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Representative Sharkey.

REP. SHARKEY (88th):

Mr. Speaker, it appears as though we had a little bit of a -- of a miscue with the presence of the next amendment we are going to call, so I was just going to ask that we pass this item temporarily. We'll come back to it.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The motion is for the bill be passed temporarily.

Without objection, so order.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 392.

THE CLERK:

On page 15, Calendar 392, substitute for Senate Bill Number 367, AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE NUMBER PLATES FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, favorable report of the Committee on Transportation.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Jack Hennessy, you have the floor, sir.

REP. HENNESSY (127th):

Thank you Mr. -- thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move 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. HENNESSY (127th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, currently, the State of Connecticut offers veterans a special license plate. What this bill does is it includes the benefit to those acting -- current acting service members. I move adoption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question is on passage. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Representative Adinolfi.

REP. ADINOLFI (103rd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This bill that's before us now is a good bill. Many of you, as you drive around the state, you see a license plate with the veteran on the bottom. Veterans are very proud that they served the country and they'd like to let other people know it and let other veterans know that they're veterans also.

What you also find here that if someone is in the military, after 90 days, theoretically, he's a veteran.

But if somebody is in for 20 years, he is not considered a veteran until he gets that DD214.

So right now, if you are a member of the Armed Forces, now you are eligible to have veteran on your license plate and let people know that, and I think that's very worthwhile. And one of the good things I saw happen on this bill, also, is that if you were dishonorably discharged, you must turn in your veterans license plates, so I think that was an important addition that was amended into the bill. And I thought that was a great idea, and I'd like to thank the people for doing that.

So I urge your support on this bill. And again, we want to thank our veterans for their service to their country.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Representative Scribner.

REP. SCRIBNER (107th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the bill before us. I'd like to thank the members of the Transportation Committee, as well as veterans, that brought this measure forward.

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I think an important measure of it is that it recognizes, appropriately, members who are in active duty in our armed services. And I urge its passage.

Thank you.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Representative Alberts.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, wish to thank the members of the Transportation Committee, and the leadership of the Veterans Committee, and Representative Aresimowicz as well for his leadership on this issue.

This was something that was brought to my attention by a constituent. And I think we are going a long way to recognize veterans and active-duty members with this initiative today. And one of the rarer feats of this, there is a modest revenue gain that is -- and it's permissive language on the behalf of participants, so this is a win-win for all.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Representative Nicastro.

REP. NICASTRO (79th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, sir.

Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support of this bill. Mr. Speaker, I can't tell you how many times I've been stopped by active-duty personnel who have been serving for 15 or 20 years who haven't had the right to have this plate. This bill, as written, will give them that right. And like I said, I stand in strong support of this, and I would urge my colleagues to support this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative. Representative
Coutu.

REP. COUTU (47th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a good bill supporting our veterans --

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

I think it's Mr. Speaker there, Representative.

Thank you.

REP. COUTU (47th):

That's what I said, Mr. Speaker. It might have come across with a little slight slur, so sorry about that, Mr. Speaker.

But thank you for supporting our veterans, our

active-duty. Sometimes you don't have access to little benefits like this, and it means a lot to them, since they are the ones that are deploying overseas. So it's important that we pass this legislation. And thank you to the leadership and both committees for making this a reality.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Would you care to remark further on the bill?

Care to remark further on the 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 voting by roll call. Members to the Chamber, please.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Have of the members voted? Have all of the members voted? Please check the roll call board to make sure your vote is properly cast. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked, the Clerk will take a tally. The Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill 392 in concurrence with the Senate.

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Total number voting	119
Necessary for passage	60
Those voting Yea	119
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	32

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The bill passes.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 279.

THE CLERK:

On page 44, Calendar 279, Substitute for House
Bill Number 6260, AN ACT CONCERNING THE JEOPARDY
COLLECTION OF TAXES, favorable report of the Committee
on Finance Revenue and Bonding.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Gentile.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Good afternoon, madam.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

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

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question is on acceptance of the committee's

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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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at this time.

THE CLERK:

Madam President, I failed to notice on the bottom of page 1, Calendar Number 37, Senate Joint Resolution Number 40. And then I'll repeat on the top page 2, Calendar Number 383, Senate joint Resolution Number 41. And on page --

I believe that's all I have as of this point.

THE CHAIR:

No. All of them on page 3, if you might run through them, Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Okay. This is my first time doing this.

THE CHAIR:

Well, welcome to my world and you're doing a great job.

THE CLERK:

Okay. I understand now.

On page 3, Calendar Number 52, Senate Bill Number 853; on page 7, Calendar Number 107, substitute for Senate Bill Number 1025; on page 7, Calendar Number 117, Senate Bill Number 883; on page 10, Calendar Number 161, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 462; on page 12, on the bottom of the page,

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Calendar Number 182, Substitute for Senate bill Number 368; on page 13, Calendar Number 188, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 1092; on page 18, the bottom of the page, Calendar Number 252, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 367; on page 25, Calendar Number 329, House Bill Number 6278; on page 26, Calendar Number 333, Substitute for House Bill Number 5956; also on page 26, Calendar Number 335, House Bill Number 6545; on page 37, near the top, Calendar Number 90, Senate Bill Number 464. And I believe those are all the markings that I have for the first consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Just to delete one item from the consent calendar, that last numerated item should not be on the consent under. That's calendar page 37, Calendar 90, Senate Bill 464. We might delete that item. And then if the -- if we would call for a roll call on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection? See no objection at this time, would you please announce another roll call and

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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.

Total Number voting	34
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