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Motion is for suspension of the rules for immediate consideration of the single-starred items on today's calendar, Calendar items 1001, 1003, 1010, 1019 and 1020.

MR. MAZZOLA (49th):

Yes, Mr. Speaker, I ask removal of Calendar No. 1003, substitute for S.B. No. 1652, File No. 615.

THE SPEAKER:

The gentleman's objection is solely to Calendar No. 1003 sir. The gentleman's is solely to No. 1003, to remove from the scope of the motion.

MR. FOX (149th):

Mr. Speaker, I would like to object to item 1001.

THE SPEAKER:

The gentleman's objection is noted. The two matters will be removed from consent pursuant to the objection of the individual members. Is there further objection? The motion before the chamber is for suspension for immediate consideration of three single-starred items on today's consent 1010, 1019 and 1020. Is there objection? Hearing none, the rules are suspended.

MR. CARRAGHER (5th):

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable reports and passage of the following bills on the consent calendar: Calendar No. 1010, substitute for H.B. No. 6936, An Act Concerning the Use of Polygraph in Screening Candidates for Local and State Police Forces, File 803; Calendar No. 1019, substitute for H.B. No. 5268, An Act Concerning Indemnification of Municipal Agents Acting Within the Scope of Their Employment or Appointment, File No. 791; Calendar No. 1020, substitute for H.B. No. 7961, An Act Concerning Vacancies in the Office of Selectman, File No. 790.

THE SPEAKER:

Question is on passage of the three matters as consent items and all

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Result of the vote. 36 total voting. 19 necessary for passage. 36 yea, 0 nay, the Consent Calendar's adopted. HB-7585, HB-7015, HB-8145, HB-5509, HB-5284, HB-5268, HB-7961, HB-7443, HB-8328, HB-5002, HB-5160, HB-5514, HB-5516, HB-6086, HB-8172, HB-8467, HB-7454, HB-8533,
SEN. LIEBERMAN: HB-5637, HB-8359, HB-5753, SB-1583, SB-1729, SB-1757, HB-5855,
SB-1346.

Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Lieberman.

SEN. LIEBERMAN:

I would move for suspension of the rules to allow for immediate transmittal to the House of those matters going to the House.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing no objection, so ordered. Motion for adjournment.

SEN. LIEBERMAN:

So moved.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand, Senate will adjourn until tomorrow morning 12 noon.

THE SENATE WAS ADJOURNED AT 6 P.M.

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When authority for decision making is specifically placed, accountability and responsibility can be expected from the decision maker. Diffused authorities only result in confusion, conflict, and a lack of accountability.

The Board of Trustees for community colleges has demonstrated its willingness to be responsible and accountable by supporting Education Committee Bill 6103, AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES. Should we ask less of the Department of Finance and Control.

House Bill 6174 requires agencies such as the Department of Finance and Control, and the Department of Personnel and Administration to state reasons for disapproval of agency requests, rather than just saying no. Under current statutes this is not required. Sometimes reasons are given, sometimes they are not. I can think of few easier requirements to comply with, yet the benefits of such a requirement are very great.

Currently, a requesting agency may not be sure whether its request is denied due to a lack of funds, propriety of the expenditure itself, or simply a mistake on a form. Surely, the requestor is entitled to know why he has been denied, and whether the denial is one which can be reversed by submitting a different form, or a denial which is final.

Less administrative time would be wasted in the application and argument process which currently takes place because the requestor would know immediately if further action is required or worthwhile.

I would also suggest that these reasons be accompanied by a notation of the specific statutory authority for making the decision. This is in keeping with the clearer definition of authorities and responsibilities mentioned earlier, and with the overall improvement of communication between agencies.

State agencies should not see each other as adversaries, but rather as allies. Clear concise statements of responsibility and authority and increased communication will move us closer to that goal.

In conclusion, I request that these bills be reported favorably to the General Assembly.

Senator Julianelle: (inaudible) - anyone who has a prepared text, would they please submit the text and we will see that it becomes a part of the record. If they wish to speak, please just summarize their statement.

Representative Tanger: Thank you. I will be very brief. This is on House Bill 7961 which requires the prompt filling of vacancies in the office of selectman. Presently, there is a 30 day period during which the remaining members of the Board of Selectman may elect between the two of them, a successor. Then the laws read that if that is not done, the remaining town officials elected at the same time, will fill the vacancy and this would be the RPM and everyone else that was elected at the same time. There

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is no time limit which indicates when that should be done. So it could conceivably go right up to the following election before this vacancy is filled. And the bill provides that there would be an additional 30 day period, making it 60 day period in which the vacancy will be filled.

Thank you.

Representative Dziadlo: Representative Conn.

Representative Conn: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am here to speak very briefly on House Bill 7846 which I introduced. It has to do with the boards of selectman in towns. We the last election, voted a charter and in the charter, it put up 8 persons for a selectman. It is the intention of the charter commission that there be more than the eight on the ballot however, with an anticipation of the election laws, it was found that they could nominate only four Republicans and four Democrats. And my purpose in introducing this legislation, would be to change the election law into the wording of selectman to allow a party to put up more than the required (inaudible)

Representative Dziadlo: We will now open the hearing to the public and we will start off with proposed House Bill 6005, AN ACT CONCERNING MINORITY REPRESENTATION AMONG ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES. Is there anyone interested in this.

If not, proposed Bill 6049, AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY EMPLOYEES.

If not, proposed Bill 6052, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE STATE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE.

If not, proposed Bill 6173, AN ACT CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS.

Mr. Cretella: My name is Albert W. Cretella, Jr. I am town council for the town of North Haven. Mr. Co-chairman, I am here on behalf of Bill 6173 which your records indicate was combined with two other bills being 1173 and 5470. 1173 was a proposed bill which was submitted by Senator Lieberman, Senator DiNardis, Representative Stevens and Representative O'Neill together with North Haven's representative DeMennato. The bill you have a copy before you, makes two significant changes. The language in Line 72 and Line 73 which use to require that amendments to a charter containing a specific effective date has been deleted and new language has been added in Line 77 through 79 to the effect that the amendment unless they contain a specific amendment date, effective date, shall become effective 30 days after they have been approved by the electors of the referendum.

I have served on two previous charter commissions, I know