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This program supports those organizations and their employees as well, accounting for substantial percentages of material sales in some cases. And of course, the ESCO businesses across the state, like me, that employ thousands of people and help customers with their energy solutions will also benefit.

The resulting payroll contributions from employment in this industry is approaching better than 3,000. The overall energy services industry will be a high growth industry in the next decade, and these funds will help establish that foothold for companies in our state. These employees are contributing to state income taxes and support their local communities as well.

At the state level, though, when you look at every million dollars granted in incentives, the state receives upwards of \$350,000 in return revenue. That's a return on investment of 35 percent. And I'll ask if any sponsored program that is generating that kind of return

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REP. WIDLITZ: Thank you for your testimony. We have your written testimony.

Are there any questions from committee members?

Okay.

Thank you very much.

William Gray, followed by Pat McDonnell and Andrew Czerniewski.

WILLIAM GRAY: Good morning, Senator Daily and Representative Widlitz. My name is Bill Gray

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I work for Lutheran Social Services as a -- as a project manager. And I'm here today on behalf of Luther Ridge, which is owned and operated by Lutheran Social Services of New England.

I am here in favor of Act 1162, concerning the filing deadline for certain property tax exemptions. However, I would like some additional language added, so that LSS can also benefit from this -- this passing of this bill.

About five years ago, LSS added to the Luther Ridge facility. We added a 90-unit addition. And we did so on the premise that we could keep our tax exempt status, because we did have a letter from the, then, town assessor that said, as long as we kept our tax exempt status we would be -- we wouldn't have to pay taxes there. A new assessor took over a couple of years ago and has since changed that -- going back on that, and we now are assessed taxes at that facility.

We were able to go back to FAC and CFHA. They give us funding for our facility, and they have provided additional funds to help us pay the taxes. However, they would not pay the interest and penalties that accrued and it totals just over \$19,000.

We did bring our case to the Mayor and he is in favor of it, as well as the council leadership, but felt a special act was required to get the -- the refund of that monies, and that's why I'm here today.

Specifically, the -- the bill as it reads right now, Section 4, would not allow LSS to -- to be a part of that, because it states

that if we are eligible for a 2009 Grand List exemption, which we are not, currently, as the -- as the law reads, so I have some additional language I would like added to the bill that would allow us to benefit from that. And -- is there any questions?

REP. WIDLITZ: Do you have documentation from your former assessor and from the Mayor that this is something that -- to which they would approve?

WILLIAM GRAY: We do.

REP. WIDLITZ: Could you submit that to the committee, please.

WILLIAM GRAY: I could, yeah.

REP. WIDLITZ: Thank you very much.

Are there questions?

Thank you very much.

WILLIAM GRAY: Thank you.

REP. WIDLITZ: Pat McDonnell, followed by Andrew Czerniewski and David Ford.

PATRICK MCDONNELL: Good morning, Representative Widlitz, Senator Daily, members of the committee. My name is Pat McDonnell. I am the director of conservation and load management for UI.

I am here today to testify on Senate Bill 1157, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESTORATION OF THE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND LOAD MANAGEMENT FUND. I have submitted written testimony, so I won't go into a lot of detail.

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PATRICK MCDONNELL: Thank you.

REP. WIDLITZ: Andrew Czerniewski, followed by David Ford and Jessie Stratton.

ANDREW CZERNIEWSKI: Good morning, Senator Daily, Representative Widlitz, and members of the committee. My name is Andrew Czerniewski. And I am the CFO of the Rushford Center.

Rushford is a private, nonprofit organization that annually provides mental health and addiction prevention and treatment services to more than 7,000 Connecticut residents. I am testifying in favor of Bill 1162, AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING DEADLINE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, specifically, Section 4.

For over 20 years, Rushford has operated a 68 residential and outpatient treatment center at the former Town Farms Inn, on Silver Street, in the city of Middletown. Our organization received a tax exemption from the city every year from 1990 through 2009.

In 2009, we submitted a tax exemption application for 2010 that contained a clerical error, leading to a rejection of the application by the city assessor. Rushford subsequently received a bill for more than \$250,000, and paid it, in order to avoid the accrual of interest and penalties.

The legislation before you today will allow Rushford to resubmit the application and receive a refund from the city. The mayor and council leaderships are supportive of this bill.

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Without this legislation, Rushford will be forced to reduce services to clients at a time when the need for our services has never been greater.

I thank you for your consideration and would be happy to answer any questions.

REP. WIDLITZ: Well, I guess that was quite an expensive mistake. Unfortunately, it wasn't picked up in time.

Are there are any questions?

Thank you very much.

David Ford, followed by Jessie Stratton and Bob Auer.

DAVID FORD: Good morning. Thank you, Senator Daily and Representative Widlitz, for -- and members of the Committee for allowing me to testify today.

My name is David Ford. And I an energy engineer with the Trane Company. We're located in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 1157 and the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund.

Our office employs over 90 employees, and 10 of us are primarily focused on helping Connecticut towns and businesses reduce their electric, gas, oil, and water consumption by developing and implementing energy efficiency projects.

In all cases, these comprehensive energy projects are helped paid for by the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund.

something that we did at Bishop's Orchards that our Representative Widlitz was at. Yeah, I got a picture in there. Right?

And there was a testimony in there from -- that was Bishop's Orchards in Guilford -- where the farmer there said, gee, without these funds, we -- we would not have been able to go ahead. I mean, we have lots of testimonies like that.

I -- I have nothing further. If anybody has any questions.

REP. WIDLITZ: Well, I think you're in trouble. I only see a picture of Senator Meyer here in your testimony. Oh, I am there.

THOMAS PHILLIPS: You are there.

REP. WIDLITZ: My gosh, that's me.

THOMAS PHILLIPS: Yes, you are.

REP. WIDLITZ: You know, sometimes we just don't like to recognize yourself, anyway. Thank you very much for your testimony.

Any questions? Thank you very much.  
The Honorable Cathy Osten, followed by Peter Callan and Scott Hastie.

CATHERINE OSTEN: Good morning, Chairmen, and members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding committee members.

I, and the town of Sprague, fully endorse SB 1162, in particular Section Number 5, which allows for reconsideration of the decision by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to modify or deny an exemption by



the assessor of -- that was granted by the assessor.

What happened in the town was that one of our -- actually, our largest taxpayer, Cascades, did not meet the filing deadline, for a variety of reasons. This holds the company responsible for an additional tax of more than \$130,000.

This company is an integral part of our community, as our top taxpayer, as an employer of more than 200 men and women with family-supporting wages and, finally, as a community partner.

It is vital that we keep this international company in Connecticut, in particular, in its southeastern section. Without this waiver, the town loses revenue in the form of the MME PILOT payment of \$130,000. This loss is equivalent to three quarters of a mill, and places an additional burden on the Sprague taxpayer, already suffering from the loss of a neighbor manufacturer.

We, the residents of Sprague, request that you waive this deadline, and further direct OPM to recalculate the PILOT payment to the town of Sprague.

I would be happy to answer any questions. I am certain you have heard that the MME is an important part of municipal revenue. It is 5 percent of our revenue.

REP. WIDLITZ: I think we've heard that a lot in the last few weeks.

CATHERINE OSTEN: I -- I think the town, though, the town of Sprague has the most, percentage

wise. We have a 5 -- that is 5 percent of our revenue. It would be the equivalent of losing two mills.

REP. WIDLITZ: Thank you for your testimony.

Are there questions? Yes, Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. And thank you for your testimony. Was there a valid reason for missing that deadline that you could share with us?

CATHERINE OSTEN: I know that they lost their accountant. And when the account -- when the accountant left, they did not file the paperwork. I don't know if that's valid or not, but it was valid, as far I was concerned.

REP. WIDLITZ: Any other questions? Thank you very much.

CATHERINE OSTEN: Thank you very much.

REP. WIDLITZ: Peter Callan, followed by Scott Hastie and Marty Mador.

Peter Callan?

Scott Hastie, followed by Marty Mador and Stephen Pelton.

SCOTT HASTIE: Good morning, Senator Daily, Representative Widlitz, and members of the Finance Committee. My name is Scott Hastie. I am the regional manager for a Yalesville, Connecticut based residential energy services company called Competitive Resources.

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The principals of our firm have been delivering a wide variety of efficiency

programs on behalf of the customers of every electric and natural gas utility in our state since 1989. The sectors we have served include limited income, residential, commercial, municipal, and institutional.

For the last 14 years, our efforts on the improvement of residential dwelling for limited income and all other homeowners and renters -- as I hope you are aware, the primary reason that we can deliver these services was the establishment of the systems benefits charge on customer's electric and gas bills.

The programs we, and many other contractors like us, work on are sponsored by the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund and administered by the utility companies here in Connecticut.

Over the years, the small surcharge on customer's bills, which goes into the CEEF, has yielded big results in terms of economic benefits here in our state. The Northeast Energy Efficiency Council, Connecticut Chapter, indicates that for every dollar spent through the fund, four dollars are returned in energy savings and other economic benefits to Connecticut.

I am here today representing nearly 40 of my fellow employees. Much as they'd all like to be here, the majority of my staff are out in your constituents homes, as we speak, delivering the home energy solution services, helping them save energy and money.

Our message to you is simple: Please roll back the legislation passed in 2010, which will take or securitize 35 percent of the CEEF

funding over the next eight years.

I realize that you, as Legislators, are faced with the task of making extremely difficult financial decisions in this session. However, I would like to remind you that the funds we are talking about were never intended to be a tax.

The SBC's purpose is to promote energy efficiency and incent the use of new, efficient energy technologies, and encourage better construction to reduce operating costs and air pollution for the people of Connecticut.

One immediate result of this charge has been the development of many small businesses like ours, as well as the continued employment for many of the trades people who might otherwise be out of work due to -- due to these tough economic times. It is inevitable that the confiscation of these dollars, or any reduction for that matter, will result in an immediate negative impact on our state's economy.

Our goals of creating green jobs, reducing costs for homeowners and businesses, gaining some degree of energy independence, and leaving a better environment for our children and grandchildren, will fall by the wayside in favor of short-term solutions to the budget problems.

Please recommend that the CEEF budget be totally restored and these important job creating and preserving dollars be utilized as originally intended. Thank you.

REP. WIDLITZ: Thank you for your testimony.

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**Testimony in Support of Raised Bill No. 1162  
AAC The Filing Deadline for Certain Property Tax Exemptions  
Submitted by  
Bill Gray  
Senior Project Manager  
Lutheran Social Services of New England  
March 21, 2011**

Good Afternoon Senator Daily, Representative Widlitz and members of the Committee.

My name is Bill Gray I handle strategic projects for Lutheran Social Services of New England (LSSNE), which owns Lutheran Assisted Living at Middletown Inc. and Lutheran Housing Corp at Middletown Inc. Together they are known as Luther Ridge. Luther Ridge is a non-profit facility that offers independent and assisted living to the elderly. LSSNE has provided services in the Middletown community for 60 years.

I am testifying in favor of Bill 1162, An Act Concerning The Filing Deadline for Certain Property Tax Exemptions. However, I am requesting some additional language to include LSSNE.

Approximately five years ago, LSSNE added a 90-unit addition to the Middletown campus. Prior to doing so, a letter was obtained from the then town assessor Frank Marchese which stated LSSNE could keep its' tax exempt status as long as it maintained its non-profit status, which it does to this day. The project would not have moved forward if not for receiving this exemption.

In 2009 a new assessor took over and refused to honor his office's previous commitment based on the fact that we receive government funding for housing. After some time LSSNE was able to convince FHC and CFHA to modify their budgets to allow for tax payments but they would not allow for penalties and interest that accrued while the issue was being disputed. That cost totaled over \$19,000 which LSSNE paid.

Despite the fact that we feel we should still have a tax exemption, LSSNE continues to pay tax, but feels the money paid towards penalties and interest should be reimbursed by the city. LSSNE brought its case to the Mayor's office, who has offered his support as did city council leadership. However, they feel a Special Act is required to waive the penalties and interest.

That is why I am here today in support of Bill 1162. However, the way the bill is currently written LSSNE would be excluded. Section 4 of the bill states "for any person eligible for a 2009 grand list exemption". LSSNE does not qualify for a grand list exemption. Therefore I feel additional language should be included to allow LSSNE to benefit from the passage of the bill. I have included suggested language in the attached document.

Adding the language will allow LSSNE to be refunded monies that are desperately needed to continue operations. I thank you for your consideration and would be happy to answer questions.

Bill Gray

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LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF NEW ENGLAND, INC. , LUTHERAN ASSISTED LIVING AT MIDDLETOWN, INC. AND LUTHERAN HOUSING CORPORATION AT MIDDLETOWN, INC. SPECIAL ACT

AN ACT GRANTING TAX INTEREST AND PENALTY EXEMPTION FOR NON-PROFIT OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING NON-ABATED LOW AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING

(Effective from passage) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-166 of the general statutes, Lutheran Social Services of New England, Inc., Lutheran Assisted Living at Middletown, Inc. and Lutheran Housing Corporation at Middletown, Inc., each a non-profit or charitable organization that provide housing solely for low or moderate-income persons or families or property used for housing solely for low or moderate income persons or families and are not provided a tax abatement under section 8-215 of the general statutes, in the City of Middletown, and otherwise failed to pay the taxes on the 2009 grand list by the date prescribed, shall be exempt from paying a tax interest or penalty as HUD and/or CHFA restrictions prohibited said non-profit or charitable organization from making their tax payment in a timely manner and if such non-profit or charitable organization pays such taxes within thirty days after the effective date of this section. Upon confirmation of the receipt of payment and verification that the organization is a non-profit or charitable organization, the assessor shall waive any and all tax interest and penalties for failure to pay the taxes in a timely manner. If the tax interest and penalties have been paid on the property for which such waiver is approved, the City of Middletown shall reimburse such non-profit or charitable organization for such interest and penalties as if the taxes had been paid in a timely manner.



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**Testimony in Support of Raised Bill No. 1162  
AAC The Filing Deadline for Certain Property Tax Exemptions  
Submitted by  
Andrew Czerniewski  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
Rushford Center Inc.  
March 20, 2011**

Good Afternoon Senator Daily, Representative Widlitz and members of the Committee. My name is Andrew Czerniewski and I am CFO of Rushford Center. Rushford is a private, non-profit organization that annually provides mental health and addiction prevention and treatment services to more than 7,000 Connecticut residents. I am testifying in favor of Bill 1162, An Act Concerning The Filing Deadline for Certain Property Tax Exemptions; specifically, Section 4.

For more than 20 years, Rushford has operated a 68-bed residential and outpatient treatment center at the former Town Farms Inn on Silver Street in the City of Middletown. Our organization received a tax exemption from the city every year from 1990 to 2009. In 2009, we submitted a tax exemption application for 2010 that contained a clerical error, leading to a rejection of the application by the City Assessor. Rushford subsequently received a bill for more than \$250,000 and paid it, in order to avoid the accrual of interests and penalties. The legislation before you today will allow Rushford to resubmit the application and receive a refund from the City. The Mayor and Council leadership are supportive of this bill.

Without this legislation, Rushford will be forced to reduce services to clients at a time when the need for our services has never been greater. I thank you for your consideration and would be happy to answer questions.

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Chairman Daily and Widlitz and all Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee Members,

I and the Town of Sprague fully endorse SB 1162 section 5 which allows for reconsideration of the decision by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to modify or deny an exemption granted by the assessor of said town, under the provisions of subdivision (72) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2008. The waiving of the filing deadline for qualification of the Machinery, Manufacturing Equipment tax abatement program for Cascades is vital as without this the company would be held responsible for an additional tax of more than \$130,000.

This company is an integral part of our community, as our top taxpayer, as an employer of more than 200 men and women with family supporting wages and finally as a community partner. It is vital that this international company remain in Connecticut in particular in its Southeastern section.

In addition without this waiver the Town loses revenue in the form of the MME PILOT payment of \$130,000. This loss is equivalent to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mill and places an additional burden on the Sprague taxpayer already suffering the loss of a neighbor manufacturer.

We, the residents of Sprague, request that you waive this deadline and further direct OPM to recalculate the PILOT payment to the Town of Sprague.

Thank you

Catherine Osten  
First Selectman

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Those voting Yea	141
Those voting Nay	6
Those absent and not voting	4

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The bill is passed in concurrence with the  
Senate.

(Representative Aresimowicz of the 30th District  
in the Chair.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

Representative Olson of the 46th, you have the  
floor, madam.

REP. OLSON (46th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move for  
the suspension of our rules for the immediate  
consideration of Calendar Number 639, Senate Bill  
1162. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

Is there objection to suspension? Hearing none,  
so ordered. Will the Clerk please call Calendar  
Number 639.

THE CLERK:

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Calendar 639, substitute for Senate Bill Number  
1162, AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING DEADLINE FOR  
CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS. Favorable report of  
the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

(Speaker Donovan in the Chair.)

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Widlitz, you have the floor,  
madam.

REP. WIDLITZ (98th):

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

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Question is on acceptance and passage of the bill  
in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark?

REP. WIDLITZ (98th):

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Clerk has LCO  
Number 8705. It's a strike-all amendment. Will he  
please call and I be allowed to summarize.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

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Clerk, please call LCO 8075.

REP. WIDLITZ (98th):

No, no, no, 8705.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Excuse me, 8705. Thank you, Representative.

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 8705, Senate "A", offered by Senator  
Daily, et al.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize. Any objection? Representative, you may proceed.

REP. WIDLITZ (98th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is our annual Fail to File bill. The amendment which becomes the bill provides extensions of time to file for certain property tax exemptions to correct a property misclassification for two nonprofits and to request reconsideration of -- exemption amounts. I move adoption, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question is on adoption. Will you remark further? Remark further? If not, let me try your

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minds, all those in favor of the amendment, please  
signify by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Opposed, Nay? The Ayes have it. The amendment  
is adopted. Remark further on the bill as amended?  
Remark further on the bill as amended? If not, staff  
and guests please come to the Well of the House,  
members take their 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.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Have all the members voted? 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 will please  
take a tally.

Representative Godfrey -- Representative Godfrey  
in the affirmative. Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

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"A", in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number voting	148
Necessary for passage	75
Those voting Yea	148
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	3

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The bill as amended is passed. Representative --  
Representative Sharkey.

REP. SHARKEY (88th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move for  
the suspension of our rules for the immediate  
consideration of Calendar 638.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Question is for immediate suspension -- for  
suspension from the rules for immediate consideration  
of House Calendar 638. Any objection? Any objection?  
Hearing none, the rules are suspended for that purpose  
and will the Clerk please call House Calendar 638.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 638, substitute for Senate Bill Number  
1196, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN  
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And we are still at ease.

Unless there's other points of personal  
privileges or privilege or announcements.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, first of all on the item just  
previously voted, Calendar page 32, Calendar 371,  
Senate Bill 1196, would move that that item be  
immediately transmitted to the House of  
Representatives.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, the next item to call is from  
Calendar page 9, Calendar 467, Senate Bill 1162.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Madam President, calling from Calendar page 9,  
Calendar 467, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 1162,  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILLING DEADLINE FOR CERTAIN  
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, favorable report of the

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Finance Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Good evening, Senator Daily.

SENATOR DAILY:

Good evening, Madam President. I would move the Joint Committee's favorable report and seek leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Approval on the -- the passage of the bill.

Will you remark further?

SENATOR DAILY:

Thank you, Madam President. I would ask the Clerk to call LCO Number 8705.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, would you please call 8705?

THE CLERK:

Madam President, the Clerk is in possession of LCO Number 8705, which shall be designated Senate Schedule "A."

THE CHAIR:

Senator Daily.

SENATOR DAILY:

Thank you very much, Madam President.

It addresses the failure to file --

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THE CHAIR:

Senator, ma'am, will you --

SENATOR DAILY:

-- oh, I would like to move the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption.

Will you --

SENATOR DAILY:

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

-- remark?

SENATOR DAILY:

The amendment is a strike-all amendment and it becomes the bill. And it addresses two entities in Middletown that failed to file, one in Danbury. And it exempts a number of cities and towns from the requirement to revalue for 2012.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

If not, let me try your minds. All in favor please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

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THE CHAIR:

Opposed?

The amendment is adopted.

Senator Daily.

SENATOR DAILY:

Thank you very much, Madam President.

The amendment becomes the bill and I seek  
adoption of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

Will you remark on the bill? Will you remark on  
the bill?

If not --

Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO:

Sorry, Madam President.

I just had a quick chance to glance at the bill  
and I noticed that there was a cost to the City of  
Middletown of about a quarter of a million dollars,  
could the good Senator explain that?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Daily.

SENATOR DAILY:

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Thank you very much, Madam President.

An entity in Middletown failed to file on time so they did not get their exemption. They did pay the tax bill, the property tax bill and this assessor is holding -- the tax collector holding that money, awaiting our action in order to refund it to them.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Suzio.

SENATOR SUZIO:

Okay. Thank you very much. That's the only question I had.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

I figured you'd find that interesting.

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

If not, Mr. Clerk will you call for a roll call vote?

THE CLERK:

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

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THE CHAIR:

The machine is open.

Have all members voted? If all members have voted, the machine will be closed and, Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally?

THE CLERK:

Motion is on passage of Senate Bill 1162, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A."

Total Number Voting	36
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The bill has passed.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, would move for immediate transmittal to the House of Representatives of Senate Bill 1162 as amended.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.