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Bill Number 5841, I move to refer this item to the
Education Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 397, PR.

Calendar 398, PR.

Calendar 399, House Bill Number 6427, Mr.

President, I move to place this item on the foot of
the calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 400, House
Bill Number 6351, Mr. President, I move to place this
item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on consent. Without objection, so
ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Moving to calendar
page 20, Calendar 401, PR.

Calendar 402 is marked go.

Calendar 403, PR.

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Agenda Number 3, Emergency Certified Bill 6716 and
House Bill -- correction, 6379.

Turning to the calendar, calendar page 2,
Calendar Number 475, Senate Resolution Number 19;
Calendar 476, Senate Resolution Number 20; Calendar
477, Senate Joint Resolution Number 74.

Calendar page 4, Calendar Number 139, Senate Bill
854.

Calendar page 6, Calendar 178, Senate Bill 873.

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Senate Bill 756.

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Senate Bill 46.

Calendar page 10, Calendar Number 240, House Bill
Number 6401.

Calendar page 12, Calendar Number 264, Substitute
for Senate Bill 1023.

Calendar page 14, Calendar 328, Substitute for
Senate Bill 814.

Calendar page 19, Calendar Number 400, House Bill
6351.

Calendar page 20, Calendar Number 402, Substitute
for House Bill 6193.

Calendar page 21, Calendar 408, House Bill 6322;

Calendar 409, Senate Bill 1013.

Calendar page 23, Calendar 423, Substitute for
Senate Bill 1010.

Calendar page 27, Calendar 443, Substitute Senate
Bill 1149; Calendar 447, Senate Bill 673; Calendar
448, Senate Bill 1029.

Calendar page 30, Calendar 459, House Bill 5138;
Calendar 461, House Bill 6406; Calendar 462,
Substitute for House Bill 6537.

Calendar page 39, Calendar Number 81, Substitute
for Senate Bill 760; Calendar 83, Senate Bill 762;
Calendar 99, Senate Bill 787.

Calendar page 40, Calendar 119, Substitute for
Senate Bill 778.

Calendar page 43, Calendar 171, Senate Bill 251.

Calendar page 46, Calendar Number 266, Senate
Bill Number 382.

Calendar page 51, Calendar Number 356.

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Mr. President, I believe that completes those
items previously placed on the first Consent Calendar.

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:

The machine is open.

Members, please check the board to see if your vote is properly cast and properly recorded. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked.

Would the Clerk please take a 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/not voting, 1.

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar 1 is passed.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, the two items that appeared on Senate Agenda Number 3, have just been passed on the Consent Calendar. I would move that the first item from Senate Agenda Number 3, House Bill 6716, the emergency certified bill, I move for immediate transmittal of that item to the Governor.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is for immediate transmittal to the

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The House of Representatives is voting by roll call. Members to the chamber. Members to the chamber. The House is taking a roll call vote.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Will the members 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 please take a tally. Will be Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Bill 6715 as amended by House A.

Total Number Voting 146

Necessary for Passage 74

Those voting Yea 136

Those voting Nay 10

Those absent and not voting 5

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The bill as amended is passed.

The Clerk please call Calendar 114.

THE CLERK:

On page 5, Calendar 140, House Bill Number 6351,
AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS'
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE HUMAN

SERVICES STATUTES, favorable report of the Committee on Human Services.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Lyddy.

REP. LYDDY (106th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Question is acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Will you remark?

REP. LYDDY (106th):

Mr. Speaker, this bill before us is simple in nature and simply clears up some current language and current statute. The department is in agreement with the proposed changes including simply replacing the words "comprised" to "composed"; "employment sponsor" to "employer sponsored," and et cetera. I have a -- the Clerk has an amendment, LCO 5508. I would ask the Clerk to please call the amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 5508 which will be

designated House Amendment Schedule A.

THE CLERK:

LCO number 5508 House A, offered by
Representatives McCluskey and Olson.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the amendment. Is there objection to summarization? Is there objection? Hearing none, Representative Lyddy, you may proceed with summarization.

REP. LYDDY (106th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the amendment is also a simple change that the department found was not originally in the technical changes of the bill. This language simply clarifies who's eligible for safety net services. This is the current practice of the department and simply clarifies the legislative intent. I move adoption.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of House amendment Schedule A. Will you remark on the amendment? Will you remark on the amendment? If not, I'll your minds. All those in favor of the amendment, signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

All those opposed, nay.

The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted.

Remark further on the bill as amended? Remark further? Representative Gibbons.

REP. GIBBONS (150th):

I love all the people surrounding there. I wish they'd come over and surround me too, to make sure I say the right things.

This bill, as described, and the amendment is a good amendment. Initially, the amendment did contrary to what we wanted to do. It's an "or" rather than an "and" for these safety net services. The bill is really LCO temp revisions of different statutes that come before the DSS and become before the Legislature. So thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge adoption of the bill as amended. Thank you.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative. Remark further on the bill as amended? Remark further on the bill as amended? If not, staff and guests to the well of the House. Members take their seats. The machine will be

open.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll
call. Members to the chamber. The House of is voting
by roll call, members to the chamber.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

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

THE CLERK:

House bill 6351 as amended by House Amendment
Schedule A.

Total Number Voting	145
Necessary for Passage	73
Those voting Yea	145
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	6

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The bill as amended is passed.

Clerk please call Calendar 183.

THE CLERK:

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S. B. No. 853 (RAISED) AN ACT LIMITING LIABILITY FOR HOMEMAKERS AND COMPANIONS WHO TRANSPORT HOME CARE RECIPIENTS.

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H. B. No. 6401 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

H. B. No. 6351 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE HUMAN SERVICES STATUTES.

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Proposed S. B. No. 635 AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO INFORM MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES CONCERNING THE USE OF MEDICATIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID DEPENDENCY.

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H. B. No. 6402 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MAXIMIZATION OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGES (FMAP).

S. B. No. 817 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO A HEARING IN THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TRANSITIONARY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SECTION 8 VOUCHER PROGRAM.

S. B. No. 820 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RAPID REHOUSING PROGRAM.

H. B. No. 6418 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME PATIENTS.

H. B. No. 6416 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PAYMENTS TO HOSPITALS and S. B. No. 637 AN ACT CONCERNING DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PAYMENTS TO HOSPITALS

H. B. No. 6400 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STRENGTHENING OF NURSING HOME OVERSIGHT

*Kevin Loveland
David Parrella
February 17, 2009*

The department recommends that the Human Services committee support this bill again this year.

H. B. No. 6401 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

The federal Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-246) changed the name of the federal Food Stamp program to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) effective 10/1/08. This bill changes all references to the Food Stamp program in the Connecticut General Statutes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, now known as SNAP for short. In addition, the bill changes the name of Connecticut's existing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which funds the provision of commodities for food pantries, soup kitchens and emergency shelters through the Connecticut Food Bank, to the Supplemental Nutrition Commodities Assistance Program in order to avoid confusion with the federal program.

The department asks for the committee's support of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today. We will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Written Remarks on Additional Legislation

H. B. No. 6351 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE HUMAN SERVICES STATUTES.

The department requests that two technical revisions be included in this legislation.

1. Due to recent issues that needed attention and analysis in the Certificate of Need (CON) hearing area, it became apparent that 17b-352 (b) needs amending for consistency and accuracy in that it currently does not actually include a person who wants to establish a new facility. It only refers to expanding an existing program.

Subsection (b) of section 17b-352 is amended as follows:

(b) **Any individual or entity that intends to establish a new facility and** [Any] **any** facility which intends to (1) transfer all or part of its ownership or control prior to being initially licensed; (2) introduce any additional function or service into its program of care or expand an existing function or service; or (3) terminate a service or decrease substantially its total bed capacity, shall submit a complete request for permission to **establish a new facility or** implement such transfer, addition, expansion, increase, termination or decrease with such information as the department requires to the Department of Social Services, provided no permission or request for permission to close a facility is required when a facility in receivership is closed by order of the Superior Court pursuant to section 19a-545. The Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman

pursuant to section 17b-400 shall be notified by the facility of any proposed actions pursuant to this subsection at the same time the request for permission is submitted to the department and when a facility in receivership is closed by order of the Superior Court pursuant to section 19a-545.

2. Public Act 07-160 amended CGS 17b-112e, the Safety Net Services statute, to add subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) to reflect the provision of upfront intensive services to participants in the Jobs First Employment Services program through the Employment Success Program, as well as subdivision (3) pertaining to the expansion of the Safety Net program to those whose benefits were terminated at the end of their time limits. These were added to subdivision (4) which was the original criteria to qualify for Safety Net services. Unfortunately the drafter used the conjunction "and" rather than "or", strictly meaning that someone would have to meet all four criteria to qualify. This was not the legislative intent and makes the statutes internally inconsistent, since the first two subdivisions apply to current recipients of TFA while the second two subdivisions apply to former recipients of TFA.

The department therefore suggests a technical amendment as shown below to correct this error.

Sec. 17b-112e. Safety net services. Regulations. (a) The Department of Social Services shall provide safety net services for certain families identified as having significant barriers to employment and families who are at risk of losing benefits under the temporary family assistance program or no longer receiving program benefits. Such families shall include those: (1) Identified as having significant barriers to employment during the initial assessment by the department's eligibility worker or during the first twelve months of employment services by an employment services case manager; (2) who have made a good faith effort to seek and maintain employment but have not been able to do so or who are at risk of failing to complete the employment services program; (3) who have exhausted their eligibility for temporary family assistance program benefits; [and] or (4) who are not eligible for six-month extensions of temporary family assistance benefits due to: (A) The receipt of two sanctions from the department during the first twenty months of the twenty-one-month time limit of said temporary family assistance program; or (B) the determination by the department that such a family has not made a good-faith effort to seek and maintain employment.

Proposed S. B. No. 346 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION TO COMMUNITY PROVIDERS.

This bill appears to require the transfer of all social services programs in state government from state agency administration to community-based private providers. Although the department believes there is a definite role for community based providers in delivering social services in the state, the administration of certain programs is required to be done by state agency personnel, such as in the Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs, or the critical nature of the service call for direct state administration, such as with protective services for children and the elderly