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SEN. JEPSEN:

Madam President, the second item on this Agenda, HB5922 I would move suspension of the rules to take this item up.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is for suspension of the rules. Without objection, so ordered.

SEN. JEPSEN:

Thank you, Madam President. This is the so-called OPM Implementer and I would ask the Clerk to call it at this time.

THE CLERK:

Calling Senate Agenda No. 6, Page 1, HB5922 An Act Concerning The Expenditures Of The Office Of Policy And Management, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "B". Favorable Report of the Committee on Appropriations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Crisco.

SEN. CRISCO:

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

THE CHAIR:

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The question is on passage. Senator Crisco, before you begin. Ladies and gentlemen, please take your conversations outside. Senator Crisco, you have the floor.

SEN. CRISCO:

Yes, Madam President, this is considered an implementer bill. It's technical and it has many fine features to pass and I ask for a roll call vote.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, would the Clerk please announce a roll call vote. The machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

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

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SEN. JEPSEN:

Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

If all members have voted, the machine will be locked. The Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on passage of HB5922 as amended.

Total number voting, 36. Those voting "yea", 36;

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those voting "nay", 0. Those absent and not voting, 0.

THE CHAIR:

The bill is passed. Senator Jepsen.

SEN. JEPSEN:

Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Jepsen.

SEN. JEPSEN:

If the Clerk, if we could turn to Page 19, Calendar 390, I'd ask that this item be removed from the Foot of the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SEN. JEPSEN:

Madam President, before we call this bill, a technical motion needs to be made regarding the OPM Implementer just voted upon. If the Clerk could recognize Senator Crisco, I'd appreciate it.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Crisco.

SEN. CRISCO:

Thank you, Madam President. I guess the proper procedure is to ask for reconsideration of --

THE CHAIR:

Motion is for reconsideration.

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SEN. CRISCO:

-- HB5922.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered. Senator Crisco, you have the floor.

SEN. CRISCO:

Yes, Madam President. Madam President, I move for adoption of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report in concurrence with the House and recommend its passage and ask for a roll call vote.

THE CLERK:

Returning to Senate Agenda No. 6, calling HB5922 An Act Concerning The Expenditures Of The Office Of Policy And Management. Favorable Report of the Committee on Appropriations. The bill was passed in the House with House Amendment Schedules "A" and "B".

THE CHAIR:

Senator Crisco.

SEN. CRISCO:

Thank you, Madam President. I move approval of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report in concurrence with the House and move for its passage.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage of this bill in concurrence with the House? Will you remark further?

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SEN. CRISCO:

May I ask for a roll call vote, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

If not, would the Clerk please announce a roll call vote. The machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

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THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

Motion is on passage of HB5922.

Total number voting, 36. Those voting "Yea", 36; those voting "nay", 0. Those absent and not voting, 0.

THE CHAIR:

The bill is passed. Senator Jepsen.

SEN. JEPSEN:

Thank you, Madam President. A moment ago we removed from Page 19 of the Calendar, Calendar 390. If the Clerk could call.

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Those absent and not voting 1

SPEAKER LYONS:

Bill as amended passes. Representative Godfrey.

REP. GODFREY: (110th)

Madam Speaker, I move for the immediate transmittal to the Senate of all items acted upon today needing further action by that body.

SPEAKER LYONS:

Hearing no objection, so ordered. Would the Clerk please call Calendar 442.

CLERK:

Calendar 442, House Bill Number 5922, AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT. Favorable Report of the Committee on Appropriations.

SPEAKER LYONS:

Representative O'Rourke, you have the floor, sir.

REP. O'ROURKE: (32nd)

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

SPEAKER LYONS:

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

REP. O'ROURKE: (32nd)

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Yes, thank you, ladies and gentlemen. This is the implementing bill for the budget for the Office of Policy and Management, and I move passage of the bill. Madam Clerk, at this time -- I already did that. The Clerk is in possession of LCO-5473, and I would ask the Clerk to please call the amendment, and may I be given leave of the Chamber to summarize?

SPEAKER LYONS:

The Clerk has in his possession, LCO-5473, which will be designated House A. Would the Clerk please call, the gentleman has asked leave to summarize?

CLERK:

LCO-5473, House A, offered by Representative Dyson.

SPEAKER LYONS:

Representative O'Rourke, you have the floor, sir.

REP. O'ROURKE: (32nd)

Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, this amendment is a strike all amendment, becomes the bill. It contains 101 sections. And from the outset I want to waive responsibility for the vast majority of the bill, except for sections 32 and 22, which I happen to be very fond of.

All other parts of it were added in by other people. And I will go through the major changes in the bill at this time, Madam Speaker. To begin with, the

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bill appropriates \$400,000 for individual development accounts to promote savings by people with modest incomes.

It intercepts nearly \$2 million of Patriot settlement money and puts it in the OE account for the Office of Policy and Management. Creates an override of DPW regulations for prisons and juvenile detention facilities to speed up the construction of those.

It also moves the Office of Workforce Competitiveness and \$6.5 million to the Office of Policy and Management from the Department of Labor. It institutes the correction of the pilot payment for the City of Middletown.

A correction to the pilot payment to the City of Madison. It also institutes language for a pilot phase down for the town of Preston. It appropriates \$3.75 million for a litigation settlement account, and OPM. It allows the Department of Economic Community Development to provide financial assistance of up to \$10 million to the Wadsworth Athenaeum.

It also institutes the GA Pequot, excuse me, GA pay-back Pequot fund reductions for municipalities who owe the state money for the GA program. It creates a host town grant for towns with sewage sludge incinerators in it.

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It allows for workers comp money roll overs, and DMR, DMHAS, Corrections, and a couple of other agencies, including DCF. It provides an additional one-half percent raise for workers at private providers for the Department of Mental Retardation, DMHAS, DSS, Corrections, and a couple of other agencies.

It provides \$500,000 for a firearms trafficking task force. It also provides \$300,000 for lap tops for CSU and UConn, \$6 million for arts grants, \$2.2 million from surplus for accountability funding in school districts that are eligible.

Permits property tax abatement, provide municipalities for school buses in certain cases. In addition, I think most of it is technical in nature and provides various reimbursements to municipalities who choose to reimburse taxpayers who did not apply for their tax abatements in a timely manner should the municipality so decide.

And, Madam Speaker, at this time, having well explained this amendment, I move adoption.

SPEAKER LYONS:

Thank you. The question before the Chamber is on adoption. Will you remark? Will you remark on the amendment that is before us? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying aye?

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REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER LYONS:

All those opposed nay? The aye's have it. The amendment is adopted. Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Representative O'Rourke.

REP. O'ROURKE: (32nd)

Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. At this time the Clerk is in possession of LCO-5535. I ask the Clerk to please call the amendment and I be given leave of the Chamber to summarize.

SPEAKER LYONS:

Representative, oh I'm sorry. The Clerk has in his possession, LCO-5535, which will be called House B. The Clerk please call, the gentleman has asked leave to summarize.

CLERK:

LCO-5535, House B, offered by Representative Dyson.

SPEAKER LYONS:

Representative O'Rourke.

REP. O'ROURKE: (32nd)

Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and gentlemen, this amendment takes care of a long standing problem for 130 very elderly state employees who currently receive only \$300 a month in their state

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pensions.

And it brings them up to a slightly higher pension level. It's told that we'll have little impact on the budget, and the Comptroller can handle it within existing resources. And, Madam Speaker, I move adoption.

SPEAKER LYONS:

The question is on adoption. Will you remark? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying aye?

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER LYONS:

All those opposed nay? The aye's have it. The amendment is adopted. Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Will you remark? If not, staff and guests come to the well. Members and guests take your seats. Machine will be opened.

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.

SPEAKER LYONS:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Would the members please check the board to make

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sure that your vote is accurately recorded.  
Representative Villano, how would you like to be recorded? Representative Villano, how would you like to be recorded? Push your button, vote. Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Would the members please check the board to make sure that your vote is accurately recorded. If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally. Clerk will please announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill 5922, as amended by House A and B.

Total Number Voting	148
Necessary for Passage	75
Those Voting Yea	147
Those Voting Nay	1
Those absent and not voting	3

SPEAKER LYONS:

The bill as amended passes.

REP. GODFREY: (110th)

Madam Speaker?

SPEAKER LYONS:

Representative Godfrey.

REP. GODFREY: (110th)

Madam Speaker, I move for the immediate transmittal to the Senate of that last item voted upon.

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SPEAKER LYONS:

The question is on the immediate transmittal of the last item to the Senate. Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Would the Clerk please call Calendar 261?

CLERK:

On page 15, Calendar 261, Substitute for House Bill 5788  
Number 578, AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION AND  
BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR HOME HEALTH AIDES AND BACKGROUND  
CHECKS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, FOR CERTAIN  
CAREGIVERS AND FOR NURSING HOME EMPLOYMENT. Favorable  
Report of the Committee on Public Safety.

SPEAKER LYONS:

Representative Lawlor.

REP. LAWLOR: (99th)

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

SPEAKER LYONS:

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

REP. LAWLOR: (99th)

Madam Speaker, the Clerk has LCO-5504. I'd ask the  
Clerk call and I be permitted to summarize.

SPEAKER LYONS: