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THE CLERK:

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Calender No. 615, File No. 426, Substitute for House Bill No. 5748. AN ACT CONCERNING BIDDING ON PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.
Favorable report of Committee on Judiciary.

SENATOR ROME:

Mr. President, I move acceptance and passage of this bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR ROME:

Mr. President this results from a very lengthy and apparently very fruitful effort on the part of the state and the public works department, the general contractors and the sub-contractors in cleaning up a bill which we passed in a prior session which needed cleaning up. I commend them all for their efforts and I think the efforts are to the benefit of the bid process and the awarding of contracts in the State of Connecticut. I urge its passage and move it be transferred to the Consent Calendar after Senator Page remarks.

SENATOR PAGE:

Mr. President I would just like to associate myself with the remarks of Senator Rome having worked a great deal on this bill last year and this year I think it will clear up several of the inequities that now exist and I would too like to commend the people for coming up with a bill that seems to meet the agreements and the objections of all the parties involved.

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Senator Fauliso

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THE CHAIR:

Question is on transfer to the Consent Calendar, is there an objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

SENATOR ROME:

Mr. President, could we return to Calendar No. 615, Substitute for House Bill 5748. AN ACT CONCERNING BIDDING ON PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS. I had earlier moved acceptance and passage I renew my motion. I would like to comment.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR ROME:

Mr. President one of the problems with this bill that retained it on our Calendar was the concern of the change from a 5 to 10% bid bond and whether or not in fact that would result in increase premiums. I've checked with the bonding companies and bid bonds of this nature have a nominal \$5.00 premium and there is no premium as such. I think it would encourage not discourage the use of bid bonds. I'm told that the Federal government requires not a 5 or 10% but a 20% bid bond under similar circumstances. I believe it is a good bill and move it be transferred to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection? Senator Lyons. Will the Clerk please announce a roll call vote in the Senate.

THE CLERK:

There will be an immediate roll call taken in the Senate.
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THE CHAIR:

The Machine is open.

THE CLERK:

A roll call vote is now in process in the Senate. There is a roll call vote now in process in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Results of the roll call vote on House Bill 5748, Calendar 615,

Total Number Voting	29
Necessary for passage	15
Those Voting Yea	27
Those Voting Nay	2
Those absent not voting	7

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Continue with the Calendar Mr. President Page 3, Calendar No. 646, File No. 475, Substitute for House Bill No. 5047. AN ACT CONCERNING THE EVALUATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, with a favorable report of the Committee on Appropriations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Truex

SENATOR TRUEX:

Thank you Mr. President, I move for acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

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Calendar No. 634, H.B. No. 5706 will be removed from the request to be placed on the consent calendar.

MRS. PEARSON (121st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that there was one that we just read in error. I believe it had been removed previous and I'd to just have it for the record that it has been removed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 558, File No. 409, on page 7.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The Clerk will so note.

THE CLERK:

Rep. Pearson asked that that be removed earlier.

MR. VICINO (78th):

That was my error, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Are there any further objections?

MR. STOLBERG (93rd):

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that Calendar No. 640, File No. 489, substitute for H.B. No. 5086 be removed from the consent calendar in that an amendment is being prepared to it.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The Clerk will so note, and remove from the items read Calendar 640, H.B. No. 5086.

THE CLERK:

Proceeding on page 8 of the Calendar, Calendar No. 571, File No. 426, substitute H.B. No. 5748, An Act Concerning Bidding on Public Construction Contracts, favorable report of the committee on judiciary.

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MR. BINGHAM (147th):

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance and passage of the joint committee's favorable report.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

MR. BINGHAM (147th):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. Last year, we passed a bill concerning bidding on public construction contracts. Through the year, there have been some recommendations for amendments to that public act which was Public Act 73-528. These amendments have been mutually endorsed by the Association of Sub-Contractors, the Association of General Contractors and the Department of Public Works. The major changes which have been proposed allow the general contractor to choose in ascending order of bid prices a sub-contractor of his choice who has duly prefilled his bid in accordance with statutory procedures. Furthermore, the requirement which stipulates that all sub-contractors pay for their performance and bid bonds will provide for bidding on a more equal basis and eliminate additional premiums which are in the long run reflected in the overall bid and thereby costly to the state.

The other changes that are indicated are made to bring the existing statute in line with the proposed changes to the prefiling procedures. The bill retains the concept of awarding a job to the lowest general bidder.

I move acceptance and passage of the bill, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Are there any further remarks? If not, the Clerk will announce a roll call vote. Will all non-members return to the well of the House, the aisles be cleared. The members will please take their seats. The machine will be open. Have all mem-

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bers voted? The machine will be closed and the Clerk will take a tally. The gentleman from the 7th would like to be recorded in the affirmative. The Clerk will announce the tally. The gentleman from the 50th in the affirmative. The gentleman from the 97th in the affirmative.

THE ASSISTANT CLERK:

Total Number Voting.....	130
Necessary for Passage.....	66
Those Voting Yea.....	130
Those Voting Nay.....	0
Absent and Not Voting.....	21

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The joint committee's favorable report is accepted and the bill is PASSED,

The Clerk will call the Calendar.

THE CLERK:

Turning to page 8 of your Calendar, Calendar No. 572, File 425, substitute H.B. No. 5041, An Act Concerning a Surtax on Certain Net Income of Oil Companies Engaged in Refining or Manufacturing Gasoline or Other Oil Products, favorable report of the Committee on Finance.

MR. CAMP (111th):

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance and passage of the joint committee's favorable report.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark please.

MR. CAMP (111th):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. During the past six months, we've seen something that I think hasn't been equalled since the 19th century. The robber barons of the oil companies, during a time of shortage, have increased by profits and increased prices at the same time and in my mind, that formula, super-profits,