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

THE CLERK:

House Bill 6358.

Total Number voting 143

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Those voting Yea 143

Those voting Nay 0

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The bill is passed.

Would the Clerk please call Calendar 78.

THE CLERK:

On page 6, Calendar 78, House Bill Number 6278, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER SERVICES, favorable report by the Committee on Public Health.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The distinguished Chairwoman of the Public Health Committee, Representative Betsy Ritter.

REP. RITTER (38th):

Thank you, Mr. --

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative Ritter, just a second.

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Thank you. It was getting a little loud.

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (38th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

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

REP. RITTER (38th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this bill makes a series of technical changes mostly updating the terminology used by the Department of Developmental Disabilities, DDS, in its provision of autism services. Essentially it uses the term "autism spectrum disorder," instead of just "autism" when discussing all autism diagnoses. It also substitutes the term "intellectual disability" for "mental retardation" to reflect changes in federal law and within the developmental disabilities community.

The bill also allows, rather than requires, DDS annually to make recommendations to the Governor and the Public Health Committee about legislation and funding needed to provide services to persons diagnosed with

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autism spectrum disorder.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, it repeals a statute that established the autism pilot program. That program ended in 2009 and the statute is no longer needed. I urge adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Thank you, madam.

The distinguished ranking member of the Public Health Committee, Representative Perillo.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I echo many of the comments from the chair of the Public Health Committee. One thing that's important to note and a concern that was relevant to many of us in the early stages was whether or not this would have a cost impact, whether or not it would change the scope of DDS and the programs associated with it.

Indeed that is not the case. There is no financial impact in this bill. It is simply technical in nature and I would urge its adoption -- its support.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Thank you, sir.

The gentlewoman from Meriden, Representative Abercrombie.

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REP. ABERCROMBIE (83rd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of this legislation. It's really a technical change to put us in compliance with federal law. And also the pilot program was something that we started back in 2006, which has been very successful and now it makes it a permanent program. So I'm in full support of this and I urge my colleagues to also support it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Thank you, madam.

Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark further on this bill? 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 taking a roll call vote. Members to the Chamber, please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

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THE CLERK:

House Bill 6278.

Total Number voting	144
Necessary for adoption	73
Those voting Yea	144
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	6

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The bill is passed.

The Clerk is in possession of Emergency Certified Senate Bill Number 1238. Will the Clerk please call.

THE CLERK:

Emergency Certified Bill 1238, AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL AND THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, LCO Number 5338.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The distinguished Chairwoman of the Planning and Development Committee Representative Gentile.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I move passage of the Emergency Certified Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Question is on passage of the emergency certified

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TESTIMONY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
TO THE
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

February 28, 2011

Senator Coleman, Representative Fox and members of the Judiciary Committee. I am Peter O'Meara, Commissioner of Developmental Services. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of H.B. No. 6440 - An Act Concerning Applications for Guardianship of an Adult with Intellectual Disabilities and Statutory Changes Related to Intellectual Disabilities. I would also like to testify to certain areas of concern our department has with H.B. No. 6438 - An Act Concerning Probate Court Operations and S.B. No. 1058 - An Act Concerning the Applicability of Probate Court Orders to State Agencies.

The department supports the change in the timing of the guardianship application process proposed in Section 1 of H.B. No. 6440. The bill would allow a parent or guardian of a person under the age of 18 to apply for guardianship of that child 180 days prior to that child turning 18. This change would address a problem that parents and guardians of individuals with intellectual disability have faced in continuing to be their child's guardian as they become adults. Currently a child with intellectual disability and his parents must wait until the child turns 18 and then his parents may apply to become guardian of their adult child. This has left a gap in guardianship for some vulnerable adults with intellectual disability.

I would also like to acknowledge the proponents of H.B. No. 6440 efforts to use both respectful language and person first language in reference to individuals with intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorder in their statutes. Our department would suggest that this bill be amended to conform with the terminology DDS has proposed in our agency bills H.B. No. 6278 AN Act Concerning The Department Of Developmental Services Division Of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services and H.B. No. 6279 An Act Concerning Revisions To Statutes Relating To The Department Of Developmental Services Including The Utilization Of Respectful Language When Referring To Persons With Intellectual Disability, which have been heard in the Public Health Committee. In these bills, we have amended the Department of Developmental Services' statutes that H.B. No. 6440 is also attempting to amend.

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be more worried about the Department of Revenue Services coming to my building.

But when a person comes to a building, you're saying -- so this is more of an outpatient treatment is it -- is what you're concerned about?

COMMISSIONER PATRICIA A. REHMER: Yes.

SENATOR KANE: Okay. So not necessarily inpatient but outpatient when people are out in the community?

COMMISSIONER PATRICIA A. REHMER: Right. A lot of our providers go into people's homes to provide services. We're doing more and more of that and so I think that's why this has become an issue for us.

SENATOR KANE: And right now they go without a badge?

COMMISSIONER PATRICIA A. REHMER: We don't require them to wear a badge. This legislation would require them to wear a badge.

SENATOR KANE: Thank you.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

REP. RITTER: Questions from the committee?

Hearing none, Commissioner, thank you very much for your testimony.

Next I'd like to call Commissioner Peter O'Meara from the Department of Developmental Services.

COMMISSIONER PETER O'MEARA: Senator Stillman, HB 6278
Senator Welsh, Representatives Ritter and HB 6279 HB 5045
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Perillo and members of the Public Health Committee. I am Commissioner Peter O'Meara, the Department of Developmental Services and we certainly want to thank you for raising our agency bills today.

We've submitted written testimony, and I'll just try and summarize some of the main point of each of the bills.

First bill that I'd like to comment on would be House Bill 6278, and this is really just a technical change, as you know when the Autism pilot was created by statute the pilot had a -- an end date of June 2009 and that is still in statute. That program is up and running very successfully and actually is currently serving 71 individuals. So we think that it would be appropriate at this time to end the pilot status as it was in the -- in the statute.

Also we're in the process of submitting waivers for the Autism Services that are in play in both DDS. DHMAS and the Department of Children and Families. And one of the good things about that is that we will actually expand openings in the program beyond the original Greater New Haven and Greater Hartford area. So we'll actually be opening the program up to serve the entire state as vacancies and opportunities present themselves.

The other thing that we would just mention in that bill as we're trying to do in one of the other bills that we're going to discuss today is to really just update the language and the terminology to be reflective of respective language as well as Rosa's Law at the federal level and begin to drop the term mental retardation where it appears mostly in our

statutes and insert intellectual disability
And that's certainly something that I think is
shared by all of our advocacy groups and will
bring us into current language status.

I'd like to comment on 6279, concerning
Revisions To Statutes Relating To The
Department and Including The Utilization Of
Respectful Language When Referring To Persons
With Intellectual Disabilities. And again
just making sure that wherever possible within
our statutes we become a constant with the
appropriate and respectful language of that
the individuals we serve expect us to use.

The other thing that I might point out in
House Bill 6279, and there is a long list of
revisions to statutes just to make sure that
those language changes conform to all of those
statutes. And I will spare you from going
through them. Certainly if there are any
particular issues or questions about those but
we think many of them are no longer relevant
or required and actually would streamline our
administrative ability to -- to respond to
issues and concerns -- especially around
information.

We think we have a fairly sophisticated
information system that would present and
provide all of the data that would be require
of us by the legislature or by other
organizations with that.

I'd like to comment on Senate Bill 885,
Permitting Inquiry Access To The Department Of
Developmental Services Abuse And Neglect
Registry For Charitable Organizations Which
Recruit Volunteers To Work With Persons With
Intellectual Disabilities.

And what we're asking here is the opportunity

associated with revamping and -- and reformatting and we just wanted to point that out.

So with that I will conclude my testimony and be available for any questions that you might have.

REP. RITTER: Thank you, Commissioner.

Are there questions from the committee?

Representative Betts.

REP. BETTS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Commissioner, I just have two questions; one dealing with House Bill 6278 and I also am new to this so maybe this has already been taken care of I get a little nervous when I see a pilot program ending in June 2009 and then we want to make it permanent. I'm wondering if there's any kind of fiscal impact or has that already been incorporated in the budget?

COMMISSIONER PETER O'MEARA: That's already been incorporated in the budget so we do have an appropriation for those services, sir.

REP. BETTS: Okay. And then the last question is on Senate Bill 885, is that more of a preventative request or is that based on actual incident or a series of incidents in which somebody has -- had a history and been matched up with a person with developmental disabilities?

COMMISSIONER PETER O'MEARA: I think the whole purpose behind the registry and its -- we were actually the first state in the country that instituted an abuse registry specifically for employees that interact with individuals with

You -- you already went down the road of money follows the person, I -- I believe the governor has announced yesterday that he is expanding the way the Medicaid delivery system is handled to increase money follows the person so that more people who are able to be served within the community can do so and benefit from that. That's going to be a big savings on the Medicaid side of the budget. And people like it too; they want to be in their own homes if they can be.

SENATOR STILLMAN: Thank you, sir.

Anyone else have any questions for Dominique?

DOMINEQUE THORNTON: Thank you.

SENATOR STILLMAN: Thank you so much.

Is there -- we don't have anyone else signed up under Senate Bill 852. Is there anyone else who would like to speak to this particular bill? Very good, you got your chance.

okay. Moving on to House Bill Number 6278, we have one person signed up; Lynn Warner.

A reminder you have three minutes, the bill goes off but you will not fall through the floor. We'll -- but we might --

LYNN WARNER: I appreciate that, thank you.

SENATOR STILLMAN: Thank you very much and welcome.

LYNN WARNER: Thank you, Senator Stillman, members of the Public Health Committee; I am Lynn Warner the Executive Director of The ARC of Connecticut, a 59-year-old statewide advocacy

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organization for individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families. We have 23 local chapters throughout the State that provide supports, services, and advocacies for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

I'm testifying today in support of House Bill 6278, Concerning The Department Of Development Services Division Of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services.

House Bill 6278 will not only clean up outdated statutes information but more importantly will aid the Connecticut statutes that direct the Department of Developmental Services to become more in line with the current respectful language and terminology for people they support and serve.

The ARC of Connecticut is also in strong support of House Bill 6279, Concerning Revisions To The Statutes To The Department Of Developmental Services Including Utilization Of Respectful Language When Referring To Persons With Intellectual Disabilities. These changes also mirror the initiatives set forth by the Federal Government.

In the fall of 2010 Congress voted to change wording in health, education and labor laws related to people with disabilities thereby eliminating disrespectful language and terminology.

On October 5, 2010, President Obama signed this legislation aptly named Rosa's Law, for the 9-year-old girl with Down syndrome who initiated the lobbying efforts that made respectful language in Federal legislation a reality. Rosa's Law made parallel the respectful language used in the Federal Government with that language used by the

Yes, Dr. Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Thank you very much.

LYNN WARNER: Thank you.

REP. SRINIVASAN: Looking at these three bills that you are advocating that we support, is there a cost factor, is there a dollar amount involved that it would cost the State to do any of this or is it just a technicality in terms of language and things like that?

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LYNN WARNER: It's just language, as far as I know, now printing the statute books, I don't know how much that will cost the State --

REP. SRINIVASAN: We are going paperless.

LYNN WARNER: Well then, it's just a simple change of language.

REP. SRINIVASAN: Okay.

LYNN WARNER: It does not change eligibility and it costs nothing except for the person's time who is inputting the changes.

REP. SRINIVASAN: Correct. Thank you.

Thank you.

LYNN WARNER: You're welcome.

REP. SRINIVASAN: Thank you, Madam.

SENATOR STILLMAN: You're welcome, sir.

Anyone else have any questions?



February 9, 2011

Testimony before Committee on Public Health
Re: H.B #6278 (Raised), "An Act Concerning the Department of Developmental Services Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Service"

by

Lynn Warner, Executive Director, The Arc of Connecticut

Senator Stillman, Representative Ritter, and Members of the Public Health Committee:

I am Lynn Warner, the Executive Director of The Arc of Connecticut, a 59-year-old statewide advocacy organization for individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families. We have 23 local chapters throughout the State that provide supports, services, and advocacy for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

I am testifying today in support of **H.B 6278, "An Act Concerning the Department of Developmental Services Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Service"**. H.B. 6278 will not only clean up outdated statute information, but more importantly, will aid statutes that direct the Department of Developmental Services to become more aligned with current respectful language and terminology for the people they support and serve. These changes also mirror the initiatives set forth by the Federal Government. In the fall of 2010, Congress voted to change the wording in their health, education, and labor laws related to people with disabilities thereby eliminating disrespectful language and terminology. By changing how we talk about or refer to people with disabilities, we reinforce their rights and dignity as equal citizens in our society. =

On behalf of The Arc of Connecticut, the people we advocate for and their families, I urge you to vote favorably on **H.B. 6278**.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today.



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**TESTIMONY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
TO THE
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**H.B. 6278 – An Act Concerning the Department of Developmental Services
Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Services
February 9, 2011**

Senators Stillman and Welch, Representatives Ritter and Perillo and members of the Public Health Committee. I am Commissioner Peter O'Meara of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Thank you for raising House Bill 6278, An Act Concerning the Department of Developmental Services Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Services.

I would first like to note that the intent of this bill is not to change anything regarding the services currently provided by the Department's Division of Autism Services. The Division, as well as the autism pilot program that statutorily ended in June 2009, have been very successful. With the current budget appropriation, the Division has four staff: one director, two case managers and one administrative assistant. Seventy-one individuals are currently receiving services. Of these individuals, six are in the planning process to develop their individual plans and service packages. Services are provided in the Greater New Haven and Greater Hartford area. There is an active advisory council to the division consisting of a legislator, parents, individuals with ASD, provider agencies, state agencies and university faculty. Provider staff receive training through DVD training films that were developed by the division in conjunction with the college of direct support and individual consultation. Three Home and Community Based Services Waivers are being developed to address the needs of children and adults currently receiving services from DDS's Autism Division, the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The Division is actively involved in the Connecticut Act Early Initiative for early identification of children with ASD, including the development of Connecticut guidelines for diagnosticians.

The bill would repeal a statute regarding the Autism pilot program which ended in 2009. The bill also makes mostly technical changes including to terminology. "Rosa's Law" is the recently passed federal law which changed the term "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability" in many instances. This change at the federal level, coupled with the proposed changes to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-V) by the American Psychiatric Association that are scheduled to take effect in May 2013 make changing the department's statutes to more appropriate and up-to-date terminology

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necessary. DSM-V, not only will change the term "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability", but will change the term "autistic disorder" to "autism spectrum disorder" which will encompass all autism diagnoses on the autism spectrum. Our proposal reflects these changes.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify before you today on our agency proposal, House Bill 6278. I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have on this bill, or you may contact Christine Pollio Cooney, DDS Director of Legislative Affairs at (860) 418-6066.

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testimony that indicates that our bill may or may not really be necessary once the bill that was reported out of here is in place and I'd like them to be able to respond that if possible.

REP. RITTER: Thank you, Senator Maynard.

If I may, and I wanted to clarify your -- the points you made there in your last sentence to make sure that you aware that the -- the commissioner has submitted a bill from the agency, House Bill 6278, ending the pilot and bringing, hopefully, a wider scope to the program in the state and I, too, am aware that in Southeastern Connecticut, we often feel that we're special for many reasons but one of those reasons sometimes is that the long reach of state government and consequently services might not always get all the way down to the corner and -- so I just wanted to make sure you were aware of that and make the committee aware of that as well. We've already reported that bill out of this committee and consequently I think we'll be interested in giving some time to hear there. And I appreciate your desire to help us by making it brief.

SENATOR MAYNARD: Sure.

REP. RITTER: Thank you.

Sure. Come on up.

I would ask that you ladies be sure to identify yourself before you speak for our records. Thank you. And welcome. Thank you for coming up.

VITA WAYMAN: My name is Vita Wayman.

KATHY GREENE: I'm Kathy Greene.

REP. RITTER: You have to speak into the microphone or else we can't record you. Thank you.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

March 11, 2011

S.B. No. 529 - An Act Concerning the Provision of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services in Southeastern Connecticut

Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, and members of the Public Health Committee, I am Peter O'Meara, Commissioner of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Thank you for allowing DDS to submit testimony regarding **S.B. No. 529 - An Act Concerning the Provision of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services in Southeastern Connecticut**. The intent of the bill, to further expand services for individuals with autism spectrum disorder, is a good one. However, this bill is in conflict with DDS's agency bill, **H.B. 6278**, which was reported out of the Public Health Committee with a favorable report on Monday, March 7th.

The Department of Developmental Services currently has the statutory authority to provide supports and services to persons with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). DDS's Autism Division was created to be the successor to the Autism Spectrum Disorder pilot program that was terminated by statute in June of 2009. The Division's statute (Section 17a-215c(c)) reads in part: "The Division of Autism Spectrum Services may, within available appropriations, research, design and implement the delivery of appropriate and necessary services and programs for all residents of the state with autism spectrum disorders." This statute specifically gives the Division authority for programs and services throughout the state "within available appropriations." With their available appropriations, the Autism Division has continued to provide services to those individuals who began receiving services from the ASD pilot program (adults with a diagnosis of autism who do not also have mental retardation). There is nothing in the statute that prohibits the Division and its private provider network from expanding into other parts of the state including New London County. The pilot was initially focused primarily on Hartford and New Haven Counties, in statute, due to provider capacity issues and available program funding.

The department has developed three home and community based services Medicaid waivers to provide services and supports to children and adults who have a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder and not a diagnosis of mental retardation. These waivers are pending submission to the

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legislature. One of the targeted groups who will be enrolled in a new autism waiver is children with a diagnosis of autism, but not mental retardation, who are currently receiving voluntary services from the Department of Children and Families (DCF). These children will be transferred to the Autism Division at DDS. Another targeted group is adults with a diagnosis of autism, but not mental retardation, who are receiving services from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Service (DMHAS). Those individuals will continue to receive services through DMHAS and will be enrolled in a new autism waiver. The third group would include any adult currently receiving services from the DDS Autism Division. As funding becomes available to the division of autism services, either through attrition or a new allocation of resources, new adults will be enrolled in the waivers. There will be no geographic restrictions to the enrollment of new adults. The benefit of having these Autism waivers in place is that the state will be reimbursed for 50% of the state's costs for Autism services. As a condition of this reimbursement, it is required that waiver services be available to all persons who qualify, regardless of location. Implementation of these waivers will make the provisions of S.B. No. 529 unnecessary.

Additionally, we believe that there is a technical issue with the bill. It seeks to amend the autism pilot program statute (Section 17a-215b) that, if the DDS agency bill H.B. No. 6278 *An Act Concerning The Department of Developmental Services Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services* is enacted, would be repealed.

Governor Malloy has indicated his support of services for individuals with autism through his recommended budget currently before the legislature which proposes to fund a Study of Need of Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder, including the feasibility of a center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. In addition, the Governor's recommended budget provides for three positions to support caseload growth anticipated from the new Autism waivers, in particular the children transferring from DCF. It is anticipated that at least two of these positions will be case managers. We are considering the other position for supervision of case management and monitoring of quality assurance indicators for the Medicaid waivers. The Governor's proposals, along with the legislature's expected approval of the pending autism waivers and the continued work of the DDS Division of Autism Services over the next several years, will work to enhance services to individuals with ASD in Connecticut.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. No. 529. If you have any questions concerning our testimony please contact Christine Pollio Cooney, DDS Director of Legislative Affairs at (860) 418-6066.

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Madam President, moving to calendar page 13,
Calendar 188, Senate Bill 1092, Madam President, move
to place that item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President,
moving now to calendar page 18 -- calendar page 18,
Calendar 252, Senate Bill 367, Madam President, move
to place that item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, moving now to calendar page 22,
Calendar 287, -- which one? This one. All right.

Deleting that one, Madam President, moving past
that item -- will remain as marked go, but moving now
to calendar page 25 -- calendar page 25, Calendar 329,
House Bill Number 6278. Madam President, move to
place that item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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the machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call vote has been ordered on the first consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered on the first consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted? All members have voted. The machine will be locked. And Mr. Clerk, would you announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Madam President.

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Necessary for adoption	18
Those voting Yea	34
Those voting Nay	2
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The consent calendar is adopted.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, I would yield to Senator LeBeau