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responsive to your question, Senator.

SENATOR BCZZUTO:

Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bozzuto.

SENATOR BOZZUTO:

Mr. President, it certainly has been responsive and I'm very appreciative of the time you took, Senator Cloud, and I certainly do not want to stop this from going on the consent calendar. I do think, tho, that we should recognize that when this legislature in its good judgement makes funds available for a specific project, for specific areas, we do open up a door to simply make application for some dream in someone's mind that may later be applied for which is evidently what has happened here, when free money is available, good politicians will find ways to spend it. I have no objection. I want to do as much as I can to increase Hartford's tax property base so that we can get back some of that equal education opportunity. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? If there's no objection it may be placed on the consent calendar. Madam Clerk, we may proceed.

THE CLERK:

Turning to page 14, calendar 526, File 513, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Human Services. Substitute for Senate Bill 1587, an Act Concerning The Return Of Deposits Held By

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Public Housing Lessors Or Owners.

SENATOR MARTIN:

Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Martin.

SENATOR MARTIN:

I move the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR MARTIN:

Yes. This concerns senior citizens who live in public housing approved by the Commission on Aging and they're usually there until the end, and why should their security deposits be held until their demise and go to relatives when most of these elderly people could use it now, and from I can find out they do very little damage to the property and rather than keep this until their death, the bill would designate that it be returned in a year with 4% interest. If there's no objection I move that it be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing none, so ordered. Senator Gunther, do you have objection?

SENATOR GUNTHER:

No, a question, Mr. President.

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THE CHAIR:

Proceed.

SENATOR GUNTHER:

Through you to the Senator. In the language of this bill, does it apply only to senior citizens? Or disabled.

SENATOR MARTIN:

It applies also to the disabled, through you Mr. President, and only senior citizens in public housing approved by the Commission on Aging.

SENATOR GUNTHER:

This in no way, through you Mr. President, this in no way allows <sup>for</sup> the return on anything but senior citizen housing and disabled?

SENATOR MARTIN:

Right. The disabled in senior citizen housing or housing under the Commission on Aging and this would apply to these people only.

SENATOR GUNTHER:

All right. I want legislative intent here that in no way could this apply to anything other than those two categories.

SENATOR MARTIN:

That's right.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing no objection, it may be placed on the consent calendar.

SB 502, SB 1078, HB 7630, SB 1087, SB 1088, SB 104, SB 837, HB 5510, SB 209, jgt  
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THE CHAIR:

Please give your attention to the Clerk. Make an announcement that we're ready to proceed with the consent calendar and that this will be an announcement for roll call.

THE CLERK:

The Senate is ready to go over today's consent calendar. Would all Senators please return to the Chamber. Senate is ready to vote on today's consent calendar. Would all Senators please take their seats. Turning to page 3 of the calendar on today's Consent Calendar, calendar item 325, page 4 of the calendar, calendar No. 353, page 5, calendar 382 and 392. On page 6 of the calendar, calendar 420, 421. Page 7, calendar 425, 434. On page 8, calendar 450. Page 9, calendar 462, 463, 474 and 483. On page 11, calendar 504. On page 12, calendar 514 and 515. On page 13, all items on the page. All items on page 13. On page 14, calendar 526. On page 15, calendars 531, 532, 534. On page 16, calendars 549, 554, 556. On page 17, calendar 562 and 565.

THE CHAIR:

Any corrections or omissions? We are now ready to vote the consent calendar. One final call for roll call. Machine may be opened. Please record your vote.

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President. Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Lieberman.

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SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President, while the Senators are in the Chamber, I'd like to make a few announcements about the session tomorrow. There will be a Democratic caucus beginning at 10:00, and I presume a Republican caucus thereabouts. The Senate will convene at 11:00 O'clock and after discussion with the distinguished Minority Leader, I have some confidence that the work on the budget may be accomplished within two hours. At that point, and hoping that that is so, it would be my hope to go into an unusual but nonetheless hopeful joint Democratic-Republican caucus to develop a consent calendar for adoption later in the afternoon and if we do all that, we can go home for the week-end and skip the session on Tuesday next week, so we would meet on Wednesday and Thursday, so, with that hope and prayer, I hope we will leave the Chamber tonight.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Clerk. Machine may be closed. Clerk please take a tally of the vote. Result of the vote, 36 total voting, 19 necessary for passage, 36 yea, 0 nay, the consent calendar is adopted. Senator Lieberman.

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President, are there any announcements that anyone would make? I would yield.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bozzuto.

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back to three items that had been passed temporarily.

Cal. 526, Files 513 and 1033, under the heading Disagreeing Actions. Favorable report of the joint standing Committee on Human Services. Substitute for Senate Bill 1587.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETURN OF DEPOSITS HELD BY PUBLIC HOUSING LESSORS OR OWNERS, as amended by House Amendment A.

THE PRESIDENT:

Senator Martin.

SENATOR MARTIN: (18th)

Mr. President, I move the committee's favorable report, as amended by House Schedule A.

THE PRESIDENT:

The question is on acceptance and passage, as amended by House A. Will you remark, Senator.

SENATOR MARTIN:

Mr. President, this is a technical amendment made by the House and I move that it be accepted as amended on the Consent Calendar.

THE PRESIDENT:

Discussion on the bill as amended. Objection to the motion to place the item on Consent. Hearing neither, it is so ordered. THE ITEM IS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

THE CLERK:

Cal. 867, Files 453 and 880. Favorable report of the joint standing Committee on Insurance and Real Estate. Sub-  
stitute for House Bill 5827. AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATION

SB 1234, SB 1403, SB 1180, SB 1422, HB 5159, HB 6253, HB 6476,  
HB 7620, HB 7658, HB 7720, HB 7875, HB 6672, HB 7912, SB 385,  
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SB 382, SB 416, SB 595, SB 458, SB 1443, SB 598,  
HB 7713, SB 803, SB 371, SB 1648, SB 1655, SB 1372,  
SB 891, SB 328, SB 1585, SB 1661, HB 5969, HB 5827,  
HB 5333, SB 755, SB 1668, SB 709, SB 784, HB 5967,  
HB 7789, HB 7740, HB 5275, HB 6077, HB 7621, SB 646.

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THE PRESIDENT: The machine is open. Have all senators voted. The

machine is closed and the Clerk will take a tally. Will  
all senators please remain in the chamber for announcements.

The vote is 35 Yea - 0 Nay. THE CONSENT CALENDAR

IS PASSED. Senator Lieberman.

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President, I move for suspension of the rules to  
allow for immediate transmittal to the House of those items,  
that should go to the House.

THE PRESIDENT:

The question is on suspension of the rules. Is  
there objection to transmit all items that need further House  
action. Hearing no objection, it is so ordered. The items  
are transmitted.

SENATOR LIEBERMAN:

Mr. President, two announcements. One relatively  
unimportant; the other quite important. The unimportant one  
is that we do intend to meet tomorrow and caucus at ten and  
meet at twelve and we are being serious about the twelve  
tomorrow because we have three or four major items - the  
Division of Special Revenue - the Housing Department and the  
Director Assistance Bill, as well as the return to the Direct  
Primary. So I urge the members of the circle to please be here  
and ready to go into session.

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CLERK:

Senate Bill 1534.

Total number voting 143

Necessary for passage 72

Those voting yea 139

Those voting nay 4

Those absent and not voting 8

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

The bill passes.

CLERK:

Calendar 977, File 513, Substitute for Senate Bill1587, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETURN OF DEPOSITS HELD BY  
PUBLIC HOUSING LESSORS AND OWNERS, Favorable Report of  
the Committee on Human Services.

REP. WALSH: (53rd)

Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Rep. Robert Walsh.

REP. WALSH: (53rd)

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable  
Report and passage of the bill.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

The question is on acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

Will you remark, sir?

REP. WALSH: (53rd)

Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The Clerk has an amendment, LCO 6874. May it be called and read please, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

The Clerk will please call LCO 6874, hereby designated House Amendment Schedule "A".

CLERK:

LCO 6874, offered by Rep. Walsh of the 53rd District.

In line 2, after the word "corporation", insert a comma.

In line 4, strike the words "for a congregate".

In line 5, strike the words, "housing project which provides" and insert the following in lieu thereof: "to provide".

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

You have the amendment, sir.

REP. WALSH: (53rd)

I move the amendment.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Questions on adoption of House Amendment Schedule "A".

Will you remark?

REP. WALSH: (53rd)

Very briefly, Mr. Speaker, the language in the original bill was somewhat confusing in as much as it alluded to a type of housing that doesn't yet exist and conjectured that it would. This strikes that language and makes the bill that much clearer. I urge its passage.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Will you remark further on the amendment? Will you remark further on the adoption of House Amendment "A"? If not, all those in favor of the amendment please indicate by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Opposed, no. The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted and ruled technical.

Will you remark further on this bill?

REP. WALSH: (53rd)

Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Rep. Walsh.

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REP. WALSH: (53rd)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again very quickly, what the bill does is provide for the return to elderly persons residing in public housing or in community housing, development corporations, of their security deposit after they have been a tenant for a period of at least one year. It is a good bill and helps in a small way those persons who are on fixed incomes and I urge its passage.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Will you remark further on the bill as amended?

REP. BARNES: (21st)

Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Rep. Barnes.

REP. BARNES: (21st)

Mr. Speaker, through you, a question to the proponent of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Please frame your question, madam.

REP. BARNES: (21st)

Through you, Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that security deposits are usually kept in place to cover the cost of any damage to a facility if such damage should occur. If such damage

were to occur in an apartment in less than a year, would that be waived?

REP. WALSH: (53rd)

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Rep. Walsh.

REP. WALSH: (53rd)

In the first year, the deposit would continue to be in the possession of the landlord, in this case the authority or the private not for profit corporation. After the first year would be when the problem that Rep. Barnes raises would come into play. After that time it would have to be waived or else it would be charged to the tenant.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Rep. Barnes, you have the floor.

REP. BARNES: (21st)

I guess I misunderstood. I thought, through you, Mr. Speaker, that if the security deposit were in the hands of the landlord, it was there to cover the cost of any destruction that might occur. I thought this bill required the return of that in less than a year if the person were not to stay there for longer than a year.

REP. WALSH: (53rd)

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Rep. Walsh.

REP. WALSH: (53rd)

The bill provides that the security deposit shall be returned with an interest at a rate of no less than 4% per annum to any tenant who has resided in the housing authority for at least one year which means that prior to a year, it would not be returned to them and would be in the possession of the landlord.

REP. BARNES: (21st)

Thank you very much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Will you remark further on the bill as amended? If not, members please be seated.

Staff and guests come to the Well of the House.

The members please be seated. Staff and guests come to the Well of the House. The machine will be opened.

The House of Representatives is voting by roll call at this time.

All members please return to the Chamber.

The House of Representatives is voting by roll call at this time.

All members please return to the Chamber.

Have all the members voted? Is your vote properly recorded? Have all the members voted? If so, the machine will

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be locked. The Clerk will please take a tally.

REP. HINDS: (8th)

Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Rep. Boyd Hinds.

REP. HINDS: (8th)

May I be registered in the affirmative, please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

The Clerk will so note. Rep. Boyd Hinds would like to be registered in the affirmative.

REP. VARIS: (90th)

Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Rep. Varis.

REP. VARIS: (90th)

I'm registered in the affirmative. I would like to be registered in the negative.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

The Clerk will so note. Rep. Varis registered in the affirmative and would like to be registered in the negative.

REP. BARNES: (21st)

Mr. Speaker, may I be registered in the affirmative please?

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Rep. Dorothy Barnes would like to be registered in the

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affirmative.

The Clerk will please announce the vote.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 1587 as amended by House Amendment "A".

Total number voting	145
Necessary for passage	73
Those voting yea	138
Those voting nay	6
Those absent and not voting	6

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

The bill as amended is passed.

CLERK:

Calendar 979, File 510, substitute for Senate Bill 1547,

AN ACT AMENDING THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES ACT, favorable report of the Committee on Planning and Development.

REP. MASTERS: (48th)

Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Rep. Martin Masters.

REP. MASTERS: (48th)

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER COATSWORTH:

Questions on acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable