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SENATOR DIBELLA:

On Page 9, Calendar Item No. 215 is a Go. Calendar Item No. 216, Substitute for House Bill No. 6858, I'd move that this be referred to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to referring Senate Calendar No. 216, Substitute for House Bill No. 6856 to the Committee on Appropriations? Is there any objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

SENATOR DIBELLA:

Calendar Item No. 219 is a Go. Calendar Item No. 223 is Pass Retained. Calendar Item No. 225 is Pass Retained.

On Page 10, Calendar Item 228 is Pass Retained. Calendar Item No. 229, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 16, I'd move that this be referred to the Committee on Insurance and Real Estate.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to referring Senate Calendar No. 229, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 16 to the Committee on Insurance? Is there any objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

SENATOR DIBELLA:

Calendar Item No. 230, Substitute for Senate Bill

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Calendar Item No. 201 is Passed Temporarily.

On Page 30, Calendar Item No. 203, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 802, I move this to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to referring Senate Calendar No. 203, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 802, to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding? Is there any objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

SENATOR DIBELLA:

Calendar Item No. 216 is Pass Retained. Calendar Item No. 229, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 16, I would move this to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to placing Senate Calendar No. 229, Substitute for Senate Bill 16 on the Consent Calendar? Is there any objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

SENATOR DIBELLA:

Calendar Item No. 245, Substitute for Senate bill No. 1029, I'd move this to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to placing Senate Calendar 245, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1029, on the Consent Calendar? Any objection? Hearing none, so

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Wednesday, May 26, 1993. Would you please, Mr. Clerk,
read the items that have been placed on Consent.

THE CLERK:

The first Consent Calendar begins on Calendar
Page 2, Calendar No. 179, Substitute for Senate Bill
980, Calendar No. 228, Substitute for Senate Bill
727, Calendar 244, Substitute for Senate Bill 438.

Calendar Page 3, Calendar No. 269, Senate Bill
No. 400.

Calendar Page 8, Calendar No. 405, Substitute for
Senate Bill 425.

Calendar Page 16, Calendar No. 484, Senate Bill
969. Calendar Page 30, Calendar No. 229, Substitute
for Senate Bill 16. Calendar 245, Substitute for
Senate Bill 1029.

Calendar Page 36, Calendar No. 402, Substitute for
Senate Bill 644.

Calendar Page 38, Calendar No. 457, Substitute for
House Bill 5698.

Calendar Page 39, Calendar No. 65, Substitute for
Senate Bill 823.

Calendar Page 40, Calendar 279, Senate Bill No.
411. Calendar 317, Substitute for Senate Bill 968.

And Calendar Page 42, Calendar No. 504, Senate
Resolution No. 20.

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Madam President, that completes the first Consent Calendar:

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk. You've heard the items that have been placed on Consent Calendar No. 1 for today, Wednesday, May 26, 1993. The machine is on. You may record your vote.

Senator Milner. Senator Scarpetti. Senator Penn and Senator Daily. Is Senator Daily here? Have all Senators voted and have their votes been properly recorded? Have your votes been properly recorded? The machine is closed.

The result of the vote:

36	Yea
0	Nay
0	Absent

The Consent Calendar No. 1 for today has been adopted.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Page 8, Calendar No. 394, File No. 234, 604 and 662, Substitute for House Bill 7060, AN ACT CONCERNING THE BASIC TRAINING OF POLICE OFFICERS AND THE CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF CHEMICAL TEST DEVICES. (As amended by House Amendment Schedule "A").

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House of Representatives

Friday, June 4, 1993

House Bill 7283 as amended by House "A" and
"B".

Total number voting	137
Necessary for passage	69
Those voting yea	136
Those voting nay	1
Those absent and not voting	14

SPEAKER RITTER:

The bill as amended passes. The Clerk please
continue the Call of the Calendar.

CLERK:

Page 8, Calendar, Calendar 670, Substitute for
Senate Bill 16, AN ACT CONCERNING EXTENDED WARRANTIES.
Favorable Report of the Committee on Appropriations.

SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative John Wayne Fox from the 144th, you
have the floor, Sir.

REP. FOX: (144th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the acceptance of
the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of
the bill.

SPEAKER RITTER:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Please
proceed, Sir.

REP. FOX: (144th)

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Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a bill which was before the General Law Committee and eventually funneled its way through the Judiciary Committee. It is intended to protect consumers in the purchase of extended warranties. It would require that retailers who offer these warranties on their products, unless it's a manufacturer warranty, must either be insured or have a reserve fund sufficient to fulfill the obligation of the extended warranties.

I move adoption of the bill.

SPEAKER RITTER:

Will you remark further on this Bill. If not, staff and guests come to the well of the House. The machine will be opened.

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll call. Members to the Chamber. Members to the Chamber please. The House is taking a roll call vote.

SPEAKER RITTER:

Have all the members voted? Please check the roll call machine to make sure your vote is properly cast. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked. The Clerk please take a tally. Representative Barth.

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In the affirmative. The Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 16.	
Total number voting	137
Necessary for passage	69
Those voting yea	137
Those voting nay	0
Those absent and not voting	14

SPEAKER RITTER:

The bill passes. The Clerk please continue with the Call of the Calendar, Calendar 439.

CLERK:

Page 30, Calendar 439, Substitute for House Bill 7001, AN ACT CONCERNING VOTER REGISTRATION PROCEDURES, as amended by House Amendments "A", "B" and "C". Favorable Report of the Committee on GAE. Senate rejected House "A" June 3rd.

SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Rapoport.

REP. RAPOPORT: (18th)

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

SPEAKER RITTER:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Please

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Testimony of Senator John B. Larson**General Law Committee****March 11, 1993****Senate Bill 16, AAC Extended Service Contracts**

Senator Colapietro, Representative Fox and distinguished members of the General Law Committee, I am here today to testify in favor of Senate Bill 16, AAC Extended Service Contracts.

I was first made aware of the need for some form of regulation of the extended warranty business last summer when a constituent contacted my office to suggest that the state pass legislation to protect consumers who purchase these contracts. A number of years earlier, she had purchased an appliance and an accompanying extended warranty from Newmark & Lewis-- a popular home electronic and appliance retail chain. When this woman needed to have her appliance serviced, she was surprised to learn that Newmark & Lewis had recently filed for bankruptcy and that the contract she had paid for was now obsolete.

Subsequent to that call, another constituent contacted my office with a different perspective on the issue. He is the owner of a small electronic appliance repair store and had performed the services promised in many extended warranties. He made me aware of the fact that a great deal of these extended warranties are administered by a third party which then farms the actual work out to small repair shops, eventually reimbursing them for work performed. My constituent has been left holding the proverbial bag for repair services rendered when these administrators have gone out of business.

Since I announced that I intended to sponsor this legislation, I have received many calls from people all over the state and the country who are affected by this issue and this bill. It seems that everyone who has purchased an appliance--a tape player, television, stereo, and other small appliances, has felt pressured to purchase an extended warranty. They are now wondering whether or not they are holding a useless piece of paper.

I do not want to spend a lot of time detailing the technical aspects of this bill as drafted but I would like to suggest several changes to make it stronger. Most importantly, I believe the language needs to be clarified to indicate that companies offering or administering extended service warranties, with the exception of product manufacturers who offer them, are insured and that enforcement of the law would fall under the jurisdiction of the

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Insurance Department. I have had conversations with representatives of the service industry as well as legitimate/solvent third party contract administrators who have provided me with model language to achieve this intent and I have submitted this information to the committee clerk and the co-chairmen for consideration.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to working with you on this pro-consumer legislation.