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Yes, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Crisco.

SEN. CRISCO:

Just in response to that. My comments were in the
literate sense. If there's objection, Mr. President, I
move this be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Is there objection to this item being placed on the
Consent Calendar? Hearing none, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Page 12, Calendar 382, File No. 429,
Substitute for HB5651, AN ACT CONCERNING STATUTORY
OATHS. Favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary.
Clerk is in possession of amendments.

(Senator Sullivan in the Chair)

THE CHAIR:

Senator Coleman.

SEN. COLEMAN:

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

THE CHAIR:

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Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you
remark?

SEN. COLEMAN:

Mr. President, this particular bill revises some of
the statutory oaths that exist in the State of
Connecticut. Importantly, it adds to the list of those
who are authorized to administer oaths, the judge trial
referees, and it updates some of the language concerning
certain oaths by removing antiquated language and making
those oaths more clear, particularly for the oaths
administered to attorneys upon admission to the bar, and
for jurors in both civil and criminal cases.

Additionally, it adds an oath to be administered to
those who are witnesses in an investigatory grand jury
proceeding. Mr. President, I think this is an important
bill and I urge the members of the Senate to support it.
Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Cappiello.

SEN. CAPPIELLO:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Clerk has in his
possession, LCO-4248. Would the Clerk please call and I
be allowed to summarize?

THE CLERK:

LCO-4248, which will be designated Senate Amendment

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Schedule A. It is offered by Senator Cappiello of the 24th district et al.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, Senator Cappiello.

SEN. CAPPIELLO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This simply, well there's a situation in the Danbury area where we have a Justice of the Peace who has been performing marriages. However, he has not had a valid certificate since 1997.

This simply updates our current or prior validation act to validate those marriages who were performed by a JP that was not certified any longer. It also expands the criteria a bit to allow for those people who were married and the JP forgot, or for some other reason did not file their paperwork. It expands that to include those marriages as well, to make them valid. And I urge its passage.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, my hearing may have been missing. Did you move for adoption?

SEN. CAPPIELLO:

And I move for adoption, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. Will you remark further?
Senator Coleman.

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SEN. COLEMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I support this amendment because it is apparently important to a number of couples in the State of Connecticut. I also urge its adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Roraback.

SEN. RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President. Briefly in support of the amendment. As the Chamber may know, Senator Capiello himself may soon take advantage of the services of a Justice of the Peace. And I want to make sure that he's amply protected. So I think it's a good amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Apparently there was going to be someone offering a specific pre-nup amendment on that. Will you remark further? Senator Coleman. If not, all those in favor, please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Any opposed? The amendment is adopted. Will you remark further? Senator Coleman.

SEN. COLEMAN:

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Thank you, Mr. President. If there's no further comment or discussion of the bill as amended, I would move that the item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 386, Files No. 102 and 532. Substitute for HB5580, AN ACT CONCERNING THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY MEASUREMENT FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT. Favorable report of the Committee on Labor, and Appropriations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Prague.

SEN. PRAGUE:

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion on adoption and passage. Will you remark?

SEN. PRAGUE:

Thank you, Mr. President. The underlying bill is really a bill that will indicate the income a worker needs to care for his family. The bill requires the Office of Work Force Competitiveness to update within available appropriations, and in consultation with the Office of Policy and Management, the state's self-

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Without objection, so ordered.

SEN. JEPSEN:

Madam President, this concludes our work for today. I would ask the Clerk at this time to call the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, would you announce a roll call vote on the Consent Calendar before we open the machine.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the Consent Calendar. 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.

Madam President, the first Consent Calendar begins on Calendar Page 8. Calendar 384, HJR210.

Calendar 385, HJR211.

Calendar Page 9, Calendar 104, Substitute for SB390.

Calendar 121, SB275.

Calendar Page 11, Calendar 329, Substitute for SB643.

Calendar Page 12, Calendar 373, HB5541.

Calendar 380, Substitute for HB5547.

Calendar 382, Substitute for HB5651.

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Calendar Page 13, Calendar 391, Substitute for
HB5663.

Calendar Page 27, Calendar 395, SR27.

Calendar 396, SR28.

Calendar Page 28, Calendar 408, SR25.

Madam President, that completes those items
previously placed on Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Would you once again announce a
roll call vote, and the machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call has been ordered in the
Senate on the Consent Calendar. 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? Please check the machine to
make sure your vote is cast. If all members have voted
the machine will be locked. Clerk, please announce the
tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar No. 1.

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 Consent Calendar is adopted. The Chair will entertain points of personal privilege or announcements. Senator Freedman.

SEN. FREEDMAN:

Yes, Madam President, thank you. For purposes of an announcement. There will be a Program Review and Investigations Committee meeting Thursday, one half hour before which ever House is meeting the earliest, in room 2D. And it is an important meeting. We will be taking a vote and will need to have at least seven members there. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Cappiello.

SEN. CAPPIELLO:

Thank you, Madam President. Just for a general notation. I had missed a vote earlier. I was out of the Chamber with my Israeli delegation, I believe with you yourself. And so I would like for the record to note that I would have voted in the negative. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

The Journal will so note. Senator Gaffey.

SEN. GAFFEY:

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Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Calendar 248, substitute for HB5547, AN ACT CONCERNING
TREASURY BILL RATE REFERENCES FOR EMINENT DOMAINE
PURPOSES, favorable report of the Committee on Finance
Revenue and Bonding.

DEP. SPEAKER HYSLOP:

Representative Godfrey.

REP. GODFREY: (110th)

Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, ladies and
Gentlemen I would like to move five bills that are on
our regular Calendar to the Consent Calendar for action
by this body at our next regular meeting. They would be
Calendar 248, substitute for HB5547, AN ACT CONCERNING
TREASURY BILL RATE REFERENCES FOR EMINENT DOMAINE
PURPOSES; Calendar 268, substitute for HB5560 AN ACT
CONFORMING STATE LAW WITH FEDERAL WELFARE REFORM;
Calendar 267, substitute for HB5651 AN ACT CONCERNING
STATUTORY OATHS; Calendar 310, substitute for SB122 AN
ACT EXTENDING THE COMPLETION DATE FOR THE CONSOLIDATION
PROGRAM AT THE CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL; and Calendar
314, substitute for SB250, AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL
REVISIONS TO CERTAIN INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE STATUTES.
Mr. Speaker I would move those five bills to the Consent
Calendar for action at our next meeting.

DEP. SPEAKER HYSLOP:

Seeing no objection those items will be placed on the Consent Calendar for the next meeting.

Representative Godfrey.

REP. GODFREY: (110th)

And Mr. Speaker, I would like to move four times on the regular Calendar to the foot of the Calendar. That would be Calendar 271, HB5779; Calendar 272, HB5786; Calendar 273, HB5789; and Calendar 72, HJR3.

DEP. SPEAKER HYSLOP:

Seeing no objections these items will be placed on the foot of the Calendar. Are there any announcements or points of personal privileges? Representative Kerensky.

REP. KERENSKY: (14th)

Thank you Mr. Speaker. For the purposes of an introduction?

DEP. SPEAKER HYSLOP:

Proceed.

REP. KERENSKY: (14th)

Thank you. In the gallery we have today Pack 389 from South Windsor. A group of Cub Scouts accompanied by their leader Ellen Moran who has taken time out from her school vacation to come and visit us and see State government in action. I'm pleased that they've come and I think they'll be very pleased that they've chosen

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Tuesday, April 23, 2002

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Representative Godfrey.

REP. GODFREY: (110TH)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, we're about to call today's Consent Calendar. On the Calendar, there are five bills. I'm about to pull one of them off. I would like Calendar 263, Substitute for H.B. 5560 removed from the Consent Calendar, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Hearing no objection, so ordered.

REP. GODFREY: (110TH)

And then, Madam Speaker, there are four bills remaining on the Consent Calendar: Calendar 248, Substitute for H.B. 5547; Calendar 267, Substitute for H.B. 5651; Calendar 310, Substitute for S.B. 122; and Calendar 314, Substitute for S.B. 250.

I move passage of the bills on the Consent Calendar, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

The question is on passage of today's Consent Calendar.

Staff and guests come to the Well of the House. And the machine will be opened.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Please check the machine to make sure your vote is properly cast. The machine will be locked and the Clerk will take the tally.

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar

Total Number Voting	141
Necessary for Passage	72
Those voting Yea	141
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not Voting	10

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

The Consent Calendar is passed.

Are there any announcements or points of personal privilege?

Representative Donovan.

REP. DONOVAN: (84TH)

Good afternoon, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, for the point of personal privilege.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Please proceed, sir.

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Madam Speaker, I move that this item be passed temporarily.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

Without objection, so ordered.

Are there any announcements or points of personal privilege? There being none, the Chamber will stand at ease for a moment.

The House come back to order. Will the Clerk please call Calendar 267.

CLERK:

On Page 32, Calendar 267, Substitute for H.B. 5651
AN ACT CONCERNING STATUTORY OATHS. Favorable Report of
the Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

Representative Godfrey of the 110th.

REP. GODFREY: (110TH)

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

The question before us on acceptance and passage in concurrence. Please proceed, Sir.

REP. GODFREY: (110TH)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. About two weeks, three weeks ago we passed this bill on the Consent Calendar.

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The Senate in its wisdom has added an amendment to take care of a particular justice of the peace problem that we've been experiencing in western Connecticut.

Madam Speaker, the Clerk is in possession of LCO4248 previously designated Senate Amendment Schedule "A". If the Clerk could please call and I be allowed to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

Will the Clerk please call LCO4248 previously designated Senate Amendment "A".

CLERK:

LCO4248, Senate "A" offered by Representatives Wasserman, Godfrey, Senator Cappiello et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

Representative Godfrey.

REP. GODFREY: (110TH)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This amendment will validate marriages that took place between April 27, 2001 and the effective date of this act when it is signed by the Governor and permits a way to validate some marriages that may have been performed by a justice of the peace who wasn't actually a justice of the peace and I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

The question before us is on adoption. Would you

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care to comment further?

REP. GODFREY: (110TH)

Yes, Madam Speaker. There has been a problem in the greater Danbury area these last few weeks as we have discovered that a particular individual has been joining people in marriage purporting to be a justice of the peace when he actually has not been.

We have had that kind of problem that has occurred from time to time in the state before and this particular amendment goes to fix it so that the people who were, we believed that they were joined in marriage actually are and this provides the way to do that.

And I would urge my colleagues to adopt this amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

The question before us is on adoption. Would you care to remark further?

Representative Scribner of the 107th.

REP. SCRIBNER: (107TH)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of this amendment. I, too, come from the midwestern section of Connecticut where this situation that Representative Godfrey referenced has become very significant to a large number of couples that were married by an unauthorized justice of the peace.

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I have spoken with a number of couples that were married by this individual and it's created a significant amount of difficulty for them.

So this is a very responsible and simplistic way for us to resolve and correct this problem for a large number of constituents and I urge support for it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

Thank you, Sir. Would you care to comment further on the amendment before us.

Representative Carson of the 108th.

REP. CARSON: (108TH)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, too, rise in support of this amendment and I thank the folks who worked on this to help us resolve a situation that we certainly have seen as a problem in our area.

I also would like to say that I hope that we actually do some follow up work next year on this situation because I don't think really there is a true paper trail when folks get married. They take their license out of the town clerk's office, they hand it away to a clergyman or a JP or whatever, and unless they've asked for a certified copy or they follow up on it themselves, they never really know whether their license has been even filed.

So I think it needs some more work next year but I

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do support this amendment. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

Thank you, Madam. Representative Scire of the
138th.

REP. SCIRE: (138TH)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Having just gotten
married and having been from that area and the biggest
joke was, who's going to marry you? Is it going to be
Harrison?

I would definitely speak in support of this also
because there's a lot of people out there who are very
nervous right now and they had no way of knowing. And I
think they would really appreciate it if we would all
support this bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

Thank you, Madam. Representative Wasserman of the
106th.

REP. WASSERMAN: (106TH)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I fully support this
bill. I think it's very important. There are at least
two cases in my district who are affected and this will
be very much appreciate.

I hope everybody in the House votes for it. Thank
you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

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Thank you, Madam. Would you care to comment further on the amendment before us? Would you care to comment further on the amendment before us. If not, I'll try your minds.

All those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

Those opposed, "nay"? The amendment is adopted. Would you care to comment further on the bill before us as amended? Would you care to comment further on the bill as amended? If not, staff and guests 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 voting by roll call. Members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted? Please check the board to be sure you vote has been properly cast. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked. The Clerk will take a tally.

The Clerk will please announce the tally.

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H.B. 5651 as amended by Senate "A" in concurrence
with the Senate.

Total Number Voting	145
Necessary for Adoption	73
Those voting Yea	145
Those voting nay	0
Those absent and not voting	6

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

The bill as amended passes.

Calendar 171.

CLERK:

On Page 32, Calendar 171, Substitute for H.B. 5166

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LONG-TERM CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL,
as amended by House "A". Favorable Report of the
Committee on Legislative Management.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

Representative Villano of the 91st.

REP. VILLANO: (91ST)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I move
adoption of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and
passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

The question before us is acceptance and passage of
the bill in concurrence with the Senate. Please
proceed, Sir.

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REP. FELTMAN: Okay, thank you. Are there further questions before we get to Mr. Ment? Okay, Mr. Ment.

STEPHEN MENT: Thank you, Representative. Good afternoon. My name is Stephen Ment and I'm here to testify on four bills. All are judicial branch bills that we've submitted. I have submitted written testimony, so I'll just try and summarize what each bill does.

The first one is S.B. 590, AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION OF INJURED PARTIES. This bill contains a number of provisions that are pertinent to victims' rights and the judicial branch's Office of Victim Services.

Section 1 in the bill would authorize the removal of any member of the State Advisory Council who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or fails to attend 50% of all meetings held during the calendar year.

This authority is given to many other councils in statute and we would ask that it be added to the Victims State Advisory Council.

The bill would also allow OVS to award attorney's fees without the matter being referred to a Victims Compensation Commissioner. Attorney's fees are currently authorized in statute and are awarded by a compensation commissioner. By changing the law here would be removing what we believe to be an unnecessary and time consuming step.

Section 4 of the bill would clarify that OVS has the ability to pay health care or service providers out of unclaimed compensation awards. The General Assembly attempted to enact language last year to carry out this goal. However, the language did not actually do it. So we have submitted language this year which we believe would effectuate the goals.

The bill also includes provisions to make the Crime Victims (inaudible) Program more workable. It clarifies that restitution awarded to family members is derivative of the victim's claim as it

Consequently, it's been difficult for the branch to find marshals willing to serve their papers. The intent of this proposal would be to make the two sections consistent and bump it up to \$30 for people who serve judicial branch papers.

The last one is H.B. 5651, AN ACT CONCERNING STATUTORY OATHS. The purpose of this bill is to update and modernize the statutory oaths that pertain to judicial proceedings. As currently drafted, they are antiquated and difficult to understand. We believe this bill would lessen the confusion and make oaths relevant to the people who take them.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have on any of those bills.

REP. FELTMAN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Ment. Can you tell me, is there a fiscal note or do you have any sense of what the cost will be for S.B. 555?

STEPHEN MENT: S.B. 555?

REP. FELTMAN: That was the service.

STEPHEN MENT: We believe that we would be able to absorb whatever it is. I can get you a more specific number, but I did learn that it would be something that we could manage.

REP. FELTMAN: It is always the case with bills the department proposes. Okay.

Are there questions of this speaker from any member of the committee? Representative Farr.

REP. FARR: On the jury duty. I guess there are a couple of issues. You know, one is you had cited in your testimony there's a large number of people who are just ignoring the system. And so you want to establish a process whereby they're going to have a civil fine imposed and then treated as a collection matter.

But I'm just concerned a lot of these people are just going to ignore that, as well. And I guess a

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**Testimony of Stephen N. Ment
Judiciary Committee Public Hearing
March 18, 2002**

House Bill 5651, An Act Concerning Statutory Oaths

Good morning. My name is Stephen Ment and I am here to testify on behalf of the Judicial Branch in support of House Bill 5651, An Act Concerning Statutory Oaths.

This proposal is part of the Judicial Branch's legislative package. Its purpose is to expressly permit judge trial referees to administer oaths, and modernize oaths pertaining to judicial proceedings.

Section one of this bill would expressly permit judge trial referees to administer oaths. Judge trial referees currently possess this ability, and do administer oaths, as commissioners of the Superior Court. This change would merely add judge trial referees to the list that already includes judges, family support magistrates, and justices of the peace, among others.

The remainder of the bill seeks to make oaths pertaining to judicial proceedings more understandable and meaningful to the individuals who take them. The current language of many the oaths are antiquated and difficult to understand. Individuals often do not know what they are swearing to. This bill would lessen the confusion, and make the oaths relevant.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**Testimony on Raised Bill 5651
AAC Statutory Oaths
by Jo A. Roberts, Senior Attorney
for Public Hearing on March 18, 2002**

In response to a letter to the Connecticut Law Revision Commission from the Honorable Douglas S. Lavine, dated August 8, 2000, the Commission undertook a study of the oaths administered in civil and criminal cases, which was later expanded to include all oaths found in section 1-25 of the Connecticut General Statutes. A study committee was formed for this purpose. The study committee was composed of the Honorable Douglas S. Lavine, the Honorable John Maloney, Professor Colin Tait of the University of Connecticut School of Law, Attorney Brenden P. Leydon and Senior Commission Attorney Jo A. Roberts.

Judge Lavine, in his letter to the Commission, conveyed his concern that "the oaths being administered in civil and criminal cases are archaic and hard for jurors to fully understand," and that they tend to perpetuate a view of the legal system as being incomprehensible and arcane. Specifically, Judge Lavine noted the voir dire oath for jurors, the oath for jurors in civil cases, the oath for alternate jurors in civil cases and the oaths for petit jurors and alternates in criminal cases.

After reviewing these and the other oaths in section 1-25, the study committee found many of the oaths to be antiquated and confusing. The committee subsequently redrafted the oaths, both to convey the solemnity of the oaths and the proceedings in which they apply and to make them more understandable to the individuals swearing to or affirming them. The Law Revision Commission voted on October 17, 2000 to adopt the drafting committee's report and proposed legislation.

The Commission's recommendations were introduced in last year's legislative session as House Bill 7061. The bill was given a joint favorable report by the Judiciary Committee and was placed on the House calendar, but not taken up during the session. Raised Bill 5651 includes many of the same recommendations made by the Commission last session.

In addition to clarifying the oaths in section 1-25, one substantive change is included in the bill. After discussion with Deputy State's Attorney Dominick Galluzzo, the Commission recommends that the present oath for grand jurors impaneled in court be repealed. According to Mr. Galluzzo, this oath is intended for members of an indicting grand jury, which no longer

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exists in Connecticut. In its place, Mr. Galluzzo recommended an oath to be administered to witnesses coming before an investigatory grand jury, which does presently exist under Connecticut law. The new oath appears at lines 227-232 of the bill.

The single oath that the Commission does not recommend redrafting is that for members of the General Assembly, Executive and Judicial Officers. The form of this oath is prescribed in Article Eleventh, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut. Thus, without amending the constitution, the oath must remain as is, or might be deleted from the statute if preferred. This oath appears at lines 66-72 of the bill.

The Law Revision Commission believes that the proposed bill provides redrafted oaths that reflect the dignity and gravity of the occasions for which they are given, and that are understandable and meaningful to the individuals who take them. The Commission, therefore, recommends a joint favorable report for Raised Bill 5651 and its submission to the General Assembly for the 2001 legislative session.