients. It makes a couple of other small changes to the underlying statute and makes a modification to some labor statues regarding some labor law to comply with current practice.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you and you got the right thing this time, Madam Speaker instead of Madam President. That’s kinda nice though [Laughter]. Will you care to remark further? Representative Hall of the 59th, you have the floor.

REP. HALL (7TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the proponent of
the Bill.

Through you.

Does this item have a fiscal note?

Through you, madam.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Haddad.

REP. HADDAD (54TH):

Yes, through you, Madam Speaker.

The majority of the Bill implements a section of the budget that was passed earlier this week. The budget appropriated $500,000 dollars in each of the next two years for the purpose of administrating the program and providing awards.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Hall.

REP. HALL (7TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker. Can you tell us a little bit about the Bill and what it attempts to do?

Through you, Madam Speaker.
DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Haddad.

REP. HADDAD (54TH):

Yes, through you, Madam Speaker.

The underlying workforce training authority which we established two years ago is aimed at bolstering businesses ability to train their workforce in the State of Connecticut if that would encourage them to either grow or in fact relocate to the State of Connecticut so training needs that might be necessary for them to grow or to locate here can be met by awards that would, they would be eligible to apply for through the workforce training authority.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Hall, on the Amendment.

REP. HALL (7TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. So this is a great workforce Bill that helps our businesses throughout the State. So I support this Bill and Amendment and
I hope all my colleagues will. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Okay we haven’t technically adopted the Amendment yet so let me try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

All those opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you care to remark further on the Bill as Amended?

Representative Cheeseman.

REP. CHEESEMAN (37TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I just have a question on Section 5 of the Amendment that has become the Bill.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Haddad. Representative Cheeseman, go ahead.
REP. CHEESEMAN (37TH):

Oh, I’m sorry. I realized I’ve answered by own question. So my apologies. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Oh, okay. Thank you, madam. Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Will you care to remark further on the Bill as Amended? If not will Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members take your seats; the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Have all members voted? Please check the board to determine if your vote has been properly cast. If so, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

And will the Clerk will please announce the
tally.

CLERK:

House Bill No. 5001 as Amended by House “A”

Total Number Voting 145
Necessary for Passage 73
Those voting Yea 145
Those voting Nay 0
Absent not voting 6

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The Bill as Amended passes [Gavel]. We’re winding down here on our last night in Session so please the machines won’t be open as long as we usually keep it open, so don’t go too far like I do. Representative Ziogas.

REP. ZIOGAS (79TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Can you please have my affirmative vote in the ballot.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The transcript will so note, sir.

Representative Vail for what purpose do you rise, sir?
REP. VAIL (52ND):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I could be recognized for a Journal Notation to be in the affirmative in that last vote.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The transcript will so note. Are there any announcements or introductions? Representative Cummings.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I rise for the purpose of an introduction.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Please proceed.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Madam Speaker, joining me here tonight is the former Representative from the 36th House District Bobby Siegrist and his son Robert. They popped up here tonight to tell us what it is like on the outside of this Chamber on this Wednesday evening and I would encourage all of my fellow colleagues to give them the warm welcome round of applause. Thank
you [Applause].

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

It is good to see you here with your son tonight. Representative Vargas.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise for the purpose of an introduction. My wife of 46 years has made a tradition of being here the last few hours of Session with me and, you know, I told her that because it’s her Birthday today that at 12:00 midnight the Session is over the Speaker will have some refreshments and food over there. She knows better than that. Please give her a welcome [Applause].

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

It’s good to see you Sylvia and Happy Birthday to you. Representative Lanoue. You have the floor, sir.

REP. LANOUE (45TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to rise for a point of personal privilege and
acknowledgement, you know, somebody who I realized in January how important, how valuable it is to be a State Representative, the responsibility, the gravity of it, all the hard work that goes into it and there is somebody who, I followed in his footsteps, who had very, very big shoes to fill an absolutely guy prior to being a State Representative he was the First Selectman of my town for four years, was a model example of what public service is all about, somebody who was in law enforcement, the Department of Corrections for 21 years, always served the public and did so very faithfully as an elected First Selectman and State Representative.

I’m very honored to be with Kevin Skulczyk who is here visiting us in the Chamber and is a tremendous honor to be sitting next to him. He has been a great mentor, somebody who helped guide me very, very well for this process and I hope the Chamber will welcome him back here with open arms. Thank you, Madam Speaker [Applause].

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):
Great to see you here, again. Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I move for the immediate transmittal of business needing further action by the Senate to the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

If there is no objection, so ordered [Gavel]. Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move for the Suspension of the Rules for the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 727.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

If there is no objection, so ordered [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 727.

CLERK:

Calendar 727, Substitute Senate Bill No. 945 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INNOVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS OF HUMAN SERVICES. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Human
Services.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Abercrombie.

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The Question is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Abercrombie.

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker this is a really good Bill for our non-profits, it allows them to keep some of their money at the end of their contract when they have efficiencies. With that I have an Amendment, if the Clerk could call LCO 8233, I be grated leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):
Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 8233 which has already designated as Senate Amendment Schedule “A”.

CLERK:

LCO No. 8233, designated as Senate Amendment Schedule “A” and offered by Senator Moore and Representative Abercrombie.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize, without objection, Representative Abercrombie.

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This makes some technical changes. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Question before the Chamber is on adoption of Senate Amendment “A”. Will you remark further on Senate Amendment “A”? Representative Case on Senate Amendment “A”.

REP. CASE (63RD):

Good Evening, Madam Speaker.
DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Good Evening, sir.

REP. CASE (63RD):

Just a few questions to the good proponent. Can she please explain line? It’s a good Amendment, ought to pass, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the Amendment before us? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

All those opposed, nay. The aye’s have it [Gavel], the Amendment is adopted. Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And just a few
questions for the proponent, if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

    Please proceed.

REP. FISHBEGIN (90TH):

    Thank you. So it is my understanding that under this language we are allowing a non-profit to get appropriation in a year they don’t utilize all of those funds. They will be able to retain those funds due to whatever efficiencies they have to be used in the future. Is that correct?

    Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

    Representative Abercrombie.

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83RD):

    Through you, Madam Speaker.

    That is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

    Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEGIN (90TH):

    Thank you. So in a successive year are we going to make the non-profits reports to the
government when they are looking for a future appropriation so as to prevent stockpiling of funds or unnecessarily allotment of taxpayer dollars?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Abercrombie.

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83RD):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And if the good Representative can direct me to the portion of this Bill or perhaps there is another statute that requires that would direct the non-profits to do that?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Abercrombie.

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83RD):
Through you, Madam Speaker.

It is part of their reporting.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. So when the good Representative says it is part of the reporting does that mean that we ask the non-profits to disclose how much of that money was used and how much is left on an annual basis?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Abercrombie.

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83RD):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

That is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, I believe that to be prudent and thank you, Madam Speaker for allowing the questions.
DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further? Representative Case, you have the floor, sir.

REP. CASE (63RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker and I just want to reiterate this is a very good Bill for our non-profits out there. The good Chairwoman of Human Services, we worked on this for a few years, maybe longer than that. We allot non-profits a certain amount of money, they do efficiencies, and there is dollars left over. So now we allow them to use those dollars for certain things within their budget. They are reporting back to the State with what the dollars they had leftover. The dollars have already been appropriated through the budget; it’s just helping the nonprofits who are always getting the little bite of the apple in the State of Connecticut to keep some of the money that has already been allocated to them through the budget. Good Bill, ought to pass and I thank the good
Chairwoman. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, Senator. Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? If not will Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members take your seats; the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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SPEAKER

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

The Clerk will please announce the tally.

CLERK:
Senate Bill No. 945 as Amended by Senate “A” and in concurrence with the Senate.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Bill as amended passes in concurrence with the Senate [Gavel].

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Madam Speaker, it is wonderful to see you up there. Hope you’re having a good evening.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

You as well, sir.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

It is 7:00 o’clock or 7:20, just to remind members that the machine will begin to close faster and faster as we get through the night. So unless the Speaker or the Minority Leader haven’t voted,
you may want to be in here. Thank you very much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 424.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey you have the floor, madam.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The Question before the Chamber is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill. Representative McCarthy Vahey.
REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO 10979. I would ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 10979.

CLERK:

LCO No, 10979 designated House Amendment Schedule “A” and offered by Representative McCarthy Vahey and Senator Cassano.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber, without objection, Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker the Amendment before us give OPM some additional tools and ability to refer struggling municipalities to the Municipal Finance Advisory Commission. It changes the makeup of the advisory commission on intergovernmental relations and changes the dates of
reporting requirements. It allows town to perform functions jointly by entering into an interlocal agreement, requires board of ed contracts to be reviewed and acted upon by the MARB or any towns under the MARB after January 1, 2018 and allow towns to borrow funds for purchase of office space and I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, Madam. Question before the Chamber is on Adoption. Will you care to remark further on the Amendment? Representative Zawistowski, you have the floor, ma’am.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do support this Amendment and would prefer to actually speak on the Bill after amended? Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, madam. Anyone else care to remark on Amendment “A”, House “A”? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.
REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

All those opposed, nay.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Nay.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The aye’s have it [Gavel], the Amendment is adopted. Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Will you care to remark further? Representative Zawistowski, you have the floor, madam.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you again, Madam Speaker. This is a very different Bill than what we started with during the Committee process. I did not support in Committee, it has changed considerably. It started out as a pretty far reaching regionalization Bill. It has gone from 26 Sections down to six. I would like to thank OPM for listening to people that had concerns about portions of this Bill. I have absolutely no
doubts that a lot of these things will come up for discussion further next year but for the purposes of this Bill, it’s down to a pretty stripped technical Bill and I recommend support. Thank you, Madam Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, madam. Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? If not Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members take your seat, the machine will be open.

[Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH)

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CLERK:

House Bill No. 7192 as Amended by House “A”

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The Bill as amended passes [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 690?

CLERK:

On Page 49, Calendar 690, Senate Bill No. 469

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND MINIMUM STAFFING AND EQUIPMENT LEVELS FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Technology.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):
Representative Arconti. You have the floor, sir.

REP. ARCONTI (109TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The Question before the Chamber is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Arconti.

REP. ARCONTI (109TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker the Clerk is in possession of Amendment LCO 9084. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 9084 previously designated a Senate Amendment Schedule “A”.
CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No. 9084 offered by Senator Needleman.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize, is there objection? Is there objection to summarization? Seeing none, Representative Arconti.

REP. ARCONTI (109TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker this Amendment changes the Bill into a study. It requires the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to study industry specific standards for acceptable performance by an electric distribution company and minimum staffing and equipment levels for each electric distribution company that operates in the State and I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, Senator. Will you care to remark on Senate Amendment Schedule “A”? Senate Amendment Schedule “A”. Representative Ferraro, my good
friend that represents West Haven.

REP. FERRARO (117TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is always great to see you up there, especially this evening. I rise in support of the Amendment for the reasons that the good Chair has spoken. This study will help to determine whether or not staffing numbers are adequate to be able to handle some of the emergencies that our electric companies face.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

I urge all my colleagues to support the Amendment. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, Sir. Let me try your minds. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

All those opposed, nay. The aye’s have it [Gavel] the Amendment is adopted. Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Will you
care to remark further on the Bill as amended? If not Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members take your seats; the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 469 as Amended by Senate “A” in concurrence with the Senate.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The Bill as amended is passes in concurrence with the Senate [Gavel]. Representative Matthew Ritter, you have the floor, sir.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Thank you for the full name. Delis is the middle name if you want to do the full next time, madam.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Matthew Dallas Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

It’s not Dallas. It’s Delis. Dallas is a city in Texas. So just a reminder and having talked to the Minority Leader, do to what restraints on what we are able to do in terms of Consent Calendar, there may not be one tonight. So every time you leave and don’t vote, it is more things we can’t get to. So really try to sit tight please and be ready to vote as soon as possible. Thank you, Madam
DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, sir. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 641.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Conley, you have the floor, madam.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee’s Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The Question before the Chamber is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.
Representative Conley.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This Bill modernizes and updates our cooperative association laws to help our co-ops function. Two of our great Co-op in Eastern Connecticut are Willimantic Food Co-op and Fiddleheads Natural Food Coop that has worked with may of us with the probusiness Bill. I move passage.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you. Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mr. Speaker I rise for the proposal before us. Certainly I think this makes, as the good Member had indicated, that it is business friendly and it makes it more achievable so I do rise in support and I want to say, Madam Speaker it is a pleasure to see you up there.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, madam. Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):
Through you, Mr. Speaker - Madam Speaker.

Sorry. Madam Speaker this Bill actually makes some fairly small changes but apparently the changes are significant for the people involved and it appears those small changes will greatly benefit the few co-ops let in Connecticut and hopefully will help expand and get others to develop them. So I support this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the Bill before us? Will you care to remark further? Representative Johnson.

REP. JOHNSON (49TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And it is great to see you up there and I just want to say it’s a good Bill and it ought to pass. Thanks, so much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, madam. Thank you twice. Will you care to remark further on the Bill before us? Will you care to remark further? If not Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members take
your seats, the machine will be open. [Ringing]

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

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And will the Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 138 in concurrence with the Senate

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The Bill passes [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please
call Calendar, okay. Calendar No. 569.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Luxenberg.

REP. LUXENBERG (12TH):

Good Evening, Madam Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Question is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Luxenberg.

REP. LUXENBERG (12TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This Bill will
enable that the Connecticut Sentencing Commission study outcomes in criminal prosecutions both at the pretrial and sentencing stages to ascertain whether ethnic, racial, gender or socioeconomic disparities exist in the criminal justice system in the State. We had good bipartisan cooperation in crafting this Bill and moving it through the process. It went on Consent in the Senate and I move adoption. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, Representative Will you care to remark further? Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I rise in support of the proposal before us. Again this is a study that we are asking the Sentencing Commission, which is a very diverse commission, to actually look at this. I just want to make sure that loud and clear, the Sentencing Commission as you are looking at the information, that the information that is being requested certainly is
information that is required in order to study but
we would like a big picture of everything. So
again, just to make it clear, this is information
we’re requesting but not limited to the information
and I know they will do their due diligence and
research and provide us with all of the data
necessary in order to properly analyze this. So
thank you, Madam Speaker and I rise in support.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, madam. Will you care to remark
further on the Bill before us? If not, Staff and
guests come to the Well of the House. Members take
your seats; the machine will be open. [Ringing]

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CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 1008 in concurrence with the Senate.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The Bill passes in concurrence with the Senate [Gavel]. Are there any announcements or introductions? Announcements or introductions.

Representative McGee. Representative Gibson.

Sorry, Bobby.

REP. GIBSON (15TH):

That’s okay, Madam Chair. Representative McGee is a great Representative. Madam Chair - Madam
Speaker, I rise for point of privilege.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

An introduction?

REP. GIBSON (15TH):

If you say so.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Okay, you may proceed, Representative.

REP. GIBSON (15TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker my colleagues and I we rise to ask the Chamber if they will give us their attention. We have a tremendous media person who has served us greatly since she has been here. She has gone above and beyond to take care of us, to make sure that we look good and she actually is moving on. She is moving on to work for the father of one of our colleagues, Senator Blumenthal. So I will ask everyone in the Chamber if you will please join us as she moves up in her career, Ms. Samantha Taylor who is going to work for Senator Blumenthal. [Applause] Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):
Good luck to you in your future endeavors. Are there any other announcements? Representative Rosairo.

REP. ROSARIO (128TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is good to see you up there.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, sir. It’s good to see you.

REP. ROSARIO (128TH):

I rise for the purpose of an announcement.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Please proceed, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. ROSARIO (128TH):

Thank you, Madam. The Bridgeport delegation is holding their Annual End of Session Party in Room 105, everyone is more than welcome to come join us for food, fun and enjoying the great Session. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):
Thank you, sir. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 696.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Bobby Sanchez, you have the floor, sir.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):
The Question is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This Bill builds upon the Education Committee and the General Assembly’s work during the 2015 Session which resulted in the requirement that all public schools in Connecticut include computer programming instruction in the curriculum. This bill worked to make it easier for schools to meet the requirement to offer computer science. The majority of the Bill addresses the critical shortage of K-12 computer science teachers. Other sessions address, sections address the workforce development issues in computer science in ways to help other shortfall areas.

Madam Speaker the Clerk has Amendment LCO 10260. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be granted leave to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):
Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 10260 designated Senate Amendment Schedule “A”.

CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No 10260 offered by Senator McCrory, Senator Berthel, etal.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize. Objection? Objection? Hearing none, Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Madam Speaker, computer science is a list of subjects and must be taught in the public schools, makes computer programming a required component of the computer science instruction rather than a stand-alone topic. Requires the office of Higher Ed in collaboration with, consultation with the State Department of Education to develop an alternative route to certification from the computer science and teachers. Madam Speaker, I adopt. I urge adoption, sorry.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):
Question before the Chamber is on adoption of Senate “A”. Will you remark on Senate “A”? Senate “A”? Do you want to talk on Senate “A”? Representative McCarty.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Yes, I rise in support of the Amendment and I’d just like to make a comment and ask for one moment of clarification if I may?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Certainly.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Thank you. You mentioned earlier that we would be adding computer science to the program of study in our schools and just for clarification so that the Chamber understands that this is not a mandate on our school districts, we are simply adding computer science to what is being taught, computer programming is currently being taught or was back as you mentioned in 2015, put in the
curriculum so I just wanted to make that clear
because there were a number of questions earlier.
Would this be putting a mandate on our school
districts, so if the good Chair could please answer
that for me?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

That is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative McCarty.

REP. MCCARTY (38TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker and then if I just may
ask, it seems that in the, and the good Chair
mentioned that the Bill, the Amendment deals with
teacher preparation and I know there was an addition
to be sure that when our teachers are being
prepared, that their training is age appropriate and
grade level appropriate that’s a new addition. Is
that true?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

That is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative McCarty.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Thank you and then another concern that I heard that the Amendment speaks about an alternative route to certification. But just for clarification that is also offered to many of our subject areas and I just wanted that on the record for clarification. Is that true.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.
That is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative McCarty.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Thank you, yes and I would just like to point out that the State Department of Education has been working on an endorsement certification and endorsement for our computer science teachers and so the Assembly realizes that 35 states are already offering computer science endorsements so I think it is a good provision and I just would like the good Chair to confirm if that is indeed the case. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

That is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative McCarty.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):
Thank you and then I believe the Amendment also talks about internship programs and working with businesses and if the good Chair could please clarify that section.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Madam Speaker, through you.

Yes, it allows the Department of Economic and Community Development with available appropriations to develop a model internship program for businesses in the State by July 1, 2020.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative McCarty.

REP. MC CARY (38TH):

Thank you. Thank you very much and just in summary, I think this is an important Bill for us moving forward. We know as the good Chair mentioned we are trying to be proactive and looking to meet our workforce needs. We know that computer science
is a good paying jobs and salary and we want to prepare our students so that they will be prepared going forward into the future so I highly recommend this Bill and I am pleased to support the Amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, madam. Will you care to remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Smith on the Amendment.

REP. SMITH (108TH):

Madam Speaker, nice to see you up there again.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Always good to see you.

REP. SMITH (108TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do have a question in light of what was just discussed between the Ranking Member and the Chairman, if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

On the Amendment?

REP. SMITH (108TH):

On the Amendment actually.
REP. SMITH (108TH):

Excellent. So I heard the exchange that this was not a mandate and I’m lookin at lines six and seven which read “in the public schools the program of instruction offered shall include at least the following:” And that word shall is in there and if you jump down to line 27 it talks about computer science so I am wondering why in light of that language how this is not a mandate?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Madam Speaker can you have him repeat the question please?

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Hold on. [Gavel] [Gavel] Okay.

Representative Smith do you mind repeating the question?
REP. SMITH (108TH):

Of course not. We have until midnight, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

That we do [Laughter].

REP. SMITH (108TH):

In lines six and seven it talks about the public schools “shall include at least the following subject matter” and if you jump over to lines 27 it talks about computer science, so as I read that to me it sounds like a mandate, that “they shall teach” computer science and the exchange between the Ranking Member and the Chairman indicated it was not a mandate. I don’t know but based on that language how it is not a mandate and I’m hoping the Chairman can explain it to me.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.
So this is an existing mandate. The changes being made to the statute because computer science is broader than just programming and to make it clear that districts may offer broader computer science instruction to prepare our students for careers in growing technology, in the growing technology sector.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Smith.

REP. SMITH (108TH):

I do apologize, my good colleague from New Canaan got in my ear and I did not hear the gentleman [Laughter].

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Sanchez, would you mind repeating the answer?

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

No problem, Madam Speaker. So the changes being made to the statute because computer science is broader than just programming and to make it clear
that districts may offer broader computer science instruction to prepare our students for careers in the growing technology sector as an existing mandate, Madam Speaker.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Smith.

REP. SMITH (108TH):

So I do understand so it is an existing mandate that we are expanding. Is that accurate?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

Can the kind gentleman repeat the question, I didn’t get that?

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Smith, Representative Sanchez wants to know if you will repeat please?

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):
You know Madam Speaker, actually somebody got in my ear again and told me the answer, so I’m good.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Okay, that sounds great. Will you care to remark further on Senate “A”? Representative McCarty did you want to speak for the second time on Senate “A”?

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

You’re welcome.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

I just did, if I may mention that I asked the same question to the Department of Education because I know and I am a firm believer of not placing more mandates on our school districts so I was told that by offering the schools that if they are offering computer programming already they would fall under this new term of computer science but as we are moving forward we are trying to encourage our schools and our teacher preparation programs to
expand and be more inclusive but currently if you
support this Bill you are not putting a mandate on
your school board. It is also being endorsed by the
Connecticut Association of Boards of Education and
also by our business community, so it’s just to
clarify that we don’t see this as a mandate even
though the language in line 27 says that we should
include computer science. But if the schools are
using computer programs they would not be in
violation, it’s an encouragement to encourage our
schools to move in that direction. Thank you, Madam
Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, madam. Will you care to remark
further on Senate “A”? Senate “A”? Will you care
to remark further on Senate “A”? If not, let me try
your minds. All those in favor of Senate Amendment
Schedule “A”, please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):
All those opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? If not Staff and guests, Staff and guests come to the Well of the House. Members take your seats, the machine will be open. [Ringing]

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Will the Clerk please announce the tally?

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 957 as Amended by Senate “A” in
DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The Bill passes as amended in concurrence with the Senate [Gavel]. Representative Candelora. Good evening, sir.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Good Evening, Madam Speaker. For the purposes of an announcement.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Madam Speaker I just wanted to point out on the previous vote when Representative Ritter had spoken about being in the Chamber, soon after that I received a text from my 14-year-old daughter and she noticed, she said, “I love how Representative Ritter
went off about everyone being there for the vote” and he was one of the last people to vote [Applause]. So I’m thinking we may be seeing a 14-year-old press person being hired in the House Republican Office next year.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

There ya go. Representative Ritter do you care to respond? You’re all set, we’re all set. Thank you. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 504?

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Serra you have the floor, sir.

REP. SERRA (33RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the
DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The Question is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Serra.

REP. SERRA (33RD):

Madam Speaker, the Clerk has an Amendment LCO 7372. I ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be granted leave of this Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 7372 which has been designated Senate Amendment Schedule “A”.

CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No. 7372 offered by Senator Maroney, Representative Serra, et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Serra.

REP. SERRA (33RD):
Thank you, Madam. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Oh, excuse me a second. I’m supposed to say something else, I can’t remember. The Question before the Chamber is on Adoption of Senate Amendment “A”. Representative Serra, your turn.

REP. SERRA (33RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, this is a Strike-All. This Bill modifies continued education requirements for physicians and advanced practice registered nurses APRN and current law requires these professional to be completed at least two contact hours of training or education during the first lesson renewal period in which continued evaluation is required at least once every six years thereafter on mental health conditions. Starting on January 1, 2020 the Bill retains a continued education requirement for APRN but allows for physicians to instead complete at least two hours of counseling of education following diagnosis and treating cognitive conditions including Alzheimer’s
dementia, delirium and related cognitive impairments and geriatric depression. Also, diagnosis and treatment of any mentally ill conditions including only those common to Veterans and their family members. Madam Speaker, I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Question before the Chamber is on adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule “A”. Will you remark on Senate “A”? Representative Bolinsky, you have the floor, sir.

REP. BOLINSKY (106TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Has anybody told you today how wonderful you look at the podium?

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Awe, no. Thank you.

REP. BOLINSKY (106TH):

My pleasure. I stand in very strong support of this Amendment and without repeating that which the distinguished Chair of the Aging Committee has said, I think everybody in this Chamber recognizes the aging of Connecticut’s population and the importance
of diagnosing and treating our medical professionals in the cognitive conditions and recognizing and treating Alzheimer’s dementia, other age related impairments as well as specific training that’s dedicated to ailments that are common to our Veterans. So I believe this is a very good Amendment and as added to the Bill it ought to pass. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on Senate Amendment Schedule “A”.

Representative Polletta, you have the floor on Senate “A”.

REP. POLLETTA (68TH):

And good evening Madam Speaker. Good to see you up there as well. I rise in strong support of this Amendment as someone who dealt with this horrific disease both with my grandfather who passed and my grandfather who is still living who is currently going through it. The practices of understanding how to deal with someone who has
Alzheimer’s and dementia is almost like a work of art and it starts with first of all coming to term with this horrific disease and then realizing that the individual comprehends things in a much different way than someone of course who is just normally aging. So it takes quite a bit of time and talent and effort to understand how to properly care for these individuals. It is a disease that is affecting more and more people as the baby boomers get into their 70s and 80s. We are seeing a rise in dementia and Alzheimer’s patients and diagnoses and again as someone who went through this with my grandfather, I saw my grandmother take care of him for eight years at home, finally having to concede to a convalescent home for the last two years. It truly is needed because I saw the care that he received in the facility, the trained professionals, those that understood how to talk to him, how to help him bathe, how to help him get through his daily life chores and activities. So I hope that my colleagues join me in supporting this Amendment
which will become the underlying Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the Amendment before us? Will you care to remark further on Senate “A”? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

All those opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? If not Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members take your 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 ORANGE (48TH): Have all members voted? Have all members voted? Please check the board to determine if your vote has been properly cast. If so, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally please.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 827 as Amended by Senate “A” in concurrence with the Senate.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The Bill passes in concurrence with the Senate [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 484.

CLERK:

On Page 60, Calendar 484 House Bill No. 6714 AN
ACT CONCERNING THE COST OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Elliott.

REP. ELLIOTT (88TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

The Question is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill. Representative Elliott, you have the floor, sir.

REP. ELLIOTT (88TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to kick-off to my colleague Representative Rosairo before I make my remarks. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Rosairo.
REP. ROSARIO (128TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in strong support of this piece of legislation namely for the fact that it’s no secret I do have a loved one that is currently in a Connecticut Correctional Facility andironically enough earlier today I just got a message a 30 minute, a 30 second message saying that I had a fee 30 second phone call to talk to my brother. Being in the throws of Session, working on legislation I have not had the opportunity to go to Securus Tech and add money to the account to speak to that loved one. So I think that we need to work on getting a situation where people shouldn’t be penalized.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

[Gavel] [Gavel] We’re having a little difficulty listening to the Representative. If we could just keep it just a little quieter.

REP. ROSARIO (128TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):
Thank you.

REP. ROSARIO (128TH):

People shouldn’t be penalized twice if someone made a mistake in life in order to connect with a loved one. It is ironic that earlier, just now we passed the piece of legislation regarding Alzheimer’s. A few years ago our mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s and I’m blessed and privileged with the ability to afford the ability to talk to my brother but could you imagine to tell a loved one who is incarcerated you have 30 seconds to tell them was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s. That their mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, that their child had an injury. I think that is unfair. But I have a feeling that working together everybody in this Chamber, I know we’re all compassionate and we’re all understanding and we could come to a resolution. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Phipps, you have the floor, sir.
REP. PHIPPS (100TH):

    Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to talk about the Bill. One thing I think we can all agree on is the importance of family, of community of just being able to connect with one another on a human level and to know that for 32 cents a minute is enough to keep people away from talking to their mom, to their dad, to their child it heartbreaking. It is truly, truly heartbreaking. And I recognize that we have many priorities to invest in in this State but I also recognize that the ability for those that are incarcerated to be able to have those deep community connections whether once again it is to their son, their daughter, to their mom, to their dad, to their grandmother, to their lawyer. To be frank even to us if they had a problem that they wanted to reach out to. It would cost them 32 cents a minute to be able to have that community connection and I think that is wrong, it’s unfair. If we were to pass this Bill and this is why it’s such a good Bill, is that this would be the most cost efficient and effective
program to providing safety for those that are incarcerated, it is the most cost efficient and effective way for reducing recidivism, it is the most cost effective and efficient way of reducing trauma in many of the children and families lives that have these loved ones that are away for a while. This is once again the most effective and efficient way of doing so. So I look forward to working with members of the BPRC with members of my own Caucus and to my members on the right and I appreciate Representative Candelora for giving me the opportunity to speak with you in your Caucus about how important this is, I’ll never forget that. If there is anything that I could ever do, please give me a call, I’m willing to work hard with you on this one and any other issue. I think once again we have a shared commitment to humanity, a shared commitment to justice and I look forward to working with you over the next few years.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Fishbein.
REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I’m sympathetic to this issue and I did share this in Committee. I have a relative who has been incarcerated for nine years and he’s got 11 years to go. So I can certainly identify with what’s going on here. I think there is a lot of confusion that surrounds this Bill, you know, some people think that they want the calls just to be free. It’s my understanding that the objectional part is the kickback to the State because my understanding is that for every dollar that is spent on this, 35 cents goes to the vendor and 65 comes back to the State. It’s that 65 cents that’s objectionable and I got to say, I agree at a certain level. I did propose in Committee that, and I know my family, Christmas, holidays are very special when we are able to speak with that individual, family time. And I did suggest that perhaps as a beginning that we make holidays, we get rid of this fee for holidays and we work towards something different.
So, you know, I’ve got to know what’s actually going on here. We read the language it says to the extent that the Commissioner pays for that there will be a free call so are we just talking about that additional portion or the original fee to the vendor? I really think that has to be ferreted out because I’ve spoken with some of the advocates and they tell me they are not talking about the whole think they are talking about just that kickback to the State. So I don’t know where this is going, I’m certainly in the middle, but very, very sympathetic to what is going on here, so I thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you. Representative Elliott.

REP. ELLIOTT (88TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I first want to thank the BPRC for all the work you put into this Bill over the past few months, really appreciate it. And I want to apologize to the members of the Judiciary Committee who feel that they are somewhat
bamboozled by this Bill in that they were told that the purpose of this Bill was simply to get Securus through negotiation. At no point in time was that my intent, my intent for this Bill was to get to free. I want to give a little backdrop on what Securus is doing. Securus makes $7.7 million dollars from ravaging the communities of inner cities. They have been doing this for about two decades and they do it in the form of kickbacks to the State. The State when they negotiate with Securus has no incentive to get the best deal. This is off the books. What ends up happening is our DOC and Judicial Branch are now relying on the $7.7 million dollars. Now it was a fault of mine in terms of naming this Bill free telephone calls for people who are incarcerated because quite frankly this would be free telephone calls for the families of people who want to stay in touch with their family members who are incarcerated. We know from decades work of academic research that the best way that people can not only stay out of prison but also
successfully reintegrate is by maintaining contact with people on the outside. If you think of these calls as program like the True Program that we are running in Cheshire or the Worth Program that we’re running up in Enfield, sorry not Enfield but in one of our other prison systems for women, what you find is that due to academic research we know that between 18 to 25 years old you have the best chance of being successful in our communities and that is through treating people like people and not like animals. And just because someone may have made a mistake does not mean that they are permanently unable to be part of society. And taking that approach the amount of money that would go into this program to allow people to maintain contact with their loved ones is actually quite de minimis and if we all agree that taking kickbacks is the major problem with this legislation then 80 percent of our disagreement is already settled, it is just the last couple of million. New York City who just passed this about a year ago and this was implemented about
one-and-a-half months ago and what we found is about a 40 percent increase in telephone calls. We know that with 10,000 people that are incarcerated they have a deal with Securus that is worth about $2.5 million dollars. New York City chose to eat the cost that they were taking in terms of the $5 million dollars in kickbacks and they have already been seeing really good results in terms of they don’t need more prison guards, they don’t need more telephone centers. Securus hired a lobbyist for $40,000 dollars a few months ago and was using the DOC and the Governor’s Office to spread misinformation within our both this side of the aisle, and this side of the aisle basically saying that they would tear up the contract, they would pull out of the prison system, people would worse off, that we would be seeing exceptional costs go through the roof. They have now since rescinded that is because they have seen a wave across the U.S. of people recognizing that what we are doing to people who are incarcerated is unconscionable that
people have, are completely separated from their families and isolated and they have nothing to come back to on the outside and this costs us more in the long term. Our carceral state is about $1.2 billion dollars. So if you imagine this $7.7 million dollars that we already agree that we should not be taking and we bring that $5.2 million dollars that Securus is taking in profit and bring that down in line to what they are taking in New York City, so close to $3 million dollars, yes there is a cost but in terms of what we get both morally, ethically and fiscally we reap these rewards over time. Madam Speaker I move for adoption and I thank you all for listening to this.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Madam Speaker, thank you very much. And I truly appreciate the comments tonight and particularly listening to Representative Fishbein and the other side of the aisle. This is an
unconscionable scam and I give a lot of credit to the activists and to the Representatives who brought it to our attention. I don’t think for many of us we really understood what was going on and our jobs in State government when we discover things is to remedy those. My understanding is that the contract, because of the advocacy work, is already being renegotiated and changed and the Bill that we propose here would not take effect until 2021. With that spirit and because it is a change that we will not have time to do tonight, there is a commitment and agreement amongst Republicans and Democrats that in 2020 we will address this issue one way or another. And so I appreciate the comments here tonight and one of the unfortunate parts of my job is, even when I am a strong advocate and supporter of a Bill, I have to be honest with the Chamber this Bill would not have a change to be voted on tonight. So with that I move that we pass this item temporarily. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

If there is no objection so ordered. Let me just call on our good Ranking Member. The Chamber will stand-at-ease. Representative Ritter. Oh, okay. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 484 please?

CLERK:

On Page 60, House Calendar 484 House Bill #6714 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COST OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I apologize, we did not see, I did not see before with PT’d the Bill the Ranking Member of Judiciary Committee who I had the good pleasure of working with for two years on that Committee and I know how much hard work she puts in, so the Bill has been recalled to give her an opportunity to comment. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Rebimbas, I so apologize.
REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I do not, in any way, shape or form blame you for what took place just now. Madam Speaker, I asked to speak or pushed my button in the usual course of business as this is a Judiciary Bill and typically the Chairman is certainly within his purview whether or not to speak and then the Ranking Member typically is the second person if we are quick enough to hit our button and I believe in this case I was quick enough to hit the button. I understand that there is many other individuals that wanted to speak and I hope that they have the opportunity to speak. With that said as a Judiciary Bill and I take my position, duty and responsibility very important on that Committee I felt like I wanted to give my two cents regarding the Bill itself. And what I wanted to start off by saying is there is not one Bill that comes through the Judiciary Committee that I don’t say let’s sit down, let’s work on it. So if there are people on both sides of the aisles that
requested this Bill, if there are peoples on both side of this aisle that are sympathetic to this Bill, if you truly want to make a difference, if you haven’t learned by now, please listen up. Let’s sit down, let’s talk, let’s have a conversation but to say that A B and C Company is ravishing our population. There are programs that are dependent on this. If it is the purview and intent of this body to change that then let’s change it. But so many times I see missed opportunities in this Chamber. We say it, we don’t do it. Let’s work together for God’s sake. Let’s make it happen. To call a Bill at this hour on the last eve of the night, with the intent of not to vote on it, quite frankly I think it is disrespectful to the purpose and the intent of the Bill. That is what’s frustrating to me. Anyone know on the other side of things who about the family of the victim. They may have had 30 seconds to rush to the hospital to say good-bye before they died as a result of an action of an individual who is in prison. How about of the
family of the victim that didn’t have the opportunity to say good-bye? And I’m not saying that for any purpose to diminish the Bill but conversations that have to be had because at the same time, there are now programs that are dependent to make those individuals who are in prison, whether for mistake or premeditated actions, to reform themselves to come out. So we can’t just simply say, let’s give free phone calls and forget that there are literally over $7 million dollars’ worth of program, positive programs here that the DOC continuously says we don’t even have enough money and these people are being released without the benefit of the bare-basics to live in society that we want them to prosper in before, unfortunately, for sometimes mistakes, their liberty, was disaffected, they grew up in prison. There are ways of paying for this. Let’s give them the job skills, job opportunities while in prison. Let them earn the dollar or two, whatever the case is, maybe actually paying and compensating a little bit for
You know what, I believe in hands-up not at hand-out. The way this was written was not well written. The intent is phenomenal. Let’s work on both sides of the aisle and make it happen, but none of this, this justice to the purpose of this proposal.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Madam Speaker, I move we pass this item temporarily. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE (48TH):

Without objection, so ordered [Gavel].

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Mr. Clerk 578 please.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):
Representative Borer.

REP. BORER (115TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I call for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Question is on passage. Representative Borer.

REP. BORER (115TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, currently the Armed Forces, the Reserved Forces such as the National Guard are protected in their employment if they are called for emergency services or for training but the Civil Air Patrol members are not afforded those same opportunities and protections. What this does it simply affords the same employment protections to the Civil Air Patrol.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Just a moment, ma’am. [Gavel] I’m having a little trouble hearing Representative Borer if we could take our conversations outside, I’d appreciate
it and so would she. Thank you. Representative Borer.

REP. BORER (115TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you like me to repeat myself?

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

As you wish.

REP. BORER (115TH):

Okay. Currently the Reserved Forces such as the National Guard, members of the National Guard are protected in their employment if they are called to duty or for training. Members of the Air Patrol are not afforded those same opportunities and what this does it simply does it extends the employment protection to the protections to the Civil Air Patrol members. I move adoption of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, madam. Representative Vail.

REP. VAIL (52ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The good Chairwoman of the Veterans’ Affairs Committee explained that
perfectly and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you. Representative Perone.

REP. PERONE (137TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. What the Civil Air Patrol does and the service they provide for our community and for our State is phenomenal and I think that when you have an opportunity to correct something like this where the current setup is basically be seen as a deterrent to reduce the level of volunteerism among the members of the Civil Air Patrol. I think this is an approach and a Bill that is a longtime in coming and I thank the good Representative for bringing it before us.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Are you ready for the question? So Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will the Members please take your 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 GODFREY (110TH):

Have all members voted? Have all members voted? Representative Currey, Representative Gresko, Representative Perone, Representative Rojas. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

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CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 863 in concurrence with the Senate.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Bill is passed in concurrence [Gavel].
Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I move for the immediate transmittal of action to the Senate for action by the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk, 462 please.

CLERK:

On Page 28, House Calendar 462, Substitute Bill No. 796 AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINERS. Committee on Public Health.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Good Evening, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage. Mr. Steinberg, oh, Representative Steinberg.
REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Hopefully a nice quick one. This is with regard to a wonderful program, the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Program which takes place in hospitals and people are trained to provide services and help for people who are victims of sexual assault. Mr. Speaker, the Clerk is in the possession of an Amendment, LCO 7057. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Clerk is in possession of LCO 7057 designated as Senate Amendment Schedule “A”. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No. 7057 offered by Senator Doherty-Abrams, Representative Steinberg.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The gentleman has asked leave of to summarize. Without objection, Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Steinberg, just a moment [Gavel] [Gavel]. Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill reinstates the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner or SAFE advisory committee that was terminated in 2013. It did great work and we are reinstating it. It also expands the type of healthcare providers that may become sexual assault forensic examiners. It prohibits anyone from using the title Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner without having successfully completed certification requirements and specifies. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on adoption? Will you remark further on Senate Amendment Schedule “A”? If not let me try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:
Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Remark on the Bill as Amended? Representative Petit.

REP. PETIT (22ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think this is a very straightforward Bill. I think what we hope to come out of it is to create an increased number of sexual assault forensic examiners because they are not available throughout the State so we do not afford the appropriate care and protection for people that have been sexually assaulted in different parts of the State depending on whether there is an examiner available and this will, over the long-haul help increase the number of examiners and improve the program. I urge my colleagues to support this.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Are you ready for the question? If so, Members please take your seats,
the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Have all members voted? Have all members voted? If so, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

And the Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 796 as Amended by Senate “A” in concurrence with the Senate.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill is passed in concurrence [Gavel]. No.
592 Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage. Representative.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Bill makes a number of technical conforming changes related to the budget. I move passage.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage. Will you remark further? Representative Davis.
REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that there is an Amendment that will be called on the Bill so I will reserve my comments for that. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Davis, I believe there is an Amendment too. Representative Rojas do you believe there is an Amendment?

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

As usual Representative Davis is correct [Laughter]. The Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO 11044. I ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Clerk does have 11044 which will be House Amendment Schedule “A”. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No. 11044 offered by Representative Rojas.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):
Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Same as what I said before, makes technical conforming changes related to the budget. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question on adoption. Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I actually stand in opposition of the Amendment though it does make some conforming changes and makes correction so things that we passed in the Bill but also does a number of other things that I don’t necessarily agree with including creating additional fees that will be placed at the municipal level and fees by the comptroller for the nonstate public employees participating in the State employee plan as passed in the budget that wasn’t originally included in that. For those reasons, I oppose this Amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Lavielle.
REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Good evening, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. I just have a question about Section 16, lines 377 to 383 which concern I suppose a transfer of an appropriation to another line item. May I proceed?

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

You certainly may. To whom are you directing the question.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

I am so sorry, Mr. Speaker but I can’t hear you. So if I can’t hear you I won’t be able to hear.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

You can’t hear me? [Laughter] [Gavel] [Gavel] I know we’re all excited, take your excitement outside to the lobby. Representative Lavielle to whom are you directing your question?

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you very much. I am looking at Section 16, lines 377 though 383. It explains that the sum of $100,000 dollars each year of the amount
appropriated in the budget to the Judicial Department for youth service prevention and that money would be used instead of for youth services prevention for a grant to the Beardsley Zoo for its nature classroom program. So I wanted to ask what is happening to the gap left in the youth services prevention program and whether there is any connection between the two.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Walker is volunteering.

REP. WALKER (93RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the gentlelady from Milton for the question. It is not a gap, we just did not list this in the budget when we did the budget so the money was there, it’s just we forgot to put Beardsley Zoo on the list of items that were under the youth services programs.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Lavielle.
REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess my problem is that it, I understand the human error but it looks like there is less money going to youth services prevention than was in the original budget so that was really, I just wanted to point that out. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you. Representative Piscopo, you’re on. No? Will you remark further on House “A”. Will you remark further on House “A”. If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it. The Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark on the Bill as Amended? If not Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members take your seats, the machine will be open. [Ringing]
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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Have all members voted? Have all members voted? If so, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Now the Clerk will announce the tally.

The House Bill No. 7415 as Amended by House “A”

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as amended is passed [Gavel]. Mr. Clerk, 593.

CLERK:

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage. Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO 9918. I would ask that he call the Amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Clerk is indeed in possession of 9918 which is designated as House Amendment Schedule “A”. Mr.
Clerk.

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No. 9918 offered by Representative Rojas and Representative Davis, et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The amendment simply changes the effective date to October 1, 2019. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on adoption. Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I agree with this Amendment; it allows more time for DRS to be able to implement the underling change. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

For the Question let me try your minds. All those in favor House Amendment Schedule A”A please
signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it. The Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Representative Davis? No. If not, will the Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members take your 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 GODFREY (110TH):

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

And the Clerk will announce the tally.
House Bill No. 6655 as Amended by House “A”

Total Number Voting 149
Necessary for Passage 75
Those voting Yea 148
Those voting Nay 1
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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as amended passed [Gavel].

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker, all items waiting for action in
the Senate to be transmitted to the Senate for
action.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection so ordered. Mr. Clerk, 381.

CLERK:

On Page 21, House Calendar 381, House Bill No.
7363 AN ACT CONCERNING BUILDINGS. Favorable Report
of the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and
development.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):
Representative Scanlon.

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Mr. President, just a moment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

[Gavel] [Gavel] Representative Scanlon.

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage. Representative Scanlon.

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Clerk is in possession of an Amendment 11043. I would ask that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Clerk is indeed in possession of LCO No. 11043 which will be designated as House Amendment Schedule “A”. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:
Representative Scanlon, what’s your pleasure?

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Several years ago we passed a Bill that prohibited claw backs in pharmacies of patients. This would prohibit claw backs of the pharmacies. This is something that is very important to the independent pharmacies of our State and it prohibits them from being charged something called DIR fees. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question on adoption. Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the Amendment and I will speak on the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you. Remark further on House “A”. If
not, let me try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s [Gavel] have it, the Amendment is adopted. Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good Bill, ought to pass.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you. Will you remark further? If not Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members take your 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 GODFREY (110TH): Have all members
voted? Have all members voted? If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally. Just a moment, Mr. Clerk.

Representative Genga for what purpose do you rise.

REP. GENGA (10TH):

Mr. Speaker I wish to be recorded in the affirmative.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Genga’s in the affirmative.

Thank you, sir. Representative Michele for what purpose do you rise? Microphone. Representative Michele. In the affirmative?

REP. MICHEL (146TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Mr. Clerk announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill No. 7363 as Amended by House “A”

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as amended passed [Gavel].

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

All items awaiting immediate action in the
Senate action be transmitted immediately pursuant to
House Rules.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk 209.

CLERK: On Page 11, Calendar 209, House Bill 7269
AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS'
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL AND OTHER CHANGES TO
THE INSURANCE AND RELATED STATUTES. Favorable
Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance
and Real Estate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Scanlon.

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Good Evening, Mr. Speaker. I move for
Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage. Representative Scanlon.

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Mr. Speaker the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO 10992. I ask that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Clerk is in possession of 10992 which will be designated House Amendment Schedule “A”, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No. 10992 offered by Representative Currey.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Scanlon what’s your pleasure?

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an LTO tech Bill and I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):
Question is on adoption. Representative Pavalock-D’Amato.

REP. PAVALOCK-D’AMATO (77TH):

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Just a moment, ma’am. Could I have this aisle please so I can see the good Representative and if we could take our conversations somewhere beside the aisle.

REP. PAVALOCK-D’AMATO (77TH):

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma’am.

REP. PAVALOCK-D’AMATO (77TH):

Just a quick question on the Amendment. If he could go to line 893.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Madam, the Amendment only has 19 lines.

REP. PAVALOCK-D’AMATO (77TH):

Oh, okay [Laughs]. Well then, I’ll save it for the underlying Bill.
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

   Very good ma’am. Any other, anyone else on House “A”. If not let me try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

   Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

   Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the [Gavel] Amendment is adopted. Now, Representative Pavalock-D’Amato.

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

   Now? Thank you. Otherwise this Bill is fine, technical changes and I urge my colleagues to support it. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

   Thank you so much. Are you ready for the Question? If so, Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will the House Members please take your 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 GODFREY (110TH):

Have all members voted? Representative Currey.

Representative Genga. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as amended is passed [Gavel].

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):
All items requiring action by the Senate will be transmitted to the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Without objections, so ordered. We have an introduction. Representative Zupkus.

REP. ZUPKUS (89TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for an introduction please, Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Proceed.

REP. ZUPKUS (89TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to introduce, I think you’ve met her before, but I am so proud to have my daughter here. She is interested in possibly minoring in poly-sci. She is taking her first class in the fall and I though it would be great for her to come up and see how government really works. So, thank you and if you all would welcome here to the Chamber [Applause].

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

We are so glad you have joined us. Thank you
very much and just so you know, we don’t do political science, we do political art here

[Laughter]. Thank you, again. Mr. Clerk 612.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage. Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Connecticut Green Bank by any measure has been a great success story
for the State of Connecticut. This Bill would build on those successes and broaden the scope of the Connecticut Green Bank to include projects that are defined as environmental infrastructure. And if I didn’t already say it, I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

I believe you might have on some Amendments; Representative Doucette is that true?

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Mr. Speaker the Clerk has an Amendment LCO No. 8486. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Clerk has LCO No. 8486 previously designated as Senate Amendment Schedule “A”.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

This is a Strike-All Amendment, Senate Schedule “A”. I move adoption in concurrence with the
Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on adoption. Do you care to remark further Representative Doucette?

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

No. Again this is a Strike-All Amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Good Evening, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Good Evening.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH): I do have a few questions on the Amendment since it is going to be basically the body of the Bill with a minor exception.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

It is a Strike-All, proceed.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the proponent can you tell us what the changes were in environmental infrastructure in the definition of the original
Bill?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Environmental infrastructure is defined as projects related to water, waste and recycling, zero emission refueling, climate adaptation and resiliency, agricultural land conservation, parks and recreation and other environmental markets.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

Does that also include compliance with the MS-4 Plan?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette, the MS-4 Plan.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

What is a zero-emissions vehicle refueling?

I’m assuming station.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

This would be a charging station for electric vehicles.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Again thank you to the proponent.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

On lines 67 to 76 it talks about the funding of
the Green Bank and to that point are there any funds collected through the independent systems operators, the rate payers, nitrogen credits, clean water funds?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

No there are not.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Again I thank the proponent there. What funds would be available to the Green Bank?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.
These would effectively be private capital, federal loans and grants and through the issuance of Green Bonds which the bank already has the power to do.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

And I thank the proponent for that answer. Again, through you, Mr. Speaker.

Are those bonds considered tax exempt government bonds?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

They can be, yes.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Delnicki.
REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Again I thank the proponent and I thank you, Mr. Speaker. In lines 77 through 81 there is reference to a “plan to be developed” what is that plan?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

This would be the plan to help better define environmental infrastructure projects through the Green Bank.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Again thank you to the proponent.

Again, through you, Mr. Speaker.

At present and I want to just go back to the tax-exempt government bonds, at present my town just
went through a purchase, a bond purchase and it is a AA plus, 20 year, 3.08 percent. What would the markup be to end users should they want to finance projects through the Green Bank?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I do not believe there would be any markup.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

And I thank the good Representative for that.

There is also a reference to credit enhancement mechanism and what does that mean?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

That would be the ability to provide a guarantee of the Green Bank.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Again I thank the proponent for the answer.

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

On lines 125 and 126, it refers to the “Connecticut Green Bank shall administer the environmental infrastructure bank.” Is there any conflict of interest in having that situation set up in that fashion?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

No.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):
Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Again I thank the proponent for the answers there. Is there.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Is there any fiscal note on this whatsoever?

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

No.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

One last question on the Amendment just for clarity purpose. Is this in anyway part of the infrastructure bank proposal which is in a different Bill?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.
REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

No.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Again I thank the proponent for the answers there and I am certainly going to have a couple of more questions when we have the next Amendment there again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker I move that we pass this item temporarily.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, this item is passed temporarily. Mr. Clerk, 719 please.

CLERK:

On page 33, House Calendar 719, Substitute Senate Bill No. 968 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MILITARY
TO MACHINISTS PROGRAM FOR VETERANS. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    Representative Boyd.

REP. BOYD (50TH):

    Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    Question on passage. Representative Boyd.

REP. BOYD (50TH):

    This is a workforce Bill and Mr. Speaker I have, or the Clerk has in possession an Amendment LCO 8681. I ask that the Clerk to call it and I be granted leave to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    The Clerk is in possession of LCO No. 8681 previously designated as Senate Amendment Schedule “B”, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

    Senate Amendment Schedule “B” LCO No. 8681
offered by Senator Maroni, Senator Witkos, Senator Logan.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Boyd.

REP. BOYD (50TH):

Mr. Speaker this is a workforce development Bill out of the Veterans’ Committee that allocated money that was in the budget we just approved. They have a pilot program, the first one is going to start in Bridgeport so Veterans can be trained to become machinists. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on adoption. Representative Vail.

REP. VAIL (52ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a Strike-All Amendment for that reason I will have a few quick clarifying questions.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Proceed.

REP. VAIL (52ND):
In line 38 the term “Southwest Workforce Development Region” is used. Could you explain that to me please?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Boyd.

REP. BOYD (50TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the question. It is a pilot program in particular for the Workplace which is the name of a program in Bridgeport and there are workforce development boards all over the State.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Vail.

REP. VAIL (52ND):

Thank you for that answer. In line 46 there is a board mentioned, is that board already established or will we have to create one for this?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Boyd.
REP. BOYD (50TH):

Yes, it is already established.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Vail.

REP. VAIL (52ND):

Okay and there is some duplicative language in this Bill. I have discussed it with the Chairman and that has been explained to me, but I do have one final. This Bill has a fiscal note, was that already included in the budget that was already passed.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Boyd.

REP. BOYD (50TH):

Yes, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Vail. Thank you for those answers. I will be supporting the Amendment and the underlying Bill but I take no position on how my colleagues will vote. Thank you.
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you. Will you remark further on Senate “B”? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the [Gavel] Amendment is adopted. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? If not Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members take your 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 GODFREY (110TH):

Have all members voted? Have all members voted? If all members have voted, the machine will
be locked.

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 968 as Amended by Senate “B” in concurrence with the Senate.

- Total Number Voting: 149
- Necessary for Passage: 75
- Those voting Yea: 149
- Those voting Nay: 0
- Absent not voting: 2

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as Amended is passed in concurrence [Gavel]. Mr. Clerk let’s go back to Calendar 612.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.
REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, once again I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We were on Senate "A" which is LCO 8486.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

We were on LCO 8486, previously designated Senate Amendment Schedule "A". Mr. Clerk call the Amendment please.

CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule "A" LCO No. 8486 offered by Senator Bergstein.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette what’s your pleasure.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe we summarized Senate "A", I move adoption.
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on adoption. Representative Delnicki.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

One quick comment, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Sure.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

All my questions were answered last round, I see no problem with it. I think it is a good Bill and I am in support of it. Pass it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I have a question about this entire Bill. I am wondering how this infrastructure bank would be funded.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

That question was asked and answered previously, it would be through private funds, through Federal grants and available grants and through the issuance of Green Bonds.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. But being part of the Green Bank would it also be funded with rate payer money on electrical bills and natural gas bills?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

One again, Mr. Speaker that was asked and answered in the previous round, the answer is no.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Where in the Amendment does it prohibit that from happening?

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

If you give me just a moment.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Line 67 through 76.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH): g

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And does it limit it to just the funding of the actual projects or how would the administrative costs of the fund actually be funded?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through appropriations to the Green Bank.
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Davis. [Cross-talking] Oh, sorry. Representative David, I bad.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

How is the Green Bank funded?

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I believe that question was asked and answered.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe the Green Bank is funded through rate payer payments on their electric bills and their natural gas bills, is that not correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

That is correct also through interest compounding related investment.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And who would be participating in this? Municipalities, private investors, who would be the ones making the projects through this Bank?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I would be municipalities; it would be private parties as well.
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And are these projects that the municipality could otherwise go out to bond for on their own?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So what would be the benefit for them going through the Green Bank?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.
REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It would be through expediency and partnering through private partnerships.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would they be able to then take these projects which would otherwise be on their debt service, on their books and shift it to the debt service and books of the Green Bank and just simply have appropriated payments for these projects essentially taking, what otherwise would be projects operated by the town, on the town’s balance sheets, on the town’s debt service and be able to kind of put it off to the side and be able to borrow even more?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.
REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

No.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. How is that possible that they wouldn’t be able to? From my reading of the Bill that is essentially what they would be doing, they would not be taking on the debt, the Green Bank would be taking on the debt and that they would just have to be appropriating the payments to the Green Bank. Is that not correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I do not believe that is currently contemplated by the Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):
Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So then how would the municipality make payments for this, for the projects which they seek funding through the Green Bank?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Through normal funds at the municipality.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So the municipality would have to appropriate a payment to the Green Bank in order to fund the projects?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):
Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, that is true.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So exactly what I just asked. They would no longer be putting it on their debt service. They would no longer be taking out debt but instead be making appropriated payments to the Green Bank for the very same projects, the very same debt but that would now be held by the Green Bank and not by the municipality?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Doucette.

REP. DOUCETTE (13TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Could you ask the good gentleman to repeat the question?
Representative Davis would you repeat the questions please.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So this would be a situation where they, the municipality would be able to do a project, take that debt, put it onto the Green Bank, the Green Bank is the one actually holding the debt, and that they would instead be appropriating year-by-year payments to the Bank.

Representative Doucette.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, that is true and that is currently what’s done.

Through you.

Representative Davis, would you yield to the Majority Leader, please?
REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker I move we pass this item temporarily.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection this item is passed temporarily. Mr. Clerk, Calendar 186.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Scanlon.

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and
Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage. Representative Scanlon.

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Clerk is in possession of Amendment 10504. I ask the Clerk to that I could be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Clerk is in possession of LCO No. 10504 which is designated House Amendment Schedule "A".

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

LCO No. 10504 designated House Amendment Schedule "A" and offered by Representative Scanlon.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Scanlon what’s your pleasure?

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill brings our dental transparency fees in line with the fees for doctors. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I move adoption.
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Pavalock-D’Amato.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just as the Chairman said, the Bill promotes transparency for dentists and puts them in line with doctors and I encourage my colleagues to support it. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, madam. All those in favor of House Amendment Schedule “A” signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Are you ready for the question? If so 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
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):  

Have all the members voted? If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally. Representative Abercrombie for what purpose do your rise? Representative Abercrombie in the affirmative? Representative Abercrombie in the affirmative.

Announce the tally, Mr. Clerk please.

CLERK:

House Bill No. 6088 as Amended by House “A”

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as amended is passed [Gavel]

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker, I move we immediately transfer
items requiring Senate action be transmitted pursuant to rules.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk kindly call Calendar 611.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage. Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Mr. Speaker the Clerk is in possession of
Amendment LCO 8232. I ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Clerk does have LCO 8232 previously designated Senate Amendment Schedule “A”. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No. 8232 offered by Senator Daugherty-Abrams.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Steinberg, what’s your pleasure?

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This requires nursing homes to post their nursing staffing levels in a conspicuous place. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on adoption. Will you remark further on Senate “A”? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.
REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark on the Bill as amended? If not Staff and guests come to the Well of the House. Members please take your 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 GODFREY (110TH):

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

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 375 as Amended by Senate “A” in concurrence with the Senate.
Total Number Voting         150
Necessary for Passage       76
Those voting Yea            133
Those voting Nay            17
Absent not voting           1

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as amended is passed in concurrence

[Gavel].  Mr. Clerk, 726 please.

CLERK:

House Calendar 726, Substitute Senate Bill No.
920 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VARIOUS REVISIONS TO
THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES. Favorable Report of the
Joint Standing Committee on Public Health.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint
Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the
Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):
Question is on passage. Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Mr. Speaker the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO 10597. I ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Clerk is in possession of LCO No. 10597 which was previously designated as Senate Amendment Schedule “B”. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule “B” LCO No. 10597 offered by Senator Daughtry-Abrams, Representative Steinberg.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an annual Public Health Committee technical Bill. It is full of a lot of things that are technical. I move
adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on adoption. Representative Petit.

REP. PETIT (22ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Excuse me, Representative Petit.

Representative O’Dea, thank you. Representative Petit.

REP. PETIT (22ND):

Thank you, sir. This is the Public Health aircraft carrier Bill. The people see there is over 500 sections. I would just have a few questions for the good Chairman.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Proceed.

REP. PETIT (22ND):

Mr. Speaker, going out to Sections 503 and 504 there is a section on Forensic Nursing Examiners. We just passed a Bill in the House concerning
forensic sexual assault examiners. I wonder if the
good Chairman could explain why this is also in this
Bill as well.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is to correct a
couple of small technical aspects related to the
Bill that passed the Senate and just passed the
House and it corrects those small changes.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Petit.

REP. PETIT (22ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Through you.

Under Section 22 there’s some discussion about
private residential wells and wells for semipublic
use. Does the good Chairman have any concerns that
this will have any negative impact on local
municipalities?

    Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

    Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the question. Just really redefines the definition of water supply well and I do not believe it has such impact.

    Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    Representative Petit.

REP. PETIT (22ND):

    Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    Representative Petit just a moment. [Gavel] [Gavel]. Representative Petit.

REP. PETIT (22ND):

    Through you, Mr. Speaker.

    In Section 522 there is a section on the Board of Examiners for physical therapists. We had been under the impression that one of the members of the
Committee had not been present in meetings for five or six years and we were asked to change the composition of this Board and there has been some confusion over this issue. I wonder if the good Chairman could sort of explain the confusion over the board examiner's physical therapist.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This particular board is unusual in that it does not actually have a majority of those who are supervising. So we made a change to increase the number of physical therapists. It is true that the Governor appointed position has not been appointed in some years so this brings this board in conformance with other boards of healthcare practitioners.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Petit.
REP. PETIT (22ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And finally, an issue that had several of us concerned in Section 530, I think it begins on line 2,008 onward, it is a small paragraph and it concerns technical informing changes to laws related to nursing homes. There was confusion about the tax-exempt status of skilled nursing facilities. Could the good Chairman explain what Section 530 does in the current Bill?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, this has been the subject of some controversy. This one Section exempts nursing homes from certain property taxation. The OPM note suggested that it was going to cost the municipalities, research has shown that is not going to be the case because frankly there have been no nursing homes that have been charged for such taxes in recent years and the assumptions
built into the OPM analysis prove not to be the case. They did their research and there will not be any impact on municipalities as far as I know.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Petit.

REP. PETIT (22ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have no further questions other than say this was a fairly onerous task and I thank the Department of Public Health especially Jill Kennedy and her colleagues in the Governor’s office for the work on this Bill and I urge my colleagues to support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on adoption of Senate “B”. If not, All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it. The
Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? If not, Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members take your seats; the machine will be open.

[Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

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

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 920 as Amended by Senate “B” in concurrence with the Senate.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as amended passed in concurrence

[Gavel]. Mr. Clerk, 222.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Still me, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Just a moment, we have to post this on the Board. Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Mr. Speaker the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO 10292. I ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Clerk is in possession of LCO No 10292 which is designated as House Amendment Schedule “A”.

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No. 10292 offered by Representative Morin, Representative Steinberg, etal.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Steinberg what’s your pleasure?

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a particularly important piece of energy policy with inflation. This is a Strike-All Amendment which no longer refers to the third-party electric suppliers, it refers to merchant power or suppliers, merchant suppliers, sell power into the competitive wholesale market and are financed by investors, a very key point. That means that they take all the risk. This is not like rate based electric plants which the utilities manage, through ratepayer rates or power purchase agreement finance plants which have a contract with the subscriber. So the theory here is that PUR will issue guidelines and the license for the creation of merchant power plants. This is done in a number of other states and provide our ability to scale up renewable energy projects to large scale solar projects and provide good value to the consumer. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on adoption. Representative Ferraro.
REP. FERRARO (117TH):

Good Evening, Mr. Speaker.

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in strong opposition to this Amendment. While this Amendment on its face is well intentioned, and while it gives the impression that it will promote community shared solar and net metering the reality is this Amendment will allow for third party electric suppliers to directly bill consumers. We saw this concept raised in the Energy and Technology Committee and the Public Hearing was held on February 21, 2019 where it was opposed strongly by the Office of Consumer Council, Attorney Ellen Katz, additional DEEP, the Attorney General, our Connecticut Citizens’ Action Group all oppose this concept. I am not opposed to solar energy nor the benefit it would bring to our State and our environment but I believe it should be pursued in the most cost-effective way for our ratepayers.

Under the shared energy merchant facility approach, in the Bill, billing credits are in the amount equal
to retail costs per kilowatt hour which at present is 21 to 26 cents per kilowatt hours. Meanwhile DEEP has been able to procure power and renewable credits from solar facilities of a similar size for approximately eight cents per kilowatt hour. In other words, the general class of ratepayers will be massively overcompensating these facilities with an unknown amount of that windfall shared with subscribers. In any event, there could be a huge rate increase for the general class of customers to support solar facilities that could be achieved at a fraction of the price. Solar has been around for many years now and through the many State incentives offered it has managed to grow into a sustainable industry. Extending such a large incentive for such a project is unnecessary and will be detrimental to the rate payers of the State who are already burdened with some of the highest electricity rates in the country. In HB 5002 the major energy Bill that passed last week unanimously we voted to extend net metering program used to compensate residential
solar customers. We voted to extend it to allow more time in a development of a successor program. The Amendment serves to undermine all the bipartisan work done on the Energy Committee to ensure that we move forward with the deployment of renewables.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Excuse me, Representative Ferraro would you like to yield to the Majority Leader?

REP. FERRARO (117TH):

I would absolutely like to do that.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker I move we pass the item temporarily.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection this item is passed temporarily. Mr. Clerk, 661.

CLERK:

On Page 45, House Calendar 661, Senate Bill No. 884 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Comey.

REP. COMEY (102ND):

Hello, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage. Representative Comey.

REP. COMEY (102ND):

Okay, thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill does exactly what the title says. It could save lives so I move adoption. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question on adoption. You seem to have a fanbase, Representative Comey. Representative Green.

REP. GREEN (55TH):

Good Bill, ought to pass.
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

An even better fanbase.

REP. GREEN (55TH):

I know, right? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

In which case, Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will the Members take your 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 GODFREY (110TH):

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

CLERK:

Senate Bill 844 in concurrence with the Senate.
Total Number Voting 150
Necessary for Passage 76
Those voting Yea 150
Those voting Nay 0
Absent not voting 1

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill passes in concurrence [Gavel]. Mr. Clerk, 729.

CLERK:

House Calendar 729 Substitute Senate Bill No. 996, AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE STATUTES AND INSURANCE PLANS PROCURED BY THE COMPTROLLER. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Real Estate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Scanlon.

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

Good Evening, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    Question is on passage. Representative Scanlon.

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

    The Clerk is in possession of an Amendment 10924. I ask that I be grated leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    The Clerk is indeed in position of LCO No. 10924 previously designated as Senate Amendment Schedule “A”. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

    Senate Amendment Schedule “A” LCO No. 10924 offered by Ste Lesser, Senator Kelly, etal.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    Representative Scanlon, what’s your pleasure?

REP. SCANLON (98TH):

    Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the Department Tech Bill and I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    Question is on adoption. Representative
REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? If not, Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members please take your 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 GODFREY (110TH):

And if all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

And the Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 906 as Amended by Senate “A” in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number Voting 150
Necessary for Passage 76
Those voting Yea 150
Those voting Nay 0
Absent not voting 1

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as amended passed in concurrence [Gavel] and the House will stand-at-ease.

House will come back to Order [Gavel]. Mr. Clerk return to call of the Calendar 373 please.

CLERK:

On Page 21, House Calendar 373, Substitute
House Bill No. 7292 AN ACT CONCERNING QUARANTINE AND DISPOSAL ORDERS OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS.


DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

    Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    Question is on passage. Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

    Mr. Speaker the Clerk has a Amendment. It is LCO 10222 I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be grated leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    Clerk is indeed in possession of LCO No. 10222 which will be designated as House Amendment Schedule
"A". Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House "A" LCO NO. 10222 offered by Representative Demicco.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Demicco what’s your pleasure.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Yes, Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, this Amendment which becomes the Bill incorporates the recommendations of the working group of the Department of Agriculture recommendations regarding quarantine period and for biting cats, dogs or ferrets and I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on adoption. Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Through you, Mr. Speaker just a quick, just a couple quick clarifying questions on the Amendment. My understanding.
Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Is that the Amendment simply puts it in the hands of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture to determine whether or not an at home quarantine period is allowable?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Yes, the gentleman is correct.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do support the Amendment and I do support the underlying Bill. I urge my colleagues to do the same. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. The Question is on House Amendment Schedule “A”. All those in favor please
signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Amendment is adopted. Are you ready for the Question? If so, 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 GODFREY (110TH):

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

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill No.7297 as Amended by House “A”

Total Number Voting 149

Necessary for Passage 75
Those voting Yea 149
Those voting Nay 0
Absent not voting 2

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as amended is passed [Gavel].

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Rules transmittal to the Senate, no objections.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection. Mr. Clerk please call 678.

CLERK:

On Page 48, Calendar 678, Substitute Senate Bill No. 892 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CONGREGATE CARE FACILITIES LICENSED OR ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Children.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Turco.

REP. TURCO (27TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint
Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage. Representative Turco.

REP. TURCO (27TH):

Mr. Speaker the Clerk has an Amendment LCO 9367. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Clerk has possession of LCO No. 9367 previously designated at Senate Amendment Schedule “A”. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate “A” LCO 9367 offered by Senator Slap, Representative Linehan.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Turco, what’s your pleasure.

REP. TURCO (27TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):
Question is on adoption. Representative Green.

REP. GREEN (55TH):

Mr. Speaker, I support the Amendment. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you. Representative Ferraro. If you are ready for the question on adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule “A”. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark on the Bill as Amended? If not Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members please take your 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
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

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

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as amended as passed in concurrence [Gavel]. Mr. Clerk, 685.

CLERK:

On Page 48, House Calendar 685 Substitute Senate Bill No. 752 AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKING AND VAPING ON BEACHES IN STATE PARKS. Favorable Report
of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on Passage. Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an Amendment. It is LCO 8751. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be grated leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Clerk is in possession of 8751 designated Senate “A”, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate “A” LCO No. 8751 offered by Senator Cohen, Senator Kelly.
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Demicco what’s your pleasure?

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Yes, Mr. Speaker this Bill prohibits smoking on a beach located in a state park.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Demicco, just a moment. [Gavel] [Gavel] Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill prohibits smoking on a beach located in a state park. A violation is an infraction payable my mail. The Bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to post signs at each state park beach to inform the public of this prohibition.

I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on adoption. Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do support the
Amendment and I do support the underlying Bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Fishbein.

We’re on Senate “A”.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a few questions for the proponent if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Please proceed.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you. I notice in the language that notice to the public of this ban is supposed to “within available appropriations.” Assuming that the Department does not have money that is appropriated for this, how does the government intend to let people know that an activity that they may have engaged in just last week will be banned effective July 1, 2019.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):
Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Well, through you, Mr. Speaker.

I believe that the Bill requires postage, posting of signage in various locations.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So am I to understand that when it says “within available appropriations as a applicable, such signage shall be posted at the high waterline” that there is no discretion that those signs will be posted no matter what funding DEEP has?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I would concur with the gentleman that the
signs have to be posted in the locations that he indicted which the Amendment indicates as applicable.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

[Gavel] [Gavel] It has become clear to me that these two gentlemen having this colloquy aren’t being able to hear each other. Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So I couldn’t hear the answer but I’m just trying to wrestle with the “within available appropriations” because when we ban something the public has a right to notice. So I am trying to figure out are we mandating that those signs be posted or making it discretionary to the Department to say well we don’t have money for that.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Demicco.
REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

My understanding is that DEEP has indicated that they do have the resources to do this and the Amendment does say that the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall post signage and shall means shall.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I don’t want to reiterate and bang, you know the head, but clearly in line 11 it says “within available appropriations.” So I hope it happens. I hope proper notices gets out there but certainly we don’t want to be giving citations to people without notice. So thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Still on Senate “A”.

Representative Candelaria.
REP. CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A couple of questions to the proponent of the Amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Proceed.

REP. CANDELARIA (95TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I share some of the concerns that my colleague on the other side shared. “Within available appropriations” what this Bill is trying to do it states we will post notices so that our constituents when they visit the beaches, they will be able to determine that there are signs located and people should not be smoking or inhaling. My question.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

If it is “within available appropriations” what assurance do we have that signs will be posted to inform the public of such regulations?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Demicco.
REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Well if it gives my colleague comfort, I will point him to the fiscal note attached to this Amendment which indicates that cardboard or paper signs could be used and would cost considerably less and it also indicates that federal funds or grants may be available for this purpose.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Candelaria.

REP. CANDELARIA (95TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It is too loud in the Chamber; I could not hear the response. So the gentleman doesn’t mind repeating that response.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

[Gavel] [Gavel] Let’s all sit down, be quiet, take our conversation outside. It’s after ten, we’ve got less that two hours, so. Representative Candelaria.
REP. CANDELARIA (95TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

If the gentleman doesn’t mind repeating that response?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Sure, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The fiscal notes indicate that cardboard or paper signs would cost considerably less so if cost is the concern, I think that might ameliorate the concerns. Also the fiscal note indicates that federal funds or other grants may be available for the purpose of posting signage.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Candelaria.

REP. CANDELARIA (95TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

So there is available grants. What guarantees
do we have that the Department would apply for federal grants to ensure that these signs are posted in an area or areas within beaches where the public can see the signage?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I guess we have to rely on the expertise and the diligence of Department of Energy and Environment Protection for that purpose.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Candelaria.

REP. CANDELARIA (95TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Within the language it talks about issuing an infraction. My question.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Are they going to issue the infraction or is
the individual going to be warned before that infraction is issued?

   Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

   Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

   Through you, Mr. Speaker.

   The language of the Bill indicates that, “Any person who violates the provision shall be deemed to have committed an infraction.” However I think common sense would indicate to us that the DEEP personnel who enforce this law would use some discretions, some compassion and some common sense and perhaps issue warnings to those who are unaware of the new prohibition.

   Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

   Representative Candelaria.

REP. CANDELARIA (95TH):

   Through you.

   I thank the gentleman for that answer but to
leave this to speculation and common sense concerns me a bit. I see that a lot of legislation that we pass through this Chamber based on common sense and when it is interpreted it is interpreted totally different depending who is reading the legislation. So I do share some concerns about that. So again, what guarantees do we have that that common sense will be utilized to ensure that an individual that commits an infraction for the first time is issued a warning instead of an infraction?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

The only guarantee, I can’t offer a guarantee. I can simply indicate to my good colleague that we often times expect the people who enforce the laws be they environmental conservation police of municipal police, or State Police will use common sense and good judgement in their enforcement of the
law.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Candelaria. Excuse me, Representative Candelaria would you be kind enough to yield the floor to Representative Ritter?

REP. CANDELARIA (95TH):

Sure, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Candelaria you still have the floor, sir.

REP. CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you.

The gentleman raised another concern and another question. Now who will be enforcing this law within beaches because he also mentioned police officers and other individual. Are they going to be park rangers that will be enforcing it?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):
Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my understanding that it will be enforced by the Environmental Conservation Police of the Department of Energy and Environment Protection.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Candelaria.

REP. CANDELARIA (95TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I thank the gentleman for his answers and I will not be supporting this Bill because of the concerns that I have raised in front of everyone. I don’t think this Bill, although it is well intended it is about the safety of the public, but it does not provide a mechanism within its language to ensure that people are warned that they are committing a violation. And for those reasons I will be voting against this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. A quick question for the proponent if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Proceed.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

The definition of beaches, is that just saltwater beaches or does that include the beaches arounds lakes and ponds in state parks?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

The Bill prohibits smoking on a beach located in a state park.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Dubitsky.
REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So that does include around ponds and lakes?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

My understanding that if it is within a state park.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

[Gavel] [Gavel] I know that Representative Demicco is very laid back but we all need to be quiet and listen to him. Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Most of the time, Mr. Speaker [Laughter].

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Maybe not right now.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that if the pond to which the gentleman refers falls within the
parameters of a state park then it would be included.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Rutigliano.

REP. RUTIGLIANO (123RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, through you.

A question for the proponent.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Proceed.

REP. RUTIGLIANO (123RD):

Do you know how much the infraction will be, what the cost of the fine will be?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Demicco.
REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I do not have specific knowledge of that. However I am sure that it available somewhere and I can get it for the good gentleman if he so desires.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Rutigliano will you yield the floor the Majority Leader.

REP. RUTIGLIANO (123RD):

I would be happy to, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker, I move that we pass this item temporarily.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection the item is passed temporarily. Mr. Clerk, 706.

CLERK:

On Page 51, House Calendar 706 Substitute Senate Bill No. 869 AN ACT CONCERNING
RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY REGARDING NONBUDGETED EXPENDITURES, THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AND AVIATION ACCOUNT AND THE SECURITY EXEMPTION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Simms.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question in on passage. Representative Simms.

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

Mr. Speaker the Clerk has an Amendment LCO 10231. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Clerk is in possession of LCO No. 10231
which was previously designated Senate Amendment Schedule “A”, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

    Senate “A” LCO No. 10231 offered by Senator Leone, Representative Omar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    Representative Simms, what’s your pleasure?

REP. SIMMS (140TH):

    The Amendment becomes the Bill and I move for its adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    Question is on adoption. Will you remark further? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor of Senate Amendment Schedule “A” please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

    Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

    Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Representative Devlin.

REP. DEVLIN (134TH):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good Bill, ought to pass.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, madam. In which case Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will the Members take your 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 GODFREY (110TH):

Have all members voted? Have all members voted? If so, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

The Clerk will please announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 869 as Amended by Senate “A” in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number Voting 148
Necessary for Passage 75
Those voting Yea 126
Those voting Nay 22
Absent not voting 3

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as Amended is passed in concurrence.

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Rules transmit action to the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection so ordered. Mr. Clerk, 460.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Pass temporarily.
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection. Mr. Clerk, 732.

CLERK:

House Calendar 732, Substitute Senate Bill No. 1055 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE JUROR SELECTION PROCESS, PROVIDING ACCESS TO CERTAIN RECORDS POSSESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES, CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL AND THE PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD AND CONCERNING SENTENCING OF PERSISTENT LARCENY OFFENDERS, NONFINANCIAL CONDITIONS FOR PRETRIAL RELEASE AND CONFIDENTIALITY UPON APPLICATION TO A DIVERSIONARY PROGRAM. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Blumenthal, I hope the explanation on this is shorter than the title.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage in concurrence.

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147):

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO No. 8822. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Clerk is in possession of LCO 8822, previously designated Senate Amendment Schedule “A”.

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate “A”, LCO No. 8822 offered by Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

What’s your pleasure, Representative Blumenthal?

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147):

The Bill does what it says it does, I move adoption.
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on adoption. Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the proposal before us and actually the title is slightly different than what it actually does, but that’s okay. The public defenders did a lot of hard work regarding this and also spoke to many members on both sides of the aisle to make corrections that were necessary and requested of them, so I certainly appreciate their cooperation and I encourage support.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma’am. Let me try your minds on Senate “A”. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, [Gavel]
the Amendment is adopted. Will you remark further? If not will the Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will the Members please take your 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 GODFREY (110TH):

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

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 1055 as Amended by Senate “A” in concurrence with the Senate.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as amended is passed in concurrence [Gavel]. Mr. Clerk, 668 please.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question on passage.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk is in possession of Amendment 9623 I would ask to be called and summarized.
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Clerk is possession of LCO 9623 which was previously designated Senate Amendment Schedule “A”, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate “A” LCO 9623 offered by Senator Winfield, Senator Kissel.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Stafstrom, what’s your pleasure?

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Technical changes, move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on adoption. Representative Rebimbas on the Amendment.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

I support the Amendment, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you. Representative Steinberg on the Amendment, no? If you are ready, let me try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.
REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? If not Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members please take your 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 GODFREY (110TH):

Have all members voted? Have all members voted? Representative Vargas? The machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 1098 as Amended by Senate “A” in concurrence with the Senate.
Total Number Voting 148
Necessary for Passage 75
Those voting Yea 134
Those voting Nay 14
Absent not voting 3

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as amended is passed in concurrence

[Gavel]. Mr. Clerk, 730.

CLERK:

House Calendar 730, Substitute Senate Bill 996,
AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO VARIOUS STATUTES
CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. Favorable
Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance and Passage.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage. Representative
Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Mr. Speaker it is the Annual DCJ Omnibus Bill. Clerk is in possession of LCO 10697. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Clerk does have 10697 previously designated Senate Amendment Schedule “A”, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate “A” LCO 10697 offered by Senator Winfield.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Stafstrom, what’s your pleasure.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on adoption. Representative Rebimbas, on Senate “A”. 

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I rise in support of the Amendment before us. But I do just have a clarification question.
Through you.

To the good Chairman.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Please proceed.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the good Chairman is there an FOI exclusion in this proposal?

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Not that I am aware of.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I do rise in support again of the Amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you. On the Amendment let me try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.
REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it the Amendment is adopted. Will you remark on the Bill as Amended? If not Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members take your seats; the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Have all members voted? Have all members voted? If so the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 996 as Amended by Senate “A” in concurrence with the Senate.
Total Number Voting 148
Necessary for Passage 75
Those voting Yea 139
Those voting Nay 9
Absent not voting 3

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as amended passed in concurrence. Mr. Clerk, 205.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and
Passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question on passage. Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

The Bill allows the Board to establish anytime in the school year a firm graduation date, no earlier than. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

I believe there is an Amendment filed, Representative.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Yes, LCO.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

LCO 9008?

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

9008.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Clerk please call 9008, House “A”. Please call it Mr. Clerk, please call the Amendment.

CLERK:

House “A” LCO No. 9008 offered by
Representative Sanchez.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Sanchez, what’s your pleasure.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Mr. Speaker this just strikes Section 2 in its entirety. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on adoption. Remark on House “A”? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Will you remark?

Representative McCarty, on the Bill as amended.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just rise in support of the Amendment and I believe CAP and CAB is in support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):
Thank you, ma’am. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? If not Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members please take your seats; the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Have all members voted? Have all members voted? If so, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill No. 7258 as Amended by House “A”

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Bill as amended is passed [Gavel].

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

 Transmit to Senate for further action.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection. For purposes of an introduction, Representative Exum.

REP. EXUM (19TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

[Gavel]

REP. EXUM (19TH):

Personal point of privilege. I just want to do brief introduction. Here visiting with me is my son, he is a rising senior, Kyle Exum. He is at Howard University and friend, our close family friend Kaleb Gardner a senior, a rising senior at Central. [Applause]

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Welcome to the House, glad you’re here
visiting. You’re here for the craziest and most fun hour and a half of the year. Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

   Mr. Speaker I move that we suspend our Rules for the immediate consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 44.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

   Without objection, Rules are Suspended. Mr. Clerk, please call Senate Joint Resolution No. 44.

CLERK:

   Senate Joint Resolution NO. 44 LCO No. 11021
RESOLUTION CONVENING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SPECIAL SESSION. Introduced by Senator Looney, Senator Duff, Representative Aresimowicz, Representative Ritter.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

   Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

   Mr. Speaker this simply just confirms that we will be calling ourselves in a Special Session in the coming weeks to do the Bond Bill and the School
Construction Bill, be limited to those two items.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Will you remark further? If not Staff and guests come to the Well of the House. Members take your 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 GODFREY (110TH):

Have all members voted and is your vote properly recorded? Have all members voted? If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

And the Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 44.

Total Number Voting 150

Necessary for Passage 76
Those voting Yea 88
Those voting Nay 62
Absent not voting 1

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

The Resolution is adopted in concurrence with the Senate [Gavel]. Representative Rebimbas for an announcement, a very good one I hear.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Yes it is, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I am proud and honored to be here and serving on the bipartisan Women’s’ Caucus with Representative Borer and we just wanted to take an opportunity to thank each and every individual and also people that do not serve here but certainly staff and anybody else who dropped off diapers for the diaper bank. We have collected 650 diapers that is gonna go to the needed families. So thank you, so much [Applause].

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Well done, well done. [Applause] For another announcement, Representative Ritter I hear there is a rumor that we might have a Consent Calendar, is
that true?

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Yes. Mr. Speaker again the Consent Calendar which we discussed last night; the same rules will apply. The Bills were prescreened, they are Bills that at this point in time have passed unanimously. Nobody is assuming anybody’s vote. The Bill will be called by the Chair, the Chair will move it to the Consent Calendar. If you object please just standup, hit your button and object or at the very end when the Speaker reads all the Bills that are placed on Consent you could one again object and remove it. So you will have two times to do it.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Mr.

Mr. Clerk, 458 - 548, sir. We will belay that for a moment. Representative Kokoruda for what purpose do you rise?

REP. KOKORUDA (101ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to make an
annoucement.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Proceed.

REP. KOKORUDA (101ST):

To my colleagues in the House.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I know you’ve been listening to this voice for a year and I want to thank you for your patience. It has been driving you crazy, you can imagine what it’s doin to me. But I want to tell you today I am not the only one in this Chamber that has had thyroid cancer, that’s what started this all. I’ve talked to seven people in this Chamber that have gone through thyroid cancer. It is the fastest growing cancer in the United States right now. It is also 5:1 women, and it’s younger women, and it’s young me, it could be anybody. So my announcement to you today is I went to three doctors, they didn’t know what was wrong with me. Make sure your doctor checks your thyroid. Blood tests don’t show it. Thyroid tests don’t show it so this is my service
announcement for the day. When you’re at your checkup or you’re at your doctor, have them feel your thyroid. It is so curable but you’ve got to get it early. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, Madam. Thank you for your courage and thank you for your remarks. [Applause] I’m very moved. Mr. Clerk, Calendar 458.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Fox.

REP. FOX (148TH):

Mr. Speaker, it’s good I talk fast. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.
DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

I’m sorry, Representative Fox, I was distracted. Run that by me again, please.

REP. FOX (148TH):

I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee’s Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage. Representative Fox.

REP. FOX (148TH):

Move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Will you remark further on the Bill? Will you remark further on the Bill? Representative France.

REP. FRANCE (42ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This essentially is a simple Bill, change the duration from two years to four years, reduce costs for the towns, good Bill, ought to pass.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Fox.
REP. FOX (148TH):

Seeing no objection, I seek to move to the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Does anybody object to placing this on the Consent Calendar? If not, 467 Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On Page 28, House Calendar 467, Substitute Senate Bill No. 857 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS SUBMITTED BY CONTRACTORS TO THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Stafstrom. Move to accept passage. Good Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage. Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Ditto, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):
It is a good Bill, excellent.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

No objection on Consent, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Is there objection. If not this item is placed on the Consent Calendar. Next 468 please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On Page 29, Consent Calendar 468, AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION BY CONTRACTORS AND SUBSTANTIAL SUBCONTRACTORS. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Fox.

REP. FOX (148TH):

I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate as Amended.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage. Representative France.
REP. FRANCE (42ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment removes settlements and just has conclude actions. Good Bill, ought to pass.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

I believe there is a Senate Amendment on that.

REP. FOX (148TH):

I move as Amended, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Could someone give me a number. The Clerk is in possession of LCO No. 7114 previously designated Senate Amendment Schedule “A”. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate “A” LCO No. 7114 offered by Senator Flexor, Senator Sampson.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Fox.

REP. FOX (148TH):

Move on adoption, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on Adoption. Let me try your
minds. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Representative Fox.

REP. FOX (148TH):

With no objection I ask to move to Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Is there objection to putting this on the Consent Calendar? Hearing none, 469 Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Steinberg.
REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Question is on passage.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

It's about nurses, good Bill, ought to pass.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Will you remark further? If not, Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

If there is no objection, I move to move to the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY (110TH):

Is there objection? If not, this item is placed on the Consent Calendar.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 505.

CLERK:

On Page 31, Consent Calendar 505, Substitute
Senate Bill 832 AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRIES OF
PERSONS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSAULTS OR OTHER
ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION OR ABANDONMENT OF
ELDERLY PERSONS OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.
Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on
Again.
SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Joe Serra of the 33rd, you have
the floor.
REP. SERRA (33RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance
of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and
Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate
as Amended.
SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is on Acceptance of
the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Bill as
amended. Will you remark? No?
REP. SERRA (33RD):

I move adoption.
SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):
Thank you very much, sir. Will you remark on the Bill as Amended? If not, Representative Serra.

REP. SERRA (33RD):

Mr. Speaker I move this gets placed on the Consent Calendar.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Without objection, so ordered. Will the Clerk please call Consent Calendar 520.

CLERK:

On Page 33, Consent Calendar 520, Senate Bill 1108 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE CONCERNING CONSUMER PRIVACY. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Fox of 148th, you have the floor, sir.

REP. FOX (148TH):

I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in
concurrence with the Senate as Amended.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark?

REP. FOX (148TH):

Move passage, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Will you remark on the Bill? If not, Representative Fox.

REP. FOX (148TH):

No objection move to Consent please.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Objection to Consent Calendar, seeing none, so ordered. Will the Clerk please call Calendar 545.

CLERK:

On Page 34, Consent Calendar 545 Substitute Senate Bill No. 1020 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF INSTRUCTION IN CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE PEDAGOGY AND PRACTICE IN THE PRESERVICE TRAINING, PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROVIDED TO TEACHERS. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Sanchez of the 25th, please proceed sir.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Mr. Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark?

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move adoption.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill. Will you remark? If not, Representative Sanchez.
REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

If there is no objection, I ask to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Without objection so ordered. Will the Clerk please call Consent Calendar 570.

CLERK:


SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Winkler of the 56th.

REP. WINKLER (56TH):

Mr. Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage
Representative Winkler

REP. WINKLER (56TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move adoption.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is on Adoption and passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark? If not. Oh, Representative France of the 42nd sir, you have the floor.

REP. FRANCE (42ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All this does is add quasi publics to the online expenditures which expands the visibility to state expenditures. Recommend adoption.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much. Representative Winkler.

REP. WINKLER (56TH):

Mr. Speaker I move this be placed on the Consent Calendar.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Without objection, so ordered. Gentlemen and
ladies that are bringing out the Bill if you are moving passage as Amended, you need to announce that, you are moving passage as amended. It is a little unclear right now and we want to ensure that the transcript accurately depict what we did in the Chamber here today. So if you are moving a Senate Bill, you are moving the Senate Bill as Amended in concurrence with the Senate. Thank you. Will the Clerk please call Calendar 607.

CLERK:

On Page 41, Consent Calendar 607, Senate Bill No. 359. AN ACT EXTENDING WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS TO EMPLOYEES OF BUSINESS RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Porter of the 94th.

REP. PORTER (94TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill.
SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark?

REP. PORTER (94TH):

I move adoption in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Is there an Amendment on this Bill?

REP. PORTER (94TH):

There is not.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, madam. The Question before the Chamber is on adoption of the Bill? Will you remark? Representative Rebimbas of the 70th, you have the floor, madam.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support this.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, madam. Representative Porter.
REP. PORTER (94TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move this be put on Consent.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber placing this item on Consent. Is there objection? Seeing none, so ordered [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Consent Calendar 614.

CLERK:


SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Serra of the 33rd, you have the floor.

REP. SERRA (33RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate, I move adoption, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):
Question before the Chamber on I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate as amended. Will you remark? Seeing none, Representative Serra.

REP. SERRA (33RD):

Mr. Speaker I move that this be placed on the Consent Calendar.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Without objection, so ordered [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Consent Calendar 654.

CLERK:


SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Fox from the 148th.

REP. FOX (148TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint
Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate as Amended.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill, as amended, in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark?

REP. FOX (148TH):

Move adoption.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Representative France.

REP. FRANCE (42ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very simply assign an OPM Attorney to help Chief Data Officer which will expand the oversight of the data with our State government. Good Bill, ought to pass.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Representative Fox.

REP. FOX (148TH):

Mr. Speaker with no objection I move to place
Without any objection place on Consent Calendar. Seeing none, so ordered. Clerk please call Consent Calendar 662.


Representative Linehan. Push your button, ma'am.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

Question before the Chamber is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage
of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark?

REP. LINEHAN (103RD):

Good Bill, ought to pass.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Green of the 55th.

REP. GREEN (55TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Bill ought to pass.

Good Bill.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, madam. Rep Linehan.

REP. LINEHAN (103RD):

Mr. Speaker hearing no objections I move this be placed on Consent.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is adding item to Consent Calendar. Is there objection, seeing none so ordered. Will the Clerk please call Consent Calendar 667.

CLERK:

Page 46, Consent Calendar 557 Senate Bill 1091
AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND WEEKS.

Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Fox of the 148th.

REP. FOX (148TH):

Mr. Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill as Amended.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill as Amended in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark?

REP. FOX (148TH):

Move adoption.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Moves adoption. Is there any remarks. Representative Fox.

REP. FOX (148TH):

Without objection adding to Consent Calendar,
Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is adding to the Consent Calendar. Is there objection, is there objection. Seeing none, so ordered. Will the Clerk please call Calendar 688.

CLERK:


SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Simmons of the 144th, madam you have the floor.

REP. SIMMONS (144TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill as amended, in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is I move for
Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate, as amended. Will you remark?

REP. SIMMONS (144TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good Bill, I move adoption.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, Representative Cummings of the 74th.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Good Bill, ought to pass.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much. Representative Simmons.

REP. SIMMONS (144TH):

If there is no objection, I move that we place it on the Consent Calendar.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is adding item on Consent Calendar. Is there objection, is there objection? Seeing none, so ordered [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Consent Calendar 662. Will
the Clerk please call Consent Calendar 717.

CLERK:

On Page 53, Consent Calendar 717 Substitute Senate Bill 833 AN ACT CONCERNING VALIDATION OF CONVEYANCE DEFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INSTRUMENT THAT WAS EXECUTED PURSUANT TO A POWER OF ATTORNEY. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

It’s a long title. Representative Stafstrom from the 129th, you have the floor.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Mr. Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage in concurrence.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):
Good Bill, ought to pass.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, madam. Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Mr. Speaker move to Consent.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is adding item to the Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Seeing none, so ordered.

Will the Clerk please call Consent Calendar 458.

CLERK:

by Senate “A” and Senate Bill 833.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Ritter of the 1st District.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker I move adoption the Consent Calendar.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Question before the Chamber is adoption of the Consent Calendar. Will you remark?

If not will the Staff and guests to the Well of the House. Members take your seats, the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Have all members voted? If all the members please check the board to ensure your vote has been properly cast. The machine will be locked and the
Clerk will take a tally.

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 1 in concurrence with the Senate.

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Consent Calendar passes [Gavel].

Representative Ritter of the 1st District, you have the floor.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker with 50 minutes to go, less than that, 49 the machine is going to close so rapidly that if you leave you will miss the vote. So just understand that, we have a lot to do, it will be very, very quick and if you leave you will miss the boat. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Will the Clerk please call Consent Calendar 460.

CLERK:


SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Demicco of the 21st, you have the floor, sir.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is on I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark?
REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Good Bill, ought to pass.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Harding of the 107th.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

This is a good Bill, I do support it and urge my colleagues to support as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much. Will you remark further on the Bill before us? Representative Mastrofrancesco of the 80th District, you have the floor, madam.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I have a couple of questions for the proponent of the Bill.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Please proceed, madam.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

Correct me if I’m wrong, if you can explain to me exactly the purpose of this Bill?
Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, this Bill with limited exceptions would ban the practices of pet leasing. The Committee received many cases, many testimonies about pets being repossessed because of default on a payment program or at the end of lease and in order to end this practice we did the legislation.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Mastrofrancesco.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker could I have him please repeat the answer cause I could not hear him with the noise? Thank you.

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Demicco would you mind repeating
your answer?

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

The Committee received significant testimony from many pet owners, many of whom were disappointed to find that their pets were repossessed because of a default on a payment program when they thought they were, that they thought they were involved in a loan program. So in order to stop this practice we did this legislation.

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Mastrofrancesco.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

Thank you.

And through you.

Were these complaints but through the Consumer Protection?

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Demicco.
REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

I do not have knowledge of that.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Mastrofrancesco.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

And through you.

Can you tell me how many complaints there were for this issue?

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Numerous.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Mastrofrancesco.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

I’m sorry, can you repeat that?

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):
I think he said numerous, madam.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Can you tell me.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

The purpose of the leasing and how the program works, why would someone lease an animal, or a dog or a cat?

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I imagine it is through personal preference or perhaps financial hardship but again hopefully we will end that practice.

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

I think he said affordable payments and low down payment, madam.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):
[Laughs] Thank you.
And through you.
I’m just trying to understand the Bill.
Through you, Mr. Speaker.
What would be the purpose for somebody leasing a dog or a cat or an animal?
Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):
Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):
Through you, Mr. Speaker.
People make arrangements for various reasons and some people are attracted to this practice but as I indicated earlier in my remarks it ends up with, we end up broken hearts and the end in some cases.
Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):
Representative Mastrofrancesco.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):
Thank you.
And through you, Mr. Speaker.

Are these contracts when they lease a pet are they a legal contract?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Yes.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Mastrofrancesco.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

Thank you and would, if this Bill passes.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Can you please explain to me what would be exempt, will nobody be able to lease or rent an animal?

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Demicco.
REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Yes.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

The Bill indicates beginning on line 21, some of the exemptions would be for, “purebred dogs that are rented for the purpose of breeding”, “any animal used in a spectator event, show, exhibition, motion picture, working animal that is trained or utilized to perform tasks, guide dogs, security dogs, law enforcement dogs and any assistance animals.”

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Mastrofrancesco.

REP. MASTROFRANCESCO (80TH):

Thank you. You know, I don’t really have anymore questions, just a comment. You know, when you look at the title of this Bill, I think everybody is saying, Oh, my God, people are leasing dogs and cats and so forth and it’s when you look at it you think how could anybody possibly do something like that. But I want you to think about something.
It’s possible that if you don’t let people lease an animal if they wanted to, it’s possible that they are saving the life of an animal. You’re always gonna get people that try to misrepresent something but I think of it a couple of different ways. Maybe you have a parent or a relative or somebody that is maybe going to pass and maybe an animal or a dog will keep them comforted for a month and you don’t have the ability to keep that animal forever and you just need to have that dog with your parent or a family member for a very short period of time. By passing this Bill you will not be able to do that anymore. This Bill actually, when people lease an animal, they could actually be saving the animal because maybe they will go to a good home and maybe that family will want to keep it. When I read the language on this Bill it tells me that once I go into an agreement to lease an animal, I own that dog and that I believe is wrong. So I would urge my colleagues to vote against this Bill, it has nothing to do, I know the heading sounds terrible but who
would want to lease and animal. But I believe this would actually save an animal. Thank you

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, madam Will you remark further on the Bill before us? Representative Fishbein of the 90th. You have the floor.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I stand not with an intent to delay this but I just want to explain about this Bill. So this came to our attention last legislative session and this is predominately happening at the colleges where a freshman will come and they will rent a dog or a cat, they will love that animal perhaps during the four years of school and then when they graduate they will give the animal back. And unfortunately, these animals are then too old to be adopted. They are not likely to be adopted and the animals are being euthanized. So in my opinion this is animal abuse because animals love us just as much as we love them. So directing an animal to be separated
from their owner for that four years is not appropriate and I am in support of this legislation.

So thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Will you remark further on the Bill before us? Will you remark further on the Bill before us?

If not will the Staff and guests to the Well of the House. Members please take your seats; the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Have all members voted? If all the members please check the board to ensure your vote has been 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 Bill No. 594 in concurrence with the Senate.

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Bill passes in concurrence [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Consent Calendar 733.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar 733, Senate Bill No. 527 AN ACT PERMITTING MUNICIPALITIES TO COMBINE THE PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS OF MULTIPLE ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey. [Gavel]

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move
for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence. Will you remark?

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Mr. Speaker, good Bill, ought to pass.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It’s municipal option, good Bill, ought to pass.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much. Will you remark further?

If not will Staff and guests to the Well of the House. Members take your seats; the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Have all members voted? If all members have voted, please check the board to ensure your vote has been properly cast. The machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

The Clerk will please announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 527 in concurrence with the Senate

Total Number Voting 150
Necessary for Passage 76
Those voting Yea 150
Those voting Nay 0
Absent not voting 1

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Bill passes in concurrence with the Senate

[Gavel].

CLERK:

House Calendar 545, Substitute Senate Bill 356,
AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT APPRENTICESHIP AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

   Representative Porter of the 94th.

REP. PORTER (94TH):

   Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

   Question before Chamber is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill. Will you remark?

REP. PORTER (94TH):

   I move adoption.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

   Will you remark further on the Bill before us?

   If not Staff and guests to the Well of the House. Members take your seats and 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.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

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

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CLERK:

Bill No. 356 in concurrence with the Senate.

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Bill passes in concurrence [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Calendar 728.

CLERK:

Calendar 728, Senate Bill 394 AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL ON PROTECTING WOMEN'S HEALTH.
Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on
Public Health.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Steinberg of the 136th.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Mr. Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark?

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Creates a council for women's health. I move adoption.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Dauphinais.

REP. DAUPHINAIS (44TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question for the
proponent of the Bill?

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Steinberg is ready, please proceed.

REP. DAUPHINAIS (44TH):

Is there an established council for protecting men’s health?

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Not that I am aware of.

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Dauphinais.

REP. DAUPHINAIS (44TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you. Will you remark further on the Bill before us? If not Staff and guests to the Well of the House. Members take your seats; the machine will be open. [Ringing]
CLERK:

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Have all members voted? If all members have voted, please check the board to ensure that your vote has been properly cast. The machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

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CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 394 in concurrence with the Senate.

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Bill passes in concurrence [Gavel]. Wil
the Clerk please call Consent Calendar 710.

CLERK:

House Calendar 710, Substitute Senate Bill No. 967


SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Steinberg of the 136th.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark?

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Mr. Speaker this is DEMAS Bill, ought to pass.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):
Thank you very much, sir. Representative Petit of the 22nd.

REP. PETIT (22ND):

Dittos, sir. Thank you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much. Will you remark further?

If not Staff and guests to the Well of the House.

Members take your seats, the machine will be open.

[Ringing]

CLERK:

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Have all members voted? If all members voted please check the board to ensure your vote has been properly cast. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

And the Clerk will announce the tally.
CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 967

Total Number Voting 150
Necessary for Passage 76
Those voting Yea 150
Those voting Nay 0
Absent not voting 1

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Bill is passed in concurrence [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Consent Calendar 457.

CLERK:


SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Haddad.

REP. HADDAD (54TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move
for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark?

REP. HADDAD (54TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker this provides important protection to students at private colleges and private occupational schools. The Clerk has a Amendment LCO No. 7047. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Will the Clerk call the Amendment LCO No. 7047 which will be designed Senate Amendment Schedule “A”.

CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule “A” LCO 7047 offered by Senator Haskell and Representative Haddad.
SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Please proceed, Representative.

REP. HADDAD (54TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This enhances the important mechanisms of the Bill. I move adoption.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much. Representative Hall of the 59th.

REP. HALL (7TH):

Great Bill, Mr. Speaker. Ought to pass.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, madam. Staff and guests to the Well of the House. Members take your seats.

Check that, we’ve got to adopt the Amendment. All those in favor please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Opposed, nay. The Amendment is adopted.
Staff and quests to the Well of the House.

Members take your seats; the machine will be open.

[Ringing]

CLERK:

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

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CLERK:

Senate Bill 81 as Amended by Senate “A” in concurrence with the Senate

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Bill as amended passes in concurrence with the Senate. Will the Clerk please call Calendar 88, Senate Bill 882.

CLERK:

Calendar 734, Substitute Senate Bill 882, AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ARBITRATION AND THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Development.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey of the 133rd, you have the floor.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate as Amended.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):
Question before the Chamber is I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate as Amended. Will you remark? Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Mr. Speaker, good Bill. Ought to pass.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Staff and guests to the Well of the House. Members please take your seats; the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

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take a tally.

    The Clerk will please announce the tally.

CLERK:

    Senate Bill 882 as amended by Senate Amendment Schedules “B” and “C” in concurrence with the Senate
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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

    The Bill as amended passes in concurrence with the Senate [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please House Calendar 461.

CLERK:


SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):
Representative Haddad of the 54th.

REP. HADDAD (54TH):

Mr. Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Question before the Chamber is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark?

REP. HADDAD (54TH):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. This is an important Bill regarding mental health on college campuses. I urge adoption.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Hall.

REP. HALL (7TH):

This Bill had a lot of support in Committee, great Bill, ought to pass.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, madam. Staff and
guests to the Well of the House. Members take your seats; the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

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

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CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 750 in concurrence with the Senate

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):
The Bill as amended passes [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call House Calendar 552.

CLERK:

House Calendar 552, Senate Bill 815 AN ACT ALLOWING INSURANCE POLICIES IN LIEU OF SURETY BONDS. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Haddad.

REP. HADDAD (54TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Question before the Chamber is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence. Will you remark?

REP. HADDAD (54TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This makes a change in policy to ensure that we are adhering to current
practice.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much. Will you remark?

Representative Hall.

REP. HALL (7TH):

Another great Bill, ought to pass. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Will you remark further? If not Staff and guests to the Well of the House. Members take your seats, the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:
Senate Bill 815 in concurrence with the Senate

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Necessary for Passage 74
Those voting Yea 146
Those voting Nay 3
Absent not voting 2

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Bill is passed in concurrence [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call House Calendar 731.

CLERK:

House Calendar 731, Substitute Senate Bill No. 1019 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPPORTUNITY GAP.

Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Sanchez of the 25th.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate as amended.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):
The Question before the Chamber is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill. Will you remark?

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move adoption.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Will you remark further on the Bill before us. Representative McCarty.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Excellent Bill, everyone should support. Thank you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much. Staff and guests Well of the House. Members take your seats, the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):
Have all members voted? If all the members have votes, please check the board to ensure your vote has been properly cast. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

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CLERK:

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Bill passed in concurrence [Gavel] as Amended.

Will the Clerk please call 650.

CLERK:

Calendar 650, Substitute Senate Bill No 1040 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN.

Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Government Administration and Elections.
SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Fox of the 148th.

REP. FOX (148TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Question before the Chamber is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

REP. FOX (148TH):

Good Bill, ought to pass.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Fishbein of the 90th.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just had some questions about this Bill if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just trying.
DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Excuse me, sir. Will you yield your time to Representative Ritter.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Oh, absolutely.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Pass temporarily.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Bill is passed temporarily [Gavel]. Senate Joint Resolution No. 3.

CLERK:


DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Borer.

REP. BORER (115TH):
Okay, thank you Madam Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Adoption of the Resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Question is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Adoption of the Resolution. Madam, you have the floor.

REP. BORER (115TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. What this does is petitions the United States Congress to recognize the Cadet Nurses and the 3,000 of them that served in Connecticut during World War II. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Will you remark further? Representative McCarty.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I just have a few questions but I would like to say that this is a very important Bill in the Veterans Committee. These are a group of women from World War II that
were nurses. These nurses have never received their status as veterans and I think this Bill is very important. I would like to recognize our Chair, our Ranking Member of the Veterans Committee, Representative Vail for this Bill and if I may just ask one question?

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

[Gavel]

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would just like to ask if this Resolution will be forward, how the procedure works with the Resolution, will it be forwarded over to the Federal Government for recognition?

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Borer.

REP. BORER (115TH):

Yes, through you, Madam Speaker.

This is going to be forwarded to the United States Congress to Amend and recognize the nurses.
Representative McCarty.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Thank you and if I may, these are again women that have never received their status, they are not interested in anything but receiving that Veteran status. So I thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you for the privilege.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Godfrey.

REP. GODFREY (110TH):

This is for my mother, I’m for it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

All in favor, please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Resolution is passed [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 507.

CLERK:

Calendar 507, Senate Bill 850 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Favorable Report of the Joint
DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Madam Speaker, I move for Acceptance and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate, as Amended.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Question is Adoption of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Question is on Adoption. Representative McCarty.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker and I apologize but could the good Chairman please give me an explanation of the Bill.
DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

It adds services provided for Leadership, Education, Athletics and Partnerships, Inc. It’s a New Haven based non-profit youth development organization.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative McCarty.

REP. MC CARTY (38TH):

I appreciate that explanation. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a couple of questions. I notice that the Bill was completely amended in the Senate and I just wondered if it had, if the material concerning licensing in the Bill had
a Public Hearing?
  Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
  Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):
  Through you, Madam Speaker.
  That is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
  Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):
  Under what, I don’t recall seeing it in Education, was it under the guise of another Bill?
  Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
  Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):
  I couldn’t hear her.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
  [Gavel] Representative Lavielle, please repeat.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):
I’m sorry, I just didn’t hear.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

He could not hear you.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Oh, okay I just asked if it was under another Bill number that we had that material?

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

No.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

So where did we have a Public Hearing?

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

This Bill did have a Public Hearing.

Madam Speaker, through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

All right, thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

I urge adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will the Members please take your seats, the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Check the board. The machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

The Clerk will please announce the tally.

CLERK:
Senate Bill 850 as Amended by Senate “A”

Total Number Voting 149
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Those voting Yea 146
Those voting Nay 3
Absent not voting 2

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

The Bill as amended is passed [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. Senate Bill 998.

CLERK:

Calendar 735, Substitute Senate Bill 998 AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO ENVIRONMENT RELATED STATUTES. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Madam Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
Question on Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

Madam Speaker, the Clerk has an Amendment, it’s LCO 11059. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO 11059 designated Senate Amendment “A”.

CLERK:

   Senate Amendment “A” LCO NO. 11059, offer by [cross talking].

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

   Representative Demicco.

REP. DEMICCO (21ST):

   Madam Speaker, minor revisions. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

   Question is adoption as amended.
Representative Harding.

REP. HARDING (107TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. So we’re still waiting for Amendments, I’m not sure we’re going to get them. I couldn’t possibly support the Bill if I don’t see the Amendments. I understand you may it but the rest of the Members in my Caucus doesn’t.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Pass temporarily.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Bill passed temporarily. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 736.

CLERK:

Calendar 736, Senate Bill 795 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Steinberg.
REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Madam Speaker, I move for Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate as Amended.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Question before the Chamber is passage of the Bill in concurrent with Senate. Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

AED, good Bill, ought to pass. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Petit.

REP. PETIT (22ND):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just one quick question for the Chairman. The issues about the fiscal note.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

I’m not familiar with the fiscal note.
Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Petit.

REP. PETIT (22ND):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Members take your seats; the machine will be open.  [Ringing]

Check the board to make sure your vote is properly cast. The machine will be locked.

The Clerk will please announce the tally.

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Bill as amended is passed [Gavel]. Will the
Clerk please call Calendar No. 563.

CLERK:

Calendar 563, Senate Bill No. 521 AN ACT
CONCERNING MIDDLETOWN AREA TRANSIT. Favorable
Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Planning
and Development.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CArTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I
move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's
Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in
concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Question is on Joint Committee's Favorable
Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with
the Senate. Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CArTHY VAHEY (133RD):
Good Bill, ought to pass.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. A couple of questions for the proponent of the Bill if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Some of the testimony discussed the possibly adding more people to Middletown versus Durham. Has this been resolved?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):
Thank you for that. Also what does this Bill actually do?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARRY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. It allows for removal of a member of the board.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you and does this apply only to the City of Middletown?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARY VAHEY (133RD):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Zawistowski.
REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

And I thank the good proponent for those answers. This was.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative will you please yield your time?

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Pass temporarily.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Bill will be passed temporarily [Gavel].

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 560.

CLERK:

Calendar 560, Substitute Senate Bill 140 AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR TAX RELIEF FOR CERTAIN ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARthy VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's
Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

    Question is on I move for Acceptance of the Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

    Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, good bill, I move passage.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

    Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

    Thank you, Madam Speaker. This Bill was unanimous in Committee, I recommend, well I do support it and recommend that my colleagues do the same. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

    Members take your seats, the machine will be open. [Ringing]

    Please check the board. The machine will be
Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 140 in concurrence with the Senate

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DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Bill as amended is passed [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Calendar 508.

CLERK:

House Calendar 508, Senate Bill No. 919 AN ACT REMOVING THE TERM "HOMEMAKER" IN REFERENCE TO HOME HEALTH AIDE AGENCIES AND SERVICES. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Public Health.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):
Madam Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Question is on passage in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Good Bill, ought to pass. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Petit.

REP. PETIT (22ND):

Ditto, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative O’Dea.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

I know there was some concerns in testimony about Au pairs being affected by this, is this Bill address that concern?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Steinberg.
REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Madam Speaker, this is about Homemakers.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative O’Dea.

REP. O’DEA (125TH):

Thank you very much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Members take your seats, the machine will be open. [Ringing]

Please check the board. Will the Clerk please take the tally. The machine will be locked.

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CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):
The Bill is passed [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 563 Senate Bill No. 521 AN ACT CONCERNING MIDDLETOWN AREA TRANSIT. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Development.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative McCarty. McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Question is on Acceptance of Favorable Report and Passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative McCarthy Vahey.

REP. MC CARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. It’s a good Bill, ought to pass.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Zawistowski.
REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My questions have been answered. Good Bill, ought to pass.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to follow up with some of the questions, if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Temporarily pass.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COOK (65TH):

Bill will be passed temporarily [Gavel].

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Will the Clerk please call House Resolution No. 36. Hang on Mr. Clerk.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker, I move the immediate suspension of our rules for immediate consideration of House Resolution 36.
SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is suspension of our rules for consideration of House Resolution 36. Will you remark? Without objection, so ordered [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call House Resolution. Hang on one second, Mr. Clerk. Phil, push your button. Representative Young.

REP. YOUNG (120TH):

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recuse myself from discussion and vote on this Resolution, please.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much. Clerk please call House Resolution 36.

CLERK:

House Resolution 36. RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CONTESTED ELECTION IN THE 120TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. LCO 11047 introduced by Representative D’Agostino, Representative Haddad, Representative Candelora.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative D’Agostino.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Move adoption of the Resolution.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is an Adoption of the Resolution. Will you remark?

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the limited time we have left, the facts before the Chamber are these. In the last District Election in the 120th last fall, 10,000 people voted properly in that election, 75 people in that election were not able to vote for the 120th District Representative. They received the wrong ballot. The margin of victory in that race was 13 votes. The question before this Chamber is what do we do in that situation? This is entirely our responsibility of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut. The question is entirely ours. There is no court precedent that guides us. There is no congressional precedent that guides us. It is our responsibility to decide that in the limited time that we have left. How do you balance the
interests of the 10,000 people who voted properly to the 75 who were unable to vote through no fault of their own, through no malfeasance, no intentional conduct at call in that situation? The best answer that we can come up with in that situation is to say that we are not going to disenfranchise the 10,000 people who were able to vote, we are going to order a new election at the one precinct where those 75 people were unable to vote and allow those people, in just that precinct the opportunity to vote again preserving the interest of the 10,000 people who voted properly. That is the resolution before us. I urge adoption.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Will you remark further on the Resolution before us? Representative Candelora of the 86th.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I obviously rise with some concerns with this Resolution and I would just like to address this entire Chamber. It is
obviously 11:55, we have five minutes left to do our business and what we are charged with in this Resolution is to fulfill a Constitutional obligation that the founders vested in the legislature to determine, that being what happens when somebody is not potentially not properly seated after an election occurs. And the good Representative who put out this Resolution has, we served together on this Contested Election, and I mean no disrespect in the comments that I make because Representative D’Agostino very hard to come to a resolution. While we didn’t come to an agreement we did agree upon the facts. What is disappointing is we have five minutes to have the conversation. And frankly I am not in a position to allow this conversation to be done in this manner. It is a disrespect to our Constitution, it’s a disrespect to this Chamber and it’s a disrespect to the votes of the 120th District. Yes, we had 10,000 people that went out and cased their votes properly but this was an election that was decided by a margin of 13 votes
and there were 75 people given the wrong ballots. We’re not talking about who is disenfranchised, whether those 10,000 that properly casted their votes, their votes don’t get properly casted but we’re talking about the election as a whole. When we sit back and look at this election as a whole, none of us could say that the outcome was proper. None of us could say who actually won this election with certainty. And so rather than bring justice to that conclusion, this body never resolved the issue and being in the minority party, I know that we lose arguments in this Chamber and we keep order and decorum and I think that this side of the aisle states their facts and they tread forward for the State of Connecticut. But this Resolution was different. This was a Constitutional obligation put on all of us that has nothing to do with how many Republicans or Democrats are in a Chamber. And it is not about a majority vote. Back in 1983 when this occurred it was the Republicans that were in power and it was the Republicans that agreed to
allow the Democrat to keep her seat and ironically it is Senator Hartley who has served this State very well whose seat was contested. It is very unfortunate that this issue could not have been resolved by both parties and I would have hoped that this Chamber all rose up and stood with me to demand a resolution at an appropriate time when we could have that conversation, and it didn’t happen. And what this tells me is we need to change our Statutes and vest this authority with the Judicial Branch because we are leaving here tonight failing the voters of the 120th District and failing the voters of the State of Connecticut because we cannot say if that seat has been properly elected and it is unfortunate to have that scarlet letter carried with us and it will carry with us through the next regular session and those voters won’t know if they ever elected the Representative for those people that came out to vote. And so it is very disappointing that we are put in the position to try to determine whether or not it is proper to be
casting a vote for this election at, now 11:58. But I feel strongly it is not appropriate at this time for this Chamber to be making this decision. And with that I sadly say, that this Resolution should no move forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Will you remark further on the Resolution before us? Representative Perillo of the 113th.

REP. PERILLO (113TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is very clear to me as somebody who was involved with this from the beginning and to the Representative’s credit and to the Representative D’Agostino’s credit who did a wonderful job as Chair of this Committee. We clearly cannot do this effectively. We have abdicated our responsibility, the responsibility given to us in our Rules and driven to us by the State Supreme Court. We were supposed to do this in a manner with respect and dignity and commitment to justice and we have...
SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Perillo, please standby.

[Gavel] Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker it is now almost ten seconds away from midnight and under the State Constitution, of the State of Connecticut we have to adjourn. We are now sine die. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I move that we adjourn sine die. Thank you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is adjournment of the House Chamber sine die. Will you remark?? If not we are adjourned sine die. [APPLAUSE]

(On motion of Representative Ritter of the 1st District, the House adjourned at 12:00 o'clock a.m., sine die.)

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Ladies and gentlemen, please understand the Senate is coming down for a Joint Session. The
Governor will come in to address us. So I know some things are being cleaned up and moved around, but please say in the Chamber, stay in your seats.

[Gavel] Ladies and Gentlemen I am going to remind you that we are having a Joint Session. We are going to start that process now.

CLERK:

There will be a Joint Session of the General Assembly. Representatives please come in and take your seats.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker I move suspension of our rules for the immediate consideration of House Resolution One, is my best guess. [Laughs] However I don’t have the number here. I assume it is one in the Special Session. No, its 35 to my shock.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Will the Clerk please call? The Question before the Chamber is suspension of our rules for
immediate consideration of House Resolution 35.
Will the Clerk please call House Resolution 35.

CLERK:

House Resolution 35, RESOLUTION RAISING A
COMMITTEE TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES IS READY TO MEET IN JOINT
CONVENTION. Introduced by Representative Ritter.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker, I believe the Resolution is self-
explanatory. Thank you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much. Question in on Adoption.
Will you remark? Will you remark? If not, I will
try your minds. All those in favor please signify
by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Those opposed, nay. The aye’s have it, the
Resolution is adopted. At this time the Chair will appoint a Committee to inform the Senate. Chair appoints Representative Mushinsky, Representative Gonzales and Representative Zupkus. If you would please go inform the Senate we are prepared to meet in Joint Convention.

Are there any announcements or introductions? Representative Ritter of the 1st District.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker, at this time there is no immediate business on our desk. We would like to recess for the purpose of having the Governor come in for a Joint Session. I move that we recess subject to the Call of the Chair.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Motion is recess subject to the Call of the Chair. Is there objection, is there objection? Hearing none, the House will stand in recess subject to the Call of the Chair [Gavel].

CLERK:

The Joint Session will convene in two minutes.
Members to the Chamber, take your seats. Members to the Chamber, take your seats.

The Joint Session will convene immediately,
Members take your seats. Joint Session will convene immediately, Members please take your seats.
SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

[Gavel] Will the House please come to Order.
Members please take your seats. Chair recognizes Representative Mushinsky of the 85th District.
Madam, you have the floor.
REP. MUSHINSKY (85TH):

Good Morning, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Good Morning, Madam.

REP. MUSHINSKY (85TH):

Mr. Speaker I am pleased to report that the Committee to Inform the Senate that the House is organized as met and called upon the Lieutenant Governor and told the Senate that we are ready to meet in Joint Convention. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):
Thank you very much, madam. Thank you for your report. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to welcome to the dais our Lieutenant Governor, Susan Bysiewicz [Applause].

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BYSIEWICZ:

Good Morning, everyone. [Gavel] This Session of the Joint Convention is now Called to Order. Please welcome Reverend James Nock to lead us in prayer, Reverend Nock.

SENATE CHAPLAIN, REVEREND JAMES NOCK:

Let us pray. Almighty Father, we ask Your blessing on the Joint Convention as we come together this morning to close this Legislative Session of 2019. This was an amazing session with many unusual things that happened. But we persevered and proved to everyone that this State by the long tidal river, there is no limit as to what we can achieve as long as we achieve it together. And we ask of you who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BYSIEWICZ:

Thank you, Reverend Nock. Indeed, many unusual
things have happened this Session. I would and it
does give me great pleasure to invite Mr. Speaker to
please lead us in the Pledge.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

(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.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BYSIEWICZ:

And I would ask Mr. Clerk is there any business
on your desk, sir?

CLERK:

The Clerk is in possession of Senate Joint
Resolution No. 42, RESOLUTION RAISING A COMMITTEE OF
TWO SENATORS AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO INFORM THE
GOVERNOR THAT THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES ARE IN JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ADJOURNMENT.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BYSIEWICZ:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):
Thank you.  Thank you, Madam President.  Madam President, I move Adoption of the Resolution.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BYSIEWICZ:

Question is on Adoption. Will you remark?

Senator Duff will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

No, I think we’re good [Laughter]. This is our normal Resolution to get the Governor.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BYSIEWICZ:

After that very impressive reading of the Consent Calendar, let me try your minds. All in favor of Adoption of the Resolution, please signify by saying, aye.

SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BYSIEWICZ:

All those not in favor. Never mind. The Resolution passes and now we’d like to send Senator Duff, Senator Fasano, Representative Ritter, Representative Klarides, they are appointed to the Committee to invite the Governor to attend the Joint
Convention. And the Convention will stand-at-ease.

[Applause] [Gavel] The Convention will come back-to-order. The Appointed Committee having fulfilled its duty is hereby discharged. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. And now Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly thank you, it is so nice to be here in this Chamber where I started in the House of Representatives, it is an honor and privilege to be able to introduce a person who brings great passion for serving the people of Connecticut. He wakes up every day and works tirelessly to ensure equality and opportunity for everyone in our great State. Governor it is a great honor to work with you. I give you our Governor Ned Lamont [Applause].

GOVERNOR NED LAMONT:

Thank you, Madam Lieutenant Governor. I was gonna share with you my ten-point Transportation Plan this evening [Laughter] but Andy suggested that may not be such a great idea. So, what I really want to do was thank the Speaker and thank the Majority Leader, and thank the President of the
Senate and the Majority Leader in the Senate; and, the Minority Leader, Themis and Len - and all of you for the incredible work that you have done. And everybody talks about all the big bills we have - and the controversial things. I just wanted to remind you of a lot of the important small things that you did as well. I think you just got 5G in under the wire, I was told and I have to tell you that's going to be transformative for this State - over the next decade. Wind power, ghost guns and minority teacher recruitment and I can go on - but I also want to thank you for getting a balanced budget on time. That is so important. [Applause]

When I stood before you in February, I told you how important it was to the local mayors, first selectmen, superintendents of schools, teachers and small business people. They said, "Look Guv, I know you're inheriting a three and a half billion-dollar deficit, and I'm not expecting a lot more money, but can you give me a budget on time so I can plan accordingly?" You have done that, and that is
important. We did that with a budget that we held the line on spending. We showed that we could live within our means. We told the mayors, look I can’t give you a lot more but we held them harmless on municipal aid and gave a little more money for education so there is a better opportunity to not just invest in our kids for the future, but to be better positioned to hold the line on property taxes as well. We are able to tell them that we're prepared.

This is the tenth year of recovery, and if there is a downturn, we do have two billion dollars in a Rainy-Day Fund and we're better positioned, than we have ever been before, to take it on right now - head on. [Applause] That is important. That is important. [Applause] And it's also a budget, which at the end of year two - sometimes we go off the cliff with billions of dollars in deficits, but no, fiscal stability is a key to economic growth. And this is a budget that gets us going in the right direction.
And I couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. OFA, OPM, Finance and Approps, see I'm getting the lingo down and you did it extraordinarily and I hope it didn’t take too much of a toll on you. [Laughter] Which reminds me, we do have a little bit of unfinished business. We're going to have to figure out, you know, Republicans and Democrats alike know how important it is to fix the transportation system and speeding up the transportation system. We have a dispute about how we're going to pay for it, but we're going to do that together and we’re gonna do that in a Special Session. We're going to do that because we - Republican or Democrat - we're all here because we love the State of Connecticut and we want to do the right thing. I look forward to doing that with each and every one of you. I got to tell ‘ya I’m gonna go back to the office now and enjoy a cool beverage and each and every one of you are welcome to join me and if you have more sense than that, I would just tell you that on your way home, you know, drive safe.
Good night, good luck and I’ll see you all in a few weeks. Thank you everybody. [Applause].

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BYSIEWICZ:

We have a brief bit of business, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, does the Clerk have Resolution 43 on his desk?

CLERK:

The Clerk is in possession of Senate Joint Resolution, Joint Convention Resolution No. 43.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PRINTING OF THE GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BYSIEWICZ:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Move Adoption of the Resolution.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BYSIEWICZ:

Thank you, Senator. The Question is on Adoption, Will you remark? Will you remark? If not, I will try your minds. All those in favor
please signify by saying, aye.

SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BYSIEWICZ:

Those not in favor, say nay. The aye’s have it. And now please give your attention to one of our very distinguished colleagues, Representative Patricia Billie Miller who will provide our benediction and then you can join us all for beverages in the Governor’s Office.

GUEST CHAPLAIN, REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER:

Let us pray. Eternal God, we are grateful to You for this productive Legislative Session. We thank you for the wisdom that You have given our Governor, our Lieutenant Governor and our Legislators in fulfilling the responsibility that has been entrusted to them.

As we bring this Joint Session to a close, we thank You for all of the extraordinary work that has been accomplished in this Session. Now, Almighty
God, we ask that You bless us and protect us. May You smile on us and be gracious to us. May You show us Your eternal favor and give us Your peace as we leave this place. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

[Applause]

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BYSIEWICZ:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President I move that we adjourn.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BYSIEWICZ:

Thank you and I would like to turn it over to our Secretary of the State. Is she here? All right, well we are adjourned sine die. And enjoy. [Applause]

(Upon motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, it was voted that the Convention be dissolved.)

(The President thereupon dissolved the Convention and the Senate withdrew at 12:37 a.m.)
sine die).
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