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Concerning the Severability of the Provisions of the
Campaign Finance Reform Legislation.

THE CHAIR:

Ah-ha. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Returning to the Senate Calendar, Calendar Page
13, Calendar 324, File 445, Substitute for Senate Bill
66, An Act Concerning the Severability of the
Provisions of the Campaign Finance Reform Legislation,
Favorable Report of the Committees on Government
Administration and Elections, Judiciary, and
Appropriations. Clerk is in possession of amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator DeFronzo.

SEN. DEFRONZO:

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and passage, will you remark?
Senator DeFronzo.

SEN. DEFRONZO:

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Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, the Clerk is in possession of LCO 5811. I'd ask that that amendment be called.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO 5811, which will be designated as Senate Amendment Schedule "A". It is offered by Senator DeFronzo of the 6th District et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator DeFronzo.

SEN. DEFRONZO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move adoption of the amendment and ask permission to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

On adoption, will you remark? Senator DeFronzo.

SEN. DEFRONZO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, this is a strike-all amendment. It contains a number of technical revisions to election statutes. It includes the campaign finance reform compromise language that

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was agreed upon earlier today, and it includes two ethics provisions. I move adoption of the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Clerk, do you want to vote? No, I'm sorry. We're doing an amendment. All those in favor, please say "aye".

SENATE ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Any opposed, "nay". The ayes have it. Senator DeFronzo.

SEN. DEFRONZO:

Mr. President, this is a very important piece of legislation. I would hope that we could move it very quickly out of the Chambers.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Senator Freedman.

SEN. FREEDMAN:

Quickly, through you, MR. President, what were the two ethics components of this, to Senator DeFronzo?

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THE CHAIR:

Senator DeFronzo.

SEN. FREEDMAN:

I'm sorry, Mr. President. Can you repeat the question?

SEN. FREEDMAN:

Yes. What are the, you mentioned that there are two ethics components in this. Could you please elaborate very quickly?

THE CHAIR:

Senator DeFronzo.

SEN. DEFONZO:

Through you, Mr. President, the two ethics provisions, which I believe are the last two sections of the amendment, are a prohibition on former Governors working for lobbyists or working for companies that have contracts with the State of Connecticut.

And the second provision is a prohibition on the spouses of the Governor, incumbent Governor, from accepting honoraria, through you, Mr. President.

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SEN. FREEDMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. And just one question about the bill itself in terms of the campaign. I had asked Senator DeFronzo earlier on if a PAC or an outside group gave in-kind services to a candidate, at what time would that be recorded and would the candidate have to get permission? Through you, is that in here in this amendment?

THE CHAIR:

Senator DeFronzo.

SEN. DEFRONZO:

Through you, Mr. President, the candidate does not have to get permission, but there is a new reporting requirement. Both the PAC have to notify the candidate, and the candidate is then required to report on such organizational expenditures received, through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Freedman.

SEN. FREEDMAN:

Thank you.

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Will you remark further on the bill as amended?

Will you remark further? If not, the Clerk will announce the roll call vote. The machine is open.

THE CLERK:

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

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

THE CHAIR:

Have all Members voted? Have all Members voted? Senator Fonfara. Senator Coleman. If all Members have voted, the machine is closed. The Clerk will announce the result.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on passage of Senate Bill 66, as amended.

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

THE CHAIR:

The bill is passed. Mr. Majority Leader.

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SEN. LOONEY:

Yes, Mr. President, move for suspension for immediate, and I mean immediate, transmittal to the House of Representatives.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered. Sorry. Mr. Majority Leader.

SEN. LOONEY:

Oh, yes, thank you. Mr. President, there is one final item that was Passed Temporarily earlier. Calendar Page 7, Calendar 506, House Bill 5803, if that item might be called.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar Page 7, Calendar 506, File 588, Substitute for House Bill 5803, An Act Concerning a Pilot Program to Evaluate Shoreline Erosion, Favorable Report of the Committee on Environment and Appropriations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Finch.

SEN. FINCH:

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Ladies and gentlemen, we're just waiting for one bill to come from the Senate. Be patient.

REP. ORANGE: (48th)

For a Journal notation, Sir. Would the Journal please note that Representative Fritz was not here due to illness.

Representative Kirkley-Bey left early as we all heard her squeaking. She also came down ill. And would the transcript please note that the following Representatives missed votes today.

SPEAKER AMANN:

Representative Orange, no transcripts.
Representative Orange, that's it for now, Madam.

REP. ORANGE: (48th)

Okay, thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER AMANN:

--suspension. Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number, is there objection? My apologies. Is there objection? Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 519.

CLERK:

Calendar Number 519, Senate Bill Number 66, AN
ACT CONCERNING THE SEVERABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS OF

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THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LEGISLATION, Favorable
Report of the Committee on Appropriations.

SPEAKER AMANN:

Representative O'Brien.

REP. O'BRIEN: (24th)

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

SPEAKER AMANN:

The question is on acceptance of the Joint
Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.
Will you remark?

REP. O'BRIEN: (24th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Clerk has an
amendment, LCO Number 5811. I would ask the amendment
be called and I be allowed to summarize.

SPEAKER AMANN:

Please call Calendar, LCO Number 5811, which was
previously designated Senate Amendment "A".

CLERK:

LCO Number 5811, Senate "A", offered by Senator
DeFronzo et al.

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Representative O'Brien.

REP. O'BRIEN: (24th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the campaign finance reform legislation that I understand is supported by the Governor. It is a compromise, and I move adoption.

SPEAKER AMANN:

The question before the Chamber is adoption.

Will you remark further?

REP. WARD: (86th)

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER AMANN:

Representative Ward.

REP. WARD: (86th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief because I will allow the vote to occur on this before the clock strikes midnight.

I think it is a fair compromise, but I must say this process is absurd. We are handed a 70-page bill at five minutes to midnight, and we need to make a decision.

I glanced at it. I think it's right. I pray it's right, because I'm not at all trustworthy about

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it, but I will vote yes, and hope for the best despite the bad process.

SPEAKER AMANN:

Sir, I would add to clarify that that process is not from the south Chamber because we have great processes, but move on. Let's go.

Do you agree with that? I agree with that? Will you remark further? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER AMANN:

Nay? Ayes have it. The Amendment is adopted. Care to remark further on the Bill that's before us? 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:

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

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

CLERK:

Senate Bill Number 66, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number Voting	145
Necessary for Passage	73
Those voting Yea	122
Those voting Nay	23
Those absent and not voting	6

SPEAKER AMANN:

The Bill passes as amended.

REP. DONOVAN: (84th)

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER AMANN:

Representative Donovan.

REP. DONOVAN: (84th)