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SENATOR DIBELLA:

On Page 16, Calendar Item No. 369 Pass Retained.  
Calendar Item No. 376 Pass Retained. Calendar Item  
No. 377, House Bill No. 5925, I move this be referred  
to the Committee on Planning and Development.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to referring Senate Calendar  
No. 377, House Bill No. 5925, to the Committee on  
Planning and Development? Any objection? Hearing  
none, so ordered.

SENATOR DIBELLA:

Calendar Item No. 278, Pass Retained. Calendar  
Item 379, Substitute for House Bill No. 6011, I move  
this be referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue  
and Bonding.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to referring Senate Calendar  
No. 379, Substitute for House Bill 6011, to the  
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding? Is there  
any objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

SENATOR DIBELLA:

On Page 17, Calendar Item No. 380 is Pass Retained.  
Calendar Item No. 381 is Pass Retained. Calendar Item  
No. 382, Substitute for House Bill No. 6850, I move  
this to the Consent Calendar.

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THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to placing Senate Calendar No. 382, Substitute for House Bill 6850 on the Consent Calendar? Any objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

SENATOR DIBELLA:

Calendar Item No. 383, Substitute for House Bill No. 6294, I move this be referred to the Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to placing Senate Calendar No. 383, Substitute for House Bill 6294, on the Consent Calendar? Any objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

SENATOR DIBELLA:

Calendar Item No. 386 is Pass Retained.

On Page 18, Calendar Item No. 387, Substitute for House Bill No. 6873, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection to referring Senate Calendar No. 387, Substitute for House Bill 6873, to the Committee on Appropriations? Is there any objections? Hearing none, so ordered.

SENATOR DIBELLA:

Calendar Item No. 388 is Pass Retained. Calendar Item No. 389 is Pass Retained. Calendar Item No. 390,

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Calendar Page 7, Calendar No. 271, Substitute for House Bill 6817. Calendar 276, Substitute for House Bill 6961. Calendar 279, Senate Bill No. 411.

Calendar Page 8, Calendar No. 290, House Bill No. 5882.

Calendar Page 9, Calendar No. 322, Substitute for Senate Bill 1056.

Calendar Page 10, Calendar No. 325, Substitute for Senate Bill 198.

Calendar Page 14, Calendar No. 357, Substitute for Senate Bill 1028.

Calendar Page 15, Calendar No. 365, House Bill No. 7012.

Calendar Page 17, Calendar No. 382, Substitute for House Bill 6850. Calendar 383, Substitute for House Bill 6294.

Calendar Page 18, Calendar No. 390, Substitute for House Bill 7256.

Calendar Page 20, Calendar No. 403, Substitute for Senate Bill 1093.

Calendar Page 24, Calendar No. 79, Senate Bill No. 899. Calendar No. 85, Substitute for Senate Bill 292.

Calendar Page 25, Calendar 110, Substitute for Senate Bill 978. Calendar 159, House Bill No. 7078.

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Calendar Page 26, Calendar 180, Substitute for  
Senate Bill 965.

Calendar Page 27, Calendar 191, House Bill 7045.

Calendar Page 28, Calendar 242, Senate Bill  
No. 462. Calendar 243, Substitute for Senate Bill  
1040. Calendar 285, Substitute for House Bill 6866.

Calendar Page 30, Calendar No. 50, Senate Bill  
683.

Calendar Page 31, Calendar 303, Substitute for  
Senate Bill 875.

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. The machine is on. You may record your  
vote.

THE CHAIR:

Have all Senators voted? Have all Senators voted  
and are your votes properly recorded? The machine is  
closed.

The result of the vote:

36	Yea
0	Nay
0	Absent

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The Consent Calendar is adopted and the Chair would recognize Senator DiBella.

SENATOR DIBELLA:

Thank you, Madam President. I'd yield the floor to Senator Looney.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney, will you accept the yield?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, Madam President. Thank you. Madam President, earlier today there was an item which was Calendar 291, House Bill 6438, File No. 161 that was -- the motion was to recommit. After consultation with the Chair of the Judiciary Committee, it is requested that that item be reconsidered so that it might be Pass Retained rather than recommitted.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Senator. Were you on the prevailing side and are you making the motion?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, I am, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

And yes, you were.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes.

THE CHAIR:

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CLERK:

Page 6, Calendar 313, House Bill 5072, AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE TASK FORCE ON SUPERFUND CLEAN-UPS. Favorable Report of the Committee on Environment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER LYONS:

Representative Dillon.

REP. DILLON: (92nd)

Madam Speaker, at this time, I'd like to move to place a number of item's on today's Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER LYONS:

Please proceed, Madam.

REP. DILLON: (92nd)

Yes, on Page, today's Calendar, Page 6, Calendar 313, House Bill Number 5072, AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE TASK FORCE ON SUPERFUND CLEAN-UPS. Favorable Report of the Committee on Environment.

Calendar Page 7, Item Number 331, Substitute for House Bill Number 6850, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Calendar Page 12, Item Number 377, House Bill Number 5925, AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITIES.

Calendar Page 12, Item Number 378, Substitute for House Bill Number 7256, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT MENTAL HEALTH CENTER.

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Calendar Page 12, Item Number 379, House Bill Number 7224, AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE FOREST PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD.

Calendar Page 14, Item 389, Substitute for House Bill Number 6998, AN ACT CLARIFYING THE MEANING OF "COMMITTEE" UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Calendar Page 15, Item 390, Substitute for House Bill Number 5952, AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR FRUIT ORCHARDS.

Calendar Page 16, Item 396, Substitute for House Bill Number 6011, AN ACT CONCERNING CONVEYANCE OF STATE PROPERTY TO THE TOWN OF VERNON.

Calendar Page 30, Item Number 183, Substitute for House Bill Number 7125, AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Madam Speaker, I move that we place these items on the Consent Calendar for action at our next session.

DEPUTY SPEAKER LYONS:

The motion before us is to place the following items on the proposed Consent Calendar for adoption at our next session. And I'm just going to read the Calendar numbers again to make sure everyone has them correct.

Calendar 313, Calendar 331, Calendar 377, Calendar 378, Calendar 379, Calendar 389, Calendar 390, Calendar

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396, and finally, Calendar 183. Is there objection to any of these items being placed on the Consent Calendar?

Hearing no objection, those items will be placed on the proposed Consent Calendar for adoption during our next session.

CLERK:

Page 9, Calendar 353, Substitute for Senate Bill 972, AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, as amended by Senate Amendments "A" and "B". Favorable Report of the Committee on Judiciary.

REP. LAWLOR: (99th)

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER LYONS:

The question before us is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

REP. LAWLOR: (99th)

Thank you, Madam Speaker, I will. Madam Speaker, this bill simply seeks to clarify a situation which I guess has caused some concern in the courts around the State, and that is whether or not a person who is otherwise eligible, may apply for youthful offender status when they have more than one charge lodged

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REP. SCHIESSL: (60th)

There is another item we wish to remove from the Consent Calendar as well. That is, Calendar Number 378, Substitute for House Bill 7256. May that item be removed from the Consent Calendar.

SPEAKER RITTER:

Item 378 is hereby taken off the Consent Calendar and placed on our regular Calendar.

REP. SCHIESSL: (60th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER RITTER:

Thank you, Sir.

REP. SCHIESSL: (60th)

At this time, I'd like to move today's Consent Calendar for action. The remaining items being Calendar Number 313, House Bill Number 5072, AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE TASK FORCE ON SUPERFUND CLEAN-UPS.

Calendar Number 331, Substitute for House Bill Number 6850, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Calendar Number 3377, House Bill Number 5925, AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITIES.

Calendar Number 379, House Bill Number 7224, AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE FORST PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD.

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Calendar Number 390, Substitute for House Bill  
5952, AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX  
ABATEMENT FOR FRUIT ORCHARDS.

And Calendar Number 396, Substitute for House Bill  
Number 6011, AN ACT CONCERNING CONVEYANCE OF STATE  
PROPERTY TO THE TOWN OF VERNON.

I hereby move today's Consent Calendar, Mr.  
Speaker.

SPEAKER RITTER:

Thank you, Sir. Let me just go over the Calendar  
numbers again for the Body. That's 313, 331, 377, 379,  
389, 390, 396.

At this time, staff and guests come to the well of  
the House. We'll vote on the Consent Calendar. The  
machine will be opened.

CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar, the House is voting by  
roll call. Members to the Chamber. The House is  
taking a roll call vote. Members to the Chamber,  
please.

SPEAKER RITTER:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members

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voted? Please check the roll call machine to make sure your vote's properly cast. If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked.

CLERK:

Today's Consent Calendar.

Total number voting	142
Necessary for passage	72
Those voting yea	142
Those voting nay	0
Those absent and not voting	9

SPEAKER RITTER:

Consent Calendar passes.

CLERK:

Page 7 at the bottom, Calendar 349, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 814, AN ACT CONCERNING PHARMACY LICENSES, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A". Favorable Report of the Committee on General Law.

REP. FOX: (144th))

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative John Wayne Fox of the 144th, Sir, good morning, Sir, you have the floor.

REP. FOX: (144th)

Good morning, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report

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## HUMAN SERVICES

March 9, 1993

REP. KEELEY: Do you find that with our array of categorical direct grant line items throughout DIN, DHR, DCYS, DHS, DMH, DMR, and so on and so forth, that it's hard to monitor what kind of impact we're actually having on our youth?

COMM. JON ALANDER: Clearly...

REP. KEELEY: Without a block grant, without a funnel down block grant process?

COMM. JON ALANDER: Yeah, there certainly is no one single mechanism for, for doing that. I mean, there just isn't. Though, it's easier said than done, I think.

REP. KEELEY: Oh yeah, I agree. Thank you Commissioner.

COMM. JON ALANDER: Sure.

REP. FIGUEROA: Thank you Commissioner.

COMM. JON ALANDER: Thank you.

REP. FIGUEROA: Judge Ment.

JUDGE AARON MENT: Good morning. My principal purpose of being here today is simply to endorse the remarks of Commissioner Alander with respect to the reorganization that DHR and judicial have worked on during the past interim. I will be very happy to answer any questions with respect to judicial's role in that reorganization, and would await your questions at this time.

REP. FIGUEROA: Any questions from committee members? Thank you very much Judge.

JUDGE AARON MENT: Thank you.

REP. FIGUEROA: Commissioner Sanatore.

COMM. ROSE ALMA SENATORE: Good morning Senator Harp, Representative Figueroa, members of the Human Services Committee. My name is Rose Alma Senatore, I'm Commissioner of Department of Children and Youth Services. Thank you for this opportunity to

speak to you about the new Department of Children and Families and several of the youth issues that you have before you today.

HB6850, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. This bill implements the recommendation of the commission to effect government reorganization to change the name of the Department of Children and Youth Services to the Department of Children and Families.

While this legislation would not affect any changes in the existing structure of DCYS beyond the changing of stationery and signs, we believe it would have a lasting, positive impact on the departmental programs at a time when the department is re-tooling its delivery of services.

It is our belief that the most effective delivery system must be rooted and supported at the local level. Funded and founded in collaboration between the public and private sectors. Most citizens know that DCYS has social workers investigating abuse and neglect cases throughout the state.

Less known is our system of grants to private service providers. Programs such as parent education and support centers, parent aides, emergency shelters, intensive family preservation, treatment foster care, child guidance clinics, youth service bureaus, substance abuse prevention, family violent counseling, child protection teams, and juvenile justice centers, are making a difference in the lives of children and families.

DCYS is committed to furthering grass-rooted partnership and service delivery, because community based initiatives work best for people. When we see the planning, promoting, and provision of children and family services as a responsibility of the community, rather than a single institution or agency, that responsibility can become a vehicle for enriching or even creating community.

The name change to the Department of Children and Families reflects our evolving community base mission. Just as grants to private providers increase the ability of local communities to

respond to families' need, a restructuring within DCYS, we will result in better coordination of services.

This restructuring provides further impetus for the name change in the new era. We are beginning to implement a service delivery model based on uniform intake and referral in our regional offices and institutions. The new approach will help us to be truly responsive to our mandates.

Protective services, of course, are a critical part of the department, but it's important to remember that our mandates go far beyond crisis intervention and child protection. DCYS is also responsible for preventive mental health, substance abuse, and juvenile justice services.

A key initiative supporting this direction is in the area of voluntary service units. Social workers will be available to help parents who come to us voluntarily for counseling, support, and community referrals. This represents an important step forward in prevention and treatment.

The more we can prevent abuse, neglect, and family dysfunction before it reaches a crisis stage, the healthier and safer our family and children will be. The wand of consent decree mandates pilot projects in the area of voluntary service provisions and we intend to build on this mandate as an effective way to prevent family trauma.

I hope that the committee will move quickly in enacting this name change, as it truly reflects the mission of the department of providing child centered, family-focused community based services.

SB479, AN ACT CONCERNING A PROGRAM OF RESTITUTION BY MINORS. Section 46B-140 of the General Statutes presently permits judges to order appropriate restitution to be performed by delinquent minors. While we certainly support the concept of restitution programs, we must express our concern about absorbing additional programmatic responsibilities without the necessary financial resources.

JACKIE POLANCO: Okay, alright, my name is Jackie Polanco. I lived in Bridgeport for seventeen years on the east side. I'm a member of the Bridgeport Youth Council. I would like to urge you to support the bills proposed today, SB479, SB713, SB714, SB855, proposed HB6519, HB6667, HB6669, HB6673, HB6688, and HB6850.

Like I was saying that I lived in the east side, and I've seen a lot of my friends die because of the drugs and gun problem there. It's very sad when you see this and you were raised with these people. And just the next day they're just all gone.

SEN. HARP: Thank you, can we have the next speaker.

KAWAMI CRAIG: Hi, my name is Kawami Craig, and I've lived in Bridgeport for seventeen years. I live on the west side. In Bridgeport we all know that there's a high crime rate, especially with the youth. And there isn't many things that's being done.

First of all, we do need the funds, and I do support HB6669. What else, I know that the crime and stuff is not right, but what else can we do. I mean, there's nothing really to do. You look around, there's no where to go, no activities, nothing really goes on.

I mean there's parties, but what happens at the parties - there's shooting. What else is there to do? We need something else, and it's not in Bridgeport, so what are we going to do. You guys have to help us. I mean, nobody else is out there is trying to help us, so we're here trying to make a difference, and we can't do it alone, so we need your support. Thank you.

KENNY BELL: Hello, my name is Kenneth Bell. I go to Brazzard High School, I live in the west end of Bridgeport. And I'm here just saying that I'm a monument to human survival. Because, you know, I'm eighteen years old, and I'm growing up in an environment that is destructive to black, young black males. (HB 6669)



## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

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COMMISSIONER

TO: Members of the Human Services Committee

FROM: Rose Alma Senatore  
Commissioner

DATE: March 9, 1993

SUBJECT: HB 6850 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Department of Children and Youth Services supports HB 6850 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

This bill implements the recommendation of the Commission to Effect Government Reorganization to change the name of the Department of Children and Youth Services to the Department of Children and Families. While this legislation would not effect any changes in the existing structure of DCYS beyond the changing of stationery and signs, we believe that it would have a lasting positive impact on departmental programs at a time when the department is retooling its delivery of services.

I hope that the committee will move quickly in enacting this name change, as it truly reflects the mission of the department of providing child-centered, family-focused, community-based services.

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