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Representative Grogins.

REP. GROGINS (129th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would also like to welcome Barnum School their wonderful teacher Gary Debrizzi who is a friend and a neighbor of mine. So everybody welcome them.

Thank you. Thank you guys for coming.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Okay then. It's a nice break in the action.

I ask the Clerk, return to the calendar. And Clerk, please call Calendar Number 339.

THE CLERK:

On page 22, Calendar 339, House Bill Number 6514,  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE INTERN PROGRAM,  
favorable report of the Committee on Government  
Administration and Elections.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The Chairwoman of the Interns Committee  
Representative Flexer, you have the floor, madam.

REP. FLEXER (44th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I move for acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question is on acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

Will you remark?

REP. FLEXER (44th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the bill before us today makes some changes to the statute that governs our current legislative internship program. It conforms the existing statute to the current practices that govern the internship program. And urge the Chamber to support this measure.

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment, LCO Number 5906. I ask that the Clerk please call the amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 5906, which will be designated House Amendment Schedule "A."

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 5906, House "A," offered by  
Representatives Morin, Flexer, Olson and Aresimowicz.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to

summarize. Any objection? Hearing none, Representative Flexer, you may proceed with summarization.

REP. FLEXER (44th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the amendment before us makes a very simple change regarding the report that the Internship Committee must deliver to the General Assembly. Each year it now requires that it be given prior to the last day of each year's regular session.

I move adoption.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question before the Chamber is on adoption.

Will you remark further? Remark further?

Representative Chapin.

REP. CHAPIN (67th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the amendment. It addresses some of the concerns that were raised before the screening committee and I urge my colleagues to support it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Would you care to remark further on the amendment?  
Would you care to remark further on the amendment? If  
not, let me try your minds. All those in favor of the  
amendment, please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

All those opposed, nay.

The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted.

Would you remark further on the bill as amended?

Representative Bacchiochi.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Through you, a question to the proponent of the  
bill as amended.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Please proceed, madam.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I'd like to ask the proponent if she is bringing  
this bill out as the chairwoman of the Internship  
Committee?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

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Representative Flexer.

REP. FLEXER (44th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

The chairman of the GAE Committee was kind enough to give me the privilege to bring out this bill this afternoon.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Bacchiochi.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd):

Thank you.

And I would like to know if the cochair of the Internship Committee was involved in the creation of the language for the underlying bill.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Flexer.

REP. FLEXER (44th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

This bill was drafted and created by the Government Administration and Elections Committee. It is not -- the cochair of the committee does not sit on GAE to my knowledge.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Bacchiochi.

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REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd):

Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I do have some concerns with the process of how this bill moved forward, in that as a member of the internship committee I was unaware that this was going to be presented to GAE. And it's my understanding that the minority representation on the Internship committee was completely unaware that this bill was going to be moved forward, including the cochair of the Internship Committee.

That said, Mr. Speaker, I am very confident that that was an oversight on the parts of people who may have been involved in the creation of this bill. And I do think that the bill in and of itself is a good bill. I plan to support it.

But I just wanted to bring to the Chamber's attention that some people in this Chamber are very sensitive to their inclusion in the process. And I feel that in this case many people who should have been involved in this were not. I do support the bill and I do recognize the sponsors' good intentions.

And thank you.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.



Representative Giegler.

REP. GIEGLER (138th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I too rise as a follow-up to what Representative Bacchiochi referred to. Last year it was -- there was an effort made by the Select Committee on Internship to really take a look at the program and revamp it and make corrections that we really needed to make, either procedurally, performance wise, accountability wise. And there was an effort in one of -- in a number of our committee meetings that we would do this, this Calendar year.

As the ranking member and former cochair of the legislative Intern Committee I had no knowledge of this bill before us until someone brought it to my attention a couple of days ago. I think it's important when it's -- this is a different type of committee that's more of a statutorial committee than it is an actual legislative body committee. But I think it's important that in the future that there's a team effort in reviewing some of the changes.

Some of these are, like, simple changes. Some of them are things that we probably do already, but it's a small committee and it's one that works well together.

And I think when we make changes to programs I think it needs to be worked out among those that serve on the committee.

And I thank you.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Representative Hetherington.

REP. HETHERINGTON (125th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Through you, if I may, to the proponent?

Currently through you, Mr. Speaker, there is a written report submitted, I take it? Because it seems to be a change to require an oral report. Is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Flexer.

REP. FLEXER (44th):

Mr. Speaker, if you could please ask the good Representative to repeat the question.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Hetherington, could you please?

REP. HETHERINGTON (125th):

Yes. Thank you. Certainly. Through you, Mr.

Speaker.

In section -- in the last paragraph, it says that the committee shall give an oral report annually to each house. Was there formally a different kind of form of report? Was there a written report provided to each of the houses?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Flexer.

REP. FLEXER (44th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Through you, the existing statute that governs the Internship Committee, which to my knowledge has not been updated in about 30 years, did require that a formal report be given on or before the second day of January in the odd numbered years to the entire Legislature. Whether or not those reports were delivered in the past, I do not know.

I know that it has been past tradition to give reports similar to the ones that myself and Representative Giegler gave when we had the interns here in the well of the House, but I am not aware of any written formal reports that were delivered before.

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Representative Hetherington.

REP. HETHERINGTON (125th):

Thank you.

Through you, Mr. Speaker, so that before the -- if this becomes law, I guess it's next year, considering the effective date. Sometime during the session next year, the more abbreviated session, someone would appear in the House and deliver an oral report on the program.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Flexer.

REP. FLEXER (44th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker yes.

REP. HETHERINGTON (125th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, what is --

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Hetherington.

REP. HETHERINGTON (125th):

Thank you. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

What does the report cover?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Flexer.

REP. FLEXER (44th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, I would -- the -- what the report has to cover is not outlined in the bill before us. I would imagine that such a report would be similar to the one that was just given in this Chamber a few moments ago.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Hetherington.

REP. HETHERINGTON (125th):

I see. All right. I thank the proponent.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Would you care to remark further on the bill as amended?

Representative Sawyer.

REP. SAWYER (55th):

Mr. Speaker, it's very disturbing to hear that bills get put through with only one of the parties involved. This Chamber usually takes great pride in being bipartisan when it comes to issues being brought forward, being discussed. And usually it's the cochairman and the ranking chairman working on them or through them or discussing them together.

This is the Internship Committee, Mr. Speaker. This is something that affects a lot of the young people that come through here. We have had from 75 to 115 per year. I'm a former ranking member of the Internship Committee and I'll tell you, if I had been the ranking member this year and it had been me that had been excluded I would be extremely angry.

When we deal with any of our programs we try to do it so that it's very clear, very concise, very thoughtfully -- but when it's something like this where we have chairmen of both parties that flip back and forth between the two parties per year -- it's one of the few things we do bipartisanly -- it is something that should be done bipartisanly when we are looking at the legislation.

And for that reason, Mr. Speaker, I will be voting no.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Representative Alberts.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

If I may, a question to the proponent of the bill now amended?

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SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In lines 40 through 44, there's contemplated that the change in the term of the appointment -- and I'm curious in terms of what was the background for that change?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Flexer.

REP. FLEXER (44th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

The change in that section was done in order to let the current operation of the legislative internship program. Interns for the last several years, at least the last 13 have been appointed during the legislative session in the springtime. That also coincides with the spring semester, not the 9 to 12-month terms that were outlined in the 30-year-old statute.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Alberts.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So am I to understand then although we had the statute on the books for the 9 to 12 months they weren't actually assigned for that long. There were only through force of habit, only assigned during the spring semester.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Alberts -- Representative Flexer.

REP. FLEXER (44th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It has been past practice that interns have been assigned during the spring semester that also coincides with our legislative session.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Alberts.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I guess I'm a little confused, but because we've been assigning them just through the spring semester, but the statute refers to a longer period. I do thank the gentlelady for her answer. I'm a little puzzled by it, but I thank her.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:



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Thank you, Representative.

Representative Hetherington.

REP. HETHERINGTON (125th):

Thank you.

If I may have the indulgence of the Speaker for a second time?

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Please proceed.

REP. HETHERINGTON (125th):

Just quickly, through you, Mr. Speaker.

I notice now looking again at the amendment that the amendment deletes the term "oral," an oral report. So now we would anticipate that it could be maybe not oral or oral and in writing. I'm just trying to gauge the impact of that amendment.

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Flexer.

REP. FLEXER (44th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Would the proponent of the question mind repeating it?

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Sharkey, why do you stand?

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REP. SHARKEY (88th):

Mr. Speaker, I would move that we pass this item temporarily.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Hetherington, will you yield the floor?

REP. HETHERINGTON (125th):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The motion is to pass this bill temporarily. Any objection? Hearing none, this bill is passed temporarily.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 335.

THE CLERK:

On page 22, Calendar 335, Substitute for House Bill Number 6274 AN ACT CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 9 OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE CONCERNING SECURED TRANSACTIONS, favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The Chair of Judiciary Representative Gerry Fox, you have the floor, sir.

REP. G. FOX (146th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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certainly appreciated the fine taste of Mohican that we had today. Thank you.

Any other points of personal privilege or announcements?

The Clerk please call Calendar Number 339.

THE CLERK:

On page 22, Calendar 339, House Bill Number 6514, AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE INTERN PROGRAM. House "A" has been adopted.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Flexer of the 44th.

REP. FLEXER (44th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I move for acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill as amended.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The question is acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

Representative Flexer, you have the floor.

REP. FLEXER (44th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this measure was debated earlier this afternoon. The language of this legislation

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brings the current statute into congruence with the way the legislative internship program is currently conducted today. I urge the Chamber to support it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Representative Giegler of the 138th.

REP. GIEGLER (138th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the bill that's before us and I urge my colleagues' support.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark further on the bill? If not, will staff and guests please come to the well of the House. Will the members please take their seats and the machine will be open.

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.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted?

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Will the members please check the board to determine if your vote is properly cast. If all members have voted the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally. The Clerk will please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Bill Number 6514 as amended by House "A."

Total Number voting	142
Necessary for adoption	72
Those voting Yea	142
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	9

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The bill passes.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 283.

THE CLERK:

On page 18, Calendar 283, Substitute for House Bill Number 6333, AN ACT CONCERNING PROVISIONAL BALLOTS FOR STATE AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, favorable report of the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Morin of the 28th.

REP. MORIN (28th):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

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back as amended by the House of Representatives. Just wanted to verify which -- it is on Agenda Number 2. Thank you, Madam President.

From Agenda -- yeah, from Agenda Number 2, would like to place Calendar 115, Senate Bill 18 on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you. Thank you, Madam President.

Additional items to place on the second Consent Calendar, Madam President.

The first item appears on Calendar page 9, Calendar 473, House Bill 6514; would move to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Calendar page 19, Calendar 639, Senate Bill 6554; Madam President, move to place the item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

(Chamber at ease.)

SENATOR LOONEY:

Madam President, if the Clerk might now call the items on the second Consent Calendar, so that we might proceed to a vote on that second Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

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

Madam President, the second -- the second Consent Calendar -- the second Consent Calendar begins on Senate Agenda Number 2, substitute for Senate Bill 18. Senate Agenda Number 3, House Bill 6215.

Calendar page 9, Calendar 473, House Bill 6514.

Calendar page 19, Calendar Number 639, House Bill 6554.

Calendar page 20, Calendar 641, substitute for House Bill 6591; Calendar 644, House Bill 5567.



Calendar page 21, Calendar 649, substitute for  
House Bill 6552.

Calendar page 22, Calendar 653, substitute for  
House Bill 6612; Calendar 654, House Bill 6515.

Madam President, I believe that completes that  
items placed on Consent Calendar Number 2.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Hmm.

A VOICE:

What's the matter?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes.

THE CHAIR:

(Inaudible.)

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

If we might move to a vote on that second Consent  
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Yes; thank you.

Mr. Clerk, will you call for another roll call vote?

And the machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

All members have voted? If all members voted, the machine will be closed.

And, Mr. Clerk, will you call the tally, please?

THE CLERK:

The motion -- motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar Number 2.

Total number voting	36
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar passed.

We'll stand at ease a moment.