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item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There's a motion on the floor to place Calendar number 692 on the Consent Calendar. Without objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Moving to Calendar page 15, Calendar 700, House Bill 6693, move to place the item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There's a motion on the floor to place Calendar number 700 on the Consent Calendar. Without objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Continuing Calendar page 15, Calendar 701, House bill 6642, move to place the item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

There's a motion on the floor to place Calendar number 701 on the Consent Calendar. Without objection, sir, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, Calendar

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Back on Calendar page 18, Calendar 719, House Bill 6676 is marked go and Calendar page 33, Calendar 354, Senate bill 499 is marked go.

Yes, Mr. President, thank you. At this point if the Clerk might call the items on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, please call the Consent Calendar.

THE CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call has been ordered in the Senate on the Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber. Immediate Roll Call has been ordered in the Senate on the Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber.

Mr. President, the items placed on the first Consent Calendar begin on Senate Agenda number one, Substitute for House bill 5211, Substitute for House bill 6672 and Senate bill 880.

From Senate Agenda number two, Substitute for House bill 6481 and Senate bill 1128.

Going to Senate Calendar, calendar page 229, Substitute for Senate bill 549. Calendar 229, substitute for Senate bill 547. Calendar page 7,

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Calendar 602, substitute for House bill 6584.

Calendar page 10, Calendar 639, House bill 6684.

Calendar page 12, Calendar 667, substitute for House

bill 6539. Calendar page 13, Calendar 678, substitute

for House bill 6306. Calendar 679, substitute for

House bill 6279 and Calendar 682, substitute for House

bill 6041. Calendar page 14, Calendar 692, House bill

6248. Calendar page 15, Calendar 700, substitute for

House bill 6693. Calendar 701, substitute for House

bill 6642. Calendar page 17, Calendar 714, substitute

for House bill 6280. Calendar page 21, Calendar 735,

House bill 6523. Calendar page 26, Calendar 337,

Senate bill 1047.

THE CHAIR:

Sir, I believe that was 377.

THE CLERK:

Yes, Mr. President, Calendar 377, Senate bill 1047. And Calendar page 33, Calendar 378, substitute for Senate bill 1048. Mr. President, that completes the items placed on the first Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Please call for Roll Call vote.

Please call for a Roll Call vote on Consent number

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one, the machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

The Senate is now voting by Roll Call on the Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber? The Senate is now voting by Roll Call. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Have all Senators voted? If all Senators have voted, please check your vote, the machine will be locked, the Clerk will call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar Number One.

Total number voting	36
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar Number One passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, would move for immediate transmittal to the House of Representatives

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Total number voting	147
Necessary for passage	74
Those voting yea	147
Those voting nay	0
Absent and not voting	4

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

The bill is amended as passed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Will the House please come back to order?

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 422?

THE CLERK:

On page 11, Calendar 422, substitute for House
Bill Number 6693, AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT
ADMINISTRATION AND THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN DAYS AND
MONTHS BY THE GOVERNOR, favorable report of the
Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

The Honorable Chair of the government
administration and elections committee, Representative
Spallone, you have the floor, sir.

REP. SPALLONE (36th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good evening.

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's
favorable report and passage of the bill.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Question before the chamber is acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage the bill.

Will you remark?

REP. SPALLONE (36th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to this bill, the title is more or less self-explanatory. The bill contains a number of days or weeks that would be designated by the governor to raise awareness or call attention to certain events, medical conditions and so forth.

These are requests that were made to the committee from members of all four caucuses within the building, and requests that were made on behalf of constituents

It also contains a section which removes a reporting requirement for state agencies regarding volunteer programs.

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk is in possession of an amendment, LCO Number 8483. I would ask that the amendment be called and I be granted leave of the chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

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Will the Clerk please call LCO 8483 to be designated House Amendment Schedule "A".

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 8483, House "A" offered by Representative Spallone and Senator Slossberg.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Gentleman has asked leave of the chamber to summarize House Amendment "A".

Is there any objection for his summarization of the amendment?

If not, sir, please summarize the amendment.

REP. SPALLONE (36th): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment makes technical and drafting corrections to the underlying file copy.

It adds additional days of proclamation on the second page of the bill, and it also adds an Honor Our Heroes and Remembrance Day, and finally it corrects some drafting flaws in a bill that was previously passed by this chamber concerning the manufacture of flags displayed on public buildings.

I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Question before the chamber is adoption of House Amendment Schedule "A".

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Will you remark?

The gentlelady from Bolton, Representative
Sawyer, you have the floor, madam.

REP. SAWYER (55th):

Thank you, sir. And a question to the
Distinguished Chair man.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Please proceed, madam.

REP. SAWYER (55th):

I was quickly looking online, and I was unable to
see if there was a fiscal note. It has not been
brought up yet.

Do you have a fiscal note, sir?

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Representative Spallone.

REP. SPALLONE (36th):

I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, I believe the amendment does have a fiscal
note. I will attempt to draw that up.

Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the gentlelady from
Bolton. It is generally my practice to obtain the
fiscal note before a bill is called. It may be filed,
but it is not on the system.

My apologize to the chamber.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Representative Sawyer.

REP. SAWYER (55th):

Sir, if we might stand at ease until that comes up.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Will the chamber please stand at ease.

REP. SAWYER (55th):

Mr. Speaker --

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Representative Sawyer.

REP. SAWYER (55th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I might yield to the Chairman.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Representative Spallone.

REP. SPALLONE (36th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I've been kindly handed a copy of the fiscal note on amendment LCO 8483. The physical note reads no fiscal impact.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

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Thank you very much. And I would like to thank the Chairman for his Section 502, clarified that

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issue, too.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Thank you. Will you remark further?

The distinguished gentleman from Stamford, Representative Leone, you have the floor, sir.

REP. LEONE (148th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this amendment and this bill, and I wanted to thank the Chairman of GAE for bringing out this bill, because it includes some language in here that is important to me and some of my constitute opportunities, and hopefully to some of the people here in had chamber, and that is in recognition of Thomas Paine Day.

Thomas Paine was a British pamphleteer, a revolutionary, a radical, an inventor, an intellectual, and he's also one of the founding fathers of the United States. He was famous for many writings, a few which we probably are familiar with. Common Sense, which argued for the American independence from Britain, and was published months before the Declaration of Independence.

He also wrote in role of The Rights of Man, which

was a guide to enlightenment of ideas; the Age of Reason, which was promoting reason and free thinking. Many of the -- many of the foundations of our current form of government.

His works greatly influenced our founding fathers of this great nation. Even Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Edison respectfully read his works.

One of the key things that he also wrote was the pamphlet called The Crisis. And you might be familiar with these words. And they're still relevant today, and they go forward as such: "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine Patriot will in this crisis shrink from the service of their country, but he that stands for it now deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap we esteem too lightly."

Those are powerful words, and that eloquent writing influenced the nation.

To put it a little bit more simply, one fifth grade teacher in Colorado, a Mark Wilenski, uses his writings in his teachings to his students in a civics

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course, and it has become critical for the students in understanding what exactly "We, the People," really means. That these documents instilled a belief that all our voices are important, that everyone has the right to pursue liberty, and that the future doesn't have to be inevitable, that little voices can make dramatic impacts on events.

Thomas Paine believed that power should radiate from the citizens, and that message is still paramount and important to this day.

Currently there are nine states that recognize Thomas Paine, six of which are the original 13 colonies. It is only right that Connecticut is one of the original 13 to join this esteemed club in celebrating the works of an individual who influenced a fledgling nation that has become a global leader today.

I urge and support this bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Thank you, sir, for your remarks.

Will you remark further on House Amendment Schedule A?

The Distinguished Ranking Member of the GAE,

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Representative Hetherington you have the floor, sir.

REP. HETHERINGTON 125th:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I certainly concur with the remarks of the Representative from Norwalk, and I appreciate the work of the chairman of this committee in putting together a diverse assembly of -- of recognitions, and I fully support the amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Thank you, sir, for your remarks.

Will you remark further on House Amendment Schedule "A".

The honorable gentleman from Woodstock, Representative Alberts, you have the floor, sir.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just one question to the proponent of the amendment, if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

There are very specific days and months here that are specified for recognition. I am just curious if these dates were all coordinated with the governor's office as part of this process.

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Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Representative Spallone.

REP. SPALLONE (36th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, to Representative Alberts, it's my understanding in consultation with Legislative Commissioner's Office attorney and the Office of Legislative Research that these days are checked against a schedule of days that have already been designated in the past.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Representative Alberts.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the gentleman for his answer.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Thank you, sir, for your remarks.

Will you remark further on House Amendment Schedule "A"? Will you remark further on House Amendment Schedule "A"?

If not, I'll try your minds.

All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

All 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?

The honorable gentleman from Waterbury,
Representative Noujaim, you have the floor, sir.

REP. NOUJAIM (74th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good evening,
Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rising for support of
this bill as amended. I would like to extend my sign
searest gratitude to the chairman of the GAE
committee, Representative Spallone, for agreeing to
include in it a missing person's days, which you will
find on lines 9 through 13 in this bill as amended.

There is a family in Waterbury, Smolinski family,
that has been suffering the loss of their son since
2003. He disappeared on August 24, 2003, and he is
still missing, has never been found.

So this will honor the memory of all missing
people, not just one person from Waterbury. And I
rise in full support of this amendment, and I urge
adoption by all of my colleagues.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Thank you, sir, for your remarks.

The Distinguished Ranking Member of the GAE committee, Representative Hetherington, you have the floor, sir.

REP. HETHERINGTON 125th:

Mr. Speaker, on the bill I rise to support the bill. I would be less than candid if I didn't say that it gives me a little bit of concern, a little bit of distress that at a time when there is so much of grave importance facing this state, we are spending time and have spent time assembling a catalog of remembrances or recognitions, some of which are easily identified and I think would be shared by almost everyone, some of which are, frankly, bewildering.

So I'm somewhat torn in this. I'm not sure how my constituents would feel if they were watching, perhaps they are, to see how we are engaged in our deliberations.

However, on the whole, I think there are a number of obviously worthy recognitions, and I think that the bill as a whole probably reflects the sincere convictions of many of the people who send us here.

Therefore, and with, once again, noting the great

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efforts of the chairs of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, I urge support for this bill.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Thank you, sir, for your remarks.

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. Will the members please take your seats. The machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representative is voting by roll call. Members to the chamber. The House is voting by roll call. Members to the chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Will the members please check the board to determine whether your vote has been properly cast?

If all members have voted, the machine will be locked.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally?

THE CLERK:

House Bill Number 6693, as amended by House "A".

Total number voting 145

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Necessary for passage	73
Those voting yea	144
Those voting nay	1
Absent not voting	6

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

The bill as amended is passed.

Will the chamber please stand at ease?

Will The House please come back to order?

Representative Olson, for what purpose do you
rise, madam

REP. OLSON (46TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for immediate
transmittal to the Senate of all items previously
being acted on by the House and which require further
action.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

If there's no objection, it is so ordered.

Will the House please come back to order

Representative Hewett, for what purpose do you
rise, sir?

REP. HEWETT (39th):

Referring bills, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY: