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your minds. All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye

THE CHAIR:

Opposed, nay. Aye's have it, motion carries.

Senate A is adopted. Will you remark further? Senator Williams.

SEN. WILLIAMS:

Madam President, if there are no further questions, I would move this to Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is to refer this item to the Consent Calendar. Without objection, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Page 8, Calendar 379, File 596, SB1270,
AN ACT CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR SITE REMEDIATION.
Favorable Report of Committee on Finance Revenue and
Bonding.

SEN. LOONEY:

Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SEN. LOONEY:

Yes, thank you Madam President. Madam President,
I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable

Report, and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage. Will you remark?

SEN. LOONEY:

Thank you Madam President. This bill will allow municipalities to abate taxes on environmentally impacted areas for up to seven years where a property owner agrees to clean up and redevelop the site. And in the event of transfer of property to a new owner, Madam President, municipalities may then recapture the taxes abated to the beginning of the agreement period.

It is a local option to deal with the significant problem in urban areas, and some other areas as well, of sites that could at some point be available for restoration and reclamation to productive use. Thank you Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you Senator Looney. Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark further? Senator Looney.

SEN. LOONEY:

Madam President, if there's no objection, I would move this bill to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is to refer this item to the Consent Calendar. Without objection, so ordered.

on Calendar Page 3, Calendar 215, SB993.

Calendar Page 6, Calendar 302, HB6553.

Calendar Page 7, Calendar 317, Substitute for
SB484.

Calendar Page 8, Calendar 378, SB1220.

Calendar 379, SB1270.

Calendar Page 9, Calendar 381, Substitute for
SB538.

Calendar Page 12, Calendar 403, SB1179.

Calendar Page 13, Calendar 404, Substitute for
SB1205.

Calendar Page 14, Calendar 413, Substitute for
SB1271.

Calendar 414, Substitute for HB7029.

Calendar Page 15, Calendar 421, Substitute for
SB1069.

Calendar Page 17, Calendar 431, SB1221.

Calendar Page 22, Calendar 456, Substitute for
HB5061.

Calendar Page 25, Calendar 51, Substitute for
SB923.

Calendar Page 26, Calendar 107, Substitute for
SB1030.

Calendar 109, Substitute for SB1084.

Calendar 140, HB6790.

Calendar Page 27, Calendar 141, HB5941.

Calendar 174, Substitute for SB926.

Calendar 177, Substitute for SB1149.

Calendar Page 28, Calendar 193, Substitute for
SB1229.

Calendar Page 30, Calendar 254, SB1249.

Madam President, I believe that completes the
Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you Mr. Clerk. Would you announce a roll
call vote please. Senator Bozek.

SEN. BOZEK:

Madam President, I have two questions. One of
them was on Page 28, 193. That should not have been on
the Calendar. I think that was changed to, was it
changed?

THE CHAIR:

It was not changed sir.

SEN. BOZEK:

I think I thought it was changed during the, after
the initial marking.

THE CHAIR:

I do not have that as indicated as having been
changed Senator Bozek.

SEN. BOZEK:

Alright. On Page.

THE CHAIR:

But Senator Bozek, you may take it off the Consent Calendar if you wish.

SEN. BOZEK:

Alright, I'd like to take it off the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection that item is taken off the Consent Calendar. Was there another item Senator Bozek?

SEN. BOZEK:

Madam President, there was an item here that, I think on Page 14, if I might. Could you tell me if item 413, 414 and 416. I thought those, I didn't know how, I didn't get the right markings. I thought one of them was not a Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bozek, Calendar 413 is marked for the Consent Calendar. 414 it was Go, it was then put on the Consent Calendar, 414 was a Go, and later placed on the Consent Calendar. Calendar 416, an individual vote was taken and the bill passed.

SEN. BOZEK:

Yeah, that's right, that's how that's marked.

Alright, thank you Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you sir.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. Will all Senators please 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.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

On the adoption of Consent Calendar No. 1.

Total Number Voting	36
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Those Voting Yea	36
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Those Voting Nay	0
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Those absent and not voting	0
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THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar is adopted. Senator Jepsen.

SEN. JEPSEN:

Thank you Madam President. I would request that on Page 28, Calendar 193, which had been put on, but then taken off Consent, be passed temporarily.

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House of Representatives

Tuesday, May 20, 1997

DEPUTY SPEAKER HYSLOP:

Representative Godfrey.

REPRESENTATIVE GODFREY: (110th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would move that this item be referred to the
Public Safety Committee.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HYSLOP:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Also on page 26, Calendar 579, SB1270, An Act
Concerning Tax Abatement for Site Remediation.
Favorable report of the Committee on Finance.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HYSLOP:

Representative Godfrey.

REPRESENTATIVE GODFREY: (110th)

Mr. Speaker, I'd move that this item be referred
to the Committee on Planning and Development.

DEPUTY SPEAKER HYSLOP:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

On page 27, Calendar 584, SB1179, An Act
Concerning an Extension of the Filing Date for
Reimbursement Claims Under Certain Elderly Property Tax
Credit and Rental Rebate. Favorable report of the
Committee on Finance.

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House of Representatives

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he was just a remarkable man and a man who cared deeply about this state.

Why don't we all honor him with a moment of silence.

(MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF JACK PEZZI)

SPEAKER RITTER:

Thank you. So it is nice to follow that. Clerk, please call Calendar 579.

CLERK:

On page 36, Calendar 579, Senate Bill Number 1270, AN ACT CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR SITE REMEDIATION. Favorable Report of the Committee on Planning and Development.

SPEAKER RITTER:

The Honorable Representative from the 35th District, Representative Landino.

REP. LANDINO: (35TH)

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER RITTER:

The motion is on acceptance and passage in concurrence with the Senate. Please proceed, sir.

REP. LANDINO: (35TH)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a very simple

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bill. It enables municipalities to offer tax abatements to property owners that make a commitment to remediate contaminated sites. And provides them the needed impetus to encourage owners of dirty sites to redevelop them so that they can be developed for economic benefit to the town. I move adoption of the bill.

SPEAKER RITTER:

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

CLERK:

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

SPEAKER RITTER:

Have all members voted? Please check the roll call machine to make sure your vote is properly recorded. As soon as the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee votes the machine will be locked.

Clerk, please take the tally.

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill Number 1270 in concurrence with the

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Senate

Total Number Voting	139
Necessary for Passage	70
Those voting Yea	138
Those voting Nay	1
Those absent and not Voting	12

SPEAKER RITTER:

The bill passes.

We will now go to referrals. The Clerk please call Calendar 441.

CLERK:

On page 11, Calendar 441, House Bill Number 6968,
AN ACT CONCERNING CRIME PREVENTION. Favorable Report
of the Committee on Judiciary.

SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Godfrey.

REP. GODFREY: (110TH)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that this item be
referred to the committee on Public Safety.

SPEAKER RITTER:

So ordered. Clerk, please call Calendar 183.

CLERK:

On page 24, Calendar 183, Substitute for House
Bill Number 6557, AN ACT CONCERNING TELEPHONE
SOLICITATION. Favorable Report of the Committee on

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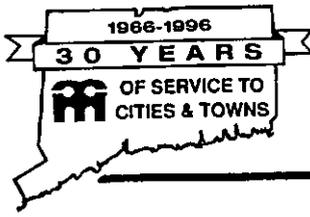
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TESTIMONY

of the

CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE

March 24, 1997

CCM thanks the Committee for the opportunity to comment on the following bills of interest to cities and towns.

**REIMBURSEMENTS FOR
STATE-MANDATED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**

R.B. 6867, "AA Amending the State PILOTs for State-owned Real Property and the Real Property of Private Colleges and Hospitals"

CCM supports this bill as a significant step toward full-funding of the two major PILOT programs.

- The State mandates that cities and towns cannot tax state property or the property of private colleges and hospitals. Currently, the State reimburses municipalities for 20% of the amount of revenue they would have received if the REAL property of the State were taxable (100% for prison property that is occupied); colleges and hospital property is reimbursed at a 60% level. [There is no reimbursement for PERSONAL PROPERTY.] This bill would increase the reimbursements to 50% and 80%, respectively.
- Mandate reform is an important component of overall property tax reform. Increasing the reimbursement for this costly mandate would mark important progress toward the goal of property tax relief and reform.
- Appendix A shows the town-by-town impact of this bill.
- CCM asks the Committee to consider amending this bill to call for phasing in full funding of these two PILOT programs by FY 2001.

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As long as the existing statute that provides for a tax credit for motor vehicles property taxes remains on the books, this statute will go a long way toward equalizing mill rates *without* jeopardizing the local tax base.

R.B. 1270, "AAC Tax Abatement for Site Remediation"

CCM supports this bill.

This bill would permit municipalities -- by a vote of the legislative body -- to abate taxes on real property for redevelopment and environmental remediation.

R. B. 7019, "AAC a Personal Income Tax Credit for Certain Housing-Related Expenses"

CCM supports this bill.

This bill would provide a 20-cents-on-the-dollar credit for rehabilitation work on a taxpayer's primary residence in a distressed municipality. This bill would encourage homeownership and home repair in Connecticut's distressed cities and towns.

If you have any questions regarding this testimony, please call Jim Finley, Director of State and Federal Relations, or Michael Lawson, Director of Government Finance, at (203) 498-3000.

**TESTIMONY OF
JOSEPH F. BRENNAN
VICE PRESIDENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
CONNECTICUT BUSINESS & INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
BEFORE THE
FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE
MARCH 24, 1997**

Good afternoon. My name is Joe Brennan. I am vice president of legislative affairs for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents 10,000 businesses across the state of Connecticut, ranging from large industrial corporations to small businesses with one or two employees. The vast majority of our members, about 90 percent, have fewer than 50 employees.

CBIA supports the following bills:

- **HB-6986, An Act Extending The Property Tax Exemption For Manufacturing Machinery And Equipment To Six Years, and**
- **SB-1270, An Act Concerning Tax Abatement For Site Remediation.**

One of the most significant measures adopted by the General Assembly this decade has been the five-year exemption for newly acquired manufacturing machinery and equipment from the personal property tax. Many of the states with which Connecticut competes either do not have a property tax on personal property or they exempt production machinery from the tax. This competitive problem directly contributed to the decline in the amount of investment Connecticut manufacturers were putting into their in-state operations. More and more of the investment dollars were going to facilities in other states, and the jobs were soon to follow.

In 1990 the legislature created a four-year exemption, and several years later it was extended to a fifth year. Manufacturers have responded by increasing their investments in Connecticut, and can be more profitable here as a result of the exemption. Other states

continue to be aggressive in reducing their business taxes in order to be more competitive and create jobs. HB-6986 continues the progress begun in 1990 in trying to bring our business taxes, particularly for manufacturers, more in line with other states. We ask you to support this bill.

The issue of site remediation is one that comes up continually in any discussions of reviving our urban centers, although the issue certainly is not limited to center cities. SB-1270 would allow municipalities to provide needed relief to companies seeking to redevelop contaminated sites. If there is to be any hope of bringing greater economic activity to cities like Bridgeport, we must find ways to mitigate the astronomical cost of cleaning up dirty sites. This proposal would provide some measure of relief, and we ask for your support.

For the record, CBIA also supports SB-1203, An Act Concerning The Tax On Net Premiums Of Insurance Companies And The Tax Credit For Personal Property Taxes Paid On Electronic Data Processing Equipment.