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430 is PR.

431, Substitute for HB6663, I move to the Consent

Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SEN. JEPSEN:

432, is Go.

433, Substitute for HB7038, I move to the Consent

Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SEN. JEPSEN:

434, is PR.

435, Substitute for HB6925, I move to the Committee  
on Commerce.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SEN. JEPSEN:

436, Substitute for HB5774, I move to the Consent

Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SEN. JEPSEN:

Madam President, moving ahead to page 26, Matters  
Returned from Committee. Calendar 100 is to be passed

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Calendar page 7, Calendar No. 305, Substitute for SB1297.

Calendar 310, Substitute for SB1263.

Calendar page 9, Calendar No. 354, Substitute for HB5373.

Calendar page 10, Calendar No. 371, SB1209.

Calendar page 14, Calendar No. 401, Substitute for HB5070.

Calendar -- correction, Madam President, page 14, it should be Calendar No. 402, HB5742.

Calendar page 15, Calendar No. 409, Substitute for HB6636.

Calendar page 16, Calendar No. 411, Substitute for HB6365.

Calendar 412, Substitute for HB6032.

Calendar page 17, Calendar No. 420, Substitute for HB6881.

Calendar 421, Substitute for HB6881.

Calendar page 18, Calendar No. 425, Substitute for HB6624.

Calendar 426, HB6710.

Calendar page 19, Calendar No. 429, HB5189.

Calendar 431, Substitute for HB6663.

Calendar 432, Substitute for HB6962.

Calendar page 20, Calendar No. 433, Substitute for

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HB7038.Calendar 436, HB5774.Calendar page 28, Calendar No. 153, SB1267.Calendar No. 189, Substitute for SB1054.Calendar page 29, Calendar No. 191, Substitute for  
SB1103.Calendar page 30, Calendar No. 242, Substitute for  
SB1171.Calendar page 31, Calendar No. 250, SB1148.Calendar page 32, Calendar No. 273, Substitute for  
SB1366.Calendar page 33, Calendar No. 97, Substitute forHB5335.Calendar 262, SB1155.Calendar 345, HJR40.And, Calendar page 34, Calendar 346, Substitute for  
HJR59.

Madam President, I believe that that completes the

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Would you once again  
announce a roll call vote on the Consent Calendar. The  
machine will be open.

Have all members voted? Have all members voted?  
If all members have voted, the machine will be locked.

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Clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar No. 1.

Total Number Voting 36

Those voting Yea 36

Those voting Nay 0

Those absent and not voting 0

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar is adopted. Senator Jepsen.

SEN. JEPSEN:

Thank you, Madam President. I move that this body stand in recess till approximately 6:00 p.m.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, the Senate is in recess until approximately 6:00 p.m. Thank you, sir.

(Senate recessed at 4:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:09 p.m.)

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will please come to order. Senator Jepsen.

SEN. JEPSEN:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator Nickerson, Senator DeLuca, Senator Freedman, and Senator Cook, get

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House of Representatives

Thursday, May 6, 1999

SPEAKER LYONS:

Representative Fritz, Representative Fritz, hello,  
come get your big birthday card.

APPLAUSE

REP. FRITZ: (90th)

Just a brief comment. I thank you very, very much.  
And I appreciate this and I'm sure my family will. And  
like in all of our families, my family is celebrating my  
birthday on Mother's Day at my house with me cooking.

SPEAKER LYONS:

Would the Clerk please return to the Call of the  
Calendar, Calendar 441.

CLERK:

On page seventeen. Calendar 441, substitute for  
HB7038, AN ACT CONCERNING BAIL BONDS. Favorable report  
of the Committee on the Judiciary.

SPEAKER LYONS:

Representative Mike Lawlor.

REP. LAWLOR: (99th)

Thank you Madam Speaker, good afternoon.

SPEAKER LYONS:

Good afternoon to you sir.

REP. LAWLOR: (99th)

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

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House of Representatives

Thursday, May 6, 1999

SPEAKER LYONS:

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance and passage.

REP. LAWLOR: (99th)

Thank you Madam Speaker. This bill is about as straight forward as our bills get. It does make one addition to the statute, a requirement that the Clerk's office forward a notice of a failure to appear in a case where someone has been released on bond, that notice is to be forwarded to the bail bondsman in order for the bail bondsman to know to take action and return the person to court.

The reason for this is under the current procedures of the court, the bail bondsman has six months to return the person in order to be released on the bond and this bill would just clarify that the written notice has to be sent and the six months would begin to tick from the point that the notice is sent. I urge passage of the bill.

SPEAKER LYONS:

Thank you sir. Will you remark further on the bill that is before us? Will you remark? If not, will staff and guests please come to the well and members take their seats, the machine will be open.

CLERK:

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House of Representatives

Thursday, May 6, 1999

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.

SPEAKER LYONS:

Have all the members voted? Will the members  
please check the board to make sure your vote is  
accurately recorded. If all the members have voted, the  
machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

HB7038.

Total Number Voting	142
Necessary for Passage	72
Those voting Yea	142
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	9

SPEAKER LYONS:

The bill passes. Will the Clerk please call  
Calendar 167, which has previously been before us.

CLERK:

On page three. Calendar 167, substitute for  
HB6708, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE METROPOLITAN  
DISTRICT IN HARTFORD COUNTY AS AMENDED BY House "A,"  
House "B," LCO 8710 has been designated House "C."

SPEAKER LYONS:

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*Good Afternoon – my name is Mary Casey and I am president of the Conn. State Surety Assoc. I am here in support of proposed bill #7038, An Act Concerning Bail Bonds.*

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*The purpose of the bill is to require by law that the surety be notified by the Court when a bond has been called and forfeited and enable the bail agent to return the defendant to custody within the six month stay of executions. I think it is important to inform you that the practice of sending notices is presently being done automatically when a rearrest warrant is issued but, as we are constantly being told by the courts when an error is made and no notification is received, that written notification is a courtesy and not mandated.*

*When this has occurred the only notification that is ever received is a demand letter from the Chief State's Attorney's Office demanding payment for the bond.*

*There have been several instances where the bail agent has had to pay on a bond because an error was made in the clerk's office and no notification was given.*

*If this bill were to pass we are not asking for relief of our obligation if no notice is sent but rather a six-month stay once the error is recognized and proper notification is received.*

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*We try very hard to fulfill our obligation to the courts  
in remanding defendants back to the custody of the State of Connecticut  
when they have failed to appear for a court appearance but we must be  
made aware of a problem once it exists.*

*Presently the bail agent has no way of tracking their cases as docket books  
are no longer marked and the courts do not have the staff to check our  
cases individually. The average bail agent has at least 25 cases daily in  
courts throughout the state. I think you can recognize the importance of  
these notices and urge you to pass bill 7038.*

*Thank you for your attention and time.*