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voted? Please check the machine and make sure that your vote is properly recorded.

If all members have voted, the machine will be locked.

Almost -- I didn't see Representative Cafero there. Okay.

If all members have voted, the machine will be locked.

Clerk please take the tally. When you're ready, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Bill 5408.

Total Number voting 143

Necessary for adoption 72

Those voting Yea 143

Those voting Nay 0

Those absent and not voting 8

DEPUTY SPEAKER O'ROURKE:

The bill is passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 39.

THE CLERK:

On page 19, Calendar 39, House Bill Number 5159,

AN ACT CONCERNING AN ASSESSMENT FOR REGULATORY
OVERSIGHT OF THE CONNECTICUT LOTTERY CORPORATION,

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favorable reported the Committee on Appropriations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER O'ROURKE:

Representative Jutila.

REP. JUTILA (37th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER O'ROURKE:

The motion is on acceptance and passage.

Will you remark, sir?

REP. JUTILA (37th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this bill makes technical changes to the method by which the Division of Special Revenue is reimbursed for its regulatory oversight of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation and makes the practice consistent with assessments of other major gaming establishments by the Division for regulatory oversight.

The bill requires the Office of Policy and Management annually, beginning July 1, 2010, to assess the Connecticut Lottery Corporation for the reasonable and necessary costs the Division incurs in regulating CLC. The bill also establishes an assessment

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procedure, whereby OPM assesses CLC annually. CLC pays OPM quarterly and OPM deposits the money in the General Fund for appropriation to the Division of Special Revenue each fiscal year.

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment, LCO 3077. I would ask that the Clerk please call the amendment and that I be granted permission to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER O'ROURKE:

Mr. Clerk, please call LCO 3077.

Representative Jutila has asked and been granted leave to summarize.

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 3077, House Amendment Schedule "A" offered by Representative Dargan and Senator Stillman.

DEPUTY SPEAKER O'ROURKE:

Representative Jutila.

REP. JUTILA (37th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment would simply establish a lottery assessment account, which would be a nonlapsing account within the General Fund for deposit of these funds and I would move for adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER O'ROURKE:

Motion is on adoption.

Will you remark? Will you remark?

Representative Perillo.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Mr. Speaker, thank you very much.

I think I know the answer to this, just to ask the Representative very briefly, does this amendment and the related assessment account have any impact on the budget whatsoever? Through you, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER O'ROURKE:

Representative Jutila.

REP. JUTILA (37th):

No, it does not. Through you, Mr. Speaker, to Representative Perillo, it would have no affect on the budget. It's merely a technical change in the process.

DEPUTY SPEAKER O'ROURKE:

Representative Perillo.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Mr. Speaker, thank you and I thank the gentleman for his answer. Having reviewed the amendment, it seems appropriate and we should move the bill along. I urge its adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER O'ROURKE:

The motion is on adoption.

Will you remark? Will you remark further on the amendment before us?

If not, I'll try your minds.

All those in favor of the amendment, signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER O'ROURKE:

Those opposed.

REPRESENTATIVES:

No.

DEPUTY SPEAKER O'ROURKE:

The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted.

Will you remark on the bill?

Representative Jutila.

REP. JUTILA (37th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would move, at this time, that this bill be referred to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

DEPUTY SPEAKER O'ROURKE:

The motion on the bill is referral to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Hearing no objection, that item is referred to Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Mr. Clerk, please call Calendar 105.

THE CLERK:

On page 4, Calendar 105, House Bill Number 5351, AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS FOR VETERANS IN NURSING HOME FACILITIES, favorable reported the Committee on Public Health.

DEPUTY SPEAKER O'ROURKE:

The Chair recognizes the honorable gentleman from Berlin, Representative Aresimowicz.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER O'ROURKE:

Motion is on acceptance and passage.

Will you remark, sir?

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Yes, Mr. Speaker.

I'd also like the Clerk to call LCO Number 3687 and I be allowed leave to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER O'ROURKE:

Representative Aresimowicz, can you just explain

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5159, AN ACT CONCERNING AN ASSESSMENT FOR
REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OF THE CONNECTICUT LOTTERY
CORPORATION, as amended by House Amendment Schedule
"A," favorable report of the Committee on Finance,
Revenue and Bonding.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Ed Jutila, you have the floor,
sir.

REP. JUTILA (37th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move acceptance
of the joint committee's favorable report and
passage of the bill as amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A."

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

The question before the Chamber is on
acceptance of the committee's favorable report and
adoption of the bill as amended by House "A".

Representative Jutila.

REP. JUTILA (37th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. You will recall a
week or so ago we had this bill before us. We
adopted House "A" and referred the bill to the
Finance Committee. The Finance Committee has voted
favorably on the bill and is now back here before

us.

Just briefly, the bill makes changes to the method by which the Division of Special Revenue is reimbursed for its regulatory oversight of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation and makes the practice consistent with assessments of the other major gaming establishments by the Division for regulatory oversight.

In addition, it will eliminate the current practice of having a regulated body directly assessed and billed by its regulator.

Suffice it to say, that the end result will be removal of a potential conflict of interest between the Connecticut Lottery Corporation and the Division of Special Revenue, and will give OPM the review and accountability function appropriate to that agency.

Briefly on the amendment, the amendment simply creates a lottery assessment account, which will be a separate non-lapsing account within the general fund.

I would urge passage of the bill as amended.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, Representative Jutila. Would you

care to remark further on the bill as amended?

Representative Jason Perillo. You have the floor, sir.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Madam Speaker, thank you very much. If I could just through you, a few questions for the proponent.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Certainly. Please proceed.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just to clarify. Does this bill as amended in any way, shape or form change the authority of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Jutila.

REP. JUTILA (37th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, no, it does not.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Perillo.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Thank you, and I thank the gentleman. So in terms of budgeting, I understand historically

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budgeting has been handled by the Connecticut Lottery Corp. Is that indeed the case after this is approved? Should it be?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Jutila.

REP. JUTILA (37th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, yes, in effect it will. OPM will simply be assessing the Connecticut Lottery Corporation now and the Lottery Corporation will in turn pay OPM, which will deposit the funds in the general fund in the new non-lapsing account established by House "A" and appropriate the funds to the Division for the oversight function.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Perillo.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And just a follow up question. I'm trying to understand whether there's impact that we haven't seen here or anticipated.

In terms of the Lottery Corporation's ability to execute agreements on behalf of the Corporation that would essentially bind the state, can the

Corporation continue to enter into agreements, or does this because the assessment is now in place, does it change the Corporation's ability to enter into any agreements that it currently is able to enter into? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Jutila.

REP. JUTILA (37th):

Madam Speaker, no, it will have no impact on how the Connecticut Lottery Corporation enters into contracts.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Perillo.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Madam Speaker, again, I thank the gentleman. What review process will there be, would there be, should there be a disagreement between the Connecticut Lottery Corporation and OPM in terms of what the proper assessment would be?

Is there any sort of process to determine whether or not there's a discrepancy, and how would it be resolved?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

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Representative Jutila.

REP. JUTILA (37th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you, OPM will make the determination and issue the assessment. I am assuming since this bill had the support of OPM, the Lottery Corporation, as well as the Division, that they will communicate with each other in determining what the appropriate assessment will be.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, sir. Representative Perillo.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Madam Speaker, thank you very much. And again, I thank the Representative for his answers to my questions.

I'm just, I'm only concerned about this point because I can envision a situation where there could be a stalemate, so just to clarify.

Is it anticipated that there would be any sort of Committee or group of individuals who would get together from DSS, OPM, and the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to determine what the assessment would be, or, I know that's our hope. But is there any provision here that would require it? I don't see

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one, but I just want to understand if there is one that I haven't foreseen.

If I could, through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Jutila.

REP. JUTILA (37th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. There is no provision for any such committee included in either the current statute or the amendment to the statute that this bill would provide for.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Perillo.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just another question in terms of the levying of the assessment. I notice the date right here in September 15th, and I'm wondering if that gives enough time to OPM to determine what the assessment should be for the previous year.

Was there any concern in Committee that perhaps the 15th of September wouldn't work? Do we believe that that's going to be ample time? Has OPM weighed in on whether or not that will be ample time?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Jutila.

REP. JUTILA (37th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. OPM testified before the Public Safety and Security Committee in support of this legislation, so I'm confident that OPM believes that it will have ample time in order to determine the assessment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Perillo.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Madam Speaker, thank you very much, and I thank the kind Representative for his patience and his answers to my questions.

This is a Bill that makes sense as we saw before when it was previously before us and the amendment makes sense as well. So I appreciate again, the gentleman's time and I would urge a yes vote on the bill before us. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the bill as amended? Will you care to remark further on the bill as amended? Will you

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care to remark further on the bill as amended?

If not, 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 by roll call. Members to the chamber, please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

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

And will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Bill 5159 as amended by House "A."

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

The bill as amended passes.

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Next, Mr. President, calendar page 19, Calendar 553,
House Bill 5159, move to place the item on the consent
calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar page 19, Calendar 554, House Bill 5164,
move to place on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar page 20, Calendar 556, House Bill 5498,
move to place on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar page 20, Calendar 557, House Bill 5270,
move to place on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Calendar page 10, Calendar 461, House Bill 5207;
Calendar 483, House Bill 5244.

Calendar 484, on page 11, House Bill 5383; Calendar
487, House Bill 5220; Calendar 488, House Bill 5297;
Calendar 490, 5425 -- House; Calendar 496, House Bill
5497; Calendar 509, House Bill 5126.

Calendar page 14, Calendar 511, House Bill 5527;
Calendar 514, House Bill 5426; Calendar 516, House Bill
5393.

Calendar page 15, Calendar 520, House Bill 5336;
Calendar 521, House Bill 5424; Calendar 523, House Bill
5223; Calendar 525, House Bill 5255.

Calendar page 16, Calendar 531, House Bill 5004.

Calendar page 17, Calendar 533, House Bill 5436;
Calendar 540, House Bill 5494; Calendar 543, House Bill
5399.

Calendar page 18, Calendar 544, House Bill 5434;
Calendar 547, House Bill 5196; Calendar 548, House Bill
5533; Calendar 549, House Bill 5387; Calendar 550, House
Bill 5471; Calendar 551, House Bill 5413; Calendar 552,
House Bill 5163; Calendar 553, House Bill 5159.

Calendar page 19, Calendar 554, House Bill 5164.

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Calendar page 20, Calendar 556, House Bill 5498;
Calendar 557, House Bill 5270; 559, House Bill 5407; 562,
House Bill 5253; and House Bill -- Calendar 563, House
Bill 5340; Calendar 567, House Bill 5371; and Calendar
573, House Bill 5371.

Mr. President, I believe that completes the items

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, could you please give me on Calendar 567,
do you have 5516, sir?

THE CLERK:

What -- what calendar?

THE CHAIR:

567 on page 22.

THE CLERK:

It's 5516.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, sir. Okay.

Machine's open.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call vote 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
consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the chamber.

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THE CHAIR:

Have all Senators voted? Please check your vote. The machine will be locked. The Clerk will call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of Consent
Calendar Number 2.

Total number voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar Number 2 passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President -- Mr. President, before moving to adjourn, I would like to ensure the entire chamber will wish Laura Stefon, Senator McDonald's aide, my former intern, a happy birthday.

And with that -- and with that, Mr. President, I would move the Senate stand adjourn