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10:00 A.M.

MARK DALEY: Yeah. Absolutely. I think that's, you know, and I have had some, you know, involvement in this so far, and I think my perception is the intent is clear here and as the bill continues to evolve that there will be an autonomous airport authority with all of the flexibility Senator Frantz and the other members of the Committee are concerned about.

That is -- that's the honest perception that I'm getting as a participant in this.

REP. CAMILLO: Okay. Thank you very much.

REP. BERGER: Thank you, Representative.

Any other questions or comments from Committee members?

Thank you for your testimony.

REP. BERGER: Thank you.

REP. BERGER: Acting Commissioner Ron Angelo, DECD.

RONALD ANGELO: Good morning, Senator LeBeau.

Good morning, Senator LeBeau, Representative Berger, Representative Camillo. My name is Ron Angelo, and I'm the acting commissioner, Department of Economic and Community Development. I'm here before you to discuss DECD's support for Governor Malloy's proposed Senate Bill 1002, AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE COMPETITIVENESS AND COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND TOURISM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY

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They are Senate Bill 1006, AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STATUTES, and House Bill 6455, AN ACT REPEALING CERTAIN STATUTES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. I urge your support on both of those bills also, and I'd be happy to answer any of your questions at this time.

REP. BERGER: Well, thank you, Ron, for coming to the Committee this afternoon -- this morning.

SB1002

Under the consolidation plan, obviously we could probably spend a half a day here talking about, you know, how would we put this structure together. But my concern is a couple of different areas.

Considering the structure and realignment that are addressing today in your testimony, how -- what do you envision the structure of DECD to be to be able to handle this new -- these new divisions and the ability of DECD to be able to implement them in an efficient and effective way?

RONALD ANGELO: Well, the consolidation I think is very basic. I mean, we've got three people from OWC coming in. These people have a high level of expertise in this program. There are also several individuals at DOL that are going to be moving over, so that level of expertise currently within DOL goes along with the programs. Same thing occurs with culture and tourism. So it's really bringing the intellectual ability that has been involved in each of these programs and simply merging them within DECD.

SENATOR LeBEAU: Always good to see you and wish you luck going forward.

The -- let's first ask a technical question. We have two bills essentially on statutes related to economic and community development. One is 6455 which is I think, a committee bill -- or is it a Governor's bill, I'm not sure. And 1066, AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STATUTES. Did you notice whether there's any overlap in those two bills in terms of this? Because they both seem to be pretty technical.

RONALD ANGELO: They are both technical in nature. There's obsolete or duplicative functions --

SENATOR LeBEAU: (Inaudible) things like that.

RONALD ANGELO: -- that have occurred. Right. And that's all that is. So I think there are probably things that cross over in both of those bills. But they do address separate statutes.

SENATOR LeBEAU: Right. They're actually -- we have to look over some of this in terms of to see whether there's any policy changes in those two bills.

Let me ask on 6384, AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFERRING THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM TO DECD and MOVING WORKFORCE COMPETITIVENESS, that piece of 1002.

Do you anticipate that this is going to result in more customized job training by

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**TESTIMONY SUBMITTED TO THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE**  
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*Ronald Angelo, Acting Commissioner*  
*Department of Economic and Community Development*

**HB 6455- AN ACT REPEALING CERTAIN STATUTES RELATED TO THE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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The Department of Economic and Community Development offers the following comments in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 6455 *An Act Repealing Certain Statutes Related to the Department of Economic and Community Development*.

DECD is in support of this proposed amendment to eliminate redundant and duplicative mandates. This bill will allow for inactive boards, activities and systems that were never created, defunct or are similar to be removed from the statutes.

Highlights of the bill are as follows:

- 32-1f Duties of commissioner regarding Connecticut's future. Activities required by the statute are similar to those required under CGS sections 32-1m (DECD's Annual Report) and 32-1o (DECD's Economic Strategic Plan for Connecticut).
- 32-1g Connecticut competitiveness index. The "index" required by this section is redundant to 32-1o - which is the state's economic strategic plan. Additionally 32-1g requires that the Connecticut Economic Information System (CEIS) be used in the preparation of the "Index". The CEIS was never created and the Steering Committee has long been defunct. Further, it should be noted that section 32-6i of the general statutes it refers to CEIS. This too should be removed since CEIS does not exist and there was never any funding allocated to create such a system.
- Section 32-6i - The Connecticut Economic Information System (CEIS) was never created (and therefore does not exist). No funding exists to create such a system and due to advances in technology, it is no longer needed. DECD uses various other sources of data and systems to accomplish the same goals. The CEIS Steering Committee is defunct.
- Section 2c-2b(a)(29)- Repeals the sunset date for the CEIS. Since we are repealing the statute (above) we will no longer need the sunset date either.

- 32-4b State Economic Development Advisory Board. The State Economic Development Advisory Board has been defunct for over 10 years. Further the State's Economic Strategic Plan, pursuant to section 32-1o of the general statutes, addresses the planning and marketing aspects of the Advisory Board's charge.
- 32-4f Connecticut Economic Conference Board. This section refers to the Connecticut Economic Conference Board, which has not met since 2001 and as such is defunct. All of its appointments have lapsed. Further, the activities required by this statute are essentially the same as those required under CGS Sections 32-1m (DECD's Annual Report) and 32-1o (DECD's Economic Strategic Plan for Connecticut).
- Section 32-290 created the Financial Assistance for Entrepreneurial Development of Low Income Persons, a demonstration project that has ended. A successor program under 32-290a, the Entrepreneurial Training Program, has been in place for the past 10 years. Additionally, Under Section 32-291 of the C.G.S provided bond funds for the Financial Assistance for Entrepreneurial Development of Low Income Persons pilot program conducted under section 32-290 of the C.G.S. This 3-year pilot program ended in 1996/1997. The success of the pilot program led to the creation of the Entrepreneurial Training Program (32-290a).
- Section 32-1n Reports for economic and industry cluster initiatives. This section called for a one time report due 12/31/2006. The report was completed, and thus this statute is now obsolete and should be deleted.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the department's comments.



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(Applause.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Thank you, Representative Fox and thank you, Jeremy for all you did for us this year, and I love your family. I love the tie and the sneakers effect and the argyle sweater as well. Great looking family. Thanks for joining us. Hope you enjoy the day.

Representative, any further announcements or points of personal privilege? Seeing none, we'll return to the Call of the Calendar. Representative Berger of the Brass City, you have the floor, sir.

REP. BERGER (73rd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Would the Clerk please call Calendar 126. And then you'll have the floor, sir.

REP. BERGER (73rd):

You were caught up in a moment.

THE CLERK:

On Page 8, Calendar 126, House Bill Number 6455  
AN ACT REPEALING CERTAIN STATUTES RELATED TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.  
Favorable Report of the Committee on Commerce.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

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Now we have Representative Berger. Please proceed, sir.

REP. BERGER (73rd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is often that you get caught up in a moment, sometimes. I understand.

I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

The question before the Chamber is acceptance and passage. Please proceed, sir.

REP. BERGER (73rd):

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Bill before us repeals the State Economic and Development Advisory Board, the Connecticut Economic Conference Board and the Connecticut Economic Information Steering Committee, all three of which are now defunct.

It also repeals, obsolete, I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker and redundant statutes that are currently on the books.

The Clerk, Mr. Speaker, is in possession of Amendment LCO Number 5328. I ask that he call and I be allowed to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

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Will the Clerk please call LCO 5328, which shall be designated House Amendment Schedule "A".

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 5328, House "A", offered by Representative Berger and Senator LeBeau.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

The Representative begs leave of the Chamber to summarize. Seeing no objection to summarization, please proceed, sir.

REP. BERGER (73rd):

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment will make a small line change in line 71 relating to general statute change. I move passage of the Amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

The question is passage of the Amendment. Passage of the Amendment. Further on House "A"? Anything else on House "A"?

If not, I'll try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Opposed? The Ayes have it. House "A" is  
adopted. Further on the Bill as amended?

Representative Camillo of the 151st and last, but  
definitely not. Definitely the best.

REP. CAMILLO (151st):

The best. Absolutely. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.  
This also passed out of Commerce unanimously. It, as  
Representative Berger said, it just eliminates  
redundancy, duplication and inactivity in our  
statutes, and I urge adoption. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Thank you, Representative Camillo. Further on  
the Bill as amended? If not, staff and guests please  
retire 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 ALTOBELLO:

Have all Members voted? If all Members voted,  
please check the board to make sure your vote is  
properly cast.

If all Members have voted, the machine will be locked. Would the Clerk please take a tally.

Would the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

On House Bill 6455 as amended by House "A".

Total Number Voting	137
Necessary for Passage	69
Those voting Yea	137
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	14

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

The Bill as amended is passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 118.

THE CLERK:

On Page 7, Calendar 118, House Bill Number 6356

AN ACT CONCERNING A CLARIFICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES REQUIREMENT TO GIVE NOTICE REGARDING REPAYMENT OF SERVICE. Favorable Report of the Committee on Human Services.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Representative Morris of the 118th, you have the floor, sir.

REP. MORRIS (140th):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

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So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you Madam President.

Continuing calendar page 13. Calendar 515,  
House Bill Number 6221.

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

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Also, calendar page 13, Calendar 516, House  
Bill Number 6455.

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

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Moving to calendar page 14, Madam President,  
Calendar 519, House Bill Number 5437.

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

THE CHAIR:



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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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Bill 6629.

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6314. Calendar 601, Substitute for House Bill 6529.  
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Substitute for House Bill 6485. Calendar 616,  
Substitute for House Bill 6498.

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Page 34, Calendar 638, Substitute for House  
Bill 6525.

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Calendar page 49, Calendar 409, Substitute for  
House Bill 6233. Calendar 412, House Bill 5178.  
Calendar 422, Substitute for House Bill 6448.

Calendar page 52, Calendar 521, Substitute for  
House Bill 6113.

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  
Consent Calendar, will all Senators please return to  
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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.)