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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative Johnston.

REP. JOHNSTON (51st):

I thank the gentleman for his response.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Thank you, sir.

Remark further on House Amendment Schedule "B."

If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

It.

Opposed, nay. The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted.

Representative Hurlburt.

REP. HURLBURT (53rd):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if there' not -- no objection, I ask that this be placed on the consent calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, 466.

THE CLERK:

On page 23, Calendar 466, Senate Bill Number 354,

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AN ACT CONCERNING BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH TRUST FUND
RESEARCH GRANTS, favorable reported, Committee on
Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

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:

Question is on passage. Representative Heinrich..

REP. HEINRICH (101st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill expands the
Department of Public Health's allowable grant in aid
under the biomedical research trust fund to include
those related to Alzheimer's disease and diabetes.

If there's no objection, Mr. Speaker, I move that
we move this item to the consent calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Is there objection?

Hearing none, this item is moved to the consent
calendar.

Mr. Clerk, kindly call 303.

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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.

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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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THE CLERK:

Calendar page 23, file number 58, file number 51,
Senate Bill 354, AN ACT CONCERNING BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
TRUST FUND RESEARCH GRANTS, favorable report of the
Committee on Appropriations, Public Health and
Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

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

THE CHAIR:

Will you discuss further?

SENATOR HARP:

Thank you. This bill actually is a bill that was
brought to us by Senator Crisco who is the father of
our biomedical research trust fund research
initiative. And what the bill does is expand the
Department of Public Health's allowable grants and aid
under this program to include Alzheimer's disease and
diabetes.

And it's currently, if you'll recall, the fund
will allow research in heart disease, cancer and

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tobacco related diseases. It's really very important. It helps our local educational entities who are doing research to have matching funds for NIH dollars and other types of dollars that exist. And with that, Madam President, I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Will you discuss further?

Senator Crisco.

SENATOR CRISCO:

Thank you, Madam President. Let me commend Senator Harp on her leadership and a very important legislation. This Chamber and the House and the Governor, you know, seven, eight years ago created the Biomedical Research Fund that are funds not from State dollars but from the tobacco settlement.

And over that time of period, those entities that have met the requirements of the Department of Public Health on RFPs have done a remarkable job. One of the hallmarks of this program was a discovery by Yale researchers on lung cancer where they identified a marker. And we could go on and on and on in identifying great success.

And its original intent was not to provide obviously all the money but to help those researchers

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who may just need a little extra dollars to find a particular cure or remedy in some of the marked diseases. And with the increase in diabetes and the Alzheimer's sometimes not getting their fair share, this helps a little bit.

And I just want to express my deep appreciation to Senator Harp and others for their support.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator.

Will you comment further? Are there any further comments?

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Thank you, Madam President. If there's no objection I move this to the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

If there is no objection it shall be moved to the consent calendar.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calendar page 29, Calendar number 176, file number 244 and 616, substitute for Senate Bill 207, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE HUNTING OF DEER BY PISTOL OR

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Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the chamber. Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the second consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the chamber.

Mr. President, those items placed on the second consent calendar begin on calendar page four, Calendar number 116, Senate Bill number 60, calendar page five, Calendar 168, substitute for Senate Bill 361, calendar page eight, Calendar 272, substitute for Senate Bill 199, calendar page 16, Calendar number 459, Senate Bill 5351, calendar page 23, Calendar number 58, Senate Bill 354, Calendar number 76, substitute for Senate Bill 246, calendar page 24, Calendar number 91, substitute for Senate Bill 259, calendar page 26, Calendar 133, substitute for Senate Bill 54, calendar page 27, Calendar 135, substitute for Senate Bill number 59, Calendar 150, Senate Bill 301, calendar page 29, correction, calendar page 31, Calendar number 207, substitute for Senate Bill 383 and calendar page 40, Calendar number 417, substitute for House Bill 5282. Mr. President, that completes those items placed on the second consent calendar.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

The machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

Senator Boucher.

Have all Senators voted? Have all Senators voted? If all Senators have voted, please check the machine and make sure your vote is accurately recorded. If all Senators have voted, Mr. Clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

The motion's on adoption of consent calendar number two.

Total number Voting	33
Those voting Yea	33
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

The second consent calendar passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, that concludes our business for today. I will yield the floor to members for purposes of announcements of committee meetings or for other purposes.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney.

Are there any members?

Senator McKinney.

SENATOR MCKINNEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for purposes of a record notation.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, Sir.

SENATOR MCKINNEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Should the record note that Senator Debicella missed some votes today and was out on other legislative business.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator McKinney.

Any other points of personal privilege or announcements?

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major concerns about the impact of any funding reduction on the community provider system.

As you heard eloquently earlier, the system has been dramatically underfunded for over 25 years. As the Medical Consumer Price Index has grown by over 200 percent in the past 20 years, the community provider funding have only been increased by 33 percent.

Community providers run very lean agencies. They've cut their administrative costs to the bare bone. Any attempt to reduce funding on community providers is going to have to result in a reduction of services, so we ask that you work on this bill to allow providers to have the option of negotiating with state agencies about which services to reduce if they're going to receive any kind of funding cuts.

Thank you. I appreciate your time and attention to these two issues.

REP. GERAGOSIAN: Thank you.

Are there questions from members of the committee?

Seeing none, thank you very much.

Laurie Julian, followed by Bob Bowsza, followed by Leslie Simoes.

LAURIE JULIAN: Good afternoon, Senators Harp, Geragosian, members of the committee.

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On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, my name is Laurie Julian, and we thank you for the

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opportunity to testify you -- before you today.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading national health organization in Alzheimer's care, support, and research. The Alzheimer's Association strongly supports S.B. 354 to add Alzheimer's disease and diabetes to the diseases allowed in research made from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund.

Projections are for a large increase in the Baby Boomer generation. Currently in Connecticut there are approximately 70,000 residents who have Alzheimer's and related dementias. The state needs to prepare for this epidemic which is quickly becoming the country's biggest, broadest, and most expensive problem to families, businesses, and the health care system.

Not to diminish the other diseases, but the Alzheimer's is the 7th leading cause of death. While Alzheimer's deaths increased by nearly 50 percent from 2000 to 2006, the deaths from heart disease and cancer declined during the same period. At the NIH, cancer is funded at 6 billion, 3 percent billion for heart disease, and Alzheimer's has been flat-funded for six years at 428 million.

Although the greatest known risk factor for Alzheimer's is increasing age, another risk factor is family history. Age, family history, and heredity are risk factors we can't change, however, research is beginning to reveal clues about risk -- risk factors we may be able to influence.

The risk of developing Alzheimer's or vascular

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dementia appears to be increased by many conditions that damage the heart or blood vessels. These high blood -- these include high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and high cholesterol. Research is also finding that both Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia may be linked to diabetes.

Type II diabetes can also harm the brain. Compared to people without diabetes, most people with diabetes get dementia. So we need to conquer and increase resources to -- to control those diseases. Therefore, the Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's disease -- excuse me -- Association strongly supports raised Bill 354 and urges its passage.

REP. GERAGOSIAN: Thank you.

Are there questions, members of the committee?

Thank you, Laurie.

LAURIE JULIAN: Okay. Thank you very much.

ROBERT BOWSA: Good afternoon.

My name is Robert Bowsza. I'm the Chief Financial Officer of HARC, an organization that serves people with intellectual and related disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony of Senate Bill 355 and 357. With regard to Senate Bill 355, I'm here today to support the exemption of capital improvements from the current rate freeze. Room and board rates for community residences have been capped or frozen since the fiscal year ending June 30,

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Statement in Support of Raised SB 354, An Act Concerning Biomedical Research Trust Fund Research Grants Before the Appropriations Committee

By: Richard S. Fisher, Esq., Board President and Member of the Public Policy Committee,
Laurie Julian, Public Policy Director, of the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, we thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today. The Alzheimer's Association is the leading national voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research and we are always a resource for you.

The Association is a donor supported, non-profit organization serving the needs of families, health care professionals, and those individuals who are affected with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. We provide information and resources, support groups, education and training, and a 24-hour, 7 Day a week Helpline.

Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Therefore, the Alzheimer's Association strongly supports SB 354 to add Alzheimer's disease and diabetes to the diseases allowed in research made from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund.

Projections are for a large increase in the Baby Boomer generation. Currently in Connecticut there are approximately 70,000 residents who have Alzheimer's and related dementias. The state needs to prepare for this epidemic, which is quickly becoming the country's biggest, broadest and most expensive problem to families, businesses and the healthcare system.

One of the priorities of our National Office is The Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act (S.1492/H.R.3286), which calls for \$2 billion in research funding for Alzheimer's at the National Institutes of Health and authorizes the necessary resources to pursue better diagnosis, prevention and treatment.

Alzheimer's is the seventh leading cause of death. While Alzheimer's deaths increased by nearly 50% from 2000-2006, the deaths from heart disease and cancer declined during the same time period. At the NIH, cancer is funded at \$6 billion, \$3.7 billion for heart disease, and Alzheimer's has been flat-funded for 6 years at \$428 million.

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Although the greatest known risk factor for Alzheimer's is increasing age, another risk factor is family history. Research has shown that those who have a parent, brother or sister, or child with Alzheimer's are more likely to develop Alzheimer's. The risk increases if more than one family member has the illness. When diseases tend to run in families, either heredity (genetics) or environmental factors or both may play a role.

Age, family history and heredity are all risk factors we can't change. However, research is beginning to reveal clues about other risk factors we may be able to influence. The risk of developing Alzheimer's or vascular dementia appears to be increased by many conditions that damage the heart or blood vessels. These include high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, diabetes and high cholesterol.

Research is finding that both Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia may be linked to diabetes. Type 2 diabetes can also harm the brain. Compared to people without diabetes, more people with diabetes get dementia.

We need to devote increased resources to control and conquer these diseases. Therefore, The Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association strongly supports Raised SB 354 and urges its passage.