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Clerk, please call calendar 516.

THE CLERK:

On page 45, Calendar Number 516, Senate Bill
Number 1047, AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO CERTAIN
HOUSING STATUTES. Favorable report of the Committee
on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Gentile.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Thank you, 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. GENTILE (104th):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. This makes technical and
conforming changes to DECD. I urge passage in
conformance with the Senate.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Remark further -- remark further in the bill?
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 open.

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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? If all the members have 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 will please take a tally. Clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill Number 1047, in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number voting	147
Necessary for passage	74
Those voting Yea	147
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	4

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The bill is passed. Clerk, please announce the tally. I think we already did this.

Clerk, please call Calendar 579.

THE CLERK:

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REP. GENTILE: We appreciate your time. Are there any questions or comments from our committee members? Thank you, Martie.

MARTIN MADOR: Thank you.

REP. GENTILE: There was an oversight on our -- on our agenda, and I'd like to have, I think, Commissioner Ron Angelo come up please next. We apologize for that oversight.

RON ANGELO: Thank you. No problem at all. It's actually been very interesting discussions in listening too.

Good morning, Senator Cassano, Representative Gentile, Representative Aman, Senator Fasano. My name is Ron Angelo, Acting Commissioner of Department of Economics and Community Development. I'm here to discuss three bills, three bills that the Department is in favor of. In the spirit of time, I'll just go over them very, very quickly. You have our testimony.

The first one is S.B. 1047, an act concerning changes to certain housing statutes. This is an agency resubmission of a technical -- of technical changes from 2010 legislative session which successfully passed the Senate, but due to time constraints did not pass the House. As the title implies, the bill was meant to address several technical issues in several different housing development statutes. These proposed changes will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of impacted programs. And again, you have that testimony. We go through each section in that testimony, the parts that are impacted.

The second bill is H.B. 6412, an act concerning the Small Town Economic Assistance Program, or

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**TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE
March 2, 2011**

*Ronald Angelo, Acting Commissioner
Department of Economic and Community Development*

SB 1047 AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO CERTAIN HOUSING STATUTES

Good afternoon Senator Cassano, Representative Gentile, Senator Fasano, Representative Aman and members of the Planning and Development Committee. My name is Ron Angelo and I am the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you to today to discuss the department's support for SB 1047, An Act Concerning Changes to Certain Housing Statutes.

This is an agency resubmission of technical changes from the 2010 legislative session which successfully passed the Senate, but was not acted upon in the House due to timing constraints. As the title implies, this bill is meant to address several technical issues in several different housing development statutes. These proposed changes will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the impacted programs. Below is a brief summary of the changes and why they are needed.

Sections 1 and 2 amend the State-Assisted Housing Sustainability Fund to make the regulations permissive and to move authority from the Advisory Committee to the Housing Committee. The Sustainability Fund, which had been funded through surplus funds in the past, currently has no balance. Therefore regulations are not necessary at this time. Preparing them would be time consuming and financially burdensome to the department.

Sections 3, 4 and 5 pertain to Housing Partnerships. We are requesting that Housing Partnerships be eligible applicants for our Resident Service Coordinator and our Congregate Housing programs. We are also requesting that Housing Partnerships be codified into the statutes as an eligible recipient for operating subsidies under the Congregate Housing Program similar to the provisions of the Elderly Housing programs. This will significantly reduce the administrative burden on both DECD and Partnerships since presently we must pass these funds through a third party such as a Housing Authority.

Section 6 deals with our database of available units suitable for persons with disabilities. Due to time constraints and DECD's inability to enforce these requirements onto private landlords,

some of the required information cannot be practically maintained. This amendment v... ..
DECD to collect data "to the extent practicable."

Sections 7, 8 and 9 all pertain to the Housing Trust Fund Program. Proposed changes include allowing 3rd party contract administrators to receive funding and also allowing for the receipt of funding from other sources. Our primary objective behind this change is to be prepared in case we receive federal Housing Trust Fund monies.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Senator Guglielmo.

SENATOR GUGLIELMO:

Thank you, Madame President.

I just rise to speak in favor of the bill as amended. It's an excellent bill. It just would save some paperwork on the part of citizens and it kind of brings us up into the 21st century. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR:

Acting on approval of the amended bill, will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not --
Senator Cassano.

SENATOR CASSANO:

Madame Chair, if there's no objection, I'd move to put it on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Madame President, turning to page 34, Calendar number 173, second Order of the Day, Senate Bill 1047, AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO CERTAIN HOUSING STATUTES, Favorable Report of several committees.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Cassano.

SENATOR CASSANO:

Thank you, Madame Chair. This is --

THE CHAIR:

Senator, would you like to accept or ask for approval of the bill -- acceptance of the bill?

SENATOR CASSANO:

I'd ask for approval acceptance of the bill as read.

THE CHAIR:

Acting on approval of the bill, will you remark further?

SENATOR CASSANO:

Yes. This is a variety of housing statutes that really are technical changes. Yes, could I have a moment please? Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate please stand at ease.

(Chamber at ease.)

SENATOR CASSANO:

Thank you, Madame. I had my files confused here. These are changes as to certain housing statutes.

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They modify the administration of the State Housing Sustainability Fund. They allow housing partnerships to be eligible for DC grants and codify current practices by allowing DCD database of housing to be used when necessary. Mostly technical changes.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

Senator Cassano.

SENATOR CASSANO:

Seeing no objection, may we put this on Consent Calendar and move to --

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Madame President, turning to page 39, for the third Order of the Day, Calendar 302, Senate Bill 737,
AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
Favorable Report is the Planning and Development Committee and the Commerce Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Cassano.

SENATOR CASSANO:

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before doing that and before voting on that Consent Calendar, we have one additional item to add which is Calendar page 40, Calendar 327, House Bill 6330.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madame President. Now if the Clerk might call all of the items on the Consent Calendar before calling for a vote on that Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk will you please call the bills?

THE CLERK:

From Calendar page 1, Calendar 489, Senate Joint Resolution 47; Calendar page 8, Calendar 226 substitute for Senate Bill 1153; Calendar page 9, Calendar 233, substitute for Senate Bill 1064; Calendar page 9, Calendar 248, Senate Bill 1150; Calendar page 11, Calendar 301, substitute of Senate Bill 518; Calendar page 12, Calendar 332, House Bill 6444; Calendar page 15, Calendar 407, substitute of Senate Bill 1209; Calendar page 16, Calendar 411, House Bill 6370; Calendar page 17, Calendar 415, House Bill 6275; Calendar page 17, Calendar 418, House Bill 6276; Calendar page 18, Calendar 424, House Bill 6270;

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Calendar page 21, Calendar 453, substitute for House Bill 6279; Calendar page 28, Calendar 49, substitute for Senate Bill 480; Calendar page 34, Calendar 173, Senate Bill 1047; Calendar page 36, Calendar 232, Senate Bill 835; Calendar page 37, Calendar 238, substitute for Senate Bill 1062; Calendar page 39, Calendar 302, Senate Bill 737; Calendar page 42, Calendar 384, substitute for Senate Bill 377.

That completes the items previously placed on the Consent Calendar.

Madame President, I am told that there is one more item to place. Page 40, Calendar 327. HB6330

And, one other correction, Madame President. On page 39, Calendar 302, that was voted on previously, SB737 so we take that off the Consent Calendar.

That should complete the first Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. At this time I would ask you to call for a roll call vote and I will open the machine.

THE CLERK:

The Senate is voting on the first Consent Calendar. Would all Senators please return to the Chamber? The Senate is voting on the first Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the

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Chamber?

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted?
If all members have voted the machine will be locked
and Mr. Clerk, will you tell the tally?

THE CLERK:

Madame President

Total Number voting 36

Necessary for adoption 19

Those voting Yea 36

Those voting Nay 0

Those absent and not voting 0

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar 1 has passed, is adopted.

The Senate will stand at ease for a moment,
please.

(Chamber at ease)

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Madame President, if we might stand at ease for
just a moment.