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House of Representatives

Wednesday, April 3, 1991

Calendar No. 141, House Bill No. 6935, AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTS REQUIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, File No. 140.

Favorable Report of the Committee on Transportation.

Calendar No. 153, Senate Bill No. 673, AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT VISITS, File No. 106.

Favorable Report of the Committee on Judiciary.

And Calendar No. 154, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 679, AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS IN THE BIENNIAL ENERGY ASSESSMENT REVIEW PROCESS, File No. 107.

Favorable Report of the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

The following items have been placed on today's Consent Calendar for action at our next session, on Page 7, Calendar 128 and 129. On Page 9, Calendar 138 and 141. On Page 10, Calendar 153. On Page 11, Calendar 154.

Is there objection to any of those items being placed on today's Consent Calendar? Seeing none, thank you, Representative Cohen.

Are there any announcements or Points at this time?
If not --.

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House of Representatives

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Calendar 129, House Bill 7053, AN ACT CONCERNING
MONEY LAUNDERING.

Calendar 138, House Bill 6381, AN ACT REQUIRING A
WAIVER OF MOTOR VEHICLE PENALTIES RELATED TO RENEWALS
AND INSPECTIONS FOR MILITARY PARTICIPANTS IN OPERATIONS
DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM AND PEERMITTING WAIVER
OF THE FEE FOR LATE MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION.

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PROBATE COURT VISITS.

Calendar 154, Senate Bill 679, AN ACT CONCERNING
REVISIONS IN THE BIENNIAL ENERGY ASSESSMENT REVIEW
PROCESS.

That is today's Consent Calendar and I would move
that at this time.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

The following items are about to be voted on in
today's Consent Calendar.

The following items are to be voted on on today's
Consent Calendar, on Page 1, Calendars 128, 129, 138.
On Page 2, Calendar 141, 153, and 154.

Objection to any of those items? If not, staff and
guests to the well. Members please be seated. The
machine will be opened.

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CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll.

Members please report to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by roll call. Members report to the Chamber, please.

Members please report to the Chamber. Voting on today's Consent Calendar.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

Have all the members voted and is your vote properly recorded?

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting on today's Consent Calendar. Members to the Chamber please.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked. Representative Samowitz of the 129th.

REP. SAMOWITZ: (129th)

In the affirmative, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

Representative Samowitz in the affirmative. The Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

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Today's Consent Calendar.

Total number voting	143
Necessary for passage	72
Those voting yea	143
Those voting nay	0
Those absent and not voting	8

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

The Consent Calendar is passed.

Are there any announcements or points of personal privilege? Representative Gill of the 142nd.

REP. GILL: (142nd)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Seated in the Gallery are a group of senior citizens from my home town, Wilton, and I hope that the General Assembly will rise and give them a warm welcome. Thank you very much. (Applause)

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

Other announcements?

REP. RITTER: (2nd)

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BALDUCCI:

Representative Ritter of the 2nd.

REP. RITTER: (2nd)

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to announce that our annual University of Connecticut Basketball Day honoring both the men's and women's team

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Calendar 149 is marked Go. Calendar 150 is marked Go. Calendar 151 is marked Passed Retaining. Calendar 152, HB6935 I move to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to moving Senate Calendar 152, HB6935 to the Consent Calendar? Hearing none it is so ordered.

SENATOR O'LEARY:

Page 11, under Disagreeing Actions, Calendar 67 is marked Go. Under the heading Resolutions, all those items which are double starred are marked Go. Those are the markings for today, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Senator. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Senate Calendar for Wednesday, April 10th, 1991, Calendar Page 1, Executive and Legislative Nominations, SJ35, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF EDWIN A. GOLDBERG OF DANBURY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. Favorable Report of the Committee on EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Mustone.

SENATOR MUSTONE:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator Mustone,

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Is there any objection to moving Calendar 114,
Substitute 719 as amended on the Consent Calendar? Is
there any objection? Hearing none, it is so ordered.
Mr. Clerk. I believe we are ready now to do the
Consent Calendar.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate
on the Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please
return to the Chamber. Immediate roll call has been
ordered in the Senate on the Consent Calendar. Will
all Senators please return to the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk. Please give your
attention to the Clerk who will read to us the items
that are on the Consent Calendar.

THE CLERK:

Madam President, the first Consent Calendar begins
on Calendar Page 2, Calendar 65, Substitute SB650.
Calendar Page 3, Calendar 96, Substitute HB6820.
Calendar Page 3, Calendar 104, Substitute HB6939.

Calendar Page 4, Calendar 112, Substitute SB820.
Calendar 113, Substitute SB344. Calendar Page 5,
Calendar 116, Substitute SB802. Calendar 117,
Substitute SB316.

Calendar Page 6, Calendar 121, Substitute HB7107.

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Calendar 124, Substitute HB5055. Calendar 125, HB6515.
Calendar 126, HB5344. Calendar 129, HB5380. Calendar
Page 8, Calendar 138, Substitute SB713. Calendar 140,
SB696. Calendar Page 9, Calendar 145, Substitute
HB7180. Calendar 146, HB7053. Calendar 147, HB7063.

Calendar Page 10, Calendar 148, Substitute HB7105.
Calendar 149, Substitute HB5373. Calendar 152, HB6935.
Calendar Page 11, Calendar 67, Substitute SB651.
Calendar 133, Substitute HJ37. Calendar Page 12,
Calendar 134, HJ57. Calendar 135, HJ60. Calendar 153,
HJ62. Calendar 154, Substitute HJ64. Madam President,
I believe that that completes the first Consent
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk. You have heard the
Clerk read the items on the Consent Calendar. The
machine is open. You may cast your vote. All Senators
voted that are going to vote. The machine is closed.

The result of the vote.

34	Yea
0	Nay
2	Absent

The Consent Calendar is adopted.

I believe that that...Senator Przybysz, I'm sorry,
I didn't see you.

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Weicker's budget and the Department of Transportation fully supports the motor vehicle rate and fee increase contained in the Governor's bill.

These are necessary to maintain fiscal financial solvency of the Special Transportation Fund. As all of you know from reviewing the budget, these increased fees and charges are absolutely critical to the financial planning which is implicit in maintain the Special Transportation Fund in the projects which it supports.

There are also four Department of Transportation initiated bills being heard today which we support. Two involve recommendations made by the Thomas Commission. HB6919 would eliminate the need for the approval of the Properties Review Board for contracts with architects or engineers involving mass transit, marine or aviation capital improvements.

HB6918 would require that all consultants be prequalified annually to be considered for selection during the calendar year.

HB6935 would allow for a 500-page report on the status of the Special Transportation Fund be submitted semiannually rather than quarterly to the three joint standing committees and the budget office.

And finally, HB6917 would establish a new coordinate system for Connecticut in accordance with a more accurate national geodetic survey system. Thirty-one states now use this system. I know that this is a bill that Representative Lyons particularly likes to sponsor and to speak for on the floor of the House and we just also wanted to give Representative Lyons and anyone else in the committee that opportunity again.

Some other bills to which I would like to briefly comment -- about which I'd like to briefly comment, SB706 also incorporates recommendations of the Thomas Commission. Section 7 and 8 of that bill would reduce the number of firms interviewed in the

eligible to bid on this. I don't remember the specific section of which bills, but obviously, anyone that is qualified, you know, should be given the right, but we could speed up the process by having certain companies prequalify, ones that are involved constantly over and over again in different projects.

We would also support HB6935. The commissioner mentioned about reducing the number of reports for the Department of Transportation. It seems to me we spend most of our time writing and reading reports, not getting the job done and to go to semi-annual rather than quarterly I think is not a big loss.

And finally, with regard to the Motor Vehicle Department fees, we strongly are concerned about the validity and the fiscal responsibility of the Infrastructure Fund. Anything that it takes to ensure the fund has the money would support. I must tell you, though, that I'm not comfortable with the numbers. I don't know how much money is needed. I don't know how much this bill would raise. I have to leave it to you to get those figures from the appropriate agencies, but we would support in concept the Governor's proposal and that's in summary what I'm trying to do.

SEN. MEOTTI: Thank you. Any questions? Thank you. I'm sorry, Representative Wilber.

REP. WILBER: I'm sorry. I've been told that the Thomas Commission, when it was exploring the question of the Properties Review Board did not actually talk to the Properties Review Board about what process they go through and how much money they actually pay the state in these matters and I'm wondering if you have any knowledge of anybody talking about --.

HARRY HARRIS: I would say that no one on the commission spoke to the Properties Review Board. No one on our subcommittee spoke to them. Whether or not the consultants in the process of all the interviews they did spoke, I don't recall off the top of my head. I could go back into my files and check. I really don't know.

Department of Transportation TestimonyBill No: 6935 Committee: TransportationBill Title: An Act Concerning Reports Required from the Department of
Transportation

The reports required to meet the specifications of Sections 13b-79a and 13b-79b of the CGS currently contain nearly 500 pages. About 100 copies are printed and distributed every three months. The reports must be published at least through the end of fiscal year 1995, when the current ten-year infrastructure program ends, and probably beyond that. About \$23,000 per fiscal year could be saved by changing the reporting requirement from quarterly to semi-annually, as the proposed legislation does.

The Department believes that information concerning the status and progress of the Transportation Infrastructure Program and the Special Transportation Fund will still be provided with sufficient timeliness, while the cost of supplies, materials, computer and printing equipment time and staff time devoted to the task can be halved.

Department Position: Support

Any questions concerning the above should be directed to David Gilbert at 566-5302.

AGENCY COST ESTIMATE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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BILL NUMBER: 6935

LCO NUMBER: 3762

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING Reports Required From the Department of
Transportation

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/91 (First year costs should be prorated based on this date).

STATE AGENCY AFFECTED: Transportation FUND AFFECTED: Transportation

BUDGET DETAIL

	FY 90/91	FY 91/92	FY 92/93	Full Operation FY
Number of Positions:				
Personal Services:*	42,685	21,343	21,343	
Other Expenses:	2,310	1,155	1,155	
Equipment:				
Grants:				
Capital Outlay (Bonding):				
TOTAL EST. STATE COST:	44,995	22,498	22,498	
ESTIMATED REVENUE (or Loss):				
TOTAL NET STATE COST:	44,995	22,498	22,498	

*Includes estimated cost of employee fringe benefits.

EXPLANATION OF STATE ESTIMATES:

Personal Services - Includes preparation and review time by various personnel in each Bureau.

Other Expenses - Includes copy reduction, printing, collating, binding (machine time, paper, materials) and delivery of reports.

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