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Quninnipiac University, she's a political science and public relations major, and she will be doing an internship this summer with Senator Dodd, and hopeful of having a public service career.

Sukaina Hussein is second year law student at UConn law school. She's expecting to do a internship this summer with the International Rescue Committee and is hopeful, after she finishes her law studies, in pursuing a career in immigration law.

So I wish you would give a usual warm welcome to these two very distinguished student with hopes for great success in their careers.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Meyer.

Mr. Clerk, will you return to the call of the calendar please.

THE CLERK: Calendar page 4, Calendar Number 208, House Bill Number 245. substitute for Senate Bill 881, AN ACT CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE, favorable report of the Committee on Commerce and Export. Clerk is in possession of amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator LeBeau.

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SENATOR LeBEAU:

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and approval of the bill, sir, will you remark further?

SENATOR LeBEAU:

Yes, I would. Mr. President, the Clerk has an amendment, LCO Number 6210. May he call it and may I be allowed to summarize?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO 6210, which will be designated Senate Amendment Schedule A. It is offered by Senator LeBeau of the 3rd District et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator LeBeau.

SENATOR LeBEAU:

Yes, Mr. President. Today is the day, I guess, for asking DECD for some short summary reports on this. And what this amendment would do would be to change the substance of the Bill, to

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ask DECD for a -- to evaluate the competitiveness of Connecticut as a place to do business. We specify that the report shall not be any more than three pages and it should be limited of an evaluation of how programs and policies of the State affect the economy and business environment.

The second part would be the ability of the State to retain and attract businesses. The steps taken by other states to improve the competitiveness of such states is places for businesses and programs and policies that the State can implement to improve the competitiveness of such states as places for business and programs and policies that the State can implement to improve the competitiveness of the State as a place for business.

So this would give us a bit of a blueprint going forward in terms of what the State can do, what other states are doing, to take a look at the general business environment and the environment with our competition, which is other states and other countries around the world, to see how we are stacking up and how well we could do. And to give us a bit of a road map to how -- what we

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might do to improve our performance as a State. And also, quite frankly give us non-partisan and I think, objective view of this. I think some of the reports that sometimes come out are not necessarily non partisan but I'm not sure of their objectivity and I would depend on DECD to provide that kind of objective look.

And I think this would be healthy. It would allow -- as this report came in, I'm sure there'd be commentary and we could look at this as a whole, as a united senate, as a united legislature, to look at business in the state, and to help us, again, provide a roadmap for the future. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark? Remark further on Senate A? Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

Thank you, Mr. President and I stand to make a few comments to the proponent of the amendment, through you.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir. Senator LeBeau.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

Thank you. The state of Connecticut has traditionally been an industrial power house and has more recently become more of a financial and financial services power house, you know, during the last fifty and seventy five years.

There is a lot to be proud of here. Our heritage includes, not just yankee ingenuity, but the ability to put into affect an incredible industrial base right here in Connecticut. I think one of the biggest challenges that we face, as we go through this economic quagmire, as I like to call it these days, is where are we going to be ten years, in fifty and hundred years down the road? I think a very useful tool, which you have suggested here, and I think its great thinking on your part as well as on the part of Commerce Committee, to make this suggestion, as we face the choices that we do these days and they will undoubtedly determine what the face of Connecticut, as well as the heart and soul looks like, well down the road, we need to have a tool.

We need to have something that is easy to read for, not only the citizens of the state Of Connecticut, but also for legislators, quite

frankly. How many reports do we get that are thousands of pages long, that sit there on our shelves and gather dust? What we need is a dashboard type of report, something that you might see in a private sector, something has up to date graphics. Something that's consistent over the course of time, giving us metrics and data, such as how many new companies have started in Connecticut during the previous year? How many of the tax credit programs that we've put into effect during the previous two years have actually borne some fruit for the base, the commerce base of Connecticut? And how many other initiatives are working, and quite frankly, what's not working? I think it's very important.

I'm not saying the state economy is sick, but we know that we're not revving along like we should be and this is true of the entire country. We need a tool that can tell us what might be potentially a problem in our state, what is a problem currently, and this is the way to do it.

So I stand in favor of this amendment and I also applaud you, Senator LeBeau, for a great idea, thank you. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Senator LeBeau.

SENATOR LeBEAU:

Through you Mr. President, to Senator Frantz. I'd like to thank him for his work on this amendment. He has been instrumental in bringing this in front of us today. And I think that in your background and your experience will, you know, will -- has already provided substantial input into the Commerce Committee and I look forward to continuing that.

And A little bit of commentary on some of the things you just brought up, Senator. The, you know, we have been changing, as a economy and I think that's part of what we want to gather in this short report, is where those changes are heading. I mean, like, you did not mention biotechnology, you did not mention biopharmaceuticals, information technology. I mean, those are industries that have grown tremendously over the last twenty years. And we need to try those industries through our state policies. Also, we need to contain and continue to support our legacy industries, aerospace,

financial services, including our insurance industries. These are very important for the future of our state, to stabilize those, to grow on those, to use our -- the base that we have, and to use that base to grow.

Again, I thank you for your help on this, and recognize that today. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further? Senator McKinney.

SENATOR MCKINNEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I too wanted to rise in support of the amendment and to also compliment both Senator LeBeau and Senator Frantz for their work on this together.

This may seem like a simple study to many in the outside world looking at it, but it is of critical importance. Our economy is struggling right now and we need to understand that what we do in this building and what government does has an impact on our state's economy, on our state's work force and the types of businesses and jobs we have here. And also, to Senator LeBeau's last point, we in Connecticut need to understand where

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the jobs of the future are coming from so we can prepare to be ahead of that curve. No longer are we competing just with New York or Massachusetts or Rhode Island. Quite frankly, I think those states are our opportunity, but our competition lies in places like South Carolina and Texas and Mexico and China and other places around the globe.

We need to be prepared to beat that competition so we can keep our businesses and jobs here, so I want to commend both the Chair and the ranking member of the Commerce Committee for a good piece of legislation. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on Senate Amendment A? If not let me try your minds -- Senator LaBeau. Okay.

SENATOR LeBEAU:

I was a little too soon there, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Let me try your minds. All those in favor, signify by saying, aye.

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Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed, nays.

The ayes have it. Senate Amendment A is adopted. Senator LaBeau.

SENATOR LeBEAU:

If there's no objection, could we move this bill to the consent calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on the floor for consent on Senate Bill 881 as amended by Senate A. Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar number 244, File Number 20, House Bill 6263, AN ACT REQUIRING THE ADMINISTRATION OF A SCREENING TEST FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS TO NEWBORN INFANTS, favorable report of the Committee on Public Health.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Good afternoon. I'm over my jet lag, Mr. President.

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Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Mr. President, that item might be marked passed, retaining its place on the calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered, sir. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Mr. President, if the remaining items that we had marked earlier, Calendar page 28, Calendar 367; Calendar page 29, Calendar 415; might also be marked passed, retaining their place on the calendar. And if the Clerk might proceed to vote on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, please call consent calendar.

THE CLERK:

Roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the consent calendar. Will all senators please return to the chamber. Roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the consent calendar. Will all senators please return to the chamber.

Mr. President, before voting on the consent calendar, those items placed on the consent

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calendar began on calendar page 3, Calendar Number 165, substitute for Senate Bill 781; Calendar page 4, Calendar 208, substitute for Senate Bill 881; Calendar 244, House Bill 6263; Calendar page 7, Calendar 394, substitute for House Bill 5834; Calendar page 17, Calendar Number 102, substitute for Senate Bill 710; Calendar page 19, Calendar 145, Senate Bill 974; Calendar page 20, Calendar 155, substitute for Senate Bill 451; Calendar page 22, Calendar 198, Senate Bill 989; Calendar page 23, Calendar 222, substitute for Senate Bill 957; Calendar page 28, Calendar Number 354, substitute for Senate Bill 499. Mr. President, I believe that completes those items previously placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Okay. The Clerk, please call the consent calendar for a roll call. The machine will be open.

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

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has been ordered in the Senate on the consent calendar. 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 1.

Total Number Voting	35
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

The consent calendar passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.  
Mr. President, I believe the Clerk is in possession of Senate Agendas 1 and 2.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

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Please call the Consent Calendar again, sir, 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 on the Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Have all Senators voted? 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:

The motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar number two.

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

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar number two passes. Senator Looney.

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On Page 16, Calendar Number 596, Substitute for  
Senate Bill Number 881 AN ACT CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL  
COMMERCE. Favorable Report of the Committee on  
Commerce.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

The honorable Vice-Chair of the Commerce  
Committee, Representative Zalaski, you have the floor,  
sir.

REP. ZALASKI (81st):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

The question before the Chamber is acceptance and  
passage of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report in  
concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark?

REP. ZALASKI (81st):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. The Clerk has an Amendment,  
LCO Number 6210 and I ask that I be allowed to,  
granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Will the Clerk please call LCO Number 6210.

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LCO Number 6210, Senate "A", offered by Senator  
Williams, et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

The gentleman has asked leave of the Chamber to summarize Senate Amendment Schedule "A". Is there any objection? Is there any objection? If not, Sir, summarize Senate "A".

REP. ZALASKI (81st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill requires that DECD prepare and submit a summary report to the Commerce Committee evaluating the competitiveness of Connecticut as a place for doing business by January 1, 2010 and annually thereafter, and I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of Senate "A". Will you remark? Will you remark? If not, oops, Representative Alberts, you have the floor, sir.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to confirm that there is no fiscal note, through you, Mr. Speaker, for this Amendment?

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Representative Zalaski.

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REP. ZALAEKI (81st):

That is correct. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Representative Alberts.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and looking at the timeline here, what is the requirement in terms of when the material has to be submitted? It's basically on a calendar date of January 1st, and not only of 2010, but each succeeding year on that date? Is that not correct? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ZALASKI (81st):

That is correct, Mr. Speaker, through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Representative Alberts.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Amendment, and apparently after we pass this Amendment, I believe this would become the Bill, and I support the Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Thank you, sir, for your remarks. Will you remark further on Senate "A"? Will you remark further on Senate "A"? If not, I'll try your minds.

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All those in favor of Senate "A" please signify  
by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

All those opposed, Nay. Senate "A" is adopted.

Will you remark further on the Bill as amended?

Will you remark further on the Bill as amended.

Representative Zalaski.

REP. ZALASK (81st):

Yes, Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an Amendment, LCO  
Number 8066, House "A". I ask that I be granted leave  
of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Will the Clerk please call LCO Number 8066 to be  
designated House "A".

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 8066, House "A", offered by  
Representative Berger, Senator Frantz, et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

The gentleman has asked leave of the Chamber to  
summarize House "A". Is there objection? Is there  
objection? If not, sir, summarize House "A".

REP. ZALASKI (81st):

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Yes, Mr. Speaker, this Bill is the, this keeps all the agency reporting requirements consolidated into one report and makes this requirement compliant with the Section CG-32-1(m)18(b), which requires that all annual reports that are required from the Department by any provision of the General Statutes, shall be incorporated into the annual report. And I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of House "A". Will you remark? Representative Alberts.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a good Amendment. We support it, and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of it and also to vote in favor of the bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Thank you, sir, for your remarks. Will you remark further on House "A"? Will you remark further on House "A"?

If not, I'll try your minds. All those in favor of House "A" please signify by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

All those opposed, Nay. Ayes have it. House "A"  
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. Will Members please take your  
seats. The machine will be opened.

THE 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 McCLUSKEY:

Have all the Members voted? Have all the Members  
voted? Will the Members please check the board to  
determine if your vote has been properly cast.

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

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill Number 881 as amended by House "A"  
and Senate "A".

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Those voting Yea	146
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	5

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

The Bill as amended is passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 697.

THE CLERK:

On Page 24, Calendar Number 697, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 995 AN ACT CONCERNING BENEFICIAL REUSE, RECYCLING, ILLEGAL DUMPING AND MUNICIPAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS. Favorable Report of the Committee on Energy and Technology.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

Representative Schofield.

REP. SCHOFIELD (16th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do seem to have difficulty with this microphone, don't I?

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER McCLUSKEY:

The question before the Chamber is acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of