

# Government Administration and Elections Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-1158

**Title:** AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS.

**Vote Date:** 03/22/2023

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/6/2023

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

### REASONS FOR BILL:

To designate various days, weeks and months and make technical revisions to existing designations, in order to commemorate, recognize and inform residents of the state on various Historical events, Impactful Individuals, Diseases and other relevant topics.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

**Representative Kathleen M. McCarty Thirty-Eighth Assembly District, Assistant House Republican Leader:** Representative McCarty issued her support for SB-1158, more specifically she issued her support for the establishment of Ann Petry Day stating that "Ann (Huston Lane) Petry is considered a literary giant by literary critics in the past and more recently for her novels, short stories, essays, and journalism". Representative McCarty notes how Ann Petry's first novel "The Street" which was based upon her own life was "critically acclaimed for her portrayal of life for African-American women in mid-twentieth century". To conclude her testimony, she thanks Waterford RISE for bringing this bill request to her and Representative Devin Carney for his support.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

**Hasan Avdic:** Mr. Avdic Supports SB-1158, more specifically item #112 the proclamation Bosnian Genocide Remembrance Day. He begins his testimony by citing his experience as a child during the Bosnian Genocide. He notes how when he was 17 years for almost a year, his town was surrounded and bombed daily. He remembers how the UN troops deployed to safe zones did nothing to protect people. He states that all the men and boys who were

captured in early July were executed, and that his father was among them. He notes how these men and boys who were killed, were placed into mass graves. He then concludes his testimony by asking members of the assembly to support SB-1158 and recognize this day so that future generations can learn from it, and ensure that this never happens again.

**Mubera Bećirović:** States her support for SB-1158, and more specifically item #112 proclaiming July 11th of each year as Bosnian Genocide Remembrance Day. She provides historical background around the reasoning for the day of remembrance. "Srebrenica was the culmination, as I have already said, of a campaign of genocidal intent, war crimes, crimes against humanity, torture, forcible deportation, mass rape, and other violations of the laws and customs of war". She then cites her own personal experience after the genocide, and her time in Hartford with her family. She then states, "No matter how displaced in time and geography we are from Bosnia-and-Herzegovina and that genocidal violence and memory, it is our responsibility to honor our shared history and the victims". She concludes her testimony by asking that members of the committee and this assembly read testimony that has been submitted, and that she has faith the legislative process and the members elected to it.

**W. Wyatt Bosworth Assistant Counsel, CBIA:** Mr, Bosworth states his support for SB-1158, more specifically item #113 proclaiming September 14th of each year to be Free Enterprise Day. He says this day recognizes the contributions, those especially brought by small businesses and the benefits they bring to the state's economy. This includes the hundreds of thousands of jobs they bring to citizens of the state, but also the economic output they deliver every day. Mr. Bosworth concludes his testimony urges members of the committee to support SB-1158.

**Mary Childs, Waterford RISE:** Ms. Childs, issued her support for SB-1158, more specifically item #110, proclamation of May 10th being Ann Petry Day. She states how Ann Petry, born in Old Saybrook, was the first African American author to sell one million copies of their book. She continues by saying how her legacy is carried on in the works she wrote and that she shared powerful perspectives of our state and deserves to be honored for her achievement.

**Linda Forino, Grandmother of a grandchild with PANDAS/PANS:** Ms. Forino begins her testimony by citing the joys of being a grandparent and being able to watch her grandchild grow. She then cites her own experience as noting that her grandchild was unfortunately diagnosed with PANDAS (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections). She then states how he suffered from many different symptoms of PANDAS, including " ticks, OCD, anxiety, changes in academic performance, changes in eating and sleep habits and personality and behavioral habits". She then asks individuals to be made aware of this disease and urges members of the assembly to support this bill.

**The following individuals submitted testimony in support of SB-1158. They cited reasons similar to those stated in the aforementioned testimonies:**

John Barry  
Hata Duric  
Halid Dervisevic

Nermin Duric  
Murat Efendic  
Linda Forino  
Jose Gonzalez  
Matthew Hallisey  
Edina Hamidovic  
Amy Harkins  
Damir Hasanovic  
Paul Helvig  
Bekir Hodzic  
Jakub Hodžić  
Selvira Hodzic,  
Margaret Holmberg  
Alma Huric  
Almedin Husic  
Husnija (Lejla) Korkutovic.  
Tracey Lengyel-Krechko  
Amina Kuljancic  
Medina Kuljancic  
Muradif Kuljancic  
Maryann Lexius  
Kevin Maloy  
Zehrudin Mujcinovic  
Adis Muminovic  
Mirzet Muminovic  
Sharon Muscarella  
David Pettigrew, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy, Southern Connecticut State University  
Kera Pixton  
Christine Sas Orefice  
Dr. Sarah Snyder, Assistant Director for Operations, Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity  
Prevention at Binghamton University.  
Munisa Suljic-Aly  
Rizafeta Turnadzic  
Laurie Wolfley, UConn Faculty  
Carrie Woodbury, Mother of a child with PANS, Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric  
Syndrome  
Zahid Begic

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

**Gary Corigliano:** Opposes this Bill

**Reported by: Thomas Togneri**

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