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February 14, 2011
 10:30 A.M.

CHAIRMEN: Senator Slossberg
 Representative Morin

MEMBERS PRESENT:

SENATORS: Meyer, McLachlan

REPRESENTATIVES: Lesser, Hwang, Abercrombie,
 Fleischmann, Fox, Godfrey,
 Hetherington, Luxenberg,
 O'Brien

REP. MORIN: -- public hearing. And before we begin, I'd just -- if there's any alarms or any reason for us to leave, make sure you exit the doors. Go outside orderly, no -- no stampedes and no shoving either, Representative.

And we're going to get going right now. We're going to start with our Secretary of State. We're going to go out of order a little bit, if we could all indulge that, and we'll start with Senate Bill 938.

Secretary of State Merrill, welcome.

SECRETARY OF THE STATE DENISE MERRILL: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair, and Senator Slossberg, and greetings to the committee. This is the first time I've testified on this side of the bench, so it's -- it's interesting. And it's nice to see you all.

I am here today to testify about several important bills in front of your committee that I feel very strongly will both strengthen the integrity of our elections and move us toward the overall goal of making voting easier and more convenient.

You will have testimony from me in your

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all these ballots. So we'd have to come up with a plan to do it more effectively, perhaps with newer technology.

Next we have the technical bills, so-called. There are several technical bills on your agenda. We're supporting Raised Bill 6330 and 938, which are very technical. There -- there is not -- there are some proposals that are not in those bills that are in other technical proposals. One is just simply removing every reference to the lever machines.

These bills need to pass this session. They've been up for passage for several years and they're very important; I can't tell you, because the states are being sued by candidates who are -- who have -- these statutes are so outdated, they just don't reflect reality anymore, and they're long overdue. And I -- I hope we can get those passed this year. I would support some of the provisions in some of the other technical bills, but they're not all totally technical and have some other provisions that I might support.

I want to mention, also, provisional ballots is one of the other issues in one of the technical bills. That is a concept that I absolutely support, which is basically the idea that you'd have a provisional ballot for all elections, not just -- right now it's just for federal elections. The bill in there is slightly different from the one we had a version of, and so that could be worked out.

I like -- I want to testify in support of Committee Bill 5978, which would allow a person to get a permanent absentee ballot status if they submit a doctor's certification for the disabled.

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Introduction

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Chairs and members of the Committee, my name is Luther Weeks, Executive Director of CTVotersCount.

As Executive Director of the Connecticut Citizen Election Audit Coalition I have organized observations of seven (7) post-election audits, personally observed thirty-five (35) audit counting sessions around the State, observed several recanvasses, and most recently organized the Bridgeport Recount. Today, I am speaking for CTVotersCount.

I live in Glastonbury. I am a retired computer scientist and software engineer active in voting integrity in Connecticut and nationally since 2004. I am also a certified election moderator.

I have testimony and supporting information for several bills on today's agenda:

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- Good morning to our committee chairs Representative Morin and Senator Slossberg, Ranking Members and members of the Committee. My name is Denise Merrill, and I am the Secretary of the State of Connecticut.
- Thank you for inviting me to testify about several important bills in front of your committee that I feel very strongly will both strengthen the integrity of our elections and also move us towards the overall goal of making voting easier and more convenient.
- The statute defining the Office of the Secretary of the State defines my position as that of "Chief Elections Officer" of the state and lists among my duties that I shall "ensure open and fair elections in the state" (CHECK EXACT LANGUAGE HERE) . I take that charge very seriously, and am here today because I believe that some changes must be made in order for me to effectively carry out that charge.

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- Today I propose some immediate actions to help local officials provide our citizens with the highest possible confidence that their vote will always be counted and counted properly.
- I know you are all aware of the problems we had in Bridgeport during the November elections, so I won't skirt it. They ran out of ballots.

- Removal of these barriers would allow the General Assembly to consider additional types of voting such as no excuse absentee balloting or early voting.
- This takes the first step towards moving CT into the 21st century by make voting more convenient. Voting should be encouraged and made as easy as possible for the voters.
- The 35 states that have implemented early voting or no excuse ABs see both higher turnout and less pressure on Election Day, helpful to local Registrars and Clerks.
- There are several other proposals for similar constitutional amendments. I believe, however, that House Joint Resolution 88 is the most comprehensive approach.
- This gives the General Assembly the tools to enact whatever type of early voting or absentee ballot reform it feels is best, in consultation with local election officials and looking at best practices from other states.

TECH BILL/LEVER BILL:

- Moving onto some other technical legislation, I urge passage of both Raised bills 6330 and 938
- Raised bill 938 simply removes any references in our state election statutes to the old lever voting machines, those have not been used in Connecticut since 2006.
- This measure has been in front of this committee several times in the past. Failure to bring our statutes in line with the federally required changes in HAVA (Help America Vote Act) and other changes leaves the state at risk of legal challenge.

- Raised Bill 6330 is simply a version of our technical bill that has also been voted favorably from this committee several times in the past few years.
- It includes technical changes to our state's election laws that will streamline our election systems and bring them up to date with our new way of voting since the lever ballot machines were eliminated.
- There are several other technical bills concerning election laws in front of this committee but again we feel that the two bills we favor represent the most comprehensive and common-sense approach

DISABLED VOTING IMPROVEMENTS:

- I also want to testify in support of Committee Bill 5978.
- This would allow a person to obtain permanent absentee ballot status if they submit a doctor's certification along with absentee ballot application.
- They would remain on permanent list until they are no longer a voter, they are removed from the list because they do not respond to a yearly notice sent by the registrars to inquire about their status or the voter requests to be removed from the list.
- I support this bill because it will make it easier for people with chronic illnesses or disabilities to vote.
- The Absentee Ballot should never be a barrier to voting for those who face physical hardship getting to their polling place.

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SB 939 – An Act Concerning the Elections Related Statutes

This bill contains a lengthy package of changes to make our elections statutes conform with current technology and practices, much of which overlaps with HB 6330, 6331, 6332, and 6333. While a final package would likely incorporate different approaches from these other bills, I would like to share a few thoughts on issues raised by SB 939, and note a handful of technical issues that the committee may wish to consider in the final drafting process.

Cross-Endorsements

Concerning cross-endorsements, Section 54 amends the statutes to prevent ballots where the *same candidate* is selected multiple times from being counted. These votes are currently counted in accordance with a court order, but Registrars have discretion on how to “assign” these votes, either for the major party, minor party, or under no party. I oppose this amendment in the strongest terms, as it will disenfranchise a significant number of voters without significant benefit to the process of election administration. The language reads:

In the event that a candidate is cross endorsed and appears on the ballot in more than one line, if an elector casts more than one vote for such candidate, the tabulator shall be programmed to reject the vote as an overvote. Such ballot containing the overvote shall be destroyed by election officials and the elector shall be given a new ballot and an opportunity to vote using the new ballot.

An informal survey of Connecticut towns has led me to believe that, on average, between 1% and 1.5% of voters “double vote” for cross-endorsed candidates, making up over a third of a minor party’s votes in these races. Under this proposal, one of three things would occur:

- 1) Voters in a polling place would most often be offered a new ballot, and in most of those cases would proceed to fill out the new ballot. If this ballot were filled out correctly, it would be counted without incident.
- 2) Some voters will vote in the “auxiliary bin” of the tabulator’s ballot box, either due to refusing a new ballot or because of maintenance procedures which occur during the day in a polling place. These ballots, if they contain a “double vote” for the same candidate, would be discarded in whole, even if votes could be ascertained for other offices. Counter-intuitively, if a voter “double-voted” for, say, Tom Foley and Dan Malloy, the remainder of the ballot would still be read.
- 3) Some voters will not have the opportunity to get a new ballot, either because they voted by absentee ballot or because they left the polling place without their rejected ballot being noticed. These individuals will have their ballots destroyed without recourse.

Connecticut is, according to OLR Report 2005-R-0873, one of ten states to allow cross-endorsement of candidates on the ballot. I took the opportunity to communicate with these states and ask about their policy for counting double-voted ballots.

Delaware	Ballots with “double votes” are “counted in the combined total, but not added to either party’s total.”
New York	“Double-voted” ballots are counted as a vote for the major party.



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ELECTION LAWS

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Submitted by Carole Young Kleinfeld, Vice President

Opposition to:

SB 940 AAC POST-ELECTION AUDITS

SECTIONS 54(b) and 54(c) of SB 939 AAC ELECTIONS RELATED STATUTES

Support For:

SB 384 AAC THE NUMBER OF POLLING PLACES
AND MODERATORS FOR PRIMARIES

SB 939 AAC ELECTIONS RELATED STATUTES
(EXCEPT FOR SECTIONS 54(b) and 54(c))

SB 942 AAC THE INTEGRITY OF ELECTIONS

HB 6330 AAC CERTAIN REVISIONS TO
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HB 6332 AAC PRIMARIES, PETITION AND
BALLOT PREPARATION LAWS

HB 6333 AAC CONCERNING PROVISIONAL BALLOTS
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TO ALLOW FOR NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING

HJ 88 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO
GRANT AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

SB 941 AA IMPLEMENTING NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING

HB 5978 AAC PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT STATUS
FOR DISABLED VOTERS

The League supports giving the Secretary of the State the authority to disqualify and de-certify moderators as proposed in Section 4; however, we believe that the Secretary of the State should exercise this authority only after consultation with the registrars of voters. Accordingly, we suggest amending the first sentence of Section 4 to read:

"The Secretary of the State shall have the authority to disqualify and de-certify any moderator appointed by the registrars of voters if, in the opinion of the Secretary and after consultation with the registrars, such moderator has committed material misconduct, material neglect of duty or material incompetence in the discharge of his or her duties as a moderator."

This would give the registrars an opportunity to take action while ensuring that the ultimate authority remains with the Secretary of the State.

Finally, we support requiring registrars of voters and municipal clerks to certify to the Secretary of the State the number of ballots ordered for each polling place as outlined in Section 5. We believe that the setting a flexible standard based on historical turnout with Secretary of the State review and oversight strikes an appropriate balance between economy, efficiency and voters' rights.

The League believes that these measures taken together will help ensure voter confidence in our electoral process.

SJ 25 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING, HJ 88 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING ELECTION ADMINISTRATION and SB 941 AA IMPLEMENTING NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING

The League supports measures which assure that absentee ballot privileges are available to all electors – for any reason or no reason at all. There are two resolutions and one bill before the Committee today that would loosen the standards for obtaining an absentee ballot. The League urges your support for these measures.

HB 5978 AAC PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT STATUS FOR DISABLED VOTERS

The League believes that voters who are unable to get the polls should not be disenfranchised because of difficulties applying for and receiving absentee ballots (including long lead times associated with the mails). This group includes people who are permanently disabled, infirm (shut-ins) or suffering from an illness (such as Parkinson's disease) that makes an appearance at the polls on any given day questionable. By eliminating the interim step of applying for the ballot, permanent absentee ballot status should also reduce paperwork and costs to municipalities.

HB 5978 would provide for automatic mailing of absentee ballots to permanently disabled voters. The League urges the Committee to protect these vulnerable voters by supporting HB 5978.

OTHER BILLS

The League also supports the changes and improvements to our election laws contained in SB 384 AAC *The Number of Polling Places and Moderators for Primaries*, HB 6630 AAC Certain Revisions to Elections Related Statutes, HB 6332 AAC Primaries, Petition and Ballot Preparation Laws, and HB 6333 AAC Provisional Ballots for State and Municipal Elections, many of which also appear in SB 939.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on these bills.

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H.B. No. 6330 – Support, with suggested improvements
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We support the many of the updates based on the change to optical scanners. There are several areas that have not been addressed. Today, we suggest some of those which we have noticed. Some are easily accomplished, while others would require extensive revisions.

Pages 23-24, lines 699 to 723 (9-260). This bill, like S.B. 939, contemplate a demonstrator “device” replacing the demonstrator “machine”. This seems ambiguous, as to what that device may be, providing little guidance to election officials in meeting the requirements of the section. I am unaware of any such “device” employed since we have changed to optical scan machines. The text could easily be interpreted as requiring a demonstrator for the TVS machines at considerable cost. Our recommendation would be to strike the section from the current law.

On page 24, lines 747 to 750 (9-272). In this bill, like S.B. 939, one critical word “securing” seems to have been omitted which would make the intention consistent.

Proposed substitute text (our recommendations in bold)

<p>747 ... The procedures for securing and counting the paper 748 ballots described in this section shall comply as nearly as may be, in 749 the manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State, to the securing and counting of 750 absentee ballots.</p>
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On page 26, line 786 (9-311(a)) In this bill, like S.B. 939, a “be” has been left in the law.

On pages 27, lines 819-851 (9-311(b)) In this bill, like S.B. 939, describing recanvasses, we note that the text has been updated from “machine” to “tabulator” but makes no mention of tabulator-counted ballots being sealed or unsealed and does not seem to contemplate four classes of ballots: polling-place hand-counted; polling place tabulator-counted; central-hand-counted absentee; and central-tabulator-counted absentee ballots.

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HB 6330 AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN REVISIONS TO ELECTIONS RELATED STATUTES

Good morning Representative Morin, Senator Slossberg and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, my name is Bill Jenkins. I have been the Republican Registrar of Voters in Chaplin since 2006.

This bill is very similar to SB 939 but does not eliminate the provision that allows municipalities to have a registrar for each voting district (if voted upon by its legislative body) nor does it increase the term of office for all registrars and town clerks to four years. These were objections I had to SB 939.

Section 22 of this bill revises 9-258 to allow towns with only one voting district such as Chaplin and many other small towns to have our official poll workers be electors of the state instead of just limiting official poll workers to be electors of the town. Larger towns with more than one voting district are already allowed under current law to use poll workers from other towns and the one district towns should also be allowed to do this as well. As I mentioned in my testimony on SB 939, this change would be a tremendous help to small towns.

Section 10 and Section 32 of this bill make the same change to subsection (d) of 9-50b so this appears to be redundant.

Section 34 of this bill repeals Section 9 of Public Act 07-194 which created:

Sec. 9-229a. Election or primary day polling place observers. Appointment. Duties. Training program. Regulations. Additional election officials. Code of ethics for polling place observers.

This statute requires the Secretary of the State to train and appoint official observers in polling places at the request of any candidate, to adopt regulations to administer this program and to establish a code of ethics for poll workers. As a result of what happened in Bridgeport in the most recent state election, I'm not sure that repealing this law is such a good idea.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The bill is passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 81.

THE CLERK:

On page 6, Calendar 81, substitute for House Bill Number 6330, AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND MINOR REVISIONS TO ELECTIONS RELATED STATUTES, favorable report of the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

If we could clear the path between me and Representative Morin, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

The distinguished Chairman of the Government Administration and Elections Commission, Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28th):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Good afternoon, sir.

REP. MORIN (28th):

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

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The question is on acceptance and passage. Will you explain the bill please, sir.

REP. MORIN (28th):

Mr. Speaker, thank you.

Frankly, all this bill does, it makes technical, minor and conforming changes to reflect the changes from lever to optical scan voting machines, for example, tabulators. It also repeals provisions and procedures rendered obsolete by the change in voting technology.

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment, LCO 5324. I would ask that the Clerk please call the amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The Clerk is in possession of LCO Number 5324 which will be designated House Amendment Schedule "A."

The gentleman has asked leave of the Chamber to summarize. Is there objection? Hearing none, please proceed, Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28th):

Thank you again, Mr. Speaker.

LCO 5324 amends the bill to make it clear that a person who tampers with a voting machine or ballot will have committed a crime only if they do so with the intent to cause the vote to be improperly cast -- counted.

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This bill would impose this criminal penalty for injuring a ballot even if the person didn't mean to affect the vote. I urge adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The question is on adoption. Will you remark further on House Amendment Schedule "A?"

The distinguished Vice Chairman of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, Representative Hwang.

REP. HWANG (134th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am in support of this amendment because it clarifies a language consistent with the intent of the technical bill and I urge passage from the body.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Thank you, sir.

Representative Alberts.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

If I may, a question to the proponent of the amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

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Thank you.

With regard to the language in line 1 of the amendment, with intent to cause, how we determine what that is?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative Morin, do you care to respond?

REP. MORIN (28th):

Very good question. I think it would be up to the moderator or ultimately the registrars to determine that, but I think it's -- if it's something to do that would totally dis-face the ballot so that the votes couldn't be counted.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative Alberts.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So the goal would be then to hold the moderator, if I understand the response, to hold the moderator accountable to determine what the intent of what was transpiring.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative Morin.

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REP. MORIN (28th):

Thank you.

The way I understand it, Representative, is right now the language is in place that if we didn't do this, that any markings on the ballot would, in fact, be a penalty with some fines to it. So what this will do will -- if someone writes on a ballot, go Representative Alberts, go Representative Morin, we would not in turn not be punishable for that type of comment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative Alberts.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I appreciate those kind comments from the proponent. I do support this amendment. I understand its intention now. I did have some concern with the language, but I understand what we're looking to do here and I support it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on House Amendment Schedule "A?" Will you remark further on House Amendment Schedule "A?" If not, let me try your minds. All in favor, signify

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by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Opposed, nay.

The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted.

Sorry. The -- we're just getting the board right.

Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Will you 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 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, please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? If so the machine will be locked. The Clerk will take a tally. And the Clerk will announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Bill Number 6330 as amended by House "A."

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The bill as amended is passed.

I've been asked to announce that on behalf of the Lavine family they are hosting a reception for members up in Room 310 of the capitol, for anyone who would like to go up there and join the family. They're more than welcome. Thank you.

And back to the call of the calendar. Mr. Clerk, would you call Calendar 60, please.

THE CLERK:

On page 31, Calendar 60, House Bill Number 6290, AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR CERTAIN AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE PLANTS, favorable report of the Committee on Finance Revenue and Bonding.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The distinguished Chairman of the Commerce Committee, Representative Berger.

REP. BERGER (73rd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and good afternoon.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

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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.