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REP. ROSE: Thank you.

REP. TABORSK: Back to the public list, we have Paul Costello up now, followed by Ron Pyle, and then Chris Hudgins.

Mr. Costello? Could you press the button and turn on mic? Thank you.

PAUL COSTELLO: Senator Doyle, Representative Taborsak, members of the General Law Committee, my name is Paul Costello. I'm the Apprenticeship and Training Director for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 90, and the National Electrical Contractors Association Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee.

I'm here today to express our support of House Bill 5021, AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR ELECTRICIANS. The IBEW builds its reputation on safety and education and is continuing offering training to its members. Some of our topics include OSHA 10 and 30-hour training, a construction safety, significant changes to the National Electrical Code, electrical safety, and training in new technology and other related courses.

Our organization is one of the leading providers of the required continuing education for all licensed electricians in the state. As a provider and an instructor of the course, I had heard that comments and concerns of the license holders attending the classes, many stating that the topics covered are repeated from one year to the next and of their frustration with the state not adopting the latest editions of the National Electrical Code.

The first couple of years, there was great interest and no problem filling the day presenting the significant changes in the electrical code. Unfortunately, that has not been the case over the past few years. The current edition is the 2011 National Electrical Code, which is replacing our 2008. Unfortunately, neither of these codes have been adopted in Connecticut, leaving us with about a four-year span.

A four-hour course will cover other electrical industry topics during that period of time, and providers can present the new changes as they occur. I fully support the requirement of continuing education to make sure that the licensed electricians in the state are being kept up with all the changes in the electrical code. The Electrical Examining Board has recommended the course be a minimum of four hours and a maximum of seven, at their discretion, depending on the material that needs to be conveyed during that period of time.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views, and I ask you for your support of House Bill 5021.

Thank you.

REP. TABORSAK: Thank you, Mr. Costello.

Any questions from the committee?

Representative Aman.

REP. AMAN: Yeah. What -- what is the current continuing education requirement? You're talking now four hours per year minimum, but what is the current?

PAUL COSTELLO: Currently it's seven hours. And it was originally designed to be a maximum of seven hours, which we are in support of. One of the frustrations, as I express, is because our current code hasn't been changed since 2005. Currently there's two editions; the 2008, we never adopted in Connecticut. The latest edition that is recognized in some states throughout the country is a 2011, and each year there are significant changes.

We've pretty much exhausted topics to talk about, addressing the changes of the code. And the intent would be in years where there is a code adoption, there would be a substantial amount of information to be covered in a seven-hour period, but for the years where there hasn't been a code adoption of significant changes to really discuss, to go to the four-hour minimum, at the discretion of the board. If they see it needs to be adjusted accordingly, then they have that flexibility. It's really to give the board the flexibility to determine what the course content needs to be for that specific year.

REP. AMAN: The classes that you're teaching, do they only go into the code or do they go into best practices, new products, et cetera, that are out, which are changing more -- much more rapidly than the code is as far as what best practices may well be for -- for someone who wants to do a good job as an electrician.

PAUL COSTELLO: Correct. And that's -- that's exactly what's been happening. So for the past couple years, there is a minimum amount that is covering under the state statutes to make aware of the licensing issues that are out there and the laws for regulating our work.

In addition to that, there is new technology.

One of the emphases last year was on photovoltaics. Again, this year it'll be an emphasis on electrical vehicle charging, truck stations, so some of the new technology will be covered. And a lot of that information would be covered in the minimum of four hours, in addition to the construction safety topics that are covered.

REP. AMAN: Many of the electricians are really specialized in a particular area, whether they be in -- in the home -- home model -- remodeling that we just talked about or working for Pratt & Whitney on certain type of high-level machines or redoing electrical components for heating and air conditioning. How does -- since those people are so specialized, what do you teach them in a particular course?

PAUL COSTELLO: In that respect, basically there's one specific outline, depending on license category. Those of us that hold an E1/E2, Unlimited Journeymen's License would attain the same class. It doesn't matter whether that individual is being licensed as an unlimited contractor journeyman, does residential, commercial or industrial work, they would still have to go through that same course.

REP. AMAN: And that --

PAUL COSTELLO: It is --

REP. AMAN: And that's the problem that I've heard from not only the electricians but the plumbers or anybody else who says I never do, you know, I just sat through seven hours in a course in stuff that I will never do, I never want to do, and I'm unqualified to do it, even after taking the course. And that -- that's the other side that we have gotten from people on a regular

basis.

The idea of four hours instead of seven hours, since you're doing it on an annual basis, I actually would probably favor. Because I think an instructor can do much better in four hours than they can in seven, in trying -- after lunch, trying to keep that group awake. It's not the easiest job in the world to do. So the four hours, I could definitely see why we would take a serious look at that.

Thank you.

REP. TABORSAK: Thank you.

Any questions from the committee? Any other questions?

Mr. Costello, I just have a -- a question or two here. You mentioned in your testimony, it seems like one of the -- the real problems is that the state is slow to adopt changes to the electrical code. Do you have any opinion on why we haven't -- well, the 2011, that's fairly new. Do you know if there are any developments right now as far as, at the state level to adopt that, the 2011 code?

PAUL COSTELLO: There are current -- there is currently a bill in front of legislation now addressing that issue. It was unsuccessful in past years. This year, hopefully it will be addressed, because there has been new technology that does need to get addressed in our standards. There is no mention of wind generation, which is becoming popular throughout the state, and we're seeing more installations; 2011 edition of the NEC does address that.

There's many changes that occur in 2008 on a

residential scale addressing arc-fault circuit interrupters, along with tamper-resistant receptacles, preventing children from plugging in keys and hair pins into receptacles and receiving burns. None of those have been adopted in Connecticut. And if I'm correct, I believe Connecticut is one of only seven states across the country that is not on at least the 2008 edition of the NEC now.

REP. TABORSAK: Okay. And just so I understand how this generally works, I understand that changes to the electrical code and adopting, when the state adopts changes, that would generate, you know, a topic for continuing education. But don't you also take up -- I know in some of the other trades -- new products, you know, kind of just enter the trade. Can't and don't you take up those changes in the trade without the necessity for changes to the code? Is that -- is that fair to say?

PAUL COSTELLO: Yes, if I understand right. New technology -- one being photovoltaics -- for a lot of electricians, that might be somewhat of a new technology, even though it's been common practice for years, more specific as far as the product. So those are some of the things that we did cover in last year's course. This year there'll be more an emphasis on electrical vehicle charging. So some of the new technology and new -- not so much product-specific; that's not the way the course is designed currently. It's more on the technology, and those are incorporated in the courses each year.

REP. TABORSAK: And one of the -- one of the concerns that some people might have in us, you know, reducing the continuing education minimum requirements is that, you know, it might appear to some people that we could be reducing our,



you know, threshold for -- for safety in your trade. Can you -- can you elaborate on that, just to --

PAUL COSTELLO: I don't believe --

REP. TABORSAK: -- provide --

PAUL COSTELLO: -- there'd be so much reducing it, because we still have our requirements for OSHA-10 training.

Site-specific training, again, depends on if that individual is more on the residential side of the construction market or they're in heavy commercial and industrial applications, where most of that training needs to be site-specific. If we're making an entry in a confined space, we need to know specifically what the hazards are at that location, and that's not really something that could be covered in, per se, a continuing ed class. It would be more of the specifics.

REP. TABORSAK: Okay. And you don't foresee a problem if, say, this Legislature were to adopt the 2011 code changes? You don't foresee a problem with what this bill proposes to do? Do you think that would be handled --

PAUL COSTELLO: No.

REP. TABORSAK: -- easily?

PAUL COSTELLO: If anything, the way I would look at -- view it, I would see the Electrical Examining Board saying, okay, this would be a specific year where we could easily cover seven hours of significant changes, because we're not just addressing the '11 changes, we would actually need to go back and address the changes that occurred in the 2008 edition, to

bring everybody up to, basically, a six-year window, for where we're lagging currently.

REP. TABORSAK: Okay. Well, thank you for your testimony.

Are there any other questions from the committee?

Thank you, again.

PAUL COSTELLO: Thank you for your time.

REP. TABORSAK: Representative Ackert, if he's here.

REP. ACKERT: Thank you, Chairman Doyle, Chairman Taborsak, Ranking Members of General Law, committee members, thank you for raising House Bill 5021.

For the record, I am Representative Tim Ackert, and a self-employed electrical contractor. I also teach the continuing education course for electricians, for the approved provider.

Since 2004, electricians have been mandated to take continuing education courses requiring seven hours of instructions. As a licensed electrician for 30 years, I believe those classes -- these classes do have a value to the electricians. It keeps us up to date on electrical building and fire codes. It touches on OSHA and arc class concerns that have been imposed as safety hazard for electricians. Providing this course on an annual basis keeps us up to date with ever-changing technology.

The downside of this course, even though Representative Aman mentioned that some of the electric instructors are boring, I -- has been that the redundancy of mandated curriculum that it takes to fill seven hours of course time. I

believe a four-hour course, and again, a minimum four-hour course will provide a sufficient refresher and will reduce the cost of the course for the electricians. I support and I hope you will consider passage of House Bill 5021.

REP. TABORSAK: Thank you, Representative.

Are there any questions from the committee?

Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS: Thank you.

Did I understand you want to go from seven hours to four hours? We're reducing the amount of time that's required for remedial --

REP. ACKERT: Yes, sir. That's what that bill is. And I know that Mr. Costello spoke on the same, in support of it from the IBEW. It is a lot of redundancy. We teach the -- you know, not that general, and that General Statutes are boring -- but each year we provide about a half-hour to an hour of General Statutes' refreshers on the same General Statutes that mandate the -- the performance of electricians and licensures of electricians. So we teach that over and over every year, the same one. We teach them safety glasses every year. We teach eye -- you know, hearing protection, and helmets.

And we have an OSHA-10 course that most electricians take now that is a ten-hour course. So to put in a half-hour course which is mandated is -- is, you know, not really required at this time.

SENATOR WITKOS: Thank you, very much.



## Independent Electrical Contractors of New England, Inc.

TO: The Honorable Paul Doyle and Rep. Joseph Taborsak  
Members of the General Law Committee

FROM: Lisa Stevens, Executive Director

DATE: February 22, 2011

RE: **HB-5021, AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ELECTRICIANS**

The Independent Electrical Contractors of New England (IEC-NE) **strongly supports continuing education for electricians.** Faulty electrical wires and improper grounding of wires have caused fires that have destroyed homes and taken lives. By ensuring that licensed electricians are required to maintain the highest possible level of safety and training, continuing education helps prevent tragedies.

Continuing education also ensures that every license holder is up-to-date with changes in the industry. New technologies are being introduced at a more rapid pace than ever before and changes in building codes are numerous. These technologies are generally safer and more efficient, benefiting Connecticut consumers. Continuing education classes provide a mechanism for electricians to learn from each other and from instructors about new advances in the field.

In addition, continuing education for electricians also promotes workplace safety and health. Under current law, continuing education must include information on construction safety, which is a big step forward for workplace safety and health because safety education and training is the most effective way to reduce loss of life and injuries to workers. Recognizing the importance of continuing education for electricians, of the 37 states that require any type of state level licensing for electricians, only 4 do not require continuing education for electricians.

However, given that the state has lagged far behind in adopting the updating building codes - which we are very concerned about - we agree that more flexibility should be built into the continuing education law. *We therefore support HB-5021 if amended to provide that electricians are required to take a minimum of 4 hours up to 7 hours, as determined by the Electrical Board.* The Electrical Board, which is comprised of union and non-union unlimited electrical license holders monitors issues relating to code changes and other changes in the field. This language provides that the board, which is in the best position to determine how many hours of continuing education should be required, has the ability to reduce the number of required hours while ensuring that a minimum of four hour are required to be performed.

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HARTFORD, CT 06106-1591****TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 5021  
An Act Concerning Continuing Professional Education for Electricians****General Law Committee Public Hearing  
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 5021, AAC Continuing Professional Education for Electricians. This bill is intended to reflect the recommendation made by the State Electrical Work Examining Board in January 2010 to reduce the number of minimum continuing education hours from 7 to 4 hours.

It is my understanding in speaking to various electricians that while they find the continuing education requirements useful, there is simply not enough pertinent material to fill more than half of a day. Any additional required hours appear to be a waste of time and an unnecessary burden on license holders.

I request that you give further consideration to HB 5021. Passage of this bill will help to ensure that electricians remain up to speed on the latest electrical code changes in a more efficient and effective manner. As always, I am happy to provide additional information or answer any questions.

**Testimony of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
General Law Committee**

**Tuesday February 22, 2011**

Senator Doyle, Representative Taborsak, members of the General Law Committee, my name is Paul Costello; Apprenticeship Director for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 90 and National Electrical Contractors Association Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee. I am here to express our support of HB 5021, An Act Concerning Continuing Professional Education for Electricians.

The IBEW builds its reputation on safety and education and is continually offering training to its members. Topics include OSHA 10 and 30 Hour Construction Safety, Significant Changes to the Code, Electrical Safety, New Technology training, and other trade related courses. Our organization is one of the leading providers of the required continuing education for all licensed electricians in the state. As a provider, and an instructor of the course I have heard the comments and concerns of the license holders attending the classes. Many stating that the topics covered are repeated from one year to the next and of their frustration of the state not adopting the latest editions of the National Electrical Code. The first couple of years there was great interest and no problem filling the day presenting the significant changes in the electrical code, unfortunately that has not been the case over the past few years. The 2011 National Electrical Code is the latest edition replacing the 2008 edition. Neither has been adopted in Connecticut leaving providers to cover the same material again. A four hour course will cover other electrical industry topics until our code is updated and providers can present the new changes.

I fully support the requirement of continual education to make sure that the licensed electricians in the state are keeping up with all of the changes to the electrical code. The Electrical Examining Board has recommended the course be a minimum of four hours each year and at their discretion it can be up to seven hours depending on the material that needs to be conveyed that year.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views and I ask for your support to HB 5021.

Respectfully,

Paul Costello

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today. So please join me in welcoming them.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you. Thank you for joining us here this afternoon.

Representative Hoydick.

REP. HOYDICK (120th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Point of personal privilege, please.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Please proceed, madam.

REP. HOYDICK (120th):

I'd like to introduce English speakers of another language from Stratford High School. They are in the gallery with their teacher who happens to be my aunt, Linda Chehy.

And I'd like the Chamber to welcome them all for being here. They are part of the United Way program of Y mentors.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Welcome.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 62.

THE CLERK:

On page 4, Calendar 62, House Bill Number 5021,



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AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION  
FOR ELECTRICIANS, favorable report by the Committee on  
General Law.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The Chairman of General Law, Representative  
Taborsak, you have the floor, sir.

Please proceed, sir.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sorry. My  
microphone wasn't working for some reason.

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. TABORSAK (109th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment, LCO 5379.  
I would ask the Clerk to please call the amendment and  
that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 5379, which will  
be designated House Amendment Schedule "A."

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 5379, House "A," offered by  
Representatives Taborsak and Chapin.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize. Any objection to summarization? Hearing none, Representative Taborsak, you may proceed.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this bill, as amended, will require the commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection to adopt regulations changing the current annual continuing education requirement for electricians from a mandatory seven hours to a mandatory requirement of four hours. Except upon the request of the electrical work board, the commissioner may increase such hours up to a maximum of seven hours as they see fit.

There's no fiscal impact on the underlying bill as amended. I move adoption.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question is on adoption. Will you remark?

Representative Chapin.

REP. CHAPIN (67th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the amendment. For those of us who do work in the construction industry, we hear stories from various electricians about the worth of these continuing ed credits. However the requirement, I believe, is annual. The code usually doesn't change that often.

And, at this point, I think it's at least been conveyed to me that seven hours seems to be probably more time than is required. So I think this amendment addresses that, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Representative Sawyer.

REP. SAWYER (55th):

Mr. Speaker, a question to the proponent of the amendment.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Please proceed, madam.

REP. SAWYER (55th):

Thank you.

In giving the flexibility between four and seven hours, is it your expectation that the commissioner

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will make the decision annually and it will be known well ahead of time, it will be advertised well ahead of time so that electricians will have the ability to acquire the CEUs in a timely manner?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Thank you. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you to my colleague. It's a good question. What we anticipate and what we've learned from electricians and what they're dealing with is that the seven hours that are currently mandated just really aren't necessary given the frequency at which the electrical code is changed, so I think that the industry is going to be well aware of when those code changes are coming, that it will be anticipated that there will be a need for additional hours.

And my understanding is that communication is quite good between the electrical work board and electricians operating in the state. So I don't foresee that as a problem, but thank you for the question.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Sawyer.

REP. SAWYER (55th):

I thank the gentleman for his answer, because it is essential when we are dealing with credentialing for professionals that they have a very clear understanding as to what's expected.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70th):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I also rise in support of the amendment that's before us. It's a very good amendment as it does allow some input based on the request from the electrical work board to the commissioner as to whether or not there should be any changes to the maximum amount of professional education classes.

This would be highly consistent with the people who are most qualified to do so as well as being consistent with the trend of any changes to the electrical code. So I also rise in support of this amendment and ask that my colleagues support it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Representative Larry Miller.

REP. L. MILLER (122nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just a question. A lot of our electrical contractors do a lot of work in the state of New York because that's where a lot of business is.

When they take their crews to New York, will the time spent in New York count towards the -- this apprenticeship program?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

This bill doesn't actually go to what the requirements are for the apprenticeship program. So I don't think that my colleague's situation would be affected in this case. Really what we're dealing with is the continuing education requirements and only those continuing education requirements.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Miller.

REP. L. MILLER (122nd):

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Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Ackert.

REP. ACKERT (8th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of this bill. As a provider -- as -- I'm sorry, for the amendment, sir -- as a, not only as an electrical contractor, I'm also a teacher for the program. And we do appreciate the efforts of this committee for bringing this forward.

Thank you, sir.

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 it by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

All those opposed, nay.

The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted.

Will you remark further on the bill as amended?

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Will you remark further on the bill as amended?

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Mr. Speaker, without objection I move that this item be placed on the consent calendar.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The motion before us is to place this item on the consent calendar. Is there objection? Is there objection? Hearing none, this item is placed on the consent calendar.

Ladies and gentlemen, today is our annual academic day. And with that, we're going to take some time and recognize students who have done significant work, and we'd like -- at this point I'd like to call on our distinguished Representative from Milford.

Representative Richard Roy, you have the floor, sir.

REP. ROY (119th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, members of the Chamber, it's time once again to take a few moments to honor students from the colleges across the state of Connecticut. I want you to take note of the names, take note of the faces, because these are the people who are going to fill this



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DEPARTMENT, favorable report of the Committee on Labor and Public Employees.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Olson of the 46th.

REP. OLSON (46th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are about to vote on today's consent calendar. The items that have been moved to the consent calendar are: Calendar Number 84, House Bill 6370; Calendar Number 151, House Bill 6275; and Calendar 62, House Bill 5021.

I move passage.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The question before us is on the passage of the bills on today's consent calendar. Will you remark? Will you remark? If not, will the staff and guests please come to the well of the House. Will the members please 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 the consent calendar by roll call. Members to the chamber, please.

(Speaker Donovan in the Chair.)

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Have all members voted? Have all the members voted? Please check the roll call board to make sure your vote has been properly cast. If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

On today's consent calendar.

Total Number voting	145
Necessary for adoption	73
Those voting Yea	145
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	6

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The consent calendar passes.

The Clerk please call Calendar Number 159.

THE CLERK:

On page 11, Calendar 159, Substitute for House Bill Number 6461, AN ACT CONCERNING THE SELECTION OF TENANT COMMISSIONERS, favorable report of the

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On page 46, Calendar 62, House Bill Number 5021,  
AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION  
FOR ELECTRICIANS, as amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A". Favorable report of the Committee on  
Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Thank you, 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. Will you  
remark?

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill changes the  
hours of continuing education for our electricians  
from seven to four. Mr. Speaker, there is also an  
amendment in the Clerk's possession, Senate "A", LCO  
7912. I'd ask that the Clerk call that amendment and  
I be allowed to summarize.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

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Clerk, please call LCO 729 -- 7912 which is  
designated Senate "A".

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 7912, Senate "A" offered by Senator  
Doyle.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Any objection to summarization? Representative,  
you may proceed.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Senate "A"  
changes the minimum hours again for electricians from  
seven to four for continuing education and adds a  
minor change to our current laws on donation bins. I  
move adoption.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question is on adoption. Remark further?  
Remark further? If not, 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. Remark further on the bill as  
amended? If not, staff and guests come to the Well of

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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.

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, please take a tally. Clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Bill Number 5021, as amended by House "A" and Senate "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. House -- Clerk, please call Calendar 534.

THE CLERK:

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Madam President, calling from Calendar page 45, Calendar Number 410, House Bill Number 5021, AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR ELECTRICIANS. And the Clerk is in possession of amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE:

Thank you, Madam President.

I move acceptance to the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the House.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR DOYLE:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President.

The Clerk has an Amendment LCO 7912. May the Clerk please call and I be allowed to summarize?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Madam President, the Clerk is in possession of LCO Number 7912, which shall be designated Schedule



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"A" introduced by Senator Doyle of the 9<sup>th</sup> and  
Representative Toborsak of the 109<sup>th</sup>.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE:

Thank you, Madam President.

I move adoption of the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Questions on adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DOYLE:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President.

Section 1 of this amendment clarifies the bill in the sense of -- it's just a -- kind of a technical clean-up clarifying that the hours of classes for the electrical workers may be from the range of 4 to 7 hours per year.

Section 2 deals with an issue relating to donation bins, clarifying that any bins placed shall have to clearly display the name of the owner of such bin. And if they violate the provision of the existing statute there's a fine.

I urge the Chamber to approve this amendment.

Thank you, Madam President.

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Will you remark further?

Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS:

Thank you, Madam President. I also rise in support of the amendment.

You know, nothings worse than to having to be required to attend a class because of your profession. And it's the same old thing, it goes on and on and on and everybody just stares and looks at each other because they have to fulfill a time requirement hour just because we set a time at X. And in this case the X is seven. And it received unanimous support in a public hearing with no opposition that, we really should reduce it to four hours unless the National Electrical Standard Board felt that there was some type curriculum where we need to go back up to seven hours. So that portion of the bill I definitely support.

And as far as the naming the owner of the bin, I think it's so important that all of a sudden a bin just appears on a parking lot and it may say clothing and shoes here and people start dumping it in. And before you know it, it's a popular spot, things start overflowing. And people say, well who do we contact

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to get this thing moved or get it cleaned up or -- or have somebody come and collect the item so they're not ruined by sitting on the parking lot. And this amendment does just that. It puts the owner's name in the bin so maybe there's at least a contact person. So with that the amendment has my full support.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President.

If there's no objection I --

THE CHAIR:

Senator, we have to vote on the amendment first, please.

Okay. I'll try your minds, all in favor of the amendment say, aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? The amendment is adopted by voice vote.

Now, Senator Doyle.

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SENATOR DOYLE:

Yes, Madam President. If there's no objection I move this bill to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, moving to items from the Committee on Higher Education. First one, Calendar page 5, Calendar 221, if that item might be passes temporarily. And if the Clerk would call as the next item, as a go, Calendar page 11, Calendar 456, Senate Bill 927.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Madam President, calling from Calendar page 11, Calendar Number 456, substitute Senate Bill Number 927, AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS. And the Clerk is in possession of amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bye. Good afternoon.

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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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Those absent, not voting 0

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