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THE CHAIR:

Without objection, the item's on the Consent Calendar.

THE CLERK:

Page 13, Calendar 451, Substitute for HB6882, An Act Concerning Competency to Stand Trial, as amended by House Amendment Schedule A. Favorable report of Committee on Judiciary, File 571 and 761.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Upson?

SEN. UPSON:

Yes, Madam President, we're going to PR that, please?

THE CHAIR:

Motion is to PR the bill.

Without objection, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Page 4, Calendar 276, Substitute for HB5716, An Act Concerning the Conveyance of State Land in Middletown, Killingly and Enfield, as amended by House Amendment Schedule A. Favorable report of Committee Government Administration and Elections, File 211 and 472.

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SEN. UPSON:

Yes. Madam President, Senator Gunther's amendment is here and being copied. I ask we stand at ease until we get that amendment?

THE CHAIR:

The Chamber will stand at ease.

(SENATE AT EASE)

THE CHAIR:

The Clerk has called Calendar 276, Substitute for HB5716.

Would someone like to move passage? Senator Upson.

SEN. UPSON:

I move joint -- the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill and ask for permission to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage.

SEN. UPSON:

And it's my understanding the esteemed Senator from Stratford has an amendment, LCO7870.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage with -- in concurrence

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with the House. And Senator Upson, is that a referral to Senator Gunther --

SEN. UPSON:

Yes.

THE CHAIR:

-- to accept the yield?

SEN. GUNTHER:

Madam -- Madam President, it is LCO7870.

SEN. UPSON:

That's what I said.

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule A, LCO7870, introduced by Senator Gunther.

SEN. GUNTHER:

Madam --

THE CHAIR:

Senator Gunther?

SEN. GUNTHER:

-- President, I move adoption of the amendment and waive the reading. I'll explain it.

THE CHAIR:

Questions on adoption. Will you remark?

SEN. GUNTHER:

The bottom line on this particular amendment is to allow the State of Connecticut, through its DEP to

depose or -- sell the Shakespeare -- I almost said
depose, sell the Shakespeare Theater in the Town of
Stratford.

As most of you probably know, at least those that
have lived in the vicinity, the theater has laid fallow
for almost 10 years now. And in the past two years
there was an attempt through the Economic Development
Department to set up a procedure and negotiate and try
to have someone take over the theater on a lease basis.

Unfortunately, there was monies that was allocated
over that past -- over that two-year period, there was
\$7 million that was unallocated by the previous
administration. And then a year ago there was three
and a half million dollars that was unallocated. And
there is no money to take and go into this process.

So, with that, they withdrew the process of trying
negotiation and now the Department would like to take
and have the property available for negotiations in
order to take in -- or I shouldn't say negotiations,
but for the sale of this -- these parcels of land in
Stratford.

But there's some very strict stipulations in this
particular bill. If you'll take a look at the bill,
the greatest part of this is a description of the lands
that we're talking about that were involved in. There

are some four parcels that are described in detail.

We had difficulty getting maps, because that land does go back quite some time and we thought it best to take and have a very distinct description of the properties itself.

But the bottom line in this on page 7, is that the person to whom said parcels are conveyed shall agree to renovate the current theater located thereon and to operate it as a theater, which will be known as the Connecticut Stratford Shakespeare Festival Theater.

And that is specifically for live theatrical performances, including not less than one annual performance of plays by William Shakespeare, for a period not less than 20 years.

Now, that basically makes certain that this property, which is -- used to be one of the major tourist attractions in the State of Connecticut, in fact, it was international. And it's demand that people who came from here, all over the world, would come to the Shakespeare. It happened to be at the time that it was flourishing to be the -- one point of the triangle, the cultural triangle of the State of Connecticut.

This is what we want to see come back and we want to be certain that that land and property is retained

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for that particular purpose.

There is certain guidelines in this that within four months of the date upon which the control of that parcel goes, the Commissioner must have presented to him a plan of development for the theater and the parcels for his approval.

Now, the Commissioner is then, has the two-month period to approve or disapprove the plan. If he approves it, it's fine. If he takes no action, it's the -- considered to be approved. But if he disapproves they can resubmit and come back with a resubmittal to see if they can get a approval.

He shall lend, within one year of the date that he obtains control, this is, of course, whoever is decided to be that purchaser, he must present the Commission construction documents and design drawings and specifications for the development of the theater.

With that, again, the Commissioner has the right to approve. He has the right to take no action, which makes it approved or he can disapprove, which means they can come back in and try to get approval for that particular document.

Throughout all of this, there is that real close retention of control by the State of Connecticut.

The third item is that within three years, they

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must operate the theater in the State of Connecticut and they must get all the federal, state and local approvals and permits that are necessary to take and renovate and restore and do any development of that particular theater on that particular site.

If at any time the stipulations are not met, the property goes back to the State of Connecticut and, of course, that is then to be conveyed to the Town of Stratford for park and recreational purposes only.

So, again, we're looking to retain the nature of that property, whether it's through sale or ultimately, if it does not get into the performance as a live theater, it then goes back to the town and even they, with this particular stipulation that we have in this document, would require the town to retain it as park and recreational purposes.

So we have all the protection all the way down the line, in fact, we even include the property review board, must basically approve the transfer and that.

And the bottom line is the monies that go in for the purchase of this property would then -- the money itself would go to the Natural -- Natural Heritage Trust Fund, which, of course, is that fund which we reserve for buying environmental lands and that -- and for environmental purposes.

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This is an excellent opportunity that we have to see if we're going to get the Shakespeare Theater back on line in the quickest possible time, and at the same time protect the state and the local area so that this will be preserved as the Shakespeare Festival Theater from now and in perpetuity.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on Senate A? Senator McDermott.

SEN. McDERMOTT:

Thank you, Madam President.

I'd like to speak in favor of the amendment. I think if they can keep community theaters alive in Connecticut is very important. It's part of our New England tradition to be able to have small community theaters that we're able to go and enjoy the arts at reasonable prices.

And I think it's a great honor for the City of Stratford to be able to have this in the community and to be able to keep it there and I congratulate in their efforts to be able to push forward on this endeavor of community theater.

And I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on

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Senate A? Will you remark further? Senator Gunther?

SEN. GUNTHER:

I might remark also the economic development that we anticipate there will improve the whole area, including the Greater Bridgeport area, as well as Milford and that, because this, at its -- the height of its heyday was a fantastic draw for the whole area and we look for some real development that the Town of Stratford really needs and deserves, because we're not in the best of economic situations right now.

If there's no further comments on that, Madam Chairman, I would like to suggest we vote.

THE CHAIR:

Your suggestion is well taken.

Would anyone care to remark further on Senate A?

If not, I'll try your minds. All -- Senator Scarpetti?

SEN. SCARPETTI:

One quick thought, thank you, Madam President.

But I just noticed that Doc -- Senator Gunther entered -- ended his statement by referring to the Greater Bridgeport area. Because of that, I'll support the amendment. Thank you, Senator Gunther.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

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If not, I'll try your minds. All those in favor,
indicate by saying "aye".

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed, "nay". Ayes have it. Senate A is
adopted.

Senator Smith?

SEN. SMITH:

Thank you, Madam President.

I would have the Clerk call LCO7 -- no, 6587.

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule B, LCO6587, introduced
by Senator Smith.

SEN. SMITH:

Thank you, Madam --

THE CHAIR:

Senator Smith.

SEN. SMITH:

-- President.

I would move passage of -- adoption of the
amendment and seek leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Questions on adoption. Will you remark?

SEN. SMITH:

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Yes, Madam President.

This bill would change the statutory parameters on agreements to help locate unclaimed property, in particular, the unclaimed property that goes to the treasurer's office. It would extend the time frame within which those agreements could not be entered into, a decrease from 20 percent to 10 percent the amount of consideration that could be paid for entering into those agreements.

And I would move its adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Questions on adoption of Senate B. Will you remark? Will you remark?

If not, I'll try your minds. All those in favor, indicate by saying "aye".

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed, "nay". Ayes have it. Senate B is adopted.

SEN. SMITH:

Thank you, Madam President.

If the Clerk could call LC07902?

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule C, LC07902, introduced

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by Senator Smith.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Smith.

SEN. SMITH:

Thank you, Madam President.

I would move adoption of this amendment as well
and seek leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Questions on adoption. Will you remark?

SEN. SMITH:

Yes, Madam President.

When we get to the underlying bill, one of the
parcels involved there is potentially subject to
certain restrictions that the Attorney General's office
may have to work out in court, involving the Cy-Pres
Doctrine and this amendment would put those
restrictions into the bill should those restrictions,
in fact, be found to exist.

And I would urge its adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Questions on adoption. Will you remark? Will you
remark?

If not, all those in favor indicate by saying

"aye".

ASSEMBLY:

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Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed, "nay". Ayes have it. Senate C is
adopted.

SEN. SMITH:

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Smith.

SEN. SMITH:

Now moving to the underlying bill, we're dealing here with really three transfers, one in Middletown of certain parcels that are going to be used for athletic and recreational purposes; another in Killingly and another in Enfield. Pretty standard property transfers.

I would want to take the opportunity here though, frankly, as the Chairman of the Government Administration and Elections Committee to say that I think that our process dealing with state properties needs to be amended. We can't seem to get too many people to recognize this. The State Properties Review Board is apparently, with regard to transferring properties of the state, out either municipalities or third parties, is dysfunctional.

It does not work. The GAE Committee winds up

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being a local zoning board. We had what amounted to local zoning hearings this year. Moreover, we have set up this property review process by which people can petition administratively to get properties that the state deems to be excess out of the state and into their hands; virtually no one uses it because it doesn't work.

Not only that, many people and entities come and ask us for this property for free, they don't pay for it.

Frankly, I find both of those things disturbing, that people would just circumvent the process because they know that they can and, second, that they would not pay for the property. But that is apparently the practice. And that practice will apparently continue.

We are trying to revise that State Property Review Board process and I would like very much for everyone to know about that and be supportive of it, because I don't think that the things that are going on in this area are appropriate.

Nevertheless, I would move passage of this real estate conveyance bill.

THE CHAIR:

Questions on passage of the bill, as amended.
Will you remark? Senator Gaffey.

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SEN. GAFFEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, I rise in support of this bill. For those of you around the circle that don't know, Middletown has the unfortunate distinction of citing more state institutions per square mile than probably any other town in the State of Connecticut.

And the two conveyances that are allowed for under this legislation provides a little bit of equitable relief to the Town of Middletown and I would urge its passage.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel?

SEN. KISSEL:

Thank you very much, Madam President.

I just want to add my voice to those who have spoken in support of this bill. One section is of great concern to me and that is the part dealing with the Town of Enfield, where we have worked on behalf of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, who was concerned about some developments in the neighborhood where they currently are located in the Thompsonville section of Enfield.

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In particular, given that it's got an older community and an older parish, they sought out some other viable parcels of land. This will allow the church to purchase, should they so desire, over seven acres of land, also in the Thompsonville section of Enfield and would really be of benefit, not only to that parish, but also to the Thompsonville area of Enfield and the greater Enfield area as a whole.

So, I would urge all members of the circle to support this very good piece of legislation. Thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further?

SEN. WILLIAMS:

Madam President?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Williams.

SEN. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Madam President.

I would just briefly add my support as well. There is a small parcel to be conveyed to the Town of Killingly. The town intends to use that for recreational purposes and to the benefit of its people as well. Thank you.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator Smith?

SEN. SMITH:

Thank you, Madam President.

If there are no further comments, I'd move this to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is to refer this item to the Consent Calendar.

Without objection, so ordered.

At this time, would the Clerk please call the Consent Calendar?

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the Consent Calendar. All Senators return to the Chamber

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

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Page 5, Calendar 330, Substitute for SB915.

Page 13, Calendar 450, Substitute for HB6953.

THE CHAIR:

The machine will be open.

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Have all members voted?

THE CLERK:

Senator Williams? Senator Aniskovich? Nickerson,
Senator Nickerson.

THE CHAIR:

If all members have voted the machine will be
locked. Clerk, please take a tally.

Clerk, please announce.

THE CLERK:

Total number voting, 35; necessary for passage,
18. Those voting "yea", 35; those voting, "nay", 0.

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar is adopted. Senator Upson?

SEN. UPSON:

Yes. Madam President, on page 4, Calendar No.
276, Substitute for HB5716, An Act Concerning the
Conveyance of State Land in Middletown, Killingly and
Enfield, move for suspension of the rules and immediate
transfer to the House.

THE CHAIR:

Questions on suspension of the rules.

Without objection, so ordered.

Are there announcements or points of personal
privilege at this time? Senator Crisco?

SEN. CRISCO:

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In the positive, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HYSLOP:

Representative Winkler in the positive. The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill 6797, as amended by House Schedules "A" and "B"

Total Number Voting	135
Necessary for Passage	68
Those voting Yea	134
Those voting Nay	1
Those absent and not voting	16

DEPUTY SPEAKER HYSLOP:

The bill, as amended is passed. The Clerk will call Calendar 141.

CLERK:

On the bottom of page 8, Calendar 141. Substitute for House Bill Number 5716, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF STATE LAND IN MIDDLETOWN, KILLINGLY AND ENFIELD. Favorable Report of the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HYSLOP:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for acceptance of

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER HYSLOP:

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

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, what this bill would do is to convey from various state agencies four parcels of land. Three of those parcels would go to municipalities and the other two, Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Enfield. I move adoption. I move adoption, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HYSLOP:

Will you remark further?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment, LCO 6260. Will the Clerk please call LCO 6260 and may I have permission to summarize, Mr. Speaker?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Clerk, please call LCO 6260, House Schedule "A".

CLERK:

LCO 6260, designated House "A" offered by
Representative Godfrey, et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Hearing no objection to summarization, please proceed, Madam.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this amendment is a technical one which provides that the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church will have to notify in writing the Commissioner of Transportation of the church's intention to sell or lease the parcel and it specifies various notice periods that the church has to comply with and I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Will you remark? Remark on House "A"? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor of House "A" signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Opposed, nay. The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Will you remark further on the bill?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Yes, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I had previously stated, this is a conveyance bill which provides for the conveyance of four parcels of land. One parcel is nine acres of land on the CVH campus in Middletown. And that goes from the Department of

Mental Health to the City of Middletown.

The second parcel is from the Department of Children and Families. It is 40.4 acres. Also to the City of Middletown.

The third parcel is from the Department of Public Works to the Town of Killingly. And the final parcel, is from the Department of Transportation to the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Enfield.

I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

The question is on adoption. Will you remark?
Will you remark further? Representative Powers.

REP. POWERS: (151st)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a few comments. As the Chairman mentioned, there are four different sections of the bill. The first and second sections have to do with Middletown. While they are part of the bill, there have been questions raised by some citizens in terms of the dangers of land in proximity to the hospital and to Long Lane School.

So I would just offer that as information for voting purposes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Your question, sir.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Will the land at CVH have any impact on the plans for potential renovations of both building and grounds for other state services to be provided on that campus?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

The answer to the question is no. This is nine acres of land for multi-purpose athletic facilities. This piece of land is on the parameter of the campus and it will not affect the consolidation at all.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Will -- has this parcel been deemed by the Department of Mental Retardation to be excess property on the CVH campus?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

I believe we had written testimony from -- oh, I am sorry. Could you repeat the question, please?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80h)

Has this property been at CVH been deemed to be excess property, that it is no longer needed by the State?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. The CVH Task Force which was a legislative task force which studied the use of the land on the CVH campus did deem it as excess property and the recommendation of that task force, the CVH Task Force, was to use this nine acres for multi-purpose athletic facilities. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Will the giving of this land to Middletown in any way eliminate the State's future access to other parcels as part of CVH? Since I see there is also a road and whatnot involved?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

I am sorry. I couldn't hear the end of your last statement. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

A road and whatnot was involved, I believe.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Will the giving of this land prohibit the State from having access off of

Holmes Road to get into the CVH campus or any portion of the land the State owns there?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. No. And I would add that there are many points of access to the land on the CVH campus and this would not affect access to it.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Who intends to pay for the multi-purpose athletic facilities that would potentially be improved on this property?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. There is a non-profit organization which is set up to build a multi-purpose athletic facility on the land and I believe the land, in the interim, will be used for athletic fields.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. What is the value of the nine acres of land we are giving away today?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I am not aware of what the appraised value of the land is.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. It is customary when the State gives away taxpayers' land that we know what the value of it is that we are giving away?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Generally, when a conveyance is made by the State, the LCO office submits a questionnaire and if you will give me a moment, I will see if I can find one on their questionnaire.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

The Chamber will stand at ease for a moment.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Excuse me. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

The Chamber will now come to order.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also add that the 800 odd acres which the CVH campus is currently located on is land that was given to the State one hundred years ago by the City of Middletown to the State at no cost. So, in essence, we are taking back a very small part of the CVH campus for athletic purposes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary. I am sorry.

Representative Bysiewicz, was that a complete answer?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Yes. I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. I am looking now and I have an estimate from the Middletown Assessor's Office placing the value of the property at approximately \$5,200 per acre or \$75,000. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. That valuation was done by who?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. The Middletown Assessor's Office.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Is that current market value or assessed value?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I have only the information which was provided on the conveyance questionnaire and again, that is the value of the property as estimated by the Middletown Tax Assessor's Office at \$5,200 per acre. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Are you aware of any other property located within the City of Middletown that could be possibly be valued as low as \$5,00 an acre?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I am not aware and as I said, all I have is the information available from the Middletown Tax Assessor's Office. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Tax Assessor's Office of Middletown have some vested interest in the valuation since the town is looking to

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get a gift from the property?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I am sure it has, but again, I would point out that this was land that was given from -- by the City of Middletown to the State for free over 100 years ago and we are talking about a small piece of the over 1,000 acres which the State has and is not currently using.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Have there been any improvements to that property over the last 100 years? Have there been any improvements to that site?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. There have been no improvements and I would further add that this particular piece of property that will be conveyed by the State to the City is landlocked and it will be merged with another piece of land already owned by the City of purposes of this athletic facility. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

If I could interrupt the colloquy, not to disturb it, only to try to bring order to the Chamber. Ladies and gentlemen, today is Bring Your Child to Work Day. It is Breast Screening Day. It is UCONN Husky Day. It is Welfare Lobby Day. And most importantly right now, it is lunch time.

However, I insist the House find its way to a moderate of decorum or this debate will not end. Your children are with you. They will sleep with you here tonight. Please be quiet. Take your conversations outside. Will staff please leave the chamber. Return to the well, if need be. Please be quiet.

Again, I recommend, please be quiet. Thank you. Representative Bysiewicz, have you completed your answer?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Since this parcel reverts back to the State, I am not sure in what timeframe, if it is not used for multi-purpose athletic facilities, has the Town of Middletown Zoning and the

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neighbors in that area approve this site for a multi-purpose athletic facility?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

The answer is yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Under what conditions would you see that reversion coming back since I don't see a date for the actual use for those purposes? Does that mean they can use it for those purposes five or ten years from now and not have a reversion to the State? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. It is my understanding that the parcel will revert to the State if it is not used for those recreational purposes. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

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Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. On what date would the reversion take place?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I don't believe there is a date specified in the bill. It is only contingent upon the occurrence of a use that is not related to recreation. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Has the Department of Mental Health, the current Commissioner of Mental Health, approved of this transfer of land from under his control to give to the City of Middletown?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the Department of Mental Health has agreed that this parcel may be used for these recreational purposes. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. The Commissioner of Mental Health then approved this transfer from his perspective on what date? The Commissioner approved this transfer on what date? Is this something that happened last fall by the Department or is this something that is current?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Could you please repeat the question? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. The Commissioner of Mental Health approved this property coming out of his control for hospital use, did that happen currently as in this month or did it happen possibly when the Task Force met which was last year? The same Commissioner we have today, different Commissioner?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. The Commissioner of Mental Health, under the prior administration is the same person who is now the Commissioner of Mental Health and it is my understanding that the Department approves of the use for recreational purposes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. A question on another issue related to Middletown land transfers. Long Lane campus, we are transferring 40 acres of property from Long Lane to the City of Middletown. Is that correct? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Yes. That is correct.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Do we have a valuation on what that 40 acres is worth?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Yes. Through you, Mr. Speaker. The conveyance questionnaire submitted to the Legislature indicates that the Middletown Tax Assessor's Office placed a value on the property at approximately \$5,200 per acre. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. That would be \$200 an acre more than the CVH property?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. That's the same value as the CVH piece. It is also \$5,200 per acre.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Has the Commissioner of Mental Health, going back to the first property at CVH, approved of this transfer of land after knowing of the proposed merger and improvements to CVH?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. The Commissioner of Mental Health approved of the transfer of land on the CVH campus through approving the CVH Task Force Report which made that recommendation that the land be transferred to the youth soccer or for multi-purpose athletic facilities. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. That Task Force Report was dated when?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. The report was written late last Spring and was submitted to the Legislature.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Would it be your presumption that that was prior to our current proposed Mental Health mergers of hospitals and the potential planned improvements at CVH? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, but I am a little confused as to which parcel we are now talking about. Are we talking about the Long Lane parcel or the CVH parcel?

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. The current question is about the CVH parcel.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Could you repeat the

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question then now that we know what parcel we are talking about?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary, will you re-phrase the question, please?

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. The question goes to whether the Commissioner has reviewed this transfer of land prior to or after the proposal to do major improvements at CVH and a potential hospital merger?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I believe the public hearing that we had on the land conveyance bills came well after the Governor proposed the consolidation and the Commissioner and the Governor submitted the consolidation bills to the Legislature. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. To get back to section 2 of the bill, the 40 acres from the Long Lane campus that we are giving to the City of Middletown for passive recreational purposes, through you, Mr. Speaker, is there a definition of passive recreational

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purposes?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. It is my understanding that there is no definition of passive recreational purposes in our statutes. However, it is for recreation and open space. There will be no improvements upon the property. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Then, through you, Mr. Speaker, the next section which is a reversion clause to the State of Connecticut, unless it is used for passive recreational purposes, means the City of Middletown can do absolutely nothing with that property other than leave it as open space and not have any reversion to the State? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. That is correct.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Is that to say that they could not do any improvements on that property since it is for a passive recreational purposes? If they wanted to build a recreational building or any type of improvements, that it would then revert to the State?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

That's right. If it was used for non-recreational purposes, it would revert to the State, consistent with the City's open space plan. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I am not sure -- let me try the question again. If the City was to make any improvements to build recreational buildings, tennis courts, would that fall under the definition of passive recreational use as opposed to in section 1, the phrase, "multi-purpose athletic facilities" is used?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Yes. The multi-purpose athletic facility was a project that was specifically dealt with in the CVH Task Force Report. There was a

specific request by a non-profit entity to use it for those purposes. That is why those purposes are specifically stated in that particular section dealing with the CVH parcel and in the Long Lane parcel, since this land will be used for open space, it is designated as passive recreational purposes. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. How long has the State of Connecticut owned the land at Long Lane campus?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. The State of Connecticut has owned this land for approximately 100 years and I would also note that the City of Middletown gave that land, initially, to the State over 100 years ago for use by Long Lane School. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Cleary.

REP. CLEARY: (80th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Representative

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Bysiewicz. I will give someone else a chance to ask some questions.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Whose turn is it now? Representative SanAngelo.

REP. SAN ANGELO: (131st)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a question, please, through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Proceed, sir.

REP. SAN ANGELO: (131st)

Representative Bysiewicz, just a point concern. There was an issue of safety around CVH brought up in committee with regard to the merger that is being talked about. Is the area safe so that children may play on these recreational fields? Is there a concern about that and has the Town decided to do anything to address it?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I believe it is. This parcel is located to the south of the campus. It is located a good distance away from the substance abuse treatment facility and from the hospital facility and indeed, that is one of the reasons why this particular

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piece is designated for use by the multi-purpose athletic facility developers. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative San Angelo.

REP. SAN ANGELO: (131st)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Just to clarify that, there is no concern from the residents of Middletown with regard to the safety of this particular piece of property and with regard to those children?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I would say that generally there is a concern about safety on the CVH campus, but I would also say that the developers of the multi-purpose athletic facilities will be dealing with this issue. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative SanAngelo.

REP. SAN ANGELO: (131st)

And through you, Mr. Speaker. Could you tell me, specifically, some of the ways that they might address those concerns in order to protect the children?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that one of the ways that they are going to address is through fencing, lighting and also supervision and security personnel hired by the athletic facility. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative San Angelo.

REP. SAN ANGELO: (131st)

And through you, Mr. Speaker. Has the Town of Middletown, at this point, put aside any funds in order to make improvements on this land for the recreational facility? Or will this simply be done by a non-profit organization?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the City of Middletown has invested some seed money in terms of surveying this property, this piece of property to be conveyed. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. SAN ANGELO: (131st)

And through you, Mr. Speaker. The last question is has the Town agreed to pick up the insurance on the property? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. The answer is yes.

REP. SAN ANGELO: (131st)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Representative Bysiewicz.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Thank you. Will you remark further?

Representative Tymniak.

REP. TYMNIAK: (133rd)

Mr. Speaker, to the proponent. With regard to the transfer of the property to Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, will there be restrictions placed on the deed to show the requirement of notice to the State?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Could you repeat the last part of your question? I didn't catch the end of it.

REP. TYMNIAK: (133rd)

I am inquiring as to whether there will be notice placed on the Land Record of the restrictions as to the potential future transfers of this.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. The conveyance will be subject to the land being used by the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and if they decide to sell or

lease, the State will have the option to re-purchase for the original purchase price. A transfer would be from the Church to another entity, would be a violation of the conveyance. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Tymniak.

REP. TYMNIAK: (133rd)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. My concern is that the notice of that right to transfer back to the State be placed on the Land Records so the potential buyers will have notice of it before an actual sale would take place.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, there would be that notice.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Tymniak.

REP. TYMNIAK: (133rd)

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further?

Representative Belden.

REP. BELDEN: (113th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it has been very difficult to follow this whole process and to hear

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everything that went on, so I maybe repeating something, slightly.

House Amendment "A" which I think we are still on, aren't we? House Amendment "A" with regard to section 2 of the bill now indicates that the language is expanded, that if the City leases any portion of the parcel, it shall revert to the State.

I believe earlier on, you talked about a non-profit group spending money. I wasn't sure whether at that point you were talking about section 1 or section 2 or both.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

I am sorry?

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

The problem is it is a little noisy and we are really working hard. But every few minutes you guys start to unravel again. So, if you don't want to listen to Representative Belden or Representative Bysiewicz, you can leave and we will ring the bell before the vote so you can come back. So, if you would please be quiet, listen or leave.

Representative Belden, sir, if you could please re-phrase your last question.

REP. BELDEN: (113th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Bysiewicz

earlier talked about a non-profit corporation actually spending money to make improvements, as I understood it. My first question, through you, Mr. Speaker, would be is that relative to section 1 or section 2 of the file or both?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. That non-profit entity will be making improvements on the parcel at the CVH campus and that is section 1. Section 2 is the Long Lane parcel and that will be used for passive recreational purposes. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BELDEN: (113th)

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Then I assume that the City of Middletown will not be utilizing an outside person to develop and exercise that passive recreation program? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Yes. Through you, Mr. Speaker. That's correct. It will just be used for open space. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Sir.

REP. BELDEN: (113th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That clears up my concern.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Will you remark further on the bill, as amended? Will you remark? If not, staff and guests to the well of the House. Members, please be seated. The machine is now open.

CLERK:

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

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

After the Schiessl family has voted -- if all the members and daughters have voted -- the machine will be locked. The Clerk will take the tally. The Clerk will announce that tally.

REP. CLERK:

House Bill 5716, as amended by House Amendment
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Necessary for Passage	71
Those voting Yea	140

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DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

The bill passes. Representative Fritz.

REP. FRITZ: (90th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Happy Health to You Day, Madam.

REP. FRITZ: (90th)

Same to you. Welfare Day. Womens Day. Everyday.

Mr. Speaker, we are ready to do referrals. If the Clerk would call.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

Would the clerk please the referrals for us now.

CLERK:

Starting on page 9. Calendar 153. Substitute for
House Bill Number 6592, AN ACT CONCERNING EXPIRED STATE
EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS.

REP. FRITZ: (90th)

Mr. Speaker, I would move that this bill be
recommitted to the Committee on Labor.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PUDLIN:

The motion to refer --

REP. FRITZ: (90th)

Recommitted.

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the call of the calendar? Calendar 141. Will the Clerk please call calendar 414. Will the Clerk please call calendar 141.

CLERK:

On page thirty-four, calendar 141, substitute for House bill number 5716, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF STATE LAND IN MIDDLETOWN, KILLINGLY AND ENFIELD. As amended by House amendment schedule "A" and Senate amendment schedules "A" and "B" and "C". The Senate adopted Senate "A", "B" and "C" on May 23rd. Favorable report of the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

The motion is on acceptance and passage, will you remark?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, this is one of the omnibus conveyance bills that has already been before the House, it has gone to the Senate, and

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the Senate in its wisdom has given us three amendments.

And I would like to have the Clerk please call LCO

7870, and may I please have leave to summarize?

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 7870.

CLERK:

LCO 7870, designated Senate "A" offered by Senator
Gunther, Representative Chase, etal.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

Representative has asked leave to summarize,
please proceed without objection Madam.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Senate
"A" adds a conveyance from the Department of
Environmental Protection of four parcels of land in
Stratford, which is the Stratford Shakespeare theater
and these parcels of land will be conveyed to a person
designated by the commissioner, and I move adoption
Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

Question is adoption, will you remark further?
Will you remark further on Senate "A"? Representative
Chase.

REP. CHASE: (120th)

Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise in

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support of the amendment. The Shakespeare theater in Stratford has a long checkered history. It's been in the state's hands now for approximately ten years. Really through no one's fault, they had been unsuccessful in attempting to formulate a private public partnership to reopen, which was once the largest, and I hesitate saying this, largest tourist attraction in the state of Connecticut at one time. Ah, ha, you got that, thank you. What has been worked out here, or crafted, is a lot of work with the Department of Economic Development, Department of Environment, the Governor's office, officials from the town of Stratford and various parties who have an interest in seeing the reopening of the Shakespeare theater.

If this attempt fails to find a developer who is willing to buy the property and re-open the theater, then ultimately the property will revert back to the town of Stratford to be retained as a park and recreational facility. I thank the Chamber's attention, I ask for the support and I thank the Chairman for bringing the bill out. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

Thank you Sir. Will you remark further?
Representative Miller.

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REP. MILLER: (122nd)

Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the amendment, echoing the sentiments of Representative Chase and adding that should this theater come to fruition within the next few years, the town of Stratford could see maybe \$100 million worth of economic development activity. This is, in the face of the fact that we're losing a lot of our defense industries, namely lay-offs at Sikorsky and Allied Signal. So I'd ask the Chamber to support the amendment, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

Thank you Sir. Will you remark further? Will you remark further on Senate "A"? If not I will try your minds. All those in favor please indicate by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

Those opposed nay. The ayes have it, the amendment is adopted, ruled technical. Will you remark further on the bill as amended?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Yes. Thank you Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

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Representative Bysiewicz.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Thank you again Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, the Clerk has LCO 6587, would the Clerk please call LCO 6587 and may I have leave to summarize?

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

The Clerk has LCO 6587, will the Clerk please call.

CLERK:

LCO number 6587, Senate "B" offered by Senator Smith.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

Representative has asked leave to summarize, without objection proceed Madam.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, this amendment comes to us at the request of the Treasurer's office. The Treasurer in this amendment seeks to invalidate any agreement to locate unclaimed property entered into within two years after the date of a report that's required under the amendment. And this amendment also limits the recovery fee for agreements entered into after this period to ten percent rather than the former twenty percent, I move adoption, Madam Speaker.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

Question is on adoption, will you remark further? Will you remark further on Senate "B"? If not, I will try your minds. All those in favor please indicate by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye, aye, aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

All those in favor please indicate by saying aye at once.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

All those opposed, the amendment is adopted, ruled technical. Will you remark further on the bill as amended?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, the Clerk has LCO number 7902, would the Clerk please call LCO number 7902 and may I request permission to summarize?

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

The Clerk has LCO 7902, will the Clerk please call?

CLERK:

LCO number 7902, Senate "C" offered by Senator

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DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

The Representative has asked leave to summarize, without objection, proceed Madam.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: (100th)

Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker what this amendment does is incorporate a technical change in language that was requested by the Attorney General's office and I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

Question is adoption, will you remark further on House "C"? Will you remark further on House "C" if not, I will try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

Opposed nay. The ayes have it, the amendment is adopted ruled technical. Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Will you remark further? If not, staff and guests to the well, members please take your seat, the machine will be open.

CLERK:

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roll call. Members to the Chamber, please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

Have all members voted? Have all the members voted? Is your vote properly recorded? If so, the machine will be locked. The Clerk will please take a tally. Will the Clerk please announce the tally?

CLERK:

House bill number 5716 as amended by House "A" and Senate "A", "B" and "C", in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number Voting	149
Necessary for Passage	75
Those voting Yea	148
Those voting Nay	1
Those absent and not voting	2

DEPUTY SPEAKER HARTLEY:

Bill as amended is passed. Will the Clerk please return to the call of the calendar, calendar 517. Will the Clerk please call calendar 283?

CLERK:

On page twenty-one, calendar, I'm sorry on page twenty-eight calendar 283, House bill number 6088, AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET RIVERS' NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR. Favorable report of the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

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I'm happy to answer any questions.

- REP. MERRILL: I just have a quick question, Les. Because questions come up around this, this is something that would have been subject to the surplus property statutes and has it gone through that statute process or not?
- REP. YOUNG: It could have gone through that process but it goes on forever. I'm asking if we're to be sold at fair market value and get it done with. It is an eyesore and unfortunately like a lot of other land that the state owns, it's got one of those big ugly signs that stand up in front of it and say state property, you know, no trespassing as if you know the Fuerher was going to shoot you.
- REP. MERRILL: I'm very happy to get you on the record saying that because as you know, I have a big issue involved with surplus properties statutes so I'm glad to hear you say that. That's great. Okay. Anybody else, questions? No? Thanks. Next we have Mayor Joe Serra, no Tom Serra from Middletown. I get you guys mixed up all the time.
- TOM SERRA: Good morning, Madam Chairman. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I'm speaking here this morning in support of HB6537, THE CONVEYANCE OF LAND AT CVH, as well as HB5716, THE CONVEYANCE OF LAND AT CVH as well. The city of Middletown endorses the task force report relative to the study of land use and facilities at CVH. The city of Middletown endorses the open space philosophy.

The city of Middletown endorse in a referendum a number of years ago Mandela's worth of open space acquisition. We believe in getting the land so we can have active and passive activities as well as openspace. HB5716 is a soccer facility if you might see that as a city, state, private endeavor.

The city of Middletown local legislative body in terms of its economic development committee has endorsed a \$20,000 expenditure for a study or a consultant relative to this project as well as bearing the cost of an A-2 survey. Mainly the

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activity facility, the soccer facility, the regional soccer facility. Also HB6501, with long lane land if you see that. We in Middletown as I mentioned previously, we have open space. We've had a nice project of five million dollars that we've made many of our pieces of land open spacing including the Senicle project you might have read about.

We endorse long lane, the conveyance of that land. We have a nice plan of action relative to a greenbelt for active and passive recreation. So, I come here this morning endorsing HB6537, HB6501, and HB5716 on behalf of the citizens of Middletown. Thank you very much.

REP. MERRILL: Thank you, any questions from the committee?

REP. POWERS: Real fast. Are there values to these lands? Do you have any specific market values with these particular....?

TOM SERRA: We haven't done that yet. One of them is being surveyed unless my brother can answer that.

REP. POWERS: Okay, we'll ask you brother.

REP. DICKMAN: If I may, Madam Chairman, may I follow up on that question? Are they, is the proposal just to deed them without sale or is there some consideration involved?

TOM SERRA: No, it's to deed them as a gift.

REP. DICKMAN: And I have a followup question if I may. The active recreation that you have, what forms does that take?

TOM SERRA: Hiking trails, walking trails and things of that nature. If I may Madam Chairman, what this is really doing in at least two cases here is deeding back to the city of Middletown lands that we gave to you in the first place, maybe 120 years ago, at no charge as well. And I guess we're looking, to have that back now since there doesn't seem to be a need up in that area now for usage, of continued

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usage of what was there in Connecticut Valley Hospital. So, we're looking for you to return the favor. Thank you.

REP. MERRILL: The very question I was just going to ask because I think, I thought I remembered that that was the case. And is this going to be dedicated to open space? In other words, the town will promise to keep it open space in perpetuity?

TOM SERRA: The town would like, in at least two cases, or at least one case, a long lane case would be open space in terms of greenbelt. The other two, one is, if you see in one of the bills, a possible soccer facility, athletic complex and the other, active/passive open space combination.

REP. MERRILL: So but the, I guess what I'm asking is the ones that are, those parcels that are open space will be designated in perpetuity for open space. Is that the intention of the town?

TOM SERRA: Yes. The open space ones. Yes.

REP. JARJURA: You're the mayor?

TOM SERRA: Yes I am.

REP. JARJURA: Welcome Mayor. I was just wondering if your corporation council or your attorneys looked in to what effect this may have on your entitlement funds if the land is transferred. That's means there would be less state property in Middletown. That might affect your PILOT, your payment in lieu of taxes, allocation, and if that's something the town of Middletown is prepared to absorb.

TOM SERRA: We're ready to absorb that. If I may and I'll do this very respectfully, I think it's peanuts in lieu of taxes so it really won't be an effect if I may...

REP. JARJURA: No disrespect for Connecticut, I agree with you.

REP. MERRILL: And by the way, it's flat funded again this year so we don't even get the 20%. I have a

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training school in my district so I understand exactly what you're doing.

TOM SERRA: Thank you.

REP. MERRILL: Next we have Representative Serra.

REP. SERRA: Good morning Senator. Good morning Representative Bysiewicz and members of the committee.

REP. MERRILL: Committee members would like to know how many more Serras there are in Middletown.

REP. SERRA: That's it. As Doc Hunter said, the dynamic duo when we testified in front of Public Health. I'm the older brother doc, not his father. HB6539

REP. MERRILL: We were wondering.

REP. SERRA: But I don't use that magic stuff in what little hair I have left. I'm just going to quickly, I just want to reiterate very quickly what my brother has already said. HB5716, what we contemplate is a regional soccer facility. Currently, there is some city land adjacent to some state land and there is a little piece of private land that we're putting together for a regional soccer facility.

And we're looking for that piece of property. It's detached and quite a distance away from the main campus at CVH. It's not an adjacent piece of property. HB6501, AN ACT CONCERNING TO ADVANCE THE STATE LINE A LONG WAY, again, this is not adjacent to the main campus of Long Lane. It's a piece of property that's to the south of Long Lane and we're looking for that as open spaces and it will be kept that way.

HB6537, AN ACT CONCERNING A CONVEYANCE IN THE FUTURE OF AND CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL, what that is, this is just more in conjunction with a task force that I served on that came up with the conclusion that this land, which again is detached from the main campus of Connecticut Valley Hospital, for active and passive

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has told you, we have spent over five million dollars on open space acquisition in the city of Middletown. We have an open space plan that has been adopted as part of our plan for development and this is part of the Greenbelt system within the city of Middletown. And I urge your support of it.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: Yes, Ms. Bowers, I just have a question. With respect to HB6537, that has to do with undeveloped land on the CVH campus, do you have an opinion on that?

LINDA BOWERS: Those parcels are also part of a very large corridor that we have designed in our open space plan and they would be a valuable addition to that corridor. That corridor also includes parts of the Quociponsit State Forest and some lands that are owned by the Nature Conservancy to protect a rare and endangered species.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: Any other questions from committee members? If not, thank you very much. Bob Spector to be followed by Tom (can't pronounce name).

BOB SPECTOR: Representative Bysiewicz, members of the committee. My name is Robert Spector. I'm the District Administrative Officer for the Central District Department of Mental Health. I am here today to provide testimony in regards to proposed HB6537 and as an afterthought to HB5716.

Connecticut Valley Hospital was established by the legislature in 1867. Since that time, the hospital has developed and maintained a watershed area that includes six reservoirs. This watershed area is approximately 611 acres that are located on parcels A and B of the recommended reuse map which was part of this bill.

The Hospital water system also includes a water filtration complex that provides potable water to the Connecticut Valley Hospital campus. This water supply serve four State Operated Health Care Facilities. Public Act #77-606 defines the classes of land that make up watershed areas. This act provides very specific guidelines regarding the use and transfer of such lands.

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State regulations (created pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 25-32) now classify this property as "Class 2 Land" and restricts the uses to which it can be put, as well as the process by which approval can be received. The transfer of this property would require modification to the existing Water Supply Plan and approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services.

The transfer would not relieve the hospital of the responsibility of maintenance and enforcement in the watershed area. The hospital also has concerns regarding parcels C and D. A recent land study completed in August, 1994, determined that Parcel C is not owned by the State of Connecticut.

Parcel D includes the campus of Riverview Hospital operated by the Department of Children and Families. The transfer of the parcel would affect the ability of that department to utilize the adjacent land for recreational purposes or future expansion. In summary, we ask that you do not act on this legislation.

We have worked cooperatively with other agencies to provide hiking trails and to allow other recreational activities as permitted by the public health codes. We do not feel this bill should be approved until there is comprehensive plan to deal with all of the implications of this legislation.

And as I said, as an afterthought on HB5716, the Hospital has no objection whatsoever to the transfer of that parcel for the uses of a soccer facility. I would caution that there is some question on the actual boundaries of that land and there is some understanding that a portion of that land was actually part of the land that was transferred to the Veteran's Administration for the Veteran's cemetery.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: I'm sorry. Could you just repeat what you said about the Veterans, that you concern about the Veteran's Cemetery. Is that with respect to HB5716?

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BOB SPECTOR: That's correct.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: Okay. Could you, I'm sorry. With respect to HB6537, who at DMH served on the CVH task force? Do you recall?

BOB SPECTOR: There was, Gary Melaney was the official representative. I was present for just about all of the meetings as a staff member.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: And did any of these concerns that you now raise come out when this topic was being discussed at the task force?

BOB SPECTOR: Well the recommendation of the task force was to create open space and use the lands for recreational purposes but the task force called for a transfer of the property to the Department of Environmental Protection.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: I see. And if such a transfer was made to DEP, then you could support this bill if it were amended to transfer it to DEP as opposed to the city? Is that what you're telling the committee?

BOB SPECTOR: We would have no objection to that. We would have to work with DEP around the management of the watershed area.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: Okay, now you also mentioned in your testimony a concern with respect to the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services?

BOB SPECTOR: That's correct.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: What was that concern?

BOB SPECTOR: The way the regulations are written, the transfer of the property because it's the watershed area, would have to have the written approval of the Commissioner.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: Because of the watershed area?

BOB SPECTOR: Right.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: And have you spoken to that department?

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If this were transferred to DEP, do you believe they would have an objection?

BOB SPECTOR: I don't believe so because the owner would still be the State of Connecticut.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: Now you mentioned with respect to Parcel C and I guess that has to do with HB6537?

BOB SPECTOR: That's correct.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: What is the problem with Parcel C?

BOB SPECTOR: A study was just completed by the Department of Mental Health, a boundary study, and we could find no record in the land records of the state, actually owning that at this point in time.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: And who do you think owns it?

BOB SPECTOR: The Roberts family.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: Okay. I see an Earl Roberts here. Perhaps he's going to tell us more about that. Okay. Any further questions from the committee? Representative Jarjura.

REP. JARJURA: That was my only concern with HB5716, the land in Middletown. Was the...I was at the Veteran's Home and Hospital, the cemetery on several occasions and it's close proximity to this parcel. You are thinking it's within the boundaries that they have outlined? Or you're not sure.

BOB SPECTOR: I'm thinking that the, what people thought was the boundary is not necessarily the boundary and the Veteran's Cemetery has more land than they're currently using and it extends into the area in question.

REP. JARJURA: That's what my concern was. I was going to ask the brother Serra there but I didn't want to continue on with that line of questioning but I will because I do think they own a big chunk up there which they have developed into the new cemetery because the Rocky Hill Cemetery was

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overfilled. And you can't be transferring that away. Thank you very much.

SEN. SMITH: Representative Powers.

REP. POWERS: Do you have maps?

BOB SPECTOR: I have a map that I can leave with the clerk.

REP. POWERS: Okay, because we, I mean obviously we don't want to encroach on the Veteran's Cemetery. Obviously we've made a commitment and I don't think we should abrogate that. You talked in HB6537 about the watershed and clearly that's where the water comes from for your state hospitals that you know, you need to protect them.

The discussion we were hearing was walking trails and things like that. Even with passive recreation like that, it's still a concern?

BOB SPECTOR: No there are currently hiking trails through there. The Blue Trail goes through that area. The community college approached the hospital probably about eight years ago and established a hiking trail through the area. What I was referring to was the actual fishing in the reservoirs.

There are concerns around that. Not necessarily about hiking. There are trails through the area already.

REP. POWERS: Okay. So it wasn't the hiking, it's the fishing part?

BOB SPECTOR: Right, that's correct.

REP. POWERS: Okay, so you're concerned if it's opened to the city that whether they put up No Fishing or not, they're going to do it?

BOB SPECTOR: Well no. My concern is that we're subject to these regulations that are very specific around uses, usage of the area so if motor bikes, mini bikes were brought out into the area, you'd have

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STEVE CROUCH: Madam Chair, Committee members, I am speaking in support, my name is Steve Crouch, Middletown. I am speaking in support of HB5716. Specifically, I support the transfer of land from CVH to the city of Middletown so that the city can, with the assistance of Middletown Youth Soccer, develop a multipurpose athletic facility that will include three new soccer fields.

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Also, we have, we would like to propose, we respectfully request the following two changes be made to the language of HB5716. Change one would be page one, paragraph three, item b, first sentence. In place of youth soccer, we would like to add multipurpose athletic. And change two would be page one, on the Statement of Purpose.

Also we would like to change from Youth Soccer to Multipurpose Athletic. Thank you.

SEN. SMITH: Any questions from committee members?

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REP. BYSIEWICZ: Yes um. Oh I'm sorry. Thank you. We'll go to Representative Scalzo in a minute. I see that you want to make the change from youth soccer to multipurpose athletic.

STEVE CROUCH: Right.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: Okay. It seems, that seems fair and you have that change for us. Were you here when there was a representative I believe from the Department of Mental Health who talked about the problem with Parcel C?

STEVE CROUCH: Right. The VA cemetery, they feel there's an access, a property that runs into the sections that we're looking at. Right now the property is being surveyed and I have talked to the VA a couple of times on this. I don't think it's going to be a problem. And I think what they're saying might be theirs will not infringe upon what we're trying to do right now.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: Okay. Representative Scalzo.

REP. SCALZO: It makes reference just before the item that you were recommending this change on to regional aspect of this. Could you describe at least regionally how the program interacts with other municipalities?

STEVE CROUCH: I'm sorry, the last statement.

REP. SCALZO: In the portion of the bill that you were requesting this change to multipurpose athletic, just before that it reads, you've got to use set parcel of land for a regional...now you're suggesting it be changed to a regional multipurpose athletic facility.

STEVE CROUCH: Well, yeah, okay, the purpose of the region comes in that we are going to attract players in several different sports from all over the region, Middlesex County and down through the shore and to New London. Right now currently in Connecticut there are 55,000 youth soccer players with very few places to go to play indoor and out combined.

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Also in basketball and in volleyball there is very little for the youth to use that is affordable because of the numbers that are there. And the regional portion of this comes up for tournament reasons and a place for kids that can come play. The facility itself at one time can host eight basketball games going on at the same time.

Soccer can host three outdoor soccer games going on plus three indoor games going on at the same time. Volleyball, it can be broken down the same with that. There could be a dozen volleyball games going on at the same time. And we can bring in a number of teams from out of town throughout the region and/or the state that compete together.

REP. SCALZO: The organization that would be in charge of, is in charge of the soccer program now, the Middletown Soccer Association?

STEVE CROUCH: Yes.

REP. SCALZO: And currently how many players participate through that association from outside the town of Middletown? I guess my question is, is it currently a regional program or do you

STEVE CROUCH: No, we have 950 in house or town players. We are a private organization. We do have a couple of players from surrounding towns because our level of play is quite high. But just in Connecticut again there is 55,000 youth players with, that travel. Basically there are travel programs that go and play at certain tournament sites but there is nothing like this in the state or New England where you could probably bring in 10,000 in a weekend to compete against each other.

REP. SCALZO: So as it exists right now, you already, these Middletown Youth Soccer is playing games against, they are competing against team...

STEVE CROUCH: In our spring program, they are. In our winter program, they are, not during our fall...We have a select travel program in the fall but I would say the number of participants is only about 200 because it's expensive.

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REP. SCALZO: Okay, thank you.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: Any further questions? If not thank you very much. Dr. Cal Vinal to be followed by Bill Fuchko

CAL VINAL: Representative Bysiewicz, Senator Smith, present members of the GAE Committee, I'm speaking in support of HB5716 and the proposed transfer of land from CVH to the city of Middletown. This land transfer when assembled with additional city and private lands will provide the foundation upon which the city, in partnership with Middletown Youth Soccer, will be able to develop a multipurpose athletic facility that will service Middlesex County and other areas of southeastern Connecticut.

The primary focus of this facility will be outdoor and indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball and football. However, the facility's design will allow it to handle a variety of sports with simultaneous multiple field play potential. Given this potential, the facility will be able to host regional tournaments for a wide variety of athletic based activities.

A facility like this would be a tremendous economic resource for this region. Between the many jobs created and the periodic attraction to numerous teams and their supporters for the events.

More importantly, though, the primary goal of this partnership is to structure an organization that can, through the support of its fee-based activities, perpetually deliver cost effective, healthy and structured alternative opportunities targeted specifically for user risk.

Because of the nature of the partnership, this facility will also be available to support competitions or exhibitions for other programs such as the Special Olympics, Wheelchair Basketball with the Nutmeg Games. This is a unique project and a unique opportunity for the state of Connecticut to take an active and critical role in empowering a community to provide its own long term solution to

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ensuring our youths have the best chance possible at a healthy and productive life. Please support our efforts by supporting and passing this bill.

SEN. SMITH: Thank you, any questions from committee members?

REP. BYSIEWICZ: We're talking about the youth soccer proposal. Is this something that was before the CVH task force as potential use for some of the property on the CVH campus?

CAL VINAL: Most specifically.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: So your group brought before the task force..(end of 1b)

BILL FUCHKO: (tape 2a)...unable to make a y gr a r (HB 5708) retribution to these unfortunate young boys for the fate that had befallen them, the very least the state could do would be to assure that the final resting place would be honored and respected. My fellow legislators agreed and unanimously that General Assembly passed legislation designating the site an official ancient burial ground.

Under state statute, no portion of such burial ground can be taken for any public use without the approval of the General Assembly. Because of the lack of positive documentation for other burial locations which might exist on the property, only the site containing the grove of trees received the designation.

However, there were some indications at the time that additional bodies might be buried elsewhere as well. It is my hope that this General Assembly will see fit to honor the actions of their peers of 10 years ago and likewise respect the memory of these young men by assuring that no actions are taken which would disturb the final resting.

I am in complete disagreement on building a new hospital. I think we can get along with the one we've got very fine. We have all the facilities there, a wonderful location and surrounded by a nuclear of senior citizens and I think 60% of the

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going to take care of this little flaw that the Attorney General found. And now we find out that it's going to be dealt with, by your committee here. Well, we get a chance to speak here but it's not on the agenda for today. I guess this thing that'll take care of this little oversight or the little mistake is going to be tacked on with an amendment to one of these here bills that are up on today's agenda.

Well we don't know what that is because here's another good deal because you people won't let us know what's going on. And to make a long story short, you people I guess think you can do what you want. There's only one little problem I got to say to you. We'll see you in court. Thank you very much.

REP. BYSIEWICZ: Thank you. Questions from committee members? If not, Earl Roberts to be followed by Edward Shatas.

EARL ROBERTS: Good morning, my name is Earl Roberts, a resident of Middletown for 50 years excluding three years in the United States Navy. It's unfortunate, I somewhat resent having to come here today. It's costing me out of my pocket about \$15 a minute here for my three minutes to protect what I consider interest of which you should be serving.

Unfortunately you have to listen to for feel-good legislation as I consider it. I am opposed vehemently to the bills you are referring to as HB5716 and HB6537. HB5716, is the state deems that land surplus, it should be first returned to its original owners and it's not always the city of Middletown as Mayor Serra alluded to previously.

A lot of this land was taken by imminent domain from private citizenry. And I have that from personal accuracy. Second, you should consider putting this land to the state agencies. Thirdly, you should put it up for public sale, to put it back on tax rolls for private entrepreneurial expanse. Not for profit soccer games of which the city of Middletown pays well in its city taxes to support soccer. I'm opposed to that.

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I think it should be offered at the highest dollar to privatization to be best used for the all the citizenry. And I am somewhat opposed that this particular is being amended to talk about multi things but didn't talk enough in my opinion to senior citizen's activities.

If it's to be for the broad use of the citizenry in the state of Connecticut, those people are the greater acting, coming about age group of people. Consider that. More importantly though, privatizing HB6537. Through, 22 years ago through Representative Ray Dazalo and then Governor Metzgal, I acquired parcel #C. I own parcel #C on this map.

My brother and a David Miele own a sliver of parcel B on your map. I am really upset that we have to argue and debate that the thoroughness as was alluded to by the city of Public Officials in the public process. It's a sham. Period. Through it out.

Tell everybody to go home, redo their work and let us move on with the real issues with CVH land which should be the part where DEP should be given that auspice to protect it. They have better charge. They have better whereabouts, better history to protect watersheds in open space. I think when it comes to the state land, you're not aware of it in your state report.

CVH and the state of Connecticut lease that land to private areas and you're generating income. The city of Middletown didn't allude to doing that or wants to. I can't figure out, the deep pockets here must be very deep. I don't know. I don't know where you're thinking you're going to get this money from.

Listen, if you're going to think in terms of the public and business, do so. Governor Rowland is now speaking of merging Norwich and Fairfield with CVH. I would think that CVH would have to rethink its land use and get back and maybe keep this land, or at the very least, privatize it by offering it to the public or to the original landowners and the

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Respectfully,

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Proposed changes to Committee Bill #5716

We respectfully request the following two changes be made to the language of Committee Bill #5716.

Change 1. Page 1, paragraph 3, item b., 1st sentence

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Change 2. Page 1, Statement of Purpose

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Respectfully submitted,

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