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to make sure your vote has been properly cast. If all the members have voted the machine will be locked. The Clerk will please take a tally. The Clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Emergency Certified Bill 501.

Total Number voting . . . . . 138

Necessary for adoption. . . . . 70

Those voting Yea . . . . . 129

Those voting Nay . . . . . 9

Those absent and not voting . . . . . 13

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Emergency Certified bill is passed.

Will the Clerk please call Emergency Certified Bill 502.

THE CLERK:

Emergency Certified Bill 502, AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BUDGET AND TO CERTAIN PUBLIC ACTS, AND ESTABLISHING THE HOMEOWNER'S EQUITY RECOVERY OPPORTUNITY LOAN PROGRAM.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Geragosian.

REP. GERAGOSIAN (25th):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

I move passage of the Emergency Certified bill.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question is on passage of the bill.

Representative Geragosian, you have the floor.

REP. GERAGOSIAN (25th):

This bill makes several technical and numerical changes to elements of the budget that we passed a few months ago. And I urge it's passage.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question is on passage. Remark further on the bill? Would you care to remark further on the bill? Care to remark further on the bill?

Representative Shawn Johnston, you have the floor, sir.

REP. JOHNSTON (51st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if someone could -- if the gentleman bringing out the bill could explain what's happening in Section 4? As I read the fiscal note -- I'm just trying to understand what we're doing here, Mr. Speaker. The fiscal note

talks about a payment of 19.3 million in excess of special ed cost reimbursement. And we're allowing this to happen in fiscal year 2010.

Just understanding where the source of the money is coming from; was it in the budget? Was it not in the budget? If it was in the budget, are we moving it from what account to what account? If you could help me out with that.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Geragosian.

REP. GERAGOSIAN (25th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, yes. As part of the budget, we had an issue of dealing with the maintenance of effort provisions of federal stimulus dollars having to do with education.

And we simply used transportation dollars in order to fulfill that maintenance of effort provision of federal stimulus dollars and in order to protect federal stimulus funds, and that's what we're doing here. And I think this is basically a cleanup of what we had already done in the budget.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Johnston.

REP. JOHNSTON (51st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As I understand the answer, and please try to correct me if I'm wrong, in the budget we did, we moved money from the transportation fund. Is that the source of the 19.7? And you said, money from transportation, but is it from the transportation fund?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Geragosian.

REP. GERAGOSIAN (25th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, it's based upon the school transportation line item within the education budget. And we also made sure, through the budget process, that every town would get exactly what they were expecting to get, so there's no difference in what the towns receive.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Johnston.

REP. JOHNSTON (51st):

And thank you. And again, I'm still not

wrapping my arms around it, and so I'm sorry if I continue to ask a question.

So as I understand it, each community will receive the expected allotment of school transportation money, and we're going to replace the 19-point something million dollars in special ed. And as I'm looking across, I'm getting a head nod, yes.

And I guess if that's the case, did we over-appropriate the school transportation account by 19-point something million? And that's where I'm kind of lost as to where we're at now. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Geragosian.

REP. GERAGOSIAN (25th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, the best analogy I heard for this was Senator Harp's explanation on the floor of the Senate: We're still spending the same amount of dollars as we were expecting to instead of paying -- say we had \$19 million in one pocket and \$19 million in the other pocket. We're just going to pay out of this pocket instead of this pocket fulfilling the maintenance of effort

requirements of the federal stimulus.

Since we're spending it under the special line item, it fulfills that. If we had spent it out of the transportation, it did not.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Johnston.

REP. JOHNSTON (51st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Somewhat of an accounting, a different form of accounting for the same total amount of dollars as to how it's appropriated, and from what source to what program is somewhat of what I'm at, at this point, and I'm satisfied if that's the description. I was just trying to understand it.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Geragosian.

REP. GERAGOSIAN (25th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, that's exactly true.

REP. JOHNSTON (51st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Would you care to remark further on the bill?

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Would you care to remark further on the emergency certified bill? If not, staff and guests please come 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 is taking a roll call vote. Members to the chamber, please.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Please check the roll call board to make sure you vote has been properly cast. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked. The Clerk, please take a tally. The Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Emergency Certified Bill 502.

Total Number voting	139
Necessary for adoption	70
Those voting Yea	103
Those voting Nay	36
Those absent and not voting	12

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The emergency bill is passed.

REP. MERRILL (54th):

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Merrill.

REP. MERRILL (54th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I'd like to make a motion for immediate transmittal of the last two acted upon items, Emergency Certified Bill Number 501 and 502 to the Governor.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The motion is immediate transmittal of the last two items to the Governor. Any objection? Any objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

Will the Clerk please call Senate Joint Resolution 101.

THE CLERK:

Emergency Certified Senate Joint Resolution 101, RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 53 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Mike Lawlor.

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Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Agenda Number 2, Emergency Certified Bill 502, AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BUDGET AND TO CERTAIN PUBLIC ACTS, AND ESTABLISHING THE HOMEOWNER'S EQUITY RECOVERY OPPORTUNITY LOAN PROGRAM. The bill is accompanied by emergency certification signed Donald E. Williams, President Pro Tempore of the Senate; Christopher G. Donovan, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I move for passage of the emergency certified Senate bill.

THE CHAIR:

Acting on approval and passage of the bill, sir, would you like to remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, this bill makes various changes to implement the Fiscal Year '10 deficit mitigation and Fiscal Year '11 budget adjustment acts. It also

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allows the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to provide mortgages to eligible buyers of distressed, foreclosed or abandoned property and repeals duplicative property tax exemption deadline extension. I would urge passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on Senate Bill 502?

Senator DeBicella.

SENATOR DEBICELLA:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, through you, some questions to the proponent of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR DEBICELLA:

Mr. President, through you, just looking at the fiscal note for this bill. The fiscal note says see below for the impact, and as I'm looking through the different sections, some say there's no fiscal impact; others don't make a note of it.

I'm just wondering, through you, Mr. President, if we have an idea of the net fiscal impact of all the changes in this bill. Through you, Mr. President.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I would yield to Senator Harp, the  
Chair of the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp, do you accept the yield, ma'am.

SENATOR HARP:

I do.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, ma'am.

SENATOR HARP:

But I do not have an answer to that question.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Debicella.

SENATOR DEBICELLA:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, if I may then, in just looking at  
this, I want to just make sure that this bill that is  
before us today, I think it is meant to be  
implementing language and not something that actually  
changes the underlying budget.

And I don't believe in looking at the language

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that it does, but before voting on it I just want to make sure that we all know what we are voting on in terms of this does not have any net fiscal change that would put the budget out of balance for the next few fiscal years. Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Harp.

SENATOR HARP:

Thank you very much. There is no fiscal changes that will put the budget out of balance in the next fiscal year.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Debicella.

SENATOR DEBICELLA:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And I thank Senator Harp for the answer to her question.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on Senate Bill 502? Will you remark further on Senate Bill 502?

If not, Mr. Clerk, please call for a roll call vote. The machine will be open.

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Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Will all Senators please return to the chamber. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Will all Senators please return to the chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Have all Senators voted? Have all Senators voted? If all Senators have voted, please check your vote. The machine will be locked. The Clerk will call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on passage of Emergency Certified Bill 502.

Total Number Voting	36
Necessary for Adoption	19
Those voting Yea	24
Those voting Nay	12
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The bill passes. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I would move for immediate transmittal to the House of Representatives of

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Emergency Certified Senate Bill 502.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, ordered, sir.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I would yield the floor to any members for purposes of announcements or points of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

At this time, I'll entertain any announcements or points of personal privileges from the floor.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, Mr. President, thank you.

Mr. President, that concludes our business for the time being in the June Special Session. It's our intention to recess that session and then to reconvene the veto session to -- because we believe that there is now items coming to us on an agenda for that session, which have come to us from the House of Representatives, or at least they are in transit.

So it's our intention, Mr. President, to call for a recess of the June Special Session and then shortly