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Without objection, this item is moved to the consent calendar.

Mr. Clerk, 487.

THE CLERK:

On page 26, Calendar -- nope, not on page 26. It is on page 25, Calendar 487, Senate Bill Number 250, AN ACT CONCERNING ANATOMICAL GIFTS, favorable reporting, Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative Heinrich.

REP. HEINRICH (101st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The question is on passage and concurrence.

Representative Heinrich.

REP. HEINRICH (101st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill is an important update to Connecticut's Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.

The Clerk is in possession of an amendment, LCO 4847, previously designated as Senate Amendment "A."

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I ask that he call it and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Clerk is in possession of LCO 4847, previously designated as Senate Amendment Schedule "A." Mr. Clerk, please call the amendment.

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 4847, Senate A offered by Senators Harris, Debicella and Representatives Ritter and (inaudible).

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The gentlewoman has asked leave of the Chamber to summarize. Is there objection? Hearing none, Representative Heinrich.

REP. HEINRICH (101st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This amendment clarifies the intent of the bill and specifically removes the cost for the DMV in the fiscal note. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The question is on adoption. Will you remark on Senate Amendment schedule A?

If not, let me try your minds.

All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

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Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Opposed, nay. The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Will you remark further on the bill as amended?

If not, staff and guests, please come to the well of the house. Members, take your seats -- I'm sorry. I'm sorry. No.

Representative Heinrich.

REP. HEINRICH (101st):

Mr. Speaker, if there's no objection, may we please move this to the consent calendar?

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Is there any objection? Hearing none, it's moved to the consent calendar.

Mr. Clerk, 180.

THE CLERK:

On page 35, Calendar 180, substitute for House Bill Number 5398, AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM TO TRANSFER HOSPITAL PATIENTS WHO RECEIVE MEDICAID BENEFITS TO NURSING HOMES IN A TIMELY MANNER, favorable report, the Committee on Public Health.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative Walker.

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Representative Roy.

REP. ROY (119th):

Mr. Speaker, without objection, can I move this to consent?

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Without objection, this item is moved to the consent calendar.

Ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to call on Representative Olson to call today's consent calendar.

Representative Olson.

REP. OLSON (46th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are about to vote on SB108 SB302 today's lengthy consent calendar. The items we have SB250 HB5398 moved to consent are: SB153 SB175

Calendar Numbers 499, 487, 180, 507, 430, 396, SB412 SB428 535, 497, 522, 517, 510, 155, 466 and 489. Thank you, SB121 SB427 Mr. Speaker. SB370 HB5420 SB354 SB272

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Thank you, madam. And as soon as we get this up on the board.

Representative Olson.

REP. OLSON (46th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Actually, we have already voted on item 430. I want to thank

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Representative Hamzy for being so diligent and
watching the calendar. I make a motion to remove Item
4370 from the consent calendar. Thank you, Mr. SB153
Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

I believe we have corrected the error.

As you can see, the consent calendar is on the
board. Representative Olson has moved passage of the
bills on the consent calendar.

Staff and guests, please come to the well of the
house. Members, 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
today's consent calendar by roll call. Members to the
Chamber.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members
voted? Please check the roll call board and make sure
your votes were properly cast. If all the members
have voted, the machine will be locked. Clerk,
please announce the tally. Clerk, please announce the
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THE CLERK:

On today's consent calendar.

Total Number Voting	150
Necessary for Adoption	76
Those voting Yea	150
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	1

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The consent calendar passes.

Representative Olson.

REP. OLSON (46th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to -- I move for the immediate transmission of all times acted upon that require further action in the Senate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Motion for immediate transmittal to the Senate of all items acted upon needing further action. Any objection? Hearing none, the bills and items are immediately transmitted.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 430 --

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 422.

THE CLERK:

On page 19, Calendar 422, Senate Bill Number 430,

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44 on the foot of the calendar, Calendar 157, Senate Bill 121, we'd move to remove that item from the foot and mark it PR.

THE CHAIR:

Motion on the floor to remove from the foot.

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Turning to calendar page 7, Calendar number 348, File 516, Senate Bill 250, AN ACT CONCERNING ANATOMICAL GIFTS, Favorable Reported, Committee on Public Health and Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Good to see you on a Saturday.

THE CHAIR:

Good to see you, too, sir.

SENATOR HARRIS:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Moving on acceptance and passage, sir. Would you like to remark further?

SENATOR HARRIS:

I will, sir, thank you.

Mr. President, this is a bill that actually passed the House last year and then the last day of the session we weren't able to get it called. It is very simple, it is bringing our anatomical gifts law into the 21st century, adopting a uniform act that is applied in most states.

Mr. President, the Clerk is in possession of LCO number 4847. I ask that it be called and be granted permission to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO 4847 should be designated Senate Amendment, Schedule A. It is offered by Senator Harris of the 5th District, et al.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, this
amendment

THE CHAIR:

Excuse me --

SENATOR HARRIS:

I'm so eager today.

THE CHAIR:

I understand. I'm eager to get out of here also.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, our
office of fiscal analysis identified a potential
fiscal note on this bill because it seemed to require
the Department of Motor Vehicles to change their
practice and provide information on a 24/7 basis.
This clarifies that that change should not occur so
there is no fiscal impact with this bill. I urge
adoption.

THE CHAIR:

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

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on Senate A?

If not, I will try your minds.

All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed, nay.

The ayes have it. The amendment's adopted.

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. If there's no objection, I'd ask that this matter be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Any further remarks on Senate Bill 250 as amended by Senate A? There's a motion on the floor to place this item on consent. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar page 23, Calendar number 77, File Number 76, Senate Bill 262, AN ACT CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE DRUG THERAPY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS, Favorably

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THE CHAIR:

Is there objection? Is there objection? Seeing
none, so ordered. 1251

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar page 31.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, we'd
call for a vote on the consent calendar at this time.

THE CHAIR:

Would the clerk please call the consent calendar
and make the appropriate announcement.

THE CLERK:

An immediate 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
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Mr. President, the items placed on the first consent calendar beginning on calendar page 7, Calendar Number 348, Senate Bill 250. Calendar page 14, Calendar 471, substitute for House Bill 5339.

Calendar page 23, Calendar number 77, Senate Bill 262.

Calendar page 28, Calendar 189, substitute for Senate Bill 248. And Calendar page 38, Calendar number 349, Senate Bill 272.

Mr. President, that completes the items placed on the first consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

The machine is open.

THE CLERK:

The Senate is voting by roll on the consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the chamber? The Senate is voting by roll on the consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the chamber?

THE CHAIR:

Would all Senators please check the roll call board to make certain that your vote has been properly recorded.

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If all Senators have voted and all votes are properly recorded, the machine will be locked and would the clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

The motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar Number 1.

Total number Voting	34
Those voting Yea	34
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	2

THE CHAIR:

Consent calendar 1 is adopted.

Mr. Clerk. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, Mr. President, if the clerk would continue with the call of the calendar. I believe calendar page 31, Calendar 219.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar page 31, Calendar 219, File Number 304, Substitute for senate Bill 402, AN ACT CONCERNING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP,

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changed a little bit for some of the more up to date canning equipment and it's been passed down for generations.

But what I would like to end with is that going to a farmstand and purchasing what they make there is a tradition. It is a heritage and it is something that we should be able to preserve. Let's not make it harder for them. Let's find a way for the state to help them. Thank you very much.

REP. RITTER: Thank you, Representative.

Are there questions from the committee?

Thank you very much.

And I believe we've reached the end of our testimony from the public. Our first hour is over. And so we'll begin our testimony -- or I'm sorry testimony from officials. We'll begin our public testimony.

And as you may know, we take this in bill order according to the agenda and the first one is Bill Number 250, AN ACT CONCERNING ANATOMICAL GIFTS. Our first speaker is Chas MacKenzie. Thank you.

CHAS MACKENZIE: Good morning, Senator Harris, Representative Ritter. On behalf of LifeChoice Donor Services and New England Organ Bank, the two organ and tissue procurement organizations in Connecticut, we support Bill 250, AN ACT CONCERNING ANATOMICAL GIFTS.

There continues to be a critical shortage of organs and tissues for transplantation. In Connecticut alone, we have 1100 candidates waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant; 1,000 are waiting for a kidney transplant. The

purpose of this bill is to update and further clarify Connecticut's Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, UAGA and to support more uniform legislation throughout the country. The act is passed in 38 states. It's pending in New Hampshire and Vermont; two New England states that have passed it are Rhode Island and Maine, directly related to anatomical donations and their support thereof.

In keeping with the Connecticut Legislature's long history of support, we recommend enactment of this bill for the following reason. It facilitates donation by expanding the list of those who can make an anatomical gift. Currently, about 37 percent of Connecticut residents are registering themselves through the Department of Motor Vehicle. New England wide, we've got 4 million people registered.

It essentially strengthens the respect due to a person who has made an anatomical gift to have their decision honored. It addresses a potential conflict between a persons end of life and donor designation. It creates a priority for organ transplantation and therapy. It specifies the person to whom an organ or tissue passes when the donor designation is one of general intent to be a donor. And allows time and access for the -- to the information for an adequate medical evaluation to determine donor eligibility.

So thank you for considering this very important bill in support of organ and tissue donation. If you have any questions, at this time, we'd be happy to answer them.

REP. RITTER: Thank you very much for your testimony.

And as I'm sure you're aware, we also heard

this bill last year.

CHAS MACKENZIE: Yeah.

REP. RITTER: And so I'm not sure if there will be many questions from the committee. Are there questions?

Okay. Thank you very much.

CHAS MACKENZIE: Thank you.

REP. RITTER: And we've had one or two more public officials sign onto our list and so our next speaker would be Representative Diana Urban. Okay. She stepped out for minute.

We will keep going and that means we'll be going to our next bill, House Bill 5288, AN ACT CONCERNING CIRCULATING NURSES. And our first speaker will be Dr. Mary Jane Williams.

MARY JANE WILLIAMS: Good morning, Representative Ritter and members of the Public Health Committee. Thank for this opportunity to present testimony on behalf of the Connecticut Nurses Association. I am providing testimony in strong support of H.B. 5288, AN ACT CONCERNING CIRCULATING NURSES.

The perioperative RN, through professional and patient-centered expertise, is the primary patient advocate in the operating room and is responsible for monitoring all aspects of the patient's condition. The presence of the RN in the circulating role throughout each surgical procedure is essential for timely delivery of quality surgical care and optimal patient outcomes. It is the right of the patient to receive the highest quality nursing care during this most critical period. No other person is more knowledgeable or qualified to handle the

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February 26, 2010

Senator Jonathan A. Harris
Representative Elizabeth B. Ritter
Co-Chairs
Public Health Committee
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Dear Senator Harris and Representative Ritter:

I write in support of raised bill 250, AN ACT CONCERNING ANATOMICAL GIFTS.

Bill 250 is an important update to Connecticut's Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA). Previous versions of the UAGA (1968 and 1987) were adopted by Connecticut and played a critical role in creating a system that allowed the people of Connecticut to become organ and tissue donors and in making life-saving transplants available to those in need.

The new version of the UAGA, as proposed, would bring the state's existing statute up-to-date and would clarify the process by which individuals become donors. Thirty-nine states have adopted this revised UAGA language including, here in New England, Maine and Rhode Island (it has also been introduced in New Hampshire and Vermont).

Some key provisions:

- Prioritizes "health care agents" as donation decision makers consistent with the agents' priority as decision makers in other health related choices.
- Clarifies the consent process by enabling a "majority of a class" to decide.
- Harmonizes Connecticut's Anatomical Gift Act with federal law, current technology and medical practice, and advance medical directives.
- Provides for more uniformity of practice across states and regions (particularly important in that both Organ Procurement Organizations serving Connecticut also operate in other states).
- The bill maintains the important provisions of existing Connecticut law that are already working well (i.e. Connecticut Donor Registry).



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Connecticut already has adopted some of the key provisions of the new UAGA in 2004 when it passed legislation creating the Connecticut Donor Registry through the Department of Motor Vehicles which empowered individuals to make their own donation decision and to have the decision respected upon their death.

The adoption of the new UAGA will help continue Connecticut's efforts to make the act of becoming a donor easier for those who wish to make the decision to Donate Life.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Alexandra Glazier, Esq.
Vice President & General Counsel .



March 1, 2010

Senator Jonathan A. Harris
 Representative Elizabeth B. Ritter
 Co-Chairs
 Public Health Committee
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Dear Senator Harris & Representative Ritter:

On behalf of LifeChoice Donor Services, one of the organ and tissue procurement organizations in Connecticut, I write in support of Raised S. B 250, *An Act Concerning Anatomical Gifts*. There continues to be a critical shortage of organs and tissues for transplantation. The purpose of this bill is to update and further clarify Connecticut's Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA) and to support more uniform legislation throughout the country directly related to anatomical donations.

The Connecticut legislature has historically supported donation by enacting the initial UAGA in 1968 and was one of the 26 states that adopted the 1987 revisions. In 2004 the states' UAGA was further enhanced with creation of the donor registry in collaboration with the Department of Motor Vehicles. In keeping with the legislatures past support we recommend enactment of this bill for the following reasons:

- Facilitates donation by expanding the list of those who can make an anatomical gift;
- Substantially strengthens the respect due a person who has made an anatomical gift to have their decision honored;
- Addresses potential conflict between a person's end of life decisions and donor designation;
- Creates a priority for organ transplantation and therapy;
- Specifies the person to whom an organ or tissue passes when the donor designation is one of "general intent to be a donor"; and
- Allows time and access to information for an adequate medical evaluation to determine donor eligibility.

Thank you for considering this very important bill in support of organ and tissue donation.

Respectfully submitted,

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