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almost, well, certainly within a matter of hours rather than in a matter of weeks.

And there is an interesting interplay between that consideration and the other statute that a prior speaker spoke of regarding the E-911 fund.

Part of the regulatory change that we are seeking now, which would allow a 5% increase in the fee, would be devoted to increasing bandwidth, and that will then allow more and more law enforcement agencies to have access to AFIS.

And, therefore, we could get the fingerprint system completely online to other law enforcement agencies, and we will have access to their records as well.

So that legislation will go a long way, we believe, toward helping a host of problems, including the one that arises with respect to verifying the applications of persons who want to work as either security officers or private investigators.

SEN. DAILY: Thank you, Commissioner.

REP. DARGAN: Further questions from any Committee Members? Thank you very much for your testimony. Next speaker is Paul Jakubson.

PAUL JAKUBSON. Good morning, Senator Daily, Representative Dargan, Members of the Committee.

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My name is Paul Jakobson. I am the Chief of Police in the Town of Madison. I am here representing the Connecticut Police Chief Association. I also chair the Technology and Communication Subcommittee of the Connecticut Police Chief Association.

I am here speaking favorably on Raised House Bill 6893 and Raised Senate Bill 1276.

On Raised House Bill 6893 regarding the Criminal Justice Information Systems Governing Board and the changes that are requested in their administrative change, they are necessary for the safe and continued operation of various criminal justice projects that will be coming online or are currently online, that are being housed in the Department of Information and Technology.

Relative to Raised Senate Bill 1276 and the changes recommended by the 911 Commission, we wholehearted support that.

As Commission Boyle said, these will enable various law enforcement agencies, of which CPCA represents over 100 in this state as well as the state police and other state and federal organizations, to access this data in a timely and efficient manner. I will be more than happy to answer any questions, which you may have at this time.

REP. DARGAN: Thank you, Chief. Questions from Committee Members? Any questions? Thank you very much.

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**Testimony to the Committee on Public Safety and Security  
March 15, 2005  
Chief James Strillacci and Anthony Salvatore**

For over five years Connecticut Police Chiefs Association members have participated in planning the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Offender-Based Tracking System (OBTS), a project to electronically connect the records of many state and local agencies. This project will enable public-safety and judicial agencies speedy access to accurate information, facilitating protection of the innocent and apprehension of the guilty. Two bills on the Committee's agenda are necessary to the project's completion.

Bill #6893, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM GOVERNING BOARD includes several practical measures. It will provide necessary management by putting the CJIS Governing Board in the Office of Policy and Management for administrative purposes only. It will allow appropriate personnel in the Judicial Department and the Department of Information Technology access to the data they will be responsible for handling. It will clarify the response to public requests for information by directing such requests to the originating agency.

Bill #1276, AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE E 9-1-1 COMMISSION, with the addition of the phrase "... and the public safety services data networks ..." in Section 28-24, Subsection (c)(6) would enable the necessary communication of law enforcement services data as well as fire services data, and emergency medical services data. This will provide funding for public safety services data networks and related needs, including network elements of the CJIS/OBTS project.

State and local agencies have invested years of work and millions of dollars in this project. We urge you to support its completion by approving these bills.

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Testimony

Raised Bill No. 6893

An Act Concerning the Criminal Justice Information System  
Governing Board.

My name is Judge Aaron Ment. I am with the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Branch. I serve as the Chairperson of the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Governing Board, as a designee of the Judge Joseph Pellegrino, the Chief Court Administrator. Legislation establishing the CJIS Governing Board provides for the Chief Court Administrator to be the Chair; the members of the CJIS Governing Board are agency heads of agencies which are criminal justice agencies and other agencies as specified in legislation.

I speak in support of this proposed legislation.

The CJIS Governing Board provides for the policy development and oversight relating to the integration and interoperability of information systems among the criminal justice agencies. The Offender Based Tracking System (OBTS) is the overarching repository of offender data. It is scheduled for system acceptance by June 30; training is initiated and underway among authorized employees among state and local law enforcement and judicial branch staff.

This proposed legislation was developed by the Policy Committee of the CJIS Governing Board and approved by the Board for legislative consideration and approval. It reflects additions to the adopted legislation to provide for the business practices required to manage and operate the Offender Based Tracking System (OBTS) as well as other CJIS information systems, under the purview of the CJIS Governing Board.

In practice, the CJIS Governing Board is receiving administrative services provided by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Funding of system projects,

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organization of meetings, and technical support in policy development are carried out by OPM. This addition will reflect this role and provide the authority to OPM in providing the administrative services.

In maintaining and supporting the information technology systems which contain the criminal justice system data, technical support must be provided by the agencies responsible for the computer systems and associated network telecommunications facilities. These services are carried out respectively in the Executive Branch by the Department of Information Technology and in the Judicial Branch by the Information Technology Division, under the current Judicial Branch organizational structure.

The Offender Based Tracking System is a repository of offender data that would not otherwise be available to state and local law enforcement officer and judicial personnel responsible for maintaining public safety in Connecticut. The data in the OBTS repository are received from the 15 individual source or legacy systems in 8 different state agencies. No new data are collected about an offender. The repository provides a place where one query can provide real time and accurate offender data as received from all the source systems. The full array of offender information cannot otherwise be fully considered in providing for the public safety in the State. Public access to the data in the respective source or legacy system is determined by statutes pertaining to the systems, respectively. For this reason, a person must be referred to the agency from which the data originated. Data in the OBTS are inclusive of criminal history record information as defined by Section 54-142g and Chapter 961a, Part II, Security and Privacy of Criminal Records, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information in support of raised bill 6893.

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THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SEN. LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 525, marked

Go.

Calendar 531, marked Go.

Calendar Page 7, Calendar 536, Passed

Temporarily.

Calendar 539, PR.

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Calendar 544, marked Go.

Calendar 547, PR.

Moving to Calendar Page 8, Calendar 553, PR.

Calendar 556, PR.

Calendar 572, PR.

Calendar 575, Passed Temporarily.

Calendar 580, Passed Temporarily.

Calendar 581, H.B. 6893, Mr. President, I would  
move to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SEN. LOONEY:

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Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I would ask the Clerk to please call for a vote on the first Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Will the Clerk please read those items on the first Consent Calendar?

THE CLERK:

Mr. President, those items placed on the first Consent Calendar begin on Calendar Page 1, Calendar 604, H.J. 140.

Calendar 605, H.J. 141.

Calendar Page 2, Calendar 606, H.J. 142.

Calendar 607, H.J. 143.

Calendar 608, H.J. 144.

Calendar 609, H.J. 145.

Calendar Page 4, Calendar 261, H.B. 6649.

Calendar Page 5, Calendar 369, H.B. 5586.

Calendar 417, Substitute for S.B. 1194.

Calendar Page 6, Calendar 523, Substitute for H.B. 6829.

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Calendar 582, Substitute for H.B. 6907.

Calendar 583, Substitute for H.B. 6715.

Calendar Page 10, Calendar 588, Substitute for  
H.B. 6824.

Calendar 589, Substitute for H.B. 6072.

Calendar 591, Substitute for H.B. 6304.

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Calendar 594, Substitute for H.B. 6744.

Calendar Page 12, Calendar 601, Substitute for  
H.B. 6772.

Calendar Page 22, Calendar 519, Substitute for  
H.B. 6557.

And Calendar Page 24, Calendar 179, Substitute  
for S.B. 31.

Mr. President, that concludes those items  
previously placed on the first Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Majority Leader.

SEN. LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. For purpose of  
removing one item from the Consent Calendar before it

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is voted, and that is, Mr. President, Calendar Page  
10, Calendar 591, H.B. 6304.

Would ask that item be removed from the Consent  
Calendar, and would ask that item be called  
immediately after the vote of the first Consent  
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

The Clerk will please announce the pendency of a  
roll call vote on the Consent Calendar. The machine  
is open.

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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please return to the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Have all Members voted? Senator DeLuca. If all  
Members have voted, the machine will be closed.  
Clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar No. 1.

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Total number voting, 36; necessary for adoption,  
19. Those voting "yea", 36; those voting "nay", 0.  
Those absent and not voting, 0.

THE CHAIR:

Items on the Consent Calendar passed. Mr. Clerk,  
I believe we will return to the item just removed from  
the Consent Calendar. You want to re-call it?

THE CLERK:

Turning to Calendar Page 10, matter removed from  
the Consent Calendar is Calendar 591, File 461 and  
807, Substitute for H.B. 6304, An Act Concerning the  
Improvement of Cardiac Care, (As amended by House  
Amendment Schedule "A").

THE CHAIR:

Senator Murphy.

SEN. MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move adoption of the  
Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the  
bill in concurrence of the House.

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and passage, will you remark?

Senator Freedman.

SEN. FREEDMAN:

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For a point of personal privilege, please.

SPEAKER AMANN:

You may proceed, Madam.

REP. WIDLITZ: (98<sup>th</sup>)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make an announcement that we have a new Grandma amongst us today. Representative Currey is a proud grandmother. Her first grandchild, of Matthew Aaron Currey, Jr. who was born on May 20<sup>th</sup>, weighed in at 8 pounds and 12 ounces and was 21 inches long and would you please join me in congratulating Melody.

(APPLAUSE)

SPEAKER AMANN:

Congratulations, Representative Currey. Any other announcements or introductions? If not, will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 324.

CLERK:

On Page 22, Calendar Number 324, Substitute for House Bill Number 6893, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM GOVERNING BOARD, Favorable Report of the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

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SPEAKER AMANN:

Representative Dargan.

REP. DARGAN: (115<sup>th</sup>)

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

SPEAKER AMANN:

The question is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill. You may proceed, Sir.

REP. DARGAN: (115<sup>th</sup>)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill will electronically connect the records of many state, local agencies, and will enable Public Safety and Judicial agencies speedy access to accurate information.

SPEAKER AMANN:

Thank you, Sir. Will you remark further on this Bill? Will you remark further on this Bill?

If not, staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members please take your seats. 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.

SPEAKER AMANN:

Have all the Members voted? Have all the Members  
voted? If all the Members have voted, please check  
the board and make sure your vote has been properly  
cast.

If all the Members have voted, the machine will  
be locked and the Clerk will take a tally. The Clerk  
please announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill Number 6893.

Total Number Voting	144
Necessary for Passage	73
Those voting Yea	144
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	7

SPEAKER AMANN:

The Bill passes. Will the Clerk please call  
Calendar Number 555.

CLERK: