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REP. URBAN: And I think that it's something that we are all concerned about and I think it would be a really good idea. And probably one of the things is going to be what the fiscal note --

SENATOR MEYER: Yeah.

REP. URBAN: -- looks at it -- looks like in this -- and of course, in the long run, whatever we put into these children we'll get back.

SENATOR MEYER: Yeah. You know, it's going to be a difficult fiscal note because we don't really know how many kin, grandparents in particular, will pick up children. It'll be just a projection, you know, a guesstimate. And -- but -- wow. It's a great family bill.

REP. URBAN: And I'd just ask if Representative Thompson has any questions for you.

Thanks, Senator, we appreciate it.

Next on our list is Elaine Zimmerman.

Good morning, Elaine.

ELAINE ZIMMERMAN: Representative Urban, Representative Thompson and members of the committee. My name's Elaine Zimmerman with the Connecticut Commission on Children. I'm here today in support of a few bills before you.

We are notably burying children in our state in smaller and smaller coffins. And every week we are hearing on the news of children shooting one another or being shot by an adult. So it is high time we created a task force to look at what we can do and what we can do immediately.

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partner and they need to know that their parents can be with the children. And again and again, the soldiers are finding that they're forgotten and their parents are forgotten.

And so, it did not occur to us that this grandparent issue with visitation is actually a military issue, but it actually is a national military issue. And we made a commitment in Children in the Recession law that we would also make sure to take care of the military concerns in the state related to this. So I would be remiss if I didn't raise that.

And then, last but not least, we are, of course, glad to work on the report card. Our agency, as some of you know, has done a social health index over the years, looking at 11 indicators and reporting back to the state. And we are glad to combine that skill set with this and work if this bill becomes law. We totally support it. Particularly given the state budget and deficit it seems all the more imperative that we are very clear what is working and what isn't. Because we have no money, we never have money to waste, but right now we certainly don't.

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So then I'm more and more concerned about the children because in national crises they are the first ignored. And they are the only investment that keeps on growing.

So thank you, I'm glad to answer any questions.

REP. URBAN: Thank you, Elaine. We really appreciate your testimony. I just -- on the RBA report card, we're going to be looking for more indicators and hopeful that you can be very helpful in the indicators of well being of

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children in Connecticut. We have several indicators that we've looked at, but we need to add to that list.

ELAINE ZIMMERMAN: We'd be glad to do that.

REP. URBAN: Thank you. And I appreciate your testimony on the animal cruelty issues and also the fact that you've put the -- that you lump all these issues together, because certainly that's the way that we're looking at them. So thank you. Are there questions for Elaine?

No? Then thank you for your testimony.

ELAINE ZIMMERMAN: Thank you very much.

REP. URBAN: And next is Representative Schofield. Welcome.

REP. SCHOFIELD: Thank you, thank you for the opportunity to talk with you this morning about Bill 5120.

Madam Chair, we've talked about it a bit in the past. But basically there's a situation where the current law gave tuition assistance to adoptive parents, but only those parents who adopted after the date of December 31st, 2004. I'm not sure how that date was picked, it was picked out of the air and that means that for parents who adopted DCF children prior to that date and have done a great job raising them and preparing them for college, they get no assistance to send their adopted children to college.

You'll hear from some parents today who are here in the audience and I want to urge you to consider a way to give the same benefit to those families. It's just a matter of

there's also a significant investment -- and I'm not as clear on this as I should be, but urging or rewarding identification of health needs on a community basis, the whole community coming together, including the health providers. And I'm not sure how they're rewarded but it goes beyond the 11 billion dollars. And so there's something out there that I think is crying for us to look at it and use it. So hopefully people like yourself and other experts will, you know, contribute greatly as a result of this opportunity.

DR. JILL BARRON: Yeah, and I think you're right. We know that coordination of care -- when pediatricians are speaking to child psychiatrists and the child psychiatrists are speaking with, you know, the internist, that children get better care.

Thank you.

SENATOR MUSTO: And other questions from members of the committee? Thank you very much.

Next on the list is Sherry Linton from CAHS, the Connecticut Association of Human Services. Ms. Linton.

SHERRY LINTON: Good afternoon, Representative Urban -- I'm sorry for my sore throat -- and Senator Musto. I'm here representing the Connecticut Association for Human Services to testify in favor of HB5293, AN ACT EXTENDING THE "CARE 4 KIDS" PROGRAM TO FAMILIES WITH A PARENT WHO'S ACTIVELY SEEKING EMPLOYMENT. In addition, I'm testifying in favor of HB6282, AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANNUAL RESULTS BASED ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD EVALUATING STATE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IMPACTING CHILDREN. It is our belief that both bills, in addition to the underlying issues

So we also call for looking more closely at the regulations (inaudible) amend it or just reinforce it in practice.

The second point is that we want to ensure that the one hundred and four million dollars that was budgeted for the Child Care subsidy program for this fiscal year is actually committed to child care and not reduced based on limiting eligibility to the program. Families are in need of child care. There is the need out there. And we don't want to see cost savings basically on the backs of some of the most needy children and families in Connecticut.

And third, I just want to point out in support of HB 6282, that our organization's really working closely with the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Graustein Memorial Fund to really expand the results based accountability approach to child care delivery services as well as other services statewide. So we are, in fact, in support of that bill as well.

Thank you.

SENATOR MUSTO: Thank you very much. Are there any questions from members of the committee?

REP. BETTS: Thank you. Obviously, 5293 has some very appealing benefits and is a very good program. Do you have any information or maybe this has already been produced before as to the success of it in terms of allowing people to stay working because of these subsidies that allow child -- pay for child care?

SHERRY LINTON: Well, I don't have exact figures, but I can say that within Connecticut, the cost of child care alone is over 38 percent of a

SHERRY LINTON: Thank you.

SENATOR MUSTO: Next person on the list is Heather Green from CTPP. Welcome, Ms. Green.

HEATHER GREEN: Good morning.

SENATOR MUSTO: Can you tell us what CTPP stands for?

HEATHER GREEN: Connecticut Parent Power.

SENATOR MUSTO: Thank you.

HEATHER GREEN: Good morning, my name is Heather Green and I am from Waterbury, Connecticut and I am a parent from Connecticut Parent Power. I'm here today in support of HB 5293, which would help families like mine keep our children in child care while we look for work.

I want you to hear why this is so important. I'm a married mother of two beautiful girls ages 11 years and four years. My husband, Tim, worked most of life in the sanitation industry. In fact, he worked for the same company for over 17 years. He was even friends with the owner.

When the owner decided to sell his small company I wasn't too worried because my husband asked if he should start looking for a new job because he has a family to support and a new baby, too. The new owner told him not to worry. As the months went by my husband saw them fire people one by one. My husband again asked if he should look for another job and again, they told him not to.

Can you believe that less than a week later they let my husband go? Tim started applying

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Testimony of Ann Pratt, Executive Director, Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance
HB 5293 and HB 6282

Representative Urban and members of the committee,

Please accept my written testimony regarding two raised bills, HB 5293 and HB 6282. These bills both aim to improve the delivery of early childhood programs in Connecticut and point to the need for a more comprehensive delivery of early childhood services.

HB 5293, An Act Extending the Care4Kids Program to Families with a Parent who is Actively Seeking Employment, aims to address an unfortunate reality in today's economic climate that is affecting many low-income families. The cost of child care is a major barrier to work for low-income families, and this subsidy is critical to breakdown that barrier. Care4Kids is an important component of our state's child care strategy, and every family, regardless of income, should be able to access high-quality early care and education for their children.

However, the Care4Kids program is often subject to administrative changes that jeopardize the care given to children and the support for working parents. This bill reinforces the intent of the Care4Kids program as well as past legislation, such as notification to parents. Because of the importance of Care4Kids in providing children with early learning environments and families with greater opportunities to work, the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance urges you to preserve the Care4Kids program, and to continue to seek out solutions, such as this one, to improve the delivery of childcare to Connecticut's families. In addition, we ask you to remain committed to the \$104M budgeted by the legislature for FY11 as directed in the language of this bill, "The Department shall open and maintain enrollment for the child care subsidy program and shall administer such program within the budgetary resources available."

Regarding HB 6282, An Act Requiring an Annual Results-Based Accountability Report Card Evaluating State Policies and Programs Impacting Children, the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance is keenly interested in ensuring that Connecticut's early childhood programs are effective and efficient. Currently, early childhood services are delivered by several agencies with different reporting requirements, making the overall impact of early care, early education, health care, and family services difficult to track. The Alliance believes that Connecticut should have a single entity that administers programs for children. This would improve the effectiveness of the programs already in place by reaching all the children who need services, ensuring uniform quality standards, access, and data collection, and would achieve efficiencies in spending and administration.

Thank you again the opportunity to address these bills, and all the work your committee undertakes to help improve the lives of the children in our state.



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Testimony Supporting

**H.B. 6282: An Act Requiring an Annual Results-Based Accountability Report Card
Evaluating State Policies and Programs Impacting Children**

Sharon D. Langer
Select Committee on Children
February 8, 2011

Senator Musto, Representative Urban and Members of the Select Committee on Children:

I am Senior Policy Fellow with Connecticut Voices for Children, a research-based public education and advocacy organization that works statewide to promote the well-being of Connecticut's children, youth, and families. I am testifying on behalf of Connecticut Voices today in **support of H.B. 6282**.

My colleagues and I support the important goal of the legislation which would require this committee to publish a report card that "evaluates the progress of state policies and programs in promoting the result that all Connecticut children grow up in a stable living environment, safe, healthy and ready to lead successful lives. . . [The report card shall include] state-wide rates of child abuse, child poverty, low birth weight, third grade reading proficiency, and the annual social health index."

Connecticut Voices supports data driven policy development. Without good data and dispassionate analysis, lawmakers and the public are not able to determine whether state policies that have been enacted by this legislature are meeting their stated goals in the areas of education, child protection, healthy development, food security, and the like.

We respectfully suggest that the state Department of Social Services, which is responsible for the HUSKY and Medicaid programs, Care4Kids, and other programs important to the lives of children, be included in the RBA process and that the proposed statute be amended to state that the report card will be distributed to DSS, as follows:

Sec. 1(a). . . shall transmit the report card electronically to (1) members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and human services, (2) the Commissioners of Children and Families, Education and Public Health, **and Social Services**, (3) the Child Advocate, (4) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, and (5) the Chief Court Administrator.

Precisely because lawmakers are facing crushing budgetary problems, it is vitally important that sufficient funding and staffing resources be provided to conduct the reviews on an annual basis.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 6282. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about these comments or need additional information.



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Commission on Children

Testimony of
Elaine Zimmerman
Executive Director
Connecticut Commission on Children

Select Committee on Children
Connecticut General Assembly
February 8, 2011

Representative Urban and members of the Select Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of the Connecticut Commission on Children in support of several bills before this committee regarding youth violence, family supports and particular bills that will help families during this recession.

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Violence Prevention

We are burying children in smaller and smaller coffins. The Connecticut news reports shootings and death of young teens routinely. The Commission on Children strongly supports Proposed Bill 5816 to study youth violence. We need the best minds in the state working together on this issue. I would recommend the addition to the task force of the Department of Public Safety – which includes the State Police – and the Chief State’s Attorney’s Office. It is important to have law enforcement and prosecutors involved in this effort. Our agency is glad also to participate and to link the work of other states such as Fight Crime, Invest in Kids.

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The work of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids offers a strong national example on which the state task force could build. This organization of more than 5,000 police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors, attorneys general, other law enforcement leaders and violence survivors has produced strong evidence that early investment in children is a key component in crime prevention.

Fight Crime identifies four key steps proven to prevent crime: high-quality early care and education, voluntary parent coaching to at-risk parents through home visiting and other programs, effective in-school and after school programs, and proven interventions for troubled adolescents and their families.

The Recession and Family Life

The recession before us has shown a dramatic rise in unemployment, domestic violence, and family stress. Dr. Kenneth Land from Duke University reported that virtually all the progress made in children’s economic well-being since 1975 is likely to be wiped out by the downturn.

Already, the evidence is staggering. Here in Connecticut, more children are hungry, homeless, and living in families under tremendous stress. Fully 28 percent of the state's children have parents with no full-time, year-round employment. Home foreclosures have pushed many families into the rental market, which in turn is driving up rents — despite falling incomes and rising unemployment. As a result, many families won't find housing at all. In just one year Connecticut homeless shelters reported a 30 percent increase in the number of families they had to turn away due to lack of space.

What we do now will influence a near decade for children. Thus any policies that bolster the supports that families need right now are paramount. They need to buffer against unemployment and homelessness and to help children and youth remain on a trajectory for success as adults.

Parents cannot get out of unemployment or homelessness, without childcare. They should be part of the Care 4 Kids program as Care 4 Kids is intended for those most in need of care in order to work. **H.B. 5293, An Act Extending the "Care 4 Kids" Program to Families with a Parent who is Actively Seeking Employment** will help parents work and children thrive.

Many youth are running away due to extreme family stress and/or to simply help out the family budget by decreasing costs in a household. Many low income youth are not able to attend college or stay in college. This is both due to cost as well as needing to help out other family members who have lost their jobs and to care for the younger children and elders in families. Other youth are simply forgotten because they are adopted or living with kin. Proposed bills **H.B. 5120, An Act Concerning Educational Financial Assistance for Children Adopted Through the Department of Children and Families** and proposed **S.B. 135, An Act Concerning Postsecondary Educational Financial Assistance for Children in Kinship Care** recognize the youth who are not with their biological families of origin, but are nonetheless with their families and need support for college.

The recession is increasing family stressors which impact children. At the extreme, this includes violence, substance abuse and crime. Two bills before this committee ensure taking action if a child is in a car with someone drinking and through serious mental health intervention if a youth abuses animals. Research informs us that if you harm an animal, you are likely to next harm a human. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence conducted a study in which 85 percent of women and 63 percent of children reported incidents of pet abuse in their families after arriving at domestic violence shelters.

Getting the help that is needed to address the mental health needs of these young people is a smart way to prevent future, predictable violence Thus the Commission supports both Proposed **S.B. 746, An Act Requiring an Investigation by the Department of Children and Families When a Person is Arrested for Drunken Driving with a Child in the Vehicle** and Raised **H.B. 5814, An Act Concerning Children and Cruelty to Animals**

With limited resources and a growing debt, Connecticut must ensure that we invest in children wisely and that our policies and programs promote the outcomes we are looking for. We have no time for failure and guess work. Thus we support **Raised H.B. 6282, An Act Requiring an**

Annual Results-Based Accountability Report Card Evaluating State Policies and Programs Impacting Children

The Commission on Children would be honored to work with the Select Committee on Children, the Office of Legislative Research and the Office of Fiscal Analysis on an annual report card on child outcomes. We have been releasing a social health index for 16 years. The Index, brought into statute as Public Act No. 97-312, was developed by our agency with then-Senate President Pro Tempore John Larson.

The Social State of Connecticut is an index of social, economic and health areas that impact children, the family and our work life. No single issue or agency dominates. It spans generations and regions of the state. Three decades are graphed to highlight patterns of success or challenge within eleven social health areas. Each indicator is traced over thirty, ten and five years to show us long as well as short term gains or losses. A single number averages these eleven indicators together.

The child indicators include infant mortality, child abuse, youth suicide, high school dropouts and teen births. The adult indicators include unemployment, average weekly wages and health insurance. Thus some of the indicators referenced in H.B. 6282 are included in the Index (child abuse, child poverty, low birth-weight). In 2008, we also looked at Young People and the Law with a three year comparison and overall trends in juvenile arrests.

Family Ties in Loss and War

The Commission also supports H.B. 5503, An Act Concerning the Priority of Grandparents in Child Custody Cases and Raised H.B. 6281, and An Act Concerning Visitation Rights by Grandparents Both H.B. 6281 and 5503 recognize grandparents are part of the heart and architecture of the family.

Of most importance to children in any shift in family structure are stability and the constancy of parental love. Parents take priority over grandparents in both constitutional rights and the ego development and long-term developmental needs of the child or youth.

However, grandparents are sometimes ignored when a divorce, death, drug addiction or criminal conviction occur. The omission of the grandparent at this point is all the more detrimental to the child as there has already been one loss of a parent, temporary or not. Children suffer when they lose the intergenerational connection with grandparents if they have had a true and deep relationship with the grandmother or grandfather. When a child loses a grandparent during a death of a parent, criminal conviction, drug or alcohol abuse, or divorce—simply because the other parent or adults involved neglect to bring in the elder, this harms the child.

Sometimes the parent responsible for the child is just not thinking straight due to the crisis or change in life. Sometimes the parent is 'acting out' to expunge the memory of the lost or disconnected partner. This harms the child. In other cases, it is an agency with authority that ignores the grandparent. This also harms the child.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The Bill as amended is passed.

The Clerk please call Calendar 96.

THE CLERK:

On Page 34, Calendar 96, Substitute for House Bill
Number 6282 AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANNUAL RESULTS-BASED
ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD EVALUATING STATE POLICIES AND
PROGRAMS IMPACTING CHILDREN. Favorable Report of the
Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative Urban.

REP. URBAN (43rd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the Joint Committee's
Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The question is on acceptance and passage. Would you
explain the Bill please, madam.

REP. URBAN (43rd):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. This Bill emanates from a study
that was done by the Program Review and Investigations
Committee on results-based accountability in 2009, and this
Bill intends to take the recommendations from that study
and to implement them.

The recommendations in general are to improve effectiveness and strengthen accountability of the state's programs and services aimed at promoting the well-being of all Connecticut children.

And as this study took place, Mr. Speaker, we found that we were, in fact, spending \$5.8 billion on family preservation and support, and yet we also found that we did not have a lot of data on whether these programs were actually working.

We did take a look at parent aid, intensive family preservation, ICAPS and flex funds. So now, Mr. Speaker, we would like to take this study and the preliminary work that has been done and put it into practice.

That would involve, the main provisions of the Bill would involving requiring the Select Committee on Children in consultation with the Commission on Children, the OFA and the OLR to maintain and review an annual report card.

This report card would be based on the result that Connecticut children grow up in a stable living environment, safe, healthy and ready to lead successful lives.

It also directs the Select Committee on Children in consultation with a working group composed of state agencies, private providers, families, advocates, and other

stakeholders to identify, or if they are not there to develop an annual review, primary and secondary indications of progress and key measures of performance for the state child welfare system.

And finally, in consultation with the Results-Based Accountability Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, identify the state's key child welfare systems programs and require them to prepare annual report cards using the format developed by that Subcommittee and in essence, that format can be expressed in shorthand as, how much did we do? How well did we do it? And is anyone better off?

The first report card is due January 12, 2012 and in the interest of transparency, it will be made available to the public on the Internet.

I urge passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Thank you, madam. The distinguished Ranking Member of the Children's Committee, Representative Terrie Wood.

REP. WOOD (141st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of Representative Urban and Chairman of the Committee on this Bill. It makes a lot of sense.

To summarize what Representative Urban mentioned, it does improve the effectiveness of the programs delivered to children in the state and it also delineates what's working and what's not working, what we can do better.

And I hope you all will support this Bill.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Thank you, madam. Representative Floren.
Representative Floren. No? Very good. Representative Candelora.

REP. CANDELORA (86th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I may just a question to the proponent of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. CANDELORA (86th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In lines 58 through 65, we involve the Appropriations Committee in the process. I know that through results based accountability we were generally concerned about setting up population goal for what we want to achieve in evaluating that goal.

And I was just wondering if the Representative could just explain how this report card may interact with the

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appropriations process? I think that's outlined in lines 58 through 65. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative Urban.

REP. URBAN (43rd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for that question. We'll be interacting with the Appropriations Committee through the Subcommittee process, which we have begun as you know this Session, and it will be under the results statement, which is, all Connecticut children grow up in a stable, living environment.

So safe, healthy and ready to lead successful lives, and that then is translated into program evaluation. That's the overall population result.

But then the question is, is the programs that we're looking at on the Appropriations Committee actually getting us to that result, and how do we measure that?

And the three questions that we ask are how much did we do, how well did we do it, and is anyone better off?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative Candelora.

REP. CANDELORA (86th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And so, through the appropriation process, I guess the Committee necessarily then, the way this would work as a report card, would evaluate the different programs that are being performed in order to achieve that goal that we have set.

And then if those report cards come back to the Children's Committee, I think as I read this, and might identify an area where there's a weakness, and I think we've seen that in the past, the Appropriations Committee then could look at that report card and through the budgeting process would sort of hold these agencies accountable and say, okay, we're spending X amount of dollars on this particular area. We're underperforming here. Let's look at it as a budgetary item. Let's look at how we may need to adjust this so we could see sometimes reductions in programs and sometimes we can see that we may need to increase funding in programs.

So, we could really go either way through this process? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative Urban.

REP. URBAN (43rd):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, that is a perfect description of what we would hope would be happening.\

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative Candelora.

REP. CANDELORA (86th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I do support the policies under this provision, and I'm glad to see this Bill before us.

I think it's important for us to begin, especially through the appropriations process of results based accountability. Having served on Approps, I've appreciated the value of it and so I certainly support it. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on the Bill?
Will you remark further on the Bill?

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 Representative is voting by Roll Call.

Members to the Chamber.

The House is voting by Roll Call. Members to the Chamber.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Have all the Members voted? Have all the Members voted? If so, the machine will be locked. The Clerk will take a tally and Mr. Clerk, if you'd kindly announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Bill Number 6282.

Total Number Voting	148
Necessary for Passage	75
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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The Bill is passed.

Mr. Clerk, kindly call Calendar 429.

THE CLERK:

On Page 18, Calendar 429, House Bill Number 6341 AN
CONCERNING THE STATUTE OF REPOSE FOR ASBESTOS-RELATED
PRODUCT LIABILITY CLAIMS. Favorable Report of the
Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The distinguished Chairman of the Judiciary Committee,
Representative Gerry Fox.

REP. FOX (146th):

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Moving to calendar page 24, Calendar 577, House
Bill Number 5795.

Madam President, move to place this item on the
Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Moving now to calendar page 25, Calendar 581,
House Bill Number 6354.

Move to place the item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Moving to calendar page 26, Calendar 596, House
Bill Number 6282.

Move to place this item on the Consent
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

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Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call's been ordered in the Senate on the Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber. Immediate roll call's been ordered in the Senate on the Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber.

THE CLERK:

Madam President, the items placed...

THE CHAIR:

I would ask the Chamber to be quiet please so we can hear the call of the Calendar for the Consent Calendar.

Thank you.

Please proceed, Mr. Clerk

THE CLERK:

Madam President, the items placed on the first Consent Calendar begin on calendar page 5, Calendar 336, House Bill 5697.

Calendar page 7, Calendar 421, Substitute for House Bill 6126.

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Calendar page 12, Calendar 499, Substitute for House Bill 6638. Calendar 500, House Bill 6614. Calendar 508, House Bill 6222.

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Madam President, that completes the item placed
on the first Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir.

We call for another roll call vote. And the
machine will be open for Consent Calendar number 1.

THE CLERK:

The Senate is now voting by roll on the Consent
Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the
Chamber. The Senate is now voting by roll on the
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the Chamber.

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Senator Cassano, would you vote, please, sir.

Thank you.

Well, all members have voted. All members have voted. The machine will be closed, and Mr. Clerk, will you call the tally?

THE CLERK:

Motion is on option Consent Calendar Number 1.

Total Number Voting	36
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar Number 1 has passed.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

We might stand at ease for just a moment as we prepare the next item..

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease.

(Chamber at ease.)