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On Page 29, Calendar 600, Substitute for Senate  
Bill Number 999 AN ACT REQUIRING FIRE SUPPRESSION  
SYSTEMS FOR PATROL CARS ONLY IF AVAILABLE FROM A  
MANUFACTURER. Favorable Report of the Committee on  
Public Safety.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Dargan.

REP. DARGAN (115th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move acceptance of  
the Joint Favorable Report and passage of the Bill in  
concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

The question is acceptance of the Joint  
Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill  
in concurrence with the Senate. Representative  
Dargan.

REP. DARGAN (115th):

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Over the  
years, our first responders, more or less the local  
and State Police have had numerous accidents by  
getting hit from behind, serious accidents, and a  
number of incidents around the country in the line of  
duty deaths because of problems with fire suppression  
with law enforcement vehicles.

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And basically, over the years they now, manufacturers have installed fire suppression systems so if they are hit from behind that this car would not catch on fire.

Since that time, there's been a lot of new technology out there that no longer has to have fire suppression systems within some of the new police vehicles that are out there, and a number of manufacturers have stated that are not necessary because the new models meet the safety standards.

Madam Speaker, the Clerk has an Amendment, LCO 6018. May he please call and I be allowed to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 6018, which is designated Senate "A".

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 6018, Senate "A", offered by Senator Hartley and Representative Dargan.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize. Is there objection? Hearing none, Representative Dargan.

REP. DARGAN (115th):

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Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Because of the importance of this and that DAS is in the process of going out to bid for new law enforcement vehicles, we moved the effective date up from October 1st, upon passage, and I move its adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

The question before the Chamber is on adoption. Will you remark? Will you care to remark on the Bill as amended? Representative Jan Giegler, you have the floor, madam.

REP. GIEGLER (138th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the Bill before us. It basically codifies current practice. The Department of Administrative Services purchases these cars, these vehicles for our police and then leases them over to the Department of Public Safety.

And as Representative Dargan mentioned, the Crown Royals are no longer, or Crown Victorias, I should say, shows where we are about this point, the Crown Victorias are no longer available, so they've been out searching for new patrol cars, and so the suppression systems will be part of those vehicles.

And I urge my colleagues' support. Thanks.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, Representative Giegler. Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended?

If not, staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Members take your seats. The machine will be opened.

We have to back up. Representative Dargan, are you still there? Representative Giegler. I don't think that we adopted House "A", Senate "A". My mistake.

All those in favor of Senate "A", please signify by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

All those opposed, Nay. The Amendment is adopted.

Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? If not, staff and guests please now come to the Well of the House. Members take your seats. The machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

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The House of Representatives is voting by Roll

Call. Members to the Chamber.

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

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Have all the Members voted? If all the Members voted, please check the Roll Call board. No, a few more coming in. The bus must have just arrived.

Everybody's coming in.

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

The Clerk will please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill Number 999 as amended by Senate "A" in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number Voting	143
Necessary for Passage	72
Those voting Yea	143
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	8

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The Bill as amended is passed.

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Number 133, substitute for Senate Bill 999, AN  
ACT REQUIRING FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS FOR PATROL  
CARS, ONLY IF AVAILABLE FROM A MANUFACTURER,  
Favorable Report of the Committee on Public  
Safety. The Clerk is in possession of  
amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Good evening, Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

And good evening to you, Madam President.

I -- I move acceptance of the Joint  
Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the  
bill, Madam.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Yes, indeed. Thank you very much, Madam.

The bill before us -- essentially, current  
law right now requires that our police patrol  
vehicles be equipped with a fire suppression  
system, which is installed by the manufacturer.  
And, perhaps, like the bill before us, this is a  
subject about advancements in technology. And so

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the underlining bill, now, would require the installation, provided the system is available because, as we are going forward, the new vehicles, that is the 2012 models, do not -- do not have the option, or the need, quite frankly, for an installed fire suppression system, because their construction is such that they are equipped to deal with impact up to, perhaps, 75 miles per hour. And they, actually, outperform an installed manufacturer's fire suppression system.

Madam President, with that, I have an amendment. And the Clerk is in possession of LCO 6018. And I would ask the Clerk to please call and I be granted leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO 6018, which will be designated Senate Amendment Schedule "A"; it is offered by Senator Hartley of the 15<sup>th</sup> District.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

I move adoption, Madam.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption, will you

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remark?

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Yes. Yes, indeed. Thank you.

Very simply, it simply says that this will be effective upon passage. As you would probably realize, 2012, as far as the car industry is upon us and so these vehicles are now available. And as the department is in need to replacing, it would be most appropriate to have this upon passage.

Thank you, Madam.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Seeing none, I'll try your minds. All in favor of the amendment, please say, aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? The amendment is passed by voice vote.

Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Thank you, Madam.

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And if there is no objection, I would  
request that this be added to the Consent  
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS:

No objection, Madam President. If I may,  
just to comment on the bill?

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR WITKOS:

You know, if there's ever something that we  
can do to protect the lives of those that protect  
us, this is a bill that is so important. We saw  
a travesty where a state trooper had pulled  
somebody over on the highway up in Enfield, just  
short of the Long Meadow line and was rear-ended.  
And his cruiser resulted -- it erupted in a ball  
of fire. And, you know, if there's technology  
out there that it helps and protects somebody,  
then we should adopt.

And I thank Senator Hartley for bringing  
this -- this life-saving measure forward. And  
look forward to Chamber's adoption.

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Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

And at this time, I'd ask if there's --  
seeing no objection, the bill will be put on  
Consent.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Good evening,  
again, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Good evening, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Madam President would like to have the Clerk  
call the items on the Consent Calendar, so that  
we might move to a vote on that Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call has been ordered in  
the Senate on the First Consent Calendar. Will  
all Senators please return to the Chamber?

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Madam President, the items placed on the First Consent Calendar begin on Calendar page 1, Calendar 571, House Joint Resolution Number 122; Calendar 593, Senate Joint Resolution Number 52; Calendar page 3, Calendar Number 130, substitute for Senate Bill 999; Calendar page 5, Calendar Number 221, substitute for Senate Bill 858; Calendar 222, substitute for Senate Bill 973; Calendar page 7, Calendar Number 270, substitute for Senate Bill 212; Calendar 299, substitute for Senate Bill 139; Calendar 304, substitute for Senate Bill 860; Calendar page 10, Calendar Number 439, substitute for Senate Bill 1216; Calendar page 11, Calendar 456, substitute for Senate Bill 927; Calendar page 29, Calendar Number 41, substitute for Senate Bill 98; Calendar page 31, Calendar Number 114, substitute for Senate Bill 881; Calendar page 32, Calendar 140, substitute for Senate Bill 863; Calendar page 34, Calendar Number 201, substitute for Senate Bill 1038; Calendar page 35, Calendar 215, Senate Bill 227; Calendar 236, Senate Bill 371; Calendar page 37, Calendar Number 271, substitute for Senate Bill 1111, Calendar page 38, Calendar

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293, substitute for Senate Bill 1103; Calendar page 39, Calendar 303, substitute for Senate Bill 764; Calendar page 40, Calendar 342, Senate Bill 843; Calendar page 41, Calendar 362, substitute for Senate Bill 1217; Calendar 368, substitute for Senate Bill 882; Calendar 369, substitute for Senate Bill 939; Calendar page 43, Calendar 382, substitute for Senate Bill 1224; Calendar page 44, Calendar 398, substitute for Senate Bill 1044; Calendar page 45, Calendar 410, House Bill 5021; Calendar page 46, Calendar 434, substitute for Senate Bill 1219.

Madam President, that completes the items placed on the First Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

We'll wait a moment. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, there is one item that we will need to remove from the Consent Calendar, because it needs to be amended and be reconsidered and then amended, and that is Calendar page 5, Calendar 222, Senate Bill 973. If that item might be removed from the Consent

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Calendar and called after the Consent Calendar,  
so it can be corrected?

THE CHAIR:

The bill is removed from the Consent  
Calendar. At this time, Mr. Clerk, will you re-  
announce the roll call vote and the machine will  
be open?

THE CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

Motions on adoption and Consent Calendar

Number 1:

Total number voting	36
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0



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THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar passed. Mr. Clerk, do you want to recall that bill? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, if that item might -- might be passed temporarily, I believe the amendment that would be a strike-all that we needed is not -- not here yet. So we will pass that item.

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Madam President would yield the floor for Members for purposes of announcements or points of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Are there any announcements or points of personal privilege? Any point of personal privilege or announcements? Seeing none.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, it's our intention to convene tomorrow at 11:00. Also, advise Members that you should make the weekend, especially Saturday, available for possible session, as