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Thank you, Mr. President. On Calendar page three, Calendar 279 is marked "go." On Calendar page five, Calendar 392, House Bill 6433 is marked "go." Also, on Calendar page five, Calendar 397, House Bill 5915, marked "go."

Then, Mr. President, we have several Consent Calendar items. Calendar page five, Calendar 405, House Bill 5536. Mr. President, move to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Calendar page six, Calendar 406, House Bill 5873. Mr. President, move to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Also, Calendar page six, Calendar 407, Senate Bill 1079. Mr. President, move to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

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that it be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk, would you please return to the call of the Calendar. Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, if the Clerk might call the first Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

The roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber? An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber? Mr. President, those items placed on the first Consent Calendar begin on Calendar page 5. Calendar Number 392, House Bill 6433.

Calendar 397, Substitute for House Bill 5915.

Calendar 405, House Bill 5536.

Calendar page 6, Calendar 406, House Bill 5873.

Calendar 457, substitute for House Bill 6264.

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Calendar page 12. Calendar Number 599,
substitute for House Bill 6463.

Calendar page 13, Calendar 608, House Bill 6640.

Calendar page 14, Calendar 611, substitute for
House Bill 6341.

Calendar 612, substitute for House Bill 6286.

Calendar 620, substitute for House Bill 5664.

Calendar page 15, Calendar 622, substitute for
House Bill 6496.

Calendar page 16, Calendar 628, House Bill 5809.

Calendar 630, substitute for House Bill 5519.

Calendar page 23, Calendar Number 284, substitute
for Senate Bill 290.

Calendar page 24, Calendar 103, Senate Bill 754.

Calendar 120, Senate Bill 818.

Calendar 136, Senate Bill 789.

Calendar page 26, Calendar 179, substitute for
Senate Bill 951.

Calendar page 27, Calendar 207, substitute for
Senate Bill 950.

Calendar page 29, Calendar 252, substitute for
Senate Bill 1068.

Calendar page 34, Calendar Number 420, Senate

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Bill 325.

And Calendar page 40, Calendar Number 541, House
Bill 6076.

Mr. President, that completes the items placed on
the first Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

On the first Consent Calendar, the machine is
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 the Senators voted? Seeing that all
Senators have voted, the machine will be closed.
Clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motions on adoption to the Consent Calendar,
number 1.

Total Number Voting	36
Those voting Yea	36

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Those voting Nay 0
Those absent and not voting 0

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar is adopted. Mr. Majority
Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, a few
more items to be marked "go." First, Calendar page
29, Calendar 249, House Bill 6185. Calendar page 35,
Calendar 424, Senate Bill 1045. Calendar page 36,
Calendar 429, Senate Bill 940. Thank you, Mr.
President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Turning to Calendar page 29, Calendar Number 249,
Files number 49 and 285, House Bill 6185, AN ACT
CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN
PERSONNEL FILE STATUTES as amended by House Amendment,
Schedule "A". Favorably Reported, Committee on Labor
and Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Prague.

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The bill passes. Will the Clerk please call
Calendar Number 157.

THE CLERK:

On page 9, Calendar 157, House Bill Number 5873,
AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF PLANNING
COMMISSIONS TO APPROVE MUNICIPAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS,
favorable report of the Committee on Planning and
Development.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Rojas, you have the floor, sir.

REP. ROJAS (9th):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

The question is acceptance of the Joint
Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.
Will you remark further, sir.

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. In the spirit of
efficiency and streamlining government, this bill
clarifies that statutes allowing municipalities to
repave roadways without having to submit an 8-24
report to the municipality for approval, therefore

streamlining the process.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Will you remark further on the bill?

Representative Aman of the 14th.

REP. AMAN (14th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you, I do have some questions to the proponent of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Please proceed.

REP. AMAN (14th):

Thank you. I'm looking at the bill and in the original language that we're not changing, it talks about widening, narrowing or extending any street or substantially improving any street, all require an 8-24 approval. And in the new language we have, we talk about the fact that they don't need an approval for resurfacing of roads. And I guess my question is, how is that not possible to resurface a road and not widen, narrow, extend or more importantly, substantially improve? I think most towns would be very upset if they were resurfacing a road and somebody said, that didn't substantially improve the road. Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

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Representative Rojas:

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to thank the Representative for his question. The issue simply came up when I was serving on the town council in East Hartford. Every time we were going to repave a road, this law required that we actually go to the planning and zoning commission in town to get approval for simply resurfacing a road. So this is simply trying to simplify that process and clarify it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Aman.

REP. AMAN (14th):

Yes. And looking at this, while I -- many of my feelings on this bill is similar to the one that's -- we just recently passed in that we're telling a town to go ahead and do what its own job is. I will be supporting it. I really wonder again like the other bill that this sort of legislation really is necessary.

I can see right now if opponents of a project would like to cause problems, they could use the language in this bill. Also, the bill does call under

current language that two thirds majority of the Legislature, they can completely override the planning and zoning commission. They also, if 35 days goes by from the time the legislative body asks the planning and zoning commission for approval, they don't respond, approval is always given. I wish very much that same 35-day period could be extended to many of the state agencies, that if they didn't reply within 35 days they would also have automatic approvals. I think the municipalities would be very happy to see that, but I will be supporting the bill, and I thank you very much for bringing it up.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Will you remark further on the bill before us? Will you remark further? Will you remark further on the bill before us? If not, staff and guests to the well of the House. Members please take your seats. The machine will be open.

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 ORANGE:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted?

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Please check the board and make sure that your vote is properly cast. Is so, the machine will be locked.

Representative Willis, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am.

REP. WILLIS (64th):

Madam Speaker, could you -- I vote in the affirmative. I apologize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Willis in the affirmative. Will the Clerk please take a tally. Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Bill Number 5873.

Total Number Voting	144
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Necessary for Passage	73
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Those voting Yea	144
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Those voting Nay	0
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Those absent and not voting	7
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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

The bill passes.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 152.

THE CLERK:

On page 8, Calendar 152, House Bill Number 5536,

AN ACT CONCERNING INTEREST ON CHARGES FOR SEWER SYSTEM