

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

The Senate was called to order at 11:54 a.m., the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Will the Senate please come to order? Members and guests, would you kindly please rise and direct your attention to our guest Chaplain, Ms. Kathy Grant from North Haven. Kathy.

ACTING CHAPLAIN KATHY GRANT:

Teach us how to love and work, that every deed we do may be to someone, in its turn, a service that is fine and true.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much. And I'd like to invite Senator Dereck Slap to come up to lead us in the pledge. I know it's 50, one way of 50, the other --. There you go.

SENATOR SLAP (5TH):

(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.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator Slap. Senator Duff, good morning.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Good morning, Madam President. Good to see you today. Madam President, is there any business on the Clerk's desk?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

The Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda No. 1, dated Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move all items on Senate Agendas No. 1 and 2. Did you call Senate Agenda No. 2, Mr. Clerk? Did you call Senate Agenda No. 2?

THE CHAIR:

No, Senate Agenda No. 1.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

No. 1. Okay. Sorry. Thank you. Senate Agenda No. 1, dated Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021, to be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and the Senate Transcript.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing no objections, so ordered.

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

**BANKING COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 150** AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT  
INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY.

**BANKING COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 890** AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT LOAN  
SERVICERS.

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 839** AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC  
DOCUMENTS AND PESTICIDE REGULATION IN THE STATE.

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 694** AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO  
PHARMACY AND DRUG CONTROL STATUTES.

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 894** AN ACT CONCERNING THE MANUFACTURE,  
SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOL-INFUSED  
CONFECTIONS.

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 901** AN ACT EXTENDING TO JUNE 30, 2021,  
CHANGES IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 2020 STATE ELECTION AS A  
RESULT OF COVID-19.

**HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 355** AN ACT CONCERNING A LANDLORD'S ABILITY TO  
CONSIDER THE CRIMINAL RECORD OF PROSPECTIVE TENANTS.

**HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**SB NO. 880** AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF  
TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 764** AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID  
PROVIDERS.

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**SUBST. SB NO. 911** AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PRENATAL CARE.

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 43)** - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President for our markings.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President on Calendar Page 1, Calendar 90, House Joint Resolution No. 62. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 1, Calendar 97, Senate Resolution No. 26. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 2, Calendar 98, Senate Joint Resolution No. 27. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar Page 99, Senate Joint Resolution No. 28. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 2, Calendar 100, Senate Joint Resolution No. 29. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 2, Calendar 101, Senate Joint Resolution No. 30. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 2, Calendar 102, Senate Joint Resolution No. 31. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 3, Calendar 103, Senate Joint Resolution No. 33. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 3, Calendar 104, Senate Joint Resolution No. 34. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 3, Calendar 105, Senate Joint Resolution No. 35. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 3, Calendar 106, Senate Joint Resolution No. 37 Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Calendar Page 107, Senate Joint Resolution No. 38. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Calendar Page 4, Calendar 108, Senate Joint  
Resolution No. 39. I'd like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Calendar Page 4, Calendar 109, Senate Joint  
Resolution No. 40. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Calendar Page 4, Calendar 110, Senate Joint  
Resolution No. 41. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Calendar Page 4, Calendar 111, Senate Joint  
Resolution No. 36. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President on Calendar Page 5, Calendar 65, Senate Joint Resolution No. 20. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

And if I can place that item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar Page 66, Senate Joint Resolution No. 21. I'm sorry. Calendar Page 5, Calendar 66, Senate Joint Resolution No. 21. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 5, Calendar 67, Senate Joint Resolution No. 22. Like to mark that item for our Consent Calendar please.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Calendar Page 5, Calendar 69, Senate Resolution No. 23. Like to mark that item for our Consent Calendar.



THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Calendar Page 6, Calendar 70, Senate Joint Resolution No. 24. Like to mark that item for our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Calendar 71, Senate Joint Resolution No. 25. Like to mark that item for our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Calendar 86, on Senate Calendar Page 6, House Joint Resolution No. 64. Like to mark that item for our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 6, Calendar 87, House Joint Resolution No. 65. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Calendar Page 88. I'm sorry. Calendar Page 6,  
Calendar 88, House Joint Resolution No. 66. Like to  
mark that item for our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 7, Calendar 89, House Joint  
Resolution No. 67. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar Page 6, 7, I'm sorry. Calendar Page 7,  
Calendar 91, House Joint Resolution No. 61. Like to  
mark that item for our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Calendar Page 7, Calendar 92, House Joint Resolution  
No. 63. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Hold on one second. Still marking.

THE CHAIR:

Gotcha.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Next item will be Calendar Page 15, Calendar 68,  
Senate Resolution No. 6. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Back to Calendar Page 13, Calendar 85, House Bill  
6555. Like to mark that item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

And followed by Calendar Page 13, Calendar 84,  
substitute for House Bill 6462. Like to mark that  
item go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Can the Senate stand at ease for a moment?

THE CHAIR:

And the Senate will indeed stand at ease. Senator Duff, before I call on you, I do want to let you know that we've just heard from Senator Flexer who pursuant to Senate Rule 24 will be voting from outside the Chamber. So, I did want to note that. And please proceed, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President, for the application of the Chamber for order, we're going to start with the executive and legislative nominations followed by the Judiciary Committee resolutions followed by the three Bills that I mark go and in the order that I marked those go.

THE CHAIR:

All right.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

All right.

THE CHAIR:

Fair.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

And I will yield to Senator Looney for a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Do you accept the yield, Senator Looney?

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes, I do, Madam President. And I thank the Majority Leader for the yield. For a point of personal privilege, Madam President, I'll be offering two as

a matter of fact, our Senate family have suffered two severe losses recently, with the loss of our two beloved former colleagues, Senator Ed Gomes and most recently, this past weekend, former Senator Billy Ciotto.

So, I'd first like to speak briefly about Senator Gomes. And I think for both of these beloved people, we'll have a more extended comment the next time we were in session with official resolutions regarding the career in service of both. But, for today, we just like to briefly talk about their lives and their passing and ask for a moment of silence.

So, first of all for Senator Gomes, as we all know, he was a champion of labor. He is someone who was proud of his advocacy for working people through his work as a union leader and his work in this General Assembly. And also, he was just a collegial and beloved colleague. And we will have more to say, you know, in a formal resolution that next time we are in session where we'll have a resolution commemorating his career.

So, at this point, Madam President, I would just ask for a moment of silence for our beloved former colleague, Senator Ed Gomes.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney, thank you so much. And I would ask all those in the Chamber to please join in a moment of silence in remembrance of Senator Gomes. (Gavel)  
Thank you.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President, also would seek recognition for another point of personal privilege, similar to the first.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Our second grievous loss occurred this past weekend with the death of a beloved former Senator, Biagio Billy Ciotto, who was a dear friend to so many of us, and I know of yours, Madam President, that Billy Ciotto was someone who embodied what public service and community service and collegiality is all about.

And his career of 42 years with the Department of Motor Vehicles culminating in his many years as Deputy Commissioner. In fact, the building is now named after him rather than under the various commissioners under whom he served. Then 12 years as a Member of this Chamber and then 14 years as a community liaison for Congressman John Larson. So that's 68 years of public service that Senator Ciotto had.

And we know that he was someone who loved people, loved serving people, believed that government was there to help. We will also have a lot more to say in a more formal resolution about Senator Ciotto the next time we are in session. But at this point, Madam President we just ask for a moment of silence in his memory.

THE CHAIR:

And I would ask that all of the Members and guests in the Chamber, please rise for a moment of silence in honor, of the passing of Senator Billy Ciotto.  
(Gavel) Thank you so much.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Madam President, I would yield to the Majority Leader who I believe is going to offer a similar memorial comment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Duff, do you accept the yield back?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and thanks to our Senate President, pro tem as well, Senator Looney. I rise today and offer a brief comment as well for the former House Majority Leader, David Pudlin, who recently passed away as well and tragically. And David ended his time and the tenure after I came in in a special election. So, I can't say that I knew him for decades or many years, like many others did, and I know have probably a more extensive moment as well in the future.

But I did want to say that he was a man who was very kind and generous and cares very deeply for the people of the state and wore a lot of who he was on his sleeve. And that having one of our former leaders pass away, I thought it would be appropriate for us to just take a moment to, again, having a moment of silence to recognize his contributions and recognize the fact that he is passed away so tragically. Madam President, thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff. Would all Members and guests please rise and join me in a moment of silence, remembering the life of Majority Leader. David Pudlin. (Gavel) Thank you so much. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And one final point of personal privilege, since we're in session today, I wanted to just not lose sight of the fact that while we have lost also some giants here in the State of

Connecticut, our country is not free of grief itself. And the fact that we've had two mass shootings in our country in one week. We've lost eight people in Atlanta in a spa shooting included six women of Asian descent.

And we want to make sure that we recognize them, who have also lost their lives. And we have just, as of yesterday in detail is still emerging from the mass shooting in Boulder, Colorado, where we have ten dead, including a police officer who was responding and who was a father of seven.

I've been in Atlanta and I've been in Boulder. Both are wonderful places in their own, right. People are just going about their daily lives, whether it was in a -- whatever they were doing. And nobody woke up that morning, thinking that they wouldn't be coming home that night because of the terrible violence that has become from those mass shootings.

And so while here in Connecticut, we responded with our own mass shooting at Sandy Hook years ago, the epidemic of gun violence and shootings like we've seen should never become normalized, nor should we ever forget to recognize those moments and find out how we all can do better, ourselves as individually, collectively as a Legislature and as humans as well.

And so, Madam President, I would ask that we rise for a moment of silence for the dead in Atlanta, the ten dead in Boulder, Colorado. And we ask that we never have another mass shooting here in our country. Again. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Duff. Members and guests, please rise and join in a moment of silence, remembering the victims of the shootings in Atlanta and Boulder. (Gavel)

Thank you so much. Senator Duff.



SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And would the Clerk call our first Resolution please?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 5, Calendar No. 66, Senate Joint Resolution #21, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT T. SIMMELKJAER II OF WESTPORT TO BE A MEMBER AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT LOTTERY CORPORATION.

THE CHAIR:

I'll take advantage of this short pause to announce also that our new Senate Member Patricia Billie Miller will also be voting remotely. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance to the Senate Joint Resolution and movement of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on passage, will you remark further?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, we have a gentleman who has been in acting in this role since May of 2020. He has a BA from Dartmouth and JD from Harvard Law. His career began in business management and sports spanning with ESPN and NBC Sports, he launched his own digital media startup

this year. And I would urge adoption of the Resolution, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

If I can yield to Senator Haskell, please.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator Duff, and we will ask Senator Haskell if he accepts the yield. Good afternoon, Senator Haskell.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. And thank you so much. Thank you to Senator Duff for the yield. I did want to rise very briefly and say a few words in support of Rob Simmelkjaer's nomination. Rob obviously has a distinguished career in sports broadcasting. He's a small business and a technology entrepreneur in Fairfield County, but frankly, more exciting to me than any of that is the fact that Rob is a tremendously good person and I've gotten to know him well over the last few years, as a neighbor, in Westport.

He's incredibly involved with the community. He is passionate about the wellbeing of our town and our state, and we are at a crucial, frankly, a historic juncture for gaming in the State of Connecticut. Finally, our state's going to enter the 21st century and see what this Chamber anticipates to be a great rise in the amount of revenue, but we have to do so safely. We have to do so responsibly and we've got to make sure Rob is looking out for those who can fall victim to the addiction of gambling.

I know that Rob is going to bring us into the 21st century with great care and great compassion. And I'm so excited for all of the work that lies ahead for him. I'm so excited that he'll be serving the State of Connecticut. I know he's already been hard at work with the administration, so I thank Governor Lamont for thinking of Rob and I look forward to voting yesterday. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Haskell, thank you so much. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there's no objection. I would place this item on the Consent Calendar. No, no --

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kelly.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Oh, we have an objection. Okay.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kelly, we will mark your objection and the vote will be taken by roll. And Senator Formica, did you have a comment you'd like to make?

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator Duff, sorry for the delay. Yes, I would like to make a short comment. This gentleman has been in charge of being chair of the lottery for some time. He's done some good work. The opposition to this gentleman was based on some remarks disparaging to the Republican

Party publicly during a very difficult time in our nation's history.

I had some conversations with him further and I was, and did receive an apology for his comments from this gentleman and I believe the apology to be sincere. And I just wanted to put that on the record as I will be supporting this nomination today, but I'm not sure who else. And so, thank you for the opportunity to call for a roll call vote today, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator Formica. Will you remark further? Will you remark further on the Resolution that is before us? If not, I will ask the Clerk to call the roll and the machine will be opened.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Senate Joint Resolution No. 21. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Senate Joint Resolution No. 21. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate.

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THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted? The machine will be locked and I would like to announce the machine has been closed. And I am in possession of written statements from Senator Patricia Billie Miller, who votes in the affirmative and from Senator Mae Flexer who votes in the affirmative. And will the Clerk please record the

votes from outside of the Chamber as indicated and announce the tally. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 21.

Total number voting	33
Those voting Yea	27
Those voting Nay	6
Absent and not voting	3

(Gavel)

THE CHAIR:

And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 7, Calendar No. 89, House Joint Resolution No. 67, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THOMAS M. PATTON OF BRANFORD TO BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I believe that we were supposed to do House Calendar 67 first, I'm sorry, Senate Calendar 87, I apologize. House Joint Resolution 65.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, I do believe that is correct. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 6, Calendar No. 87, House Joint Resolution No. 65, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF RICHARD BALDUCCI OF DEEP RIVER TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. Madam President. I move acceptance of Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Resolution. And will you remark further, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, this is a reappointment. Many people know Richard Balducci as the former speaker of the House and the former State Senator or the 27th District. He's been on the board of trustees for the Connecticut State University from 1996 to 2011 and the Board of Regions since 2011. And I would urge passage of the Resolution. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff. Will you remark further on the bill -- on nomination that is before us. Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I would ask that when this vote is taken, it'd be taken by roll.

THE CHAIR:

And so ordered. Will you remark further on the Resolution that is before us. Will you remark further? If not, Mr. Clerk, would you kindly

announce a roll call vote? And I will open the machine.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on House Joint Resolution No. 65. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on House Joint Resolution No. 65. Immediate roll call vote in the senate.

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THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted in the Chamber? The machine will be closed. And the Chair is in possession of a written statement from Senator Mae Flexer who votes in the negative. And a written statement from Patricia Billie Miller, Senator from Stamford, who votes in the affirmative. Mr. Clerk, would you kindly tally those votes as indicated, and please announce it for the Chamber.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 65

Total number voting	33
Those voting Yea	32
Those voting Nay	1
Absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel)

And the Resolution is adopted. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. Madam President. Will Senate stand at ease for a moment?

THE CHAIR:

And the Senate will stand at ease.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 7, Calendar No. 89, House Joint Resolution No. 67, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THOMAS M. PATTON OF BRANFORD TO BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is indeed on passage of the Resolution, will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Tom Patton is slated to be a new member of the board of directors of the Connecticut Port Authority. He has his education from Holy Cross and Georgetown



University Law. He started his career as a litigator, then became in-house counsel for a medical product's company. He served more on -- he served on more than a dozen boards of directors and he's currently the CEO of Ximedica.

And Madam President, he lives on the coast, enjoys many of the ports in Connecticut, and I believe that he has a lot of qualifications to serve well on the board of directors of the Connecticut Port Authority. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on the Resolution that is before the Chamber? Will you remark further on the Resolution? Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I would just ask that we hold a roll call vote. Thanks.

THE CHAIR:

And indeed, a roll call vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk, the machine will be open. Mr. Clerk, would you please announce the roll call vote.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on House Joint Resolution No. 67. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on House Joint Resolution No. 67. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted? The machine will be closed. And the Chair is

in possession of a written statement signed by Patricia Billie Miller. And she votes in the affirmative and a statement from Senator Mae Flexer who votes in the affirmative. Mr. Clerk, would you kindly record those votes and read the tally, please?

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 67

Total number voting	33
Those voting Yea	32
Those voting Nay	1
Absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel) And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 7, Calendar No. 92, House Joint Resolution No. 63, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CHRISTY L. SCOTT OF BERLIN TO BE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption, will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. This is a reappointment, a full-time salaried position. Many people know that Christy Scott, she served as the House Democrat staff from 2007 to 2013 as legal counsel. She's been a law clerk and English teacher, legal counsel to Child Advocates Office and she's also been an Assistant Attorney General.

Since she's been a Claims Commissioner, she has simplified forms, revised the website, began accepting pleadings by email, implemented electronic case management and acknowledged that there have been some -- there are still some backlogs, but the fact that there's really only one person in the office. And so we had a good hearing with Christy Scott and certainly feel that she has worked hard and deserves to be reappointed to this important position. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the Resolution before us? Senator Formica.

SENATOR FONFARA (1ST):

Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon. I rise in opposition to this nomination and I would ask that when this vote is taken, it would be taken by roll.

THE CHAIR:

And that is so noted. And when we vote, we will vote by roll. Will you remark further on the nomination that is before us? Will you remark further? If not, the machine will be opened. Mr. Clerk, would you kindly call the roll.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on House Joint Resolution No. 63. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on House Joint Resolution No. 63. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate on House Joint Resolution No. 63. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted? The machine will be closed and the Chair has in her possession, the affirmative vote of Senator Patricia Billie Miller and the affirmative vote of Senator Mae Flexer. Mr. Clerk, if you would please record those votes and announce the tally.

CLERK:

On House Joint Resolution No. 63

Total number voting	33
Those voting Yea	31
Those voting Nay	2
Absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel) And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar No. 90, House Joint Resolution No. 62, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT W. CLARK, ESQUIRE, OF DURHAM TO BE A JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT AND A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT."

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff. Oh, I do apologize. Senator Winfield. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And indeed, the question is on adoption, will you remark, Sir?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Before us is Robert W. Clark of Durham. He comes to us on a positive vote through the Judiciary Committee. He's a graduate of the University of Connecticut. He is also a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law. He is known to all of us. He has had a lot of experience in government and he has also sat on the bench before. He comes to us on a positive nomination and I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on the Resolution that is before us? Good afternoon, Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I also rise in support of the nomination of Robert Clark, fellow UConn law alumni. I like Senator Winfield said he is well-known. He is a very, not only a great legal mind, but someone who I think understands the people of Connecticut and I support his nomination. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kelly. Will you remark further on the Resolution before us? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the Resolution, certainly Attorney Robert Clark, I think is extraordinarily well qualified to serve on the appellate court of the State of Connecticut. Given the somewhat unique nature of his prior experience working in a major law firms in the state immediately after graduating with high honors from UConn Law School, where he was an executive editor of the law review often the kind of preparation that prepares people for appellate court service later in life and then, the most relevant, important part of his more recent experience, obviously serving as an Assistant Attorney General and liaison for Attorney General Jepsen with the General Assembly.

Many of us came to know him well in that capacity as a careful and painstaking attorney who was very well aware of the nuances of statutory language, and also somebody who thought very carefully and deeply about the implications of statutory language and the impact on public policy, not only immediately, but implications carrying out into the future. And then he served briefly as a Superior Court Judge in civil and criminal cases in Bridgeport.

And then for the last two years as Chief Counsel to Governor Lamont. So, I think that that combination of talent and experience will mean that he will be a bright light on the appellate court bringing to it the diversity of experience that he has and a combination that a very few other candidates have. So, I enthusiastically support his nomination and wishing well for years of service. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Will you remark further on the Resolution that is before us? Will you remark further on the Resolution? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Madam President, just to be clear when the vote is taken, it should be taken by roll.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. With that, we will ask Mr. Clerk to please call the roll and the machine will be opened.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on House Joint Resolution No. 62. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on House Joint Resolution No. 62.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted? The machine will be closed. The Chair is in possession of a written statement from Senator Mae Flexer who votes in the affirmative and Senator Patricia Billie Miller, who votes in the affirmative. Mr. Clerk, please announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 62.

Total number voting	33
Those voting Yea	32
Those voting Nay	1
Absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel) And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar No. 97, Senate Joint Resolution No. 26, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF WILLIAM F. CLARK, ESQUIRE, OF NEW HAVEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption, will you remark, sir?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Before us is William F. Clark to be a Judge of the Superior Court. He is from New Haven. He is a graduate of Notre Dame, graduate of Quinnipiac University School of Law. He comes to us on a positive vote out of the Judiciary Committee, actually a unanimous vote out of the Judiciary Committee and I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the Resolution before us? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you. Madam President. I too rise in support of the nomination of William Clark and urge his approval.

THE CHAIR:



Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the Resolution. Madam President, I've known Attorney Clark for a long time. His family has had a multi-generational commitment to public service. His grandfather was an Assistant Registrar of Voters in the City of New Haven. His father was a very esteemed and beloved Superior Court Judge, served many years in the geographical Area Court in New Haven. In fact, his portrait now is on display in the courtroom, in the New Haven courthouse where he served for so many years.

And Attorney Clark is someone who has had a diversity in experience. Most recently, he has served as a Chief Operating Officer for the Waterbury Public School System. And before that, the New Haven Public School System, but prior to that, he was a partner in the law firm of Berchem Moses & Devlin in Milford, specializing in labor and education law. And he also was an assistant corporation counsel for the City of New Haven, as well as Labor Relations Director there as well.

And as somebody who is an experienced negotiator and someone who I think will be very adept in the pre-trial process of helping to bring parties to a resolution, he is, as I said, the family tradition of devotion to public service, and I'm sure he will be highly skilled and compassionate and energetic Superior Court Judge. Thank you, Madam President. And I urge support for the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask that this item be placed on Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 98, Senate Joint Resolution No. 27, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MAXIMINO MEDINA, JR., ESQUIRE, OF BRIDGEPORT TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Before us is Maximino Medina Jr. to be a judge of the Superior Court. He comes to us on a unanimous vote out of the Judiciary Committee. Just a little, about a week ago, he received a unanimous vote. He is a graduate of the Harvard University, with a BA in Government. He's also a graduate of the New York University School of Law. And he comes to us on a unanimous vote in a crop of Judges that, I think, the Members of the Judiciary Committee felt very good about, I would urge adoption. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I wholeheartedly stand in support of Maximino Medina

Jr. of Bridgeport. You cited Harvard and New York University School of Law. What we didn't mention, was the Central High School Hilltopper that he and my dad both graduated from. And I think that's where, he probably learned how to be such an outstanding individual. I can't speak highly enough for Mr. Medina. He is a first-rate legal aptitude. He has unparalleled legal skill that I was lucky enough to witness. And what is best about Mr. Medina is not only his legal skills and capacity, but also, and more importantly, his human skills.

Max is a great person. He understands not only the practice of law, but the practicality of law. He has litigated. He comes from private practice and understands not only the shoes that lawyers walk in when they enter a courtroom, but more importantly, how the judicial system can work for the people that we serve. He has Bridgeport in his heart, and I believe he will carry that to the bench. And for those reasons I stand in firm support of this nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the Resolution that is before us? And Senator Moore, good afternoon.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Good afternoon. Madam President, I rise in support of my friend Maximino Medina, but I want you to say that standing with me is Senator Ed Gomes. He would be so proud to be here to watch this happen for Max. I've been friends with Max for over 40 years. Senator Gomes has been with him much longer than that. He's always been a man of integrity. He's always been honest and forthright.

Even among his friends when we had issues, he was very serious about the law. He didn't care who we were, what we were doing. He wanted to make sure we

were following the law and we were doing it for the right reasons. I've had the honor of not just knowing him, but his children and his wife. I

have the utmost respect for Maximino for what he's done for the City of Bridgeport, I'm a Hilltopper also, Central High School, class of '66. And he has just been this bright star for Bridgeport and all the work that he's done. People continually pull on him and ask him for support. And when Max comes to the table, you have to be doing the right thing all the time, or he will not be involved.

So, I stand here and I'm so sincere when I said if Senator Gomes was here, he would be grinning from one ear to the other, that his friend Max Medina is being moved to a judge, which he so deserves and will do so much work for the city and the state. I move for his nomination. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Moore. Will you remark further on the Resolution? Good afternoon, Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Madam President, always a pleasure to see you. Good afternoon. And thank you for allowing me to say a few words on behalf of Maximino Medina. I can tell you that there has been a few advocates who have the passion and conviction that he has in our great city of Bridgeport, but more than just his learning abilities and his credentials, I think I also attach myself to the comments made by Senator Kelly and Senator Moore, and that he's had such a noble heart.

When I first was assigned to Bridgeport Board or voted into the Bridgeport Board of Education and was chairing that department, Max reached out, allowed me to go upstairs to his fancy office upstairs. And even though he worked in a very prestigious law firm, he never lost the common touch. He never lost

his ability to reach out and extend mentorship, to extend friendship, to give people advice and what would be the best practices, that went a long way for me to have a person like that to give me his years of experience on the Board of Ed and to teach me how to be an effective leader.

And more importantly, when I was canvassing looking to run for different public offices, I would knock on the door of the Medina household and his wife, what a tender person she is that she would always offer me water. She would always invite me in and she would always be so curious to hear my platform and my reason for running.

It's an extreme honor to see a Puerto Rican kid from Bridgeport, not only get into Harvard, not only become an attorney, not only enter practice at a corporate level and do all the tremendous things that he's done for himself, but always extending back, always having the common touch, always making himself available for his community and to see him now be a judge is exactly the core values we need to see. And I hope we see in every single one of the people who get nominated to the bench and I know undoubtedly, we see in Maximino Medina. So, congratulations to him, an outstanding selection.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator Bradley. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. If there's no objection, I'd ask this time to be placed on Consent.

THE CHAIR:

And seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 99, Senate Joint Resolution No. 28, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JESSICA TORRES SHLATZ, ESQUIRE, OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption, will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. And before us Jessica Torres Shlatz of West Hartford to be a Judge of the Superior Court. She comes to us out of that crop of phenomenal nominees that we heard in a Judiciary Committee, not too long ago. She's a graduate of the University of Connecticut. She's also a graduate of the Western New England School of law. She comes to us on a unanimous vote and I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on the Resolution before us? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. I likewise stand in support of the nomination of Jessica Shlatz of West Hartford, and urge her support.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kelly. Will you remark further?  
Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you again, Madam President. If there is not objection, I'd ask this item be placed on Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 100, Senate Joint Resolution No. 29, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF NDIDI N. MOSES, ESQUIRE, OF SEYMOUR TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption, will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Before us is Nddi Moses of Seymour to be a judge of the Superior

Court. She's amongst that crop of judges, I keep repeating today, who came before the Judiciary Committee and got a unanimous vote. She is a graduate of Penn State University, and she's a graduate also of the UConn School of Law. Ms. Moses has done a lot of the work over the years with myself and others to bring us more diverse judges. And again, the class of judges that we are hearing today are phenomenal. She comes to us on a unanimous vote and I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. I likewise stand in support of the nomination of Ndidi Moses of Seymour to be appointed to the Superior Court. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the Resolution? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you again, Madam President. If there is no objection, I ask this item to be placed on Consent as well.

THE CHAIR:

And seeing none, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 101, Senate Joint Resolution No. 30, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL JAMES GUSTAFSON, ESQUIRE, OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.



THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further, sir?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Before us is Michael J. Gustafson of West Hartford to be a Judge of the Superior Court. He comes to us on a unanimous vote out of the Judiciary Committee. I don't think I need to say that he was in a phenomenal class. He is a graduate of Amherst College and also the University of Connecticut School of Law. And I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the Resolution? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. I stand in support of the nomination of Attorney Michael Gustafson of West Hartford and support his appointment to the Judge of the Superior Court.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I ask this item be placed on Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 102, Senate Joint Resolution No. 31, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF KIMBERLY MASSICOTTE, ESQUIRE, OF BURLINGTON TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption, will you remark?  
Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I also rise in support of the nomination of Attorney Kimberly Massicotte of Burlington and urge that she be approved. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further on the Resolution? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask that this Western New England University School of Law graduate who got a unanimous vote out of that Judiciary Committee be placed on Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none, no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 3, Calendar No. 103, Senate Joint Resolution No. 33, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JOHN A. CIRELLO, ESQUIRE, OF NEW HAVEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution. And the question is on adoption, will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Before us is John Cirello of New Haven, Connecticut. Amongst that phenomenal class we've been talking about, he comes to us on a unanimous vote out of the Committee and I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption of the Resolution, will you remark further? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I also stand in support of the nomination of Attorney John Cirello of New Haven. I believe that he is not only a litigator, but he comes from a private practice, small firm, and this is the type of experience that I think we need in the courtroom to bring that perspective. And I'm very supportive of this nomination and urge all to approve. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the Resolution and the nomination of Attorney John Cirello. I wholeheartedly agree with Senator Kelly because that Attorney Cirello has exactly the right experience to become a Superior Court Judge. He is somebody who has been in a very active practice as a founding member of his own law firm, has had both an active civil practice, criminal defense, plaintiff civil litigation defendants, civil litigation, business law, housing law, trust in the states.

He has done everything that lawyers do in a small private practice and brings that perspective to the bench. He's also someone who has been actively involved in community service in the City of new Haven, an active Republican, despite that I am enthusiastic and supportive his nomination, because he is exactly the kind of person we need on the bench. He has been active both in his parish and also in community advocacy, coaching and volunteering his time in youth sports and little league.

So, he has been the kind of attorney who is an active community member, and contributes his skill beyond what happens within the scope of his

practice. So, I hope he will have many years of success on the bench in the State of Connecticut. And he is someone with great energy and a reservoir of experience that the state will benefit from now. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Will you remark? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. For the reasons stated by Senators Kelly and Looney, I would ask that if there's no objection, this item be placed on Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 3, Calendar No. 104, Senate Joint Resolution No. 34, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CHRIS A. PELOSI, ESQUIRE, OF BERLIN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption, will you remark?

THE CHAIR:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Before us is Chris Pelosi of Berlin who has been in Hartford State's Attorney's Office for some time now, who came to us in the phenomenal class. We have repeatedly talked about this afternoon. He's a graduate of Assumption College, and also a graduate of Quinnipiac University School of Law. It comes to us on a unanimous vote out of a Judiciary Committee. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I also rise in support of the nomination of Attorney Chris Pelosi of Berlin and I'm particularly proud of a fellow Greyhound who is going to be a Judge of the Superior Court. So I would urge adoption of this Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there's no objection, I'd ask this item be placed on Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 3, Calendar No. 105, Senate Joint Resolution  
No. 35, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF

EDWARD VINCENT O'HANLAN, ESQUIRE, OF OLD LYME TO BE  
A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the  
Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of  
the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption, will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Before us is Edward  
O'Hanlan of Old Lyme, who is a graduate of the  
Hampden-Sydney College and the University of  
Richmond School of Law. He comes to us on a  
unanimous vote out of the Judiciary Committee and is  
not lost me as a Navy veteran, his connections to  
the Navy. And I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. I also rise in support  
of the nomination of Attorney Edward Vincent  
O'Hanlan of Old Lyme and urge adoption of  
Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Senator  
Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. If there is not objection, I'd ask this item be placed on Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 3, Calendar No. 106, Senate Joint Resolution No. 37, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE GLADYS IDELIS NIEVES OF NEW HAVEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. The question is on adoption, will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Before us is Gladys Idelis Nieves of New Haven. She comes to us out of a unanimous vote and I must say there is a lot of glowing reception of her in the committee. She's a graduate of the Yale University, and also the New York University School of Law. And she comes to us on a unanimous vote. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:



Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST): Thank you very much, Madam President. I also rise in support of the nomination of Attorney Gladys Idelis Nieves of New Haven, and would urge support and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the Resolution. Attorney Nieves is a New Haven resident. She is somebody who comes to the bench with very significant and relevant experience. As Senator Winfield said she has her undergraduate degree from Yale and her law degree from New York University. She is currently serving as a family support magistrate, and with all of the difficulties and challenges that that assignment brings, she will now bring that experience to the Superior Court.

She's also served as a -- In addition to being a family support magistrate, she has also served as a small claims magistrate. She also ran a solo law practice in the city of New Haven for a while, so she has the understanding of all the trials and tribulations and multiple competing obligations that a small solo practice involves. And before starting her private law practice, she was a senior staff attorney with the Center for Children's Advocacy, and also worked as an attorney for the Legal Aid Society in the South Bronx in New York. So, she has had a significant array of experience and comes to the Superior Court bench very well-prepared. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is not objection, I'd ask this item be placed on Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 3, Calendar 107, Senate Joint Resolution No. 38, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF H. GORDON HALL, ESQUIRE, OF NEW HAVEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Before us is H. Gordon Hall to be a Judge of the Superior Court. He comes to us on a unanimous vote out of the Judiciary Committee. A graduate of the Harvard College, and a University of Connecticut School of Law. He -- I'm sorry. He had a unanimous vote out of the Committee and I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you very much, Madam President I too rise in support of Attorney H Gordon Hall of New Haven, and I would urge adoption of this Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the Resolution, Attorney H Gordon Hall is someone who has had a very distinguished career in the laws since 1989. He has been an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut and has had an extraordinary amount of trial experience in that time in major cases, both civil and criminal. For the first few years there, he served in the civil division, but since 1992 he has been in the criminal division involved in major investigations, major prosecutions since that time.

He also early in his career had experience in private practice, engaged in the general practice of law with a Hartford firm of Sorokin & Sorokin in the early 1980s, and then served several years as Assistant Corporation Counsel for the city of New Haven, where he was the principal trial lawyer for the city before becoming a federal prosecutor. His family is very committed to public service. His wife, Donna Hall is a highly respected senior planner in the City Plan Department of the city of New Haven for many years and has been involved making sure that New Haven's planning process is both environmentally sound and with a great attention paid to aesthetics as well.

Attorney Hall brings that rich diversity of experience to the Superior Court bench and he will be a superb trial judge. Thank you, Madam President. And I think that we should all celebrate his nomination, the expertise that he brings with him. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there's not an objection, I'd ask this item be placed on Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 4, Calendar No. 108, Senate Joint Resolution No. 39, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CARLA NASCIMENTO ZAHNER, ESQUIRE, OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption, will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Before us is Carla Nascimento Zahner of West Hartford to be a Judge of the Superior Court. She comes to us with a vast experience in her background and she's a graduate of Trinity College and the University of Connecticut School of Law. Ss she comes to us with a unanimous vote out of the Judiciary Committee and I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. I also rise in support of the nomination of Attorney Carla Isabel Nascimento Zahner of West Hartford, and urge support for the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask this item be placed on Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 4, Calendar No. 109, Senate Joint Resolution No. 40, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LINDA ALLARD, ESQUIRE, OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption, will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Before us is Linda Allard of West Hartford to be a Judge of the Superior Court. She is a graduate of Cornell University and Cornell Law School. She has a background in legal aid and comes to us on a unanimous vote out of the Judiciary Committee. And there was a lot of talk about the good work that she did at legal aid and there was also a lot of talk about the good work she's done in her community. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. I also rise in support of Attorney Linda Allard of West Hartford, and would urge a support for the Resolution. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the -- I'm sorry. If there is not objection, I'd ask this item to be placed on Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Excellent. And seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 4, Calendar No. 110, Senate Joint Resolution No. 41, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CARLETHA S.P. TEXIDOR, ESQUIRE, OF SOUTHLINGTON TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Before us is Carletha S.P. Texidor of Southington. She comes to us on a unanimous vote. As all of the judges that we are currently doing, she had a very favorable exchange in the Judiciary Committee, partially because it was focused on her time as a corrections officer, which is not usually in the background of those who are before us to become a judge. She is a graduate of the University of Greenwich in London.

She graduated with honors to get her law degree and I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. I also rise in support of the nomination of Attorney Carletha Texidor of Southington, and would urge adoption of the Resolution. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there's not objection, I'd ask this item be placed on Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 4, Calendar 111, Senate Joint Resolution No. 36, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ANGELICA N. PAPASTAVROS, ESQUIRE, OF KILLINGWORTH TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):



Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption, will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. And as with all the other nominees today, Angelica N. Papastavros of Killingworth comes to us on a unanimous vote out of the Judiciary Committee. She is a graduate of the University of Bridgeport and also Quinnipiac University School of Law. I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I also rise in support of Attorney Angelica Papastavros of Killingworth. And I urge our colleagues to support the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there's no objection, I'd ask this item be placed on Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none, so ordered. Mr. Clerk. Senator Duff. Pardon me, Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Will the Senate stand at ease for a moment please?

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Will the Clerk return to the call, please?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 15, Calendar No. 68, Senate Resolution No. 6,  
RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE  
ADMINISTRATIVE & RESIDUAL EMPLOYEES UNION.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. It's pleasure to see you this afternoon. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption, will you remark?

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, this is an accretion contract between a number of employees into the A&R current contract, essentially there, this is between the State of Connecticut and the Administrative and Residual Employees hereafter referred to as A&R.

It's an agreement between about 67 to 57 employees, depending on who may have been uh, moved into the unit or who may have been already moved out of the union or retired and it is retroactive to July 1st, 2020 and ends on June 30th, 2021. And I urge passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the Legislation that's before us? Senator Miner. Are you sure?

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'm sure. I wasn't sure that she was done. So, Madam President, I rise in opposition to this Bill. Look, the state has been very fortunate to have a number of individuals, thousands of individuals that worked very hard on the behalf of the Connecticut residents. The issue that we have with this Bill is primarily that it continues some prior procedure of unionizing managers. In most organizations, managers are above unionization. Yet in the State of Connecticut, we keep moving down this path in this case, their employees in the banking division, insurance division, labor department, transportation division, the implications on the budget in this agreement are in excess of \$300,000 per year.

There are implications in the pensions and also in benefits. Again, for the record, the reason, I think we have most opposition to this is the continuation of organizing managers. And so, I rise to oppose the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further, Senator Osten?

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I would urge my colleagues to adopt this, and I would point out that there is a statute that defines what a manager is and none of these workers per the Labor Relations Board meet that standard. And I would urge this to be have a roll call vote.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. And we will have a roll call vote when it is called. Will you remark further on the Resolution that is before us? Will you remark further on the Resolution? If not, there's been a request for a roll call vote, so I will open the machines. Mr. Clerk, will you kindly call the roll please?

CLERK:

Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Senate Joint Resolution No. 6. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Senate Joint Resolution No. 6. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate.

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THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted? If so, the machine will be closed. And the Chair is in possession of the affirmative vote of Senator Mae Flexer and the affirmative vote of Senator Patricia Billie Miller, kindly record those votes, Mr. Clerk, and please announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution No. 6

Total number voting	33
Those voting Yea	24
Those voting Nay	9
Absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel)

And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 13, Calendar No. 85, House Bill No. 6555, AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT AND APPROVAL OF COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill in concurrence with the House of Representatives.

THE CHAIR:

And the questions on passage, will you remark, please?

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. This Bill establishes a process for legislative oversight and approval of the allocation of COVID-19 funds received from the federal government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 or any subsequent federal act. The Bill requires the Governor to submit an allocation plan to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem of the Senate.

The Governor's recommended allocations under the Bill would be referred to the Appropriations Committee, which would report its approval or modifications to the General Assembly for approval. The Bill's establishment of a process for legislative oversight and approval of the allocation received from the federal government has no fiscal impact.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Senator Miner.

SENATOR MINER (30TH):

Senator Osten must be in a hurry. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I rise in support of the Bill and I'm not sure if the -- Oh, as amended from the House. Madam President, we've had a number of occasions where the leadership of the Appropriations Committee has met to talk about the implications of COVID, the resources that have come to the State of Connecticut to help mitigate some of those COVID related expenses and to what degree the State of Connecticut follows the lead of other States.

It was our finding that Connecticut was probably an outlier that there are many states, in fact, that have, and set some parameters under which Governors

can operate with federal resources, especially in situations like the COVID pandemic. The Bill before us inserts the legislative equality that has existed in the State of Connecticut, and certainly is there for the state's budget. And in this case would also apply to many of the resources that will come from the federal government, not only resources that have come so far, but some that have yet to reach the State of Connecticut. And so, I rise in support of the Bill. I appreciate the work that my Co-Chair has done with Toni Walker as well, and Representative France on this Bill. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Miner. Will you remark further on the Bill that is before us? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I rise also in support of this for the primary reason that it's giving the people back somewhat of the control of their government. And that's a good day considering what's happened over the past year, but I can't help, but recognize the hypocrisy that's occurring. That on one hand, we're saying we want to take control of this, and then I hear that there's a movement to extend executive authority. Why can we take control here when we're getting federal money, but we can't take control of the responsibilities of government for the people we represent.

There's a measure of hypocrisy there. There's another measure of a hypocrisy to think that we can't do this, take control with masks on, got one on right now. That's a fact. It can be done and it must be done. And that's what we've been asking for. I don't think it's too hard to ask this question that in a constitutional form of government of the people and for the people that the people's voice comes back into this Chamber, into this building and

that we re-establish the people's voice through the legislative process.

We have a government, constitutional government born in this city. We are the foundation of constitutional government where you have separate but equal branches of government. And this equal branch needs to be on equal footing. This Bill is good because it's a start, but by no means the end, no means the end. We've known April 20th is coming since January. This demonstrates we can do it. And a couple of weeks ago when we spent almost a habit, we, I shouldn't say that I voted against the Bill. When the majority spent almost a half a billion dollars, they were able to do that with eCERT and move the business quick, fast demonstrating we can do it now, too.

I'm going to support this Bill because it's a good step in the right direction, but it's not the only step and it's certainly not the last step.

Let's continue this progress. Culminating in an April 20th, when we can have the people back in control of the government that they so rightly deserve, which they have voted for, that voice needs to be at the table. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further, Senator Osten?

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President, and I want to thank my colleagues for their comments and couldn't agree more. I think that this is a good step in the right direction. This was voted on unanimously out of the Appropriations Committee and worked on by both Ranking and the Chair, the two Chairwomen of the Committee in a bipartisan fashion. And I look forward to similar pieces of legislation as we move



forward on this same methodology. And if there is no one who has objection, I would ask that this be moved to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

And seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.  
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Will the Senate stand at ease for a moment, please?

THE CHAIR:

And the Senate will stand at ease. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Will the Clerk please call the next item on our Calendar please?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 13, Calendar No. 84, substitute for House Bill No. 6462, AN ACT CONCERNING USE OF FORCE BY A PEACE OFFICER.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on passage, will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. And before us is a Bill 6462 that comes to us through the Judiciary. It's AN ACT CONCERNING USE OF FORCE BY A PEACE OFFICER. It updates a portion of a Bill we did over the summer, commonly referred to as the Police Accountability Bill. What it was looking to do was makes some changes to parts of that Bill, including the timeline for the use of force portions.

It had been suggested that we needed to push the timeline out originally very far into the future. The Committee settled upon January 1st of 2022. There was also a comment about the effect of using the word exhaust in the language that we had in terms of what the officer would have to do in terms of the reasonable alternatives to force and what exhausts actually meant. And so, the Committee worked on that language.

The original conversation was about whether the word is considered what get at what we were trying to do better than the word exhaust. The Committee potentially use the word reasonable too many times and trying to actually explain that what they wanted the officer to do was to take into account. The fact that there were alternatives and not just considered them, but weigh them before making, it's the officer's decision.

This Bill represents the work of many people on the Judiciary Committee to try to figure out a path forward to deal with some real issues that were in that piece of legislation we passed over the summer and I would urge passage.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further on the legislation? Senator Champagne. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR CHAMPAGNE (35TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I am also going to rise to support this Bill and I do want to thank those that worked very hard on this. I want to thank the Republicans on this, on the Judicial Committee for just pushing hard to get to where we are. And I also thank those in charge of the Committee for listening and coming up with this compromise. This is a lot better than last year. Is it perfect? No, but at least it gives officers a chance to continue to do their jobs and to be able to defend themselves and defend those -- and defend others. So again, I want to thank everybody and especially those that fought hard for this. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Champagne. Will you remark further? Good afternoon, Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Thank you, Madam President. I just -- I'll be brief in my statements and in my objection to the amendment. And I take my hat off to Senator Winfield, because I know how hard he's worked to push us to get to this point. And I understand that politics is trying to oftentimes hurt a lot of cats into the room and making sure we can all come to some sort of a consensus, but I echo the remarks of Dr. King, who said justice delayed is justice denied. What we're asking for in the Police Accountability Bill was justice for everyone, not for black people and not for brown people, not for gay or straight, not for women or man, justice for everyone.

What we're asking for police officers is simply to conduct themselves when using force in reasonable and prudent fashion. That's it. We understand that that they have to defend people. We understand that their lives are in jeopardy. We understand that they defend the lives of others, but we cannot continue to delay justice for people who have been oppressed through this process of democracy. We have to make sure that it's transparent and open and free for all. So, I'm voting against this piece of legislation and this amendment to this Bill, because it's a bedrock. It is monumental what Senator Winfield has done. It's been a monumental piece of legislation and I cannot see it piece by piece, be torn apart.

We're asking for everybody who wears a badge, it's uphold that badge and to serve every single person. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the legislation before us? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And you know, in a way I understand the comments of Senator Bradley and align myself with those. But I will say that the one thing that is important for us to remember is that, if it is written in the law and it cannot stand up in a court of law because they haven't been trained, then people will be believing that they have protections that they don't have. And as somebody who's been working on police accountability as long as probably anybody around here, at least directly, you know, there are times when we have to do things that I think intuitively we probably would not do, but that are ultimately the thing that we should do. And with that, If there's nothing else I would ask that when the vote is called, they'd be called by roll.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the legislation that is before us? Will you remark further? If not, I will open the machine. And Mr. Clerk, would you kindly call the roll?

CLERK:

Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on House Bill 6462. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on House Bill 6462. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

And I would remind Members to please stay close to the Chamber because we will have a vote on the Consent Calendar after this Bill. So please don't stray far from this Chamber. Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted? And the machine will be locked. And the Chair is in possession of the affirmative vote of Senator Mae Flexer and the affirmative vote of Senator Patricia Billie Miller. If the Clerk could please record those and announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill 6462.

Total number voting	33
Total number of voting Yea	30
Total voting Nay	3
Absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel) And the measure is adopted. Mr. Clerk. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if we can now have the Clerk call the items on the Consent Calendar followed by a vote of Consent Calendar. No. 1, please.

THE CHAIR:

Yes. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 1, Page 1, Calendar 97, Senate Joint Resolution No. 26. Page 2, Calendar 98, Senate Joint Resolution 27. Page 2, Calendar 99, Senate Joint Resolution 28. Page 2, Calendar 100, Senate Joint Resolution 29. Page 2, Calendar 101, Senate Joint Resolution 30. Page 2, Calendar 102, Senate Joint Resolution No. 31. Page 3, Calendar 103, Senate Joint Resolution 33. Page 3, Calendar 104, Senate Joint Resolution 34. Page 3, Calendar 105, Senate Joint Resolution 35. Page 3, Calendar 106, Senate Joint Resolution 37. Page 3, Calendar 107, Senate Joint Resolution 38. Page 4, Calendar 108, Senate Joint Resolution 39. Page 4, Calendar 109, Senate Joint Resolution 40. Page 4, Calendar 110, Senate Joint Resolution 41. Page 4, Calendar 111, Senate Joint Resolution 36. Page 5, Calendar 65, Senate Joint Resolution 20. Page 5, Calendar 67, Senate Joint Resolution 22. Page 5, Calendar 69, Senate Joint Resolution 23. Page 6, Calendar 70, Senate Joint Resolution 24. Page 6, Calendar 71, Senate Joint Resolution 25. Page 6, Calendar 86, House Joint Resolution 64. Page 6, Calendar 88, House Joint Resolution 66. Page 7, Calendar 91, House Joint Resolution 61. And Page 13, Calendar 85, House Bill 6555. That is the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Mr. Clerk, if you would kindly call the roll. The machine is now open.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 1. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 1. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 1. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators votes? Have all the Senators voted? The machine will be locked and the Chair is in possession of Senator Flexer's affirmative vote and Senator Billie Miller's affirmative vote. Please record those votes, Mr. Clerk, and announce the tally.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 1

Total number voting	33
Total number of voting Yea	33
Total voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel)

And the Consent Calendar is adopted and let us give our attention to Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. Thank you, Madam President. Could we have order in the Chamber, please.

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel)

Could we have order please? Members and guests, kindly give your attention to Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President that concludes our business for today. I want to just take a moment with regard to Senator Cassano, and had the opportunity to speak with him recently. Many of, you know, he lost his son tragically last week and we have kept him and his family in our thoughts and prayers. I'm sure all Senators have as well. So he could not be here today because of what he is personally dealing with and funeral arrangements as well. And we certainly want to keep him in our thoughts moving forward, we know that he's actually the trooper that he is and this unbelievable tragedy, he still participated in meetings via Zoom and try to keep up as much as possible and in a time where most of us probably would not do that at all. So, we want to thank him for that, but also extend our sympathies to him and his entire family. And that is the reason why he has missed votes for today.

So, Madam President, before we adjourn, I will yield to any other points of personal privilege or announcements.

THE CHAIR:

Are there any other points of personal privilege or announcements? Seeing none. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I also want to move the resolutions that were acted upon in the Senate today that need to be active on by the House for immediate transmittal.

THE CHAIR:



So ordered, sir. I thank you, Madam President, and that concludes our business for today. And I would ask that we adjourn subject to call the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel)

Thank you. Go forth and govern.

(On the motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 2:39 p.m. adjourned Sine Die.)