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Thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 588, House Bill Number 6324, I move to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on the floor to place item on the Consent Calendar.

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 589, PR.

Calendar 590 is marked go.

Calendar 591, PR.

Calendar 592, House Bill Number 6439, Mr. President, I move to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is to place item on consent.

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 593, PR.

Calendar 594, PR.

Moving to calendar page 22, Calendar 595 is marked go.

Moving pass the single starred items in the next few pages, moving to calendar page 26, under Matters

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for House Bill 6643; Calendar 536, Substitute for  
House Bill 6685.

Calendar page 15, Calendar Number 539, Substitute  
for House Bill 6287.

Calendar page 17, Calendar 553, Substitute for  
Senate Bill 885.

Calendar page 20, Calendar 587, Substitute for  
House Bill 6598; Calendar 588, Substitute for House  
Bill 6324.

Calendar page 21, Calendar 592, House Bill 6439.

Calendar page 27, Calendar Number 135, Senate  
Bill 842.

Calendar page 28, Calendar 140, Senate Bill 872.

Calendar page 29, Calendar 175, Substitute for  
Senate Bill 617.

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Calendar page 31, Calendar 206, Substitute for  
Senate Bill 949.

Calendar page 37, Calendar Number 368, Senate  
Bill 846.

Calendar page 38, Calendar 396, House Bill 5841.

Calendar page 42, Calendar 519, Substitute for  
Senate Bill 1092; Calendar 375, Substitute for Senate  
Bill 1021.

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items placed on the first Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Clerk, if you could please call for a roll call vote, I will open the machine.

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 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.

Mr. Clerk, please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

The motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar  
Number 1:

Total Number Voting	36
Necessary for Adoption	19
Those Voting Yea	36
Those Voting Nay	0
Those Absent/Not Voting	0

THE CHAIR:

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Consent Calendar Number 1 passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I would move for suspension for immediate transmittal to the House of Representatives of item on calendar page 42, Calendar 519, Senate Bill 1092, An Act Concerning the Client's Security Fund, that was included in the immediately preceding vote on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is to suspend down to the House Calendar 519.

Without objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, as the second order of the day, I would ask the Clerk to call the item on calendar page 22, Calendar 595, Substitute for House Bill 6648.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Turning to calendar page 22, a matter marked second order of the day, Calendar Number 595, File

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SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The bill as amended passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 454.

CLERK:

On Page 41, Calendar Number 454, Substitute for House Bill Number 6690 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL LOBBYING. Favorable Report of the Committee on Planning and Development.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Hewett.

REP. HEWETT: (39th)

Good evening, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Good evening, Representative.

REP. HEWETT: (39th)

Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Without objection, so ordered.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 189.

CLERK:

On Page 32, Calendar 189, House Bill Number 6439  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE VOTING RIGHTS OF CERTAIN



SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD PERSONS. Favorable Report of the  
Committee on Appropriations.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Spallone. Good evening, Sir.

REP. SPALLONE: (36th)

Thank you. Good evening, Mr. Speaker. Mr.  
Speaker, I move for acceptance of the Joint  
Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question is on acceptance of the Joint  
Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

Will you remark, Sir?

REP. SPALLONE: (36th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this bill  
simply puts into our statutes, it codifies the  
constitutional amendment that was approved by this  
Assembly last year, and then approved by the voters of  
the State of Connecticut in the November election that  
allows seventeen-year olds to vote in primaries, as  
long as they'll be eighteen on or before the date of  
the general election.

So this simply amends Section 9-431 and basically  
tracks the language of the amendment so to ensure the  
voting rights of these individuals that they will be

permitted to vote in our primaries, and I'm sure the Members are largely familiar with the topic from last year's debate, and I would urge support of this bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative. Representative Hetherington.

REP. HETHERINGTON: (125th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Ranking Member of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, I rise to support this bill. I think it implements effectively the constitutional amendment that has been passed allowing seventeen-year olds to participate in the electoral process and I would urge its adoption. Thank you.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative. Representative O'Neill.

REP. O'NEILL: (69th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I plan to vote for this. I helped draft the constitutional amendment language when we had to reach a compromise on the floor, finding some flaws in the original amendment when it was brought forward a couple of years ago, and I

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certainly support the legislation that's sitting  
before us today.

And it's a good idea when the Constitution is  
amended to promptly implement that constitutional  
change.

I would just bring to the Assembly's attention  
that in 1992 the Constitution was amended to provide  
for a state budget cap and a variety of other things  
related to the spending of money by the State of  
Connecticut, and I believe we have yet to implement a  
spending cap bill all these years later.

And I would hope that this will be a harbinger of  
something to come in the near future to deal with  
that.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark  
further on the bill? Will you remark further on the  
bill?

If not, staff and guests come to the Well of the  
House. Members take their seats. The machine will be  
opened.

CLERK:

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The House of Representatives is voting by Roll

Call. Members to the Chamber.

The House is voting by Roll Call. Members to the Chamber.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Have all the Members voted? Have all the Members voted? Members please check the machine to make sure that your vote is properly cast.

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

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

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Total Number Voting	139
Necessary for Passage	70
Those voting Yea	139
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	12

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The bill passes.

Representative Harkins, for what reason do you rise?

REP. HARKINS: (120th)