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WINE AND SPIRITS WHOLESALERS OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

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February 23, 2011

TESTIMONY OF WINE AND SPIRITS WHOLESALERS OF CONNECTICUT

Concerning:

Proposed Senate Bill No. 994 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF WINE AT FARMERS' MARKETS.

Proposed Bill 994 seeks to increase the locations at which a "Farm Winery" can sell its products by 400%. This bill is identical to Proposed Bill S.B.462 which is currently pending before the General Law Committee. Currently, Farm wineries are limited in to selling directly to consumers either at the winery location or through mail/internet orders. Farm Wineries can also, under current law, sell their wine, either directly or through a wholesaler, to restaurants, cafes, bars, package store and any other retail class of license.

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Seeing none, thank you very much, gentlemen.

SENATOR MAYNARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I might suggest that -- at the date in the near future, we might assign a small committee, maybe Representative Taborsak, Representative Altobello, and we could go out on a junket and just take a look at some of these brew pubs.

SENATOR DOYLE: I'll appoint you two folks, absolutely.

SENATOR MAYNARD: Very good. Thank you.

SENATOR DOYLE: Thank you.

The next speaker is Senator Meyer. Senator -- yes, he is. Thank you.

SENATOR MEYER: Senator Doyle, Representative Taborsak, members of the General Law Committee, nice to be with you this morning.

We're going to switch the subject from beer to farm wines. And I'm here today to speak in enthusiastic support of Senate Bill 462, which would permit the sale of farm wines at farmer's markets.

The law in Connecticut is that the products that can be sold at a farmer's market are controlled by our statutes, and this bill would expand the products that could be sold at a farmer's market to include Connecticut farm wines.

Let me give you several reasons why I think this is a good direction for us. In the first place, what it does is, it supports our farms and -- and our farm wineries. It's a great increasing industry in Connecticut. It creates jobs. It's good for the economy.

Secondly, it keeps land in agriculture that otherwise might be converted into, you know, high-density housing, or -- or other construction.

Third, it will -- selling farm wines at farm markets will draw customers, more customers, to farmer's market. And those customers would not only buy farm wines, but they'll also buy the other products and so it's very good for farmer's markets.

And finally, it will actually create substantial tax revenue for Connecticut. Interestingly, farm wines are one of the -- the very few agricultural commodities that we tax, we impose a sales tax on, so it's -- it's good for the market, it's good for our tax revenue, and I urge your support of it when you have a chance to vote. Thank you.

SENATOR DOYLE: Thank you, Senator.

Any questions for -- one second.

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Good morning, Senator Meyer. Great --

SENATOR MEYER: Good morning, Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL: -- to see you.

SENATOR MEYER: Nice to see you.

SENATOR KISSEL: You had said that we could glean some revenues through sales tax. Would these farm wines also be subject to excise taxes?

SENATOR MEYER: I don't know if they would or not.
Definitely be -- be subject to sales tax though.
They are subject to sales tax now.

SENATOR KISSEL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

A VOICE: Thank you.

Any more questions?

SENATOR DOYLE: Representative Reed.

REP. REED: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Good to see you, Senator Meyer.

SENATOR MEYER: Nice to see you.

REP. REED: I'm just wondering if you have any numbers of how many farm markets we have. And you're talking about the ones that are there every weekend as -- in addition to ones that are more full-time?

SENATOR MEYER: You know, I don't know how many there are, Representative Reed, statewide. In my Senate District, I'm aware of -- of four farmer's markets that -- that get together at least once a week. So that's in -- just in one Senate District, the 12th Senate District. I don't know on a statewide basis. You see them all over, you know? New -- New Haven's got a wonderful new farmer's market, and -- and so you see them in the -- in the cities, as well as the towns.

REP. REED: And they've -- some of their leadership has come to you and -- and expressed that they think this would be most helpful?

SENATOR MEYER: Yes. I have gotten support for this, in fact, initiated by a combination of -- of

farmers who -- who do farmer's markets, and the farm wine industries. And in my district, there's a very large farm -- farm wine industry, Bishop's Orchards, that you're familiar with. And they are -- they are very supportive of this -- this effort.

REP. REED: So they don't feel that these would be other competitors. They feel that that would expand their reach as well.

SENATOR MEYER: It would. And by the way, Connecticut farm wines are allowed to be sold on Sunday. I -- I know that was a question, I think, that you asked, (inaudible).

REP. REED: Thank you. Thank you for your testimony.

Thank you -- Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR DOYLE: Thank you.

Representative Tallarita.

REP. TALLARITA: Thank you.

Hello, Senator.

SENATOR MEYER: Hi.

REP. TALLARITA: So, as you just said, Connecticut fine wine -- farm wines are allowed to be sold on Sunday.

SENATOR MEYER: Yes.

REP. TALLARITA: And they would also be allowed to be sold at these farmer's markets that are -- that happen in other -- in other towns outside of where the wineries are actually existing?

SENATOR MEYER: Yes, if the farmer's market was on Sunday.

REP. TALLARITA: So this would be a further expansion of sales of wines on Sundays.

SENATOR MEYER: It would.

REP. TALLARITA: Thank you.

SENATOR DOYLE: Any other questions from the committee members?

Seeing none, thank you very much, Senator Meyer.

SENATOR MEYER: Thank you, thank you, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE: At this point in time, are there any other legislators, agency head, or municipal officials that want to speak?

All right, none are here so we're going to move on to the public.

The first member of the public to speak is William DeDominicus. After William is Robert Duguay, then Jay Hibbard, and Bob Heffernan.

William?

And again, just -- for the recap, we're going to try to ask the public to keep their comments to three minutes. Of course, legislators can ask questions unlimited if they'd like.

Thank you very much, (inaudible).

WILLIAM DEDOMINICUS: Good morning, and thank you the opportunity to speak in regard to Raised Bill Number 81.

deny a permit. I can think of one instance off the top of my head in New Haven where there was an establishment that was, you know, a documented case of chronic drug dealing and chronic arrests. You know, repeatedly documented.

And when we -- it took the City many years to finally get a remonstrance hearing and when we went we offered our testimony and what the -- what the permit was actually suspended for was a tax violation. The owner was hiring help under the table and not taxing them. So I -- I'm assuming that all that we offered wasn't good enough. It wasn't good enough that it was a problem location a, you know, a den of drug dealing and places where shootings had occurred.

So I'd say the veto power of the chief is what we're asking for and that the -- perhaps the bar is too high for the -- the Liquor Commissions to shut the establishment down.

REP. TABORSAK: That's all I have. Thank you for answering that question.

SENATOR DOYLE: Thank you.

Any other questions?

Thank you very much, Gentlemen.

SENATOR LOONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you very much.

SENATOR DOYLE: Next speaker Roger Loeb, Dan Canova, Mark Smith, Abner Burgos-Rodriguez, and Mary Lou Burcome. Roger. Thank you.

ROGER LOEB: Chairman Doyle and Taborsak, my name is Roger Loeb. I am Chairman of Allen S. Goodman,

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a family-owned wholesaler of wine, spirits, and beer located in East Hartford. Today I come before you not only representing the interests of our company but also member companies of the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of Connecticut.

Our company is responsible bringing to market and distribution in excess -- just our company of 2,500 brands of wine, spirits, and beer. These range from such household names as Miller, Coors, Smirnoff, Jack Daniels, Beringer, Sterling and perhaps less recognized names such as Yado, St. Michelle, Silverado and Gentleman Jack.

Our company works in partnership with suppliers and manufacturers to bring their products to Connecticut package stores, grocery stores, restaurants, and other retailers. Our company also provides marketing assistance for the retailers, daily deliveries and promotional assists to the retailers. We have 50 trucks a day out on the road delivering to these stores, these people behind me. The company was found by my stepfather right after repeal in 1933.

The company has been owned and operated ever since and we are currently in the process of third generation. My son in law's trying to kick me out. Assuming the leadership -- and he might do it yet -- and assuming the leadership of the company. We provide jobs for 200 people, Connecticut residents through the state mostly in the East Hartford area. And we have excess of \$17 million in wages and benefits for our employees. I'd like to discuss some of the bills. I think I have a solution for -- for one of them.

So let's start. The first one I'd like to talk about is 462, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CONNECTICUT FARM WINE AT FARMER'S MARKET.

That's such a dangerous bill. I can't begin to tell you. That means a guy selling corn on the -- on the side street or in West Hartford Center, a guy with wine can come up and set it right next door and sell wine at any place. So some wineries can have a thousand different people out there selling wine on the weekend out there. And by having a farm market right next to you. You know, a portable farm market.

They don't have -- we don't have the police nor anybody to keep track of selling to minors. It's a bill that can't go. If you go that route you're opening up liquor, wine and beer to everybody. Because there's no way the police can spend hours, days, people that are doing it and everything. You can't run that type of thing (inaudible). The second one on the same type of idea is wine festivals, AN ACT CONCERNING -- this is 866. It's wine festivals. There was a lot of talk about it in the past couple years. We as wholesalers and many others were against it but we -- the proposed bills seeks to increase the number of wine festivals from one to two. The -- oh.

All I could say is we made a deal with the -- with the farm wineries two years ago. They agreed to the one. They were happy with that. If you extend it you're going to have a lot of problem because there's farm wine associations will be brought in -- Gallo and all the rest of them will be in here selling off trucks. You'll have no control over these types of things. The last one if you'll let me do is I have an idea for gift baskets. I think that you can do this -- the way the law that you're looking to change they would have to get a license themselves.

The flower companies would have to get a license in order to sell the products and everything. If you put in a law saying that flower shops and

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Proposed Bill 462

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CONNECTICUT FARM WINE AT
FARMERS' MARKETS**

While this bill is sponsored by Sen. Meyer, the Department submitted similar legislation to the Environment Committee that will create a \$250 annual permit to allow farm winery permittees to sell Connecticut made wine produced at their winery, by the bottle, at Farmers' Markets at the invitation of the individual markets. The permit holder or an authorized representative must be present at the time of all sales. A farm winery permittee would be limited to no more than three farmers' market premises during the course of the year. The permit would be granted by the Department of Consumer Protection. There are over 120 Farmers' Markets in operation in Connecticut and many are held on or near church or school grounds. Because all local ordinances and state law must be adhered to with regard to the sale of alcohol, wine would not be allowed to be sold at those locations.

The Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council has requested consideration of this proposal in the Council's efforts to increase sales of Connecticut wines by building awareness and enhancing the image of Connecticut's farm wine industry. A primary business growth objective of each winery is to promote tourism to their properties and the communities in which they are located. The availability of Connecticut wines at Connecticut Farmers' Markets will assist in broadening awareness of the quality of Connecticut wines, showcase award winning wines thereby assisting in the continued development and economic viability of the industry while adding to the success of the Farmers' Market itself. Connecticut citizens are demanding locally grown and produced farm products. Farmers' Markets have evolved into critical venues where farmers connect directly with consumers and are a vital component of our agricultural economy. Farmers' Markets are most successful when they offer a wide range of Connecticut Grown foods and products. Allowing farm wineries access to Farmers' Markets will help sustain both the farmers and the markets.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture urges your support for PB 462.

Thank you for your consideration.

From the desk of



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February 8, 2011

Dear Members of the General Assembly; General Law Committee:

RE: Proposed Bills 462 and 225

I ask that you support and pass legislation to allow for the sale and tasting of wines made from 100% CT Grown products by holders of a CT Farm Winery License at Farmer's Markets. NY and MA already allow the sales of wines at Farmer's Markets. On next page is suggested bill language.

Farmer's Markets are a popular way for many people to purchase and connect with Connecticut Grown products. Customers at farm wineries are always asking where else they can purchase our wines. Many customers visit wineries as part of travel plans since most wineries are in rural locations, and hence it is harder for them to make regular purchases at wineries.

Tastings are an important component of having consumers satisfied with their purchases. Please allow for tastings as a part of the wording, just as we can do at our wineries.

Farmer's Markets take place in many venues in our towns. Many times they take place in central, downtown areas. Please make sure that other than local ordinances or zoning regulations, that Farm Wineries can sell at these locations.

Passing this will have many positive aspects:

1. Support the farms and wineries that grow the crops.
2. Keep land in agriculture that will be needed to grow the crops to qualify to be sold here.
3. Create more jobs to make and sell these wines
4. Draw more consumers to Farmer's Markets for this product which in turn will support the other farmers at the markets
5. Create more tax revenue for the State (one of few ag commodities taxed)

The only concerns should be easily handled by the permittees: selling only to qualified buyers as specified under existing regulations. The impact to other outlets selling non-CT wines will be minimal as Farmers Markets draw a unique demographic, and the total hours open a year at one farmers market is approximately 15 weeks x 4 hours = 60 hours a year.

Sincerely,

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Co-Owner & Co-CEO



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Testimony in Support of:

SB 462 SALE OF CT FARM WINE AT FARMERS MARKETS

Submitted by: Donald Tuller, President, Connecticut Farm Bureau Association

The following testimony is submitted on behalf of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, a statewide nonprofit membership organization of over 5,000 families dedicated to farming and the future of Connecticut agriculture.

Senator Doyle, Representative Taborsak, Members of the General Law Committee

The Connecticut Farmers Market movement, and the growth of the Connecticut Farm Wine Industry are two of the most exciting developments in Connecticut Agriculture today. Bringing the two together through the adoption of SB 462, would not only help build the vitality for farm wine producers by opening an additional selling channel, but would add to the Farmer's Market experience as well by bringing in additional Connecticut farm produced products that haven't been sold there before. The passage of SB 462 would not only be a plus for Connecticut farmers and Connecticut consumers as well.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue. Don Tuller Connecticut Farm Bureau Association



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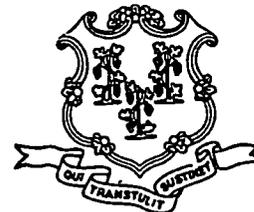
Members of the General Law Committee, my name is Jamie Jones and my family owns the Jones Family Farms and Winery in Shelton. Due to business matters I am unable to deliver this testimony in person, but it is very important to vineyards across the State. I am the President of the Connecticut Vineyard and Winery Association (CVWA). We are a private, non-profit association of twenty (20) farm wineries from around the state. Our goal is to promote the cultivation of grapes, spread awareness of the quality wines being produced in our state and market our businesses through the Connecticut Wine Trail brochure and our website. Together our farms comprise over 2000 acres of open space and our businesses received 500,000 visits from travelers searching for local wines. We are an important part of both Connecticut's beautiful landscape and local economy. I come before you today to voice our support for SB 462 An Act Authorizing the Sale of Connecticut Farm Wine at Farmers' Markets.

Currently underway is an exciting movement by people craving for locally produced products such as Connecticut grown wine. Farmer's markets have become a popular outlet for farmers to market their products to customers who cannot make it out to the farm. Many farms and wineries are located in rural settings, away from population centers and farmer's markets allow growers to bring their produce to convenient, easily accessible locations where people can shop for their weekly food needs. Unfortunately in Connecticut, wine has not been permitted to be sold in approved Department of Agriculture farmer's markets.

The bill before you allows this to take place, but in a limited fashion. Each winery would only be allowed to sell their wine, by the bottle only, at three farmer's markets. A permit would be granted by the Department of Consumer Protection so that Liquor Control would know where permittees were selling at all times. They could then audit the locations to ensure that sales to minors was not taking place.

Many States, such as our neighbor New York, allow wine to be sold at Farmers's Markets. It provides them to showcase their locally grown product and hopefully drive patrons to the vineyard. Although there are hundreds of Farmer's Markets across the State, many are held on the grounds of a school or church. Because all local ordinances must be followed, alcohol would not be permitted to be sold at these locations. This bill would provide CT Vineyards with a unique marketing niche for their unique product. It would greatly help the community in a struggling economy as well. I urge you to support the sale of wine at Farmer's Markets. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Department of Consumer Protection



Testimony of John Suchy
 Director of Liquor Control Division
 Department of Consumer Protection

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Sen. Doyle, Rep. Taborsak, Sen. Witkos, Rep. Rebimbas and Honorable members of the General Law Committee, I am John Suchy, Director of Liquor Control in the Department of Consumer Protection. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to offer written testimony regarding a number of proposed bills on your agenda today.

I would begin my testimony by noting that none of the bills before you today are proposals introduced by the Department. As such, the purpose of my testimony is not to seek your support for any of these bills. Nor is it for me to speak in opposition to them. Rather, I offer the following testimony to provide information to committee members regarding the impact these bills would have on the current resources of the DCP.

I am aware that we are at a relatively early stage in the legislative session and that some of these proposals may be amended as the committee sees fit. As such, please note that my comments address the bills as they are currently drafted. Should there be changes considered at some later date, please know that the Department is happy to continue to provide you with additional information and to answer any questions you may have of us.

With that in mind, I respectfully provide comments on the following 5 bills on your agenda today.

SB 864 AN ACT CONCERNING GROCERY STORE BEER PERMITS

This bill as drafted would greatly expand the number of retail stores that would qualify as grocery stores and thus allow them to obtain a permit to engage in the sale of beer. We note that while the stated intent of the bill is to include "convenience stores" within the definition of "grocery stores," the bill would further expand that meaning to include many other retail stores engaged in the sale of groceries such as department stores,

pharmacy stores and similar businesses. The precise number of new convenience & retail stores that would qualify under this bill has yet to be determined but the Department's initial estimate is approximately between 2,500 to 4,000. This number of potential new permit applicants and permit holders would pose a staggering resource demand on the Department. To put that number into perspective, there are today approximately 7600 active liquor permits issued in Connecticut—of which 1200 include off-premise consumption permits such as “package store” and “grocery beer” permits. We presently handle the serious responsibilities associated with licensing, investigation, complaints and enforcement with an ever-diminishing number of staff. As such, a change to allow this large a number of new applications and permit-holders requiring investigation and enforcement resources would require a significant number of additional staff to accommodate. I must stress that should this proposal be enacted, failure to provide those additional resources for the Department would necessarily lead to unsatisfactory delays in our ability to investigate and process applications, respond to consumer inquiries and complaints, and enforce the crucial provisions of our liquor laws.

SB 462 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF CONNECTICUT FARM WINE AT FARMERS' MARKETS

Over the past number of years there has been significant discussion regarding proposals to allow for the sale of wine at Farmers' Markets. DCP has readily participated in this discussion and stands ready to continue that again this year. We note that SB 462 is not a fully drafted bill and so we anticipate that proponents are continuing to craft final language. To that end we would encourage them to incorporate the language contained in last year's bill, HB-5231 (2010) “AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF WINE AT FARMERS' MARKETS.” The Department was involved in discussion with various parties and concluded that the provisions included in that proposal were acceptable and could be accommodated within existing DCP resources. It is our hope that any proposal moving forward this year would be limited to provisions that could similarly be done without imposing substantive new burdens on department resources.

HB 6267 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF WINE WITH GIFT BASKETS

This proposal would create a “gift basket retailer permit,” to allow for the sale of bottles of wine within gift baskets prepared by the permit holder. The language as drafted does not define the individuals or businesses that would be eligible to apply for this new permit type. The intent appears to be for those in the gift industry such as florists and gift shops and the like, but as written would allow for a vast number of other individuals and enterprises to be eligible. Regardless, it would appear to result in a very large number of new applications and permit holders. As in my previous remarks I must state that additional staff resources would be required if this proposal was enacted. The failure to do so would necessarily hamper our ability to carry out the duties of the Department's mission.

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

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill 464, as amended by Senate "A" and "B", in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number voting	146
Necessary for passage	74
Those voting Yea	141
Those voting Nay	5
Those absent and not voting	5

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Bill as amended is passed. Clerk, please call Calendar 394.

THE CLERK:

On page 14, Calendar 394, substitute for Senate Bill Number 462, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CONNECTICUT WINE AT FARMERS' MARKETS AND ESTABLISHING A FARMERS' MARKET WINE PERMIT. Favorable report of the Committee on General Law.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

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Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

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

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this Legislation creates a farmer's market wine sales permit so that our Connecticut wineries can sell their product at farmers' markets throughout the state. I move adoption.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Remark further on the bill? Representative Tallarita.

REP. TALLARITA (58th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A couple of questions to the proponent of the amendment.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Please proceed, madam.

REP. TALLARITA (58th):

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Taborsak, this bill creates the ability for farmers' markets to sell wine? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. That is correct, to the gentlelady.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Taborsak -- Representative Tallarita.

REP. TALLARITA (58th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know it's tough with the T's.

So in the last bill we did, we accepted the ability to sell beer and now we're accepting the ability to sell wine. And my question to you, Representative Taborsak, is will we be able to sell wine on Sundays at these farmers' markets? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

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REP. TABORSAK (109th):

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Through you, Mr. Speaker. I -- I appreciate the gentlelady's question. The answer is no.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Tallarita.

REP. TALLARITA (58th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So if we visit a farmer's market on a Sunday in the state of Connecticut we will not be able to purchase a bottle of wine like we can when we visit a Connecticut winery on a Sunday? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, to the gentlelady. These -- the sale of wine at farmers' markets will be subject to the same current laws that we have regulating our package stores. I thank the gentlelady for her question.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Tallarita.

REP. TALLARITA (58th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much, for the gentleman, too, for his answers to my questions. And again, I remind this Chamber that we

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are now allowing a Connecticut farm winery to sell wine, but we do not allow a package store to do that on a Sunday. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative. Care to remark further? Care to remark further? If not, staff and guests please come to the Well of the House, members take your seats, the machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll call. Members to the Chamber. Members to the Chamber. The House is voting by roll call.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

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

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill Number 462 -- 462, in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number voting	146
Necessary for passage	74
Those voting Yea	143

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Those voting Nay 3

Those absent and not voting 5

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Bill is passed. Clerk, please call Calendar 489.

THE CLERK:

On page 44, Calendar 489, substitute for Senate
Bill Number 458, AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL POLICE
DEPARTMENTS AND THE RENEWAL OF CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC
LIQUOR PERMITS. Favorable report of the Committee on
Public Safety.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Roland Lamar.

REP. LAMAR (96th):

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

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Question is on acceptance and passage. Will you
remark?

REP. LAMAR (96th):

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has Amendment LCO 5628,
designated Senate "A". I would ask that the Clerk
please call the amendment and that I be granted leave

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So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Also on calendar page 7, Calendar 117, Senate Bill 883, move to place that item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, moving to calendar page 10 -- yes, Calendar page 10, Madam President, Calendar 161, Senate Bill 462, move to place that item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, moving now to calendar page 12, Calendar 182, Senate Bill 368, Madam President, would move to place that item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

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at this time.

THE CLERK:

Madam President, I failed to notice on the bottom of page 1, Calendar Number 37, Senate Joint Resolution Number 40. And then I'll repeat on the top page 2, Calendar Number 383, Senate joint Resolution Number 41. And on page --

I believe that's all I have as of this point.

THE CHAIR:

No. All of them on page 3, if you might run through them, Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Okay. This is my first time doing this.

THE CHAIR:

Well, welcome to my world and you're doing a great job.

THE CLERK:

Okay. I understand now.

On page 3, Calendar Number 52, Senate Bill Number 853; on page 7, Calendar Number 107, substitute for Senate Bill Number 1025; on page 7, Calendar Number 117, Senate Bill Number 883; on page 10, Calendar Number 161, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 462; on page 12, on the bottom of the page,

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Calendar Number 182, Substitute for Senate bill Number 368; on page 13, Calendar Number 188, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 1092; on page 18, the bottom of the page, Calendar Number 252, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 367; on page 25, Calendar Number 329, House Bill Number 6278; on page 26, Calendar Number 333, Substitute for House Bill Number 5956; also on page 26, Calendar Number 335, House Bill Number 6545; on page 37, near the top, Calendar Number 90, Senate Bill Number 464. And I believe those are all the markings that I have for the first consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Just to delete one item from the consent calendar, that last numerated item should not be on the consent under. That's calendar page 37, Calendar 90, Senate Bill 464. We might delete that item. And then if the -- if we would call for a roll call on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection? See no objection at this time, would you please announce another roll call and

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the machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call vote has been ordered on the first consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered on the first consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted? All members have voted. The machine will be locked. And Mr. Clerk, would you announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Madam President.

Total Number voting	34
Necessary for adoption	18
Those voting Yea	34
Those voting Nay	2
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The consent calendar is adopted.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, I would yield to Senator LeBeau