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Thank you, Mr. President. If there's no further discussion, I would move this item to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Page 8, Calendar 428, File 578, H.B. 6569  
An Act Concerning The Composition Of The Department Of  
Corrections. Favorable Report of the Committee on  
Judiciary. The Clerk is in possession of an amendment.

Senator McDonald.

SEN. MCDONALD:

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion is for acceptance and passage. Will you  
remark? Senator McDonald.

SEN. MCDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I believe, well, let me  
first say that the bill is merely intended to strike in  
one section of our statutes, the individual names of all  
of our various correctional institutions and replace it  
with a generic reference to the correctional

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institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections. And I believe that the Clerk has in his possession an amendment, LC05851. I would ask that the amendment be called and I be given leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LC05851 which will be designated Senate Amendment Schedule "A". It is offered by Senator McDonald of the 27<sup>th</sup> District. Senator McDonald.

SEN. MCDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move adoption of the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

The motion is for adoption. Will you remark further? Senator McDonald.

SEN. MCDONALD:

Mr. President, this amendment is intended to extend a program currently being operated by the Department of Corrections which allows for the use of debit card for prison inmate telephone calls which is obviously a much cheaper way of communicating with one's family and friends and loved ones than collect calls, which is the only other option.

This amendment would extend that program to June 3,

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2004 and I would ask for adoption.

THE CHAIR:

On the amendment, will you remark further? If not, I will try your minds.

All those in favor please say "aye".

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Those opposed? The amendment is adopted.

Senator McDonald.

SEN. MCDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President. If there are no objections, I'd ask that the item be moved to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing no objection, so ordered.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Page 14, correction, Calendar Page 11, Matters Returned From Committee, Calendar 111, File 114, Substitute for S.B. 41 An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage For Medically Necessary Nutritional Formula and Food Products. Favorable Report of the Committees on Insurance, Public Health and Appropriations. The Clerk is in possession of two amendments.

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the items marked Go for the evening, would ask that the Clerk now please call the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, would you please call the Consent Calendar.

THE CLERK:

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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Mr. President, those items placed on the First Consent Calendar begin on Calendar Page 2, Calendar 374, H.J. 10, correction H.J. 180.

Calendar Page 3, Calendar 132, Substitute for S.B. 1013.

Calendar Page 4, Calendar 288, H.B. 6442.

Calendar Page 6, Calendar 377, Substitute for H.B. 6634.

Calendar 385, H.B. 6468.

Calendar Page 8, Calendar 426, H.B. 5506.

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Calendar Page 16, Calendar 233, S.B. 974.

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Calendar 242, S.B. 973.

Calendar 250, Substitute for S.B. 1127.

Calendar 257, Substitute for S.B. 948.

Calendar Page 18, Calendar 263, S.B. 882.

Calendar 268, Substitute for S.B. 897.

Calendar 272, Substitute for S.B. 442.

Calendar Page 20, Calendar 293, Substitute for H.B.

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Calendar Page 21, Calendar 309, Substitute for S.B.

937.

Calendar Page 24, Calendar 390, H.B. 6385.

Calendar Page 25, Calendar 407, H.J. 158.

Calendar 429, Substitute for H.J. 37.

Mr. President, I believe that completes those items previously placed on the Consent Calendar.

SEN. SULLIVAN:

Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Sullivan.

SEN. SULLIVAN:

Well, the machine's been open, I've gotten my clarification. I wanted to know if "Yo" was going to be

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the same as Yes.

THE CLERK:

The Senate is now voting by roll call. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber.

The Senate is now voting by roll call on the Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

The machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar No. 1.

Total number voting, 34; necessary for adoption, 18. Those voting "yea", 34; those voting "nay", 0. Those absent and not voting, 2.

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar is adopted.

Mr. Majority Leader.

THE CLERK:

Mr. President, there is no further business on the Clerk's desk at this time.

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On page 9, Calendar 381, Substitute for H.B. 6361, AN ACT CONCERNING BIRTH CERTIFICATES. Favorable Report of the Committee on Judiciary.

SPEAKER LYONS:

Representative Godfrey, you have the floor, sir.

REP. GODFREY: (110<sup>TH</sup>)

Good afternoon, Madam Speaker.

SPEAKER LYONS:

Good afternoon.

REP. GODFREY: (110<sup>TH</sup>)

Madam Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, I'd like to move nine bills that are on our calendar to the Consent Calendar for action later today. A couple of warnings. This is slightly different. There's been a couple of items that have been marked on the Go-List that will not go to the Consent Calendar, so please follow along. And there will probably be an earlier than normal vote on this. We kind of intend to have the vote on this before we do the big talker of the day, which would be winding the day up.

So, I have nine items to move to the Consent Calendar. They would be Calendar 381, H.B. 6361; Calendar 383, H.B. 6625; Calendar 385, H.B. 6629; Calendar 389, H.B. 6667; Calendar 393, H.B. 5506; Calendar 397, H.B. 6569; Calendar 414, S.B. 922;

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House of Representatives

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

AN ACT CONCERNING BIRTH CERTIFICATES. Favorable Report of the Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

Representative Godfrey.

REP. GODFREY: (110<sup>TH</sup>)

Good afternoon, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, this is the beginning of today's Consent Calendar. As you see on the board, it consists of Calendar numbers 381, 383, 384, 389, 393, 397, 414, and 415.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

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. And 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 and be sure your vote is properly cast.

Have all members now voted? If all members have

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now voted, please check the board to make sure your vote is properly cast. If your vote is properly cast, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar

Total Number Voting	147
Necessary for Passage	74
Those voting Yea	147
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not Voting	3

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

The Consent Calendar passes.

Would the Clerk please call Calendar 365.

CLERK:

On page 9, Calendar 365, S.B. 291, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A KINSHIP FOSTER CARE PROGRAM. Favorable Report of the Committee on Human Services.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

Representative Mushinsky from the 85<sup>th</sup>.

REP. MUSHINSKY: (85<sup>TH</sup>)

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER CURREY:

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Representative Godfrey.

REP. GODFREY: (110<sup>TH</sup>)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, could this item be passed temporarily, please?

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar number 397.

CLERK:

On page 34, Calendar 397, H.B. 6569, AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION. Favorable Report of the Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Representative Michael Lawlor.

REP. LAWLOR: (99<sup>TH</sup>)

Good afternoon, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

The question is on acceptance and passage of the bill. Will you proceed, sir?

REP. LAWLOR: (99<sup>TH</sup>)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill has been debated several times before the House and for a variety of reasons, never made it to final passage. It makes a

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very simple change in our statute. Currently, the Department of Correction consists of a series of named correctional facilities. This bill strikes that list of names and instead, substitutes a more general description of those facilities as correctional institutions under the jurisdiction of the DOC, the Regional Community Service Facilities, and the Community Correctional Centers.

This is a much more flexible definition. It's not intended, in any way, to adversely affect the employees of the Department of Correction in terms of their assignment. It simply has been recommended by the Commissioner of Correction for some years now to simply the procedures used by the Department of Correction to monitor their inmates and to expand or otherwise adjust their activities.

So I urge passage, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, the Senate adopted Senate Amendment "A". I would ask the Clerk to call LCO 5851 and that I be allowed to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Will the Clerk please call LCO number 5851, designated Senate "A".

CLERK:

LCO number 5851, Senate "A" offered by Senator

McDonald.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Representative Lawlor.

REP. LAWLOR: (99<sup>TH</sup>)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Many members of the Chamber may recall a couple of years ago, at the suggestion of then Representative Anne McDonald, we enacted a procedure for the Department of Correction to develop an alternative way to provide telephone service for inmates. In other words, to allow a debit card to be used.

This extends until June 3, 2004 the deadline for the Department to develop that program. I think a number of members of the Assembly have heard directly from former Representative McDonald. As I think we all know, she felt strongly about this because this impacts the families of inmates who often times are obligated to pay what are exorbitant phone bills to maintain contact with their loved ones in prison.

So, Madam Speaker, I would urge adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

The question is on adoption. The question is on adoption of the amendment. Will you remark further on the amendment before us? If not, let me try your minds.

All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

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REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Those opposed, nay. The ayes have it, the amendment is adopted.

Will you remark further on the bill, as amended?  
Will you remark further on the bill, as amended? If not,  
will staff and guests please 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 voting by  
roll call. Members to the Chamber, please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members  
voted? Please check the machine and make sure your vote  
is accurately cast.

If so, the machine will be locked and the Clerk  
will take the tally.

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

H.B. 6569, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule  
"A", in concurrence with the Senate

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Necessary for Passage	72

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Those voting Yea	143
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not Voting	7

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

The bill, as amended is passed, in concurrence with the Senate.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar number 487.

CLERK:

On page 17, Calendar 487, S.B. 452, AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME INDIVIDUALS TO ESTABLISH BUSINESSES IN THE STATE. Favorable Report of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Representative Graziani from Ellington.

REP. GRAZIANI: (57<sup>TH</sup>)

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

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

REP. GRAZIANI: (57<sup>TH</sup>)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Basically what this bill

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Although I am not adverse to the intent of this bill and I do acknowledge that there has been a problem in the past with property discarded as result of a CVH placement. I must emphasize that most recently our property coordinator has worked in collaboration with CVH representatives to develop effective and efficient protocols to ensure that property is transferred or maintained while the inmate is in CVH custody.

As a result of these efforts, I will be aggressively pursuing a policy change within our Administrative Directives to reflect not only the intent of this legislation, but also to take into consideration other station to station temporary transfers of inmates outside of agency jurisdiction. I concur with the sponsor of this bill that inmate property, especially personal effects, should not be discarded as a result of a temporary transfer for the purpose of off-site evaluation or treatment.

Lastly, I would implore this committee to allow me the opportunity to seek quick remedy to this issue by instituting a policy change rather than pursuing legislation that is very specific and does not consider other potential areas of concern.

Please fee free to contact me directly if I can provide any further clarification concerning these bill proposals.