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SEN. SMITH: Thank you very much. We'd like to remind speakers that we have a five minute limitation on remarks. Charlotte Henry. Is Ann Felde here? Is Ms. Felde here? Go right ahead.

CHARLOTTE HENRY: Yes. My name is Charlotte Henry and I'm from New Britian Connecticut. I'm speaking in the proposed bill No. 6892. Statement of purpose to provide funds for the construction of low income housing projects. I have lived in New Britian for nine years, and there is a drastic need for low income housing built in New Britian. There is no emergency housing in New Britian, and alot of those stocks of what is left in New Britian, needs to have more maintance done. There is a great need for monies to come in and I urge you to support this bill. There are many families in New Britian, children and women that need housing. That are doubled up into housing which is causing uncomfort to the people. I would just like to urge you to support this bill. Thank you.

SEN. SMITH: Thank you. Any questions from the Committee members? Ann Felde? Eddie Perez? The Reverend Tim Mehan? Louis Torres? Is there a Louis Torres?

LOUIS TORRES: Mr. Chairman. Ny name is Louis Torres, I come from the city of New Britian and I'm speaking out on several of your bills, 591, 594, 895, 978, 6892 and 7003. I'm speaking to you on these issues today to try to bring about more low to moderate income housing for the City of New Britian. Right now we face a very low vacancy rate in the City of New Britian. With New Britian is taking and building up elderly housing for the elderly. Why only housing going up and none for low income? The people who are moving out of their apartments into these low-moderate income for the elderly, live in apartments for the past five, 10, 15 years and when you go and try to move into those apartments, with a family, the owners say - No. We would rather have mature adults. If your not a mature adult when you have two children, two or three children, what are you? It's impossible to get into some of these buildings that these people have with rents open.

If I go looking for an apartment, it's very hard to go in and try to get an apartment for myself and my three children and my wife. They'll say no. One is just looking who I am, and looking what I do, and they don't like it. They'd rather

MR. TORRES: (continued)

have somebody else. The City of New Britain had not filled low to moderate housing in the past 23 years. What we do have right now, as far as Public Projects that we have in New Britain, are old, a lot of them are having a lot of problems with their heating systems or if not their walls are no good, peeling or cracking or whatever. If these bills we serve before you, are passed, at least the City of New Britain would and indeed could get more housing for the low to moderate income and families with children, which we need badly. Thank you.

SEN. SMITH: Thank you. Questions from Committee members? Thank you Sir. Mr. Ralph Sanchez, to be followed by Al Bopere. Mr. Sanchez. Al Bopere. Andrea Santano. Rayfield Podowski. John Dommers.

JOHN DOMMERS: Good morning Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee.

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My name is John Dommers, and I am the Regional Director for the Humane Society of the United States in New England based here in Connecticut. I am speaking in favor of Senate Bill 630, the Pets Bill. I'm going to divert from my prepared testimony in addressing comments that were made this morning to the bill itself. We've heard statements to the effect that elderly people aren't able to care for their pets. Some of the speakers have characterized all elderly people seemingly as invalids. And we can see from the turnout here today that this simply is not true. That there are able and responsible elderly people that live here in Connecticut and live in public housing that certainly can take care of their pets responsibly.

Also it appears that some people perceive this bill to mandate pet ownership in housing units. It does not. We support the amendment of the proposed amendment that would limit the number of units to 10%. This would protect the civil rights of the residents to maintain the privilege of pet ownership especially if they, for example, own an eight year old dog, or a ten year old cat, and it would be traumatic to have to give that animal up. And research has indicated that many residents who bring these animals with them, have been long time companions, very close to them, to housing projects will, after the animals pass on, forego the adoption of new pets. So I don't think it's going to cause any problems that way, I don't think you're going to find four dogs fighting on elevators and so forth.

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reconsideration? If not, all those in favor of reconsideration please indicate by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER STOLBERG:

All those to the contrary, nay.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Nay.

SPEAKER STOLBERG:

The no's clearly have it. The item will not be reconsidered. Will the Clerk please return to the call of the Calendar?

CLERK:

Calendar Page 19, Calendar No. 291, File No. 184, Substitute for Senate Bill 978, AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE BONDS BY THE CONNECTICUT HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY TO FINANCE HOME MORTGAGES, Favorable Report of the Committee on Planning and Development.

REP. GROPPA: (63rd)

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER STOLBERG:

Rep. Groppo.

REP. GROPPA: (63rd)

Mr. Speaker, may this item be referred to the

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SPEAKER STOLBERG:

The motion is to refer to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding. Is there objection? Is there objection? There being no objection, the item is referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

CLERK:

Calendar Page 19, Calendar No. 296, File No. 341, Substitute for House Bill 7138, AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS, Favorable Report of the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

REP. GROppo: (63rd)

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER STOLBERG:

Rep. Groppo.

REP. GROppo: (63rd)

May this item be passed retaining its place on the calendar.

SPEAKER STOLBERG:

The motion is to pass, retain. Is there objection? Is there objection? There being no objection, the item is passed, retained.

CLERK:

Calendar Page 19, Calendar No. 298, File No. 333,

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THE CHAIR:

Yes, the Senate will stand at ease. Senator
Matthews.

SENATOR MATTHEWS:

Thank you for your indulgence. I move acceptance
of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the
Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR MATTHEWS:

Yes Mr. President. This would increase the time
to appeal a town decision on General Assistance eligibility
from a three day period to a ten day period. If there are
no objections, I move that we place this on the Consent
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing none, so ordered.

SENATOR MATTHEWS:

Thank you Mr. President.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 170, File 184, Substitute for Senate Bill
978, AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE BONDS BY THE

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MORTGAGES, Favorable Report of the Committee on Planning and
Development,

THE CHAIR:

Senator Wilber Smith,

SENATOR WILBER SMITH:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR SMITH:

Yes, Mr. President. This Bill would authorize the
Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to issue taxable
bonds to finance the purchase, construction or rehabilitation
of existing or new dwellings containing up to four units and
it would also require the Authority to adopt regulations
establishing specified income limits for mortgagors and
limiting the issuance of mortgages to persons who meet
specified criteria.

I think I should bring to the Circle's attention

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that this Bill is somewhat related to a Resolution which will come up later but what it will do, Mr. President, is that if the Congress fails to pass the Housing Finance Act of 1983, repealing a Sunset provision, the Mortgage Subsidy Bond Act of 1980, then Connecticut and other states will lose their authority to issue tax exempt bonds and I think it ought to be pointed out that since Connecticut has been in the business, the Authority has issued, as provided, close to \$1 billion in financing for such housing.

If there is no objection, I would move the Bill to Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing no objection, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Mr. President, the Clerk has Senate Agenda, pages four and five dated Tuesday, April 12, 1983.

The Clerk has Senate Agenda dated Tuesday, April 12th, 1983, page four and page five.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Schneller.

SENATOR SCHNELLER:

Mr. President, I move that all items on pages four

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to the Clerk who will call the matters that have been placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CLERK:

The following matters are on the Consent Calendar: SB395, HB7017,
SB854, SB259,
On page two, Calendar 108, Calendar 120, Calendar 130; on SB264, SB736,
SB952, SB287,
page three, Calendar 131, 132, 136. On page four, Calendar SB878.
138, 139, 140.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Gunther.

SENATOR GUNTHER:

Mr. President, I'd like to have Calendar 139 removed from the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

The matter will be deleted from the Consent Calendar. Clerk will continue to make the call.

THE CLERK:

On page four, Calendar 140; on page five, SB878, SB252,
SB217, SB272,
Calendar 143, 144, 145; page six, Calendar 153; on page SB818, SB244,
SB908, SB356,
seven, Calendar 156, 157. On page eight, Calendar 160, 162, SB356, SB819,
SB822, SB828,
163. Page nine, Calendar 165, 168, 170 and on page 19, SB1027, SB978,
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THE CHAIR:

Are there any further changes, modifications?

Senator Skowronski.

SENATOR SKOWRONSKI:

Mr. President, may I inquire, is Calendar 55 on the Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

There's no such number.

SENATOR SKOWRONSKI:

Under Disagreeing Actions, I'm sorry. Calendar 55 on page 18, under Disagreeing Actions.

THE CHAIR:

That has not been taken up.

SENATOR SKOWRONSKI:

Okay. I'm sorry, Mr. President. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Are we ready to vote on the Consent Calendar as called by the Clerk? The machine is open. Please record your vote. Senator Gunther, Senator Owens, has everyone voted? The machine is closed. Clerk please tally the vote.

The result of the vote on the Consent Calendar:

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35 YEA

0 NAY

The Consent Calendar is adopted.

THE CLERK:

Clerk just has a point of clarification, Mr. President. On Calendar 116 which was originally passed temporarily, that has been passed retained.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Schneller, one matter was removed from the Consent Calendar, on page four, Calendar 139, Senate Bill 287, File 131.

SENATOR SCHNELLER:

Yes Mr. President. I suggest we take that up and there's one other item that's come before us under Suspension and I would ask for Suspension, to be taken up as the final piece of business today.

THE CHAIR:

Before we do that, I think Senator Regina Smith has a Point of Personal Privilege. Senator Regina Smith.

SENATOR REGINA SMITH:

Thank you Mr. President, I have a presentation to make. I am privileged this afternoon to present a citation