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SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Please check the roll call board and make sure your vote's properly cast. If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked.

It's easy to do, just push the button. The machine will lock. Clerk, please take a tally. Clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill Number 10 as amended by Senate "A", "B" and "D" in concurrence with the Senate.

Total number voting	138
Necessary for passage	70
Those voting Yea	114
Those voting Nay	24

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Bill as amended is passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 510.

THE CLERK:

On page 20, Calendar 510, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 518, AN ACT AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES ON DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, favorable report of the Committee on Planning and Development.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Gentile.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Good morning, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I move for passage of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question is on acceptance of passage. Will you remark?

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Yes, Mr. Speaker.

By law, tax file -- taxpayers must file an annual report of personal property declaration with the municipal assessors. This bill allows them to do so electronically if they have to the technological ability and agree to do so.

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk is in possession of LCO Number 62 -- 6022. I ask that the Clerk call it and I be granted leave to summarize.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Clerk, please call LCO 6022, designated Senate "A".

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 6022, Senate "A", offered by Senators Williams et al.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

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Any objection to summarization? Hearing none,
Representative, you may proceed.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Yes, just quickly. This changes the timeframe from
15 days to 30 days before the expiration of the filing of
such declaration. I move adoption.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question is on adoption. Remark further?
Remark further? If not, all those in favor, please
signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The amendment's
adopted. Representative Gentile.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Mr. Speaker, I would move this item to Consent.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Without objection, placed on the Consent Calendar.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 593.

THE CLERK:

On page 32, Calendar 593, Substitute for Senate Bill
860, AN ACT CONCERNING BONDS AND OTHER SURETY FOR APPROVED
SITE PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS, favorable report of the

THE CLERK:

What page is it on?

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Clerk, please call Calendar 592 which is the
beginning of the Consent Calendar.

SB 863 SB 1201
SB 852 SB 888
SB 377 SB 1216
SB 1003 SB 371

THE CLERK:

On page 32, Calendar 592, Substitute for Senate Bill
Number 858, AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER
EDUCATION STATUTES.

SB 1112
SB 881 SB 1076
SB 518 SB 1098

A VOICE:

Mr. Speaker, this represents the Consent Calendar,
and I would move that we vote on it as such.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

There's a Consent Calendar. Staff and guests,
please come to the well of the House. Members take their
seats. The machine will be opened.

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.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members
voted? Please check the roll call board. Make sure your
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the machine will be locked. The clerk will please take a tally. Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar:

Total number voting 139

Necessary for passage 70

Those voting Yea 139

Those voting Nay 0

Those absent and not voting 12

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The Consent Calendar's passed.

Any announcements or introductions?

Representative Piscopo.

REP. PISCOPO (78th):

Good morning, Mr. Speaker. For a general rotation.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. PISCOPO (78th):

Will the general please notes that Representatives Kokoruda and Noujaim missed votes ue to you illness in the family. Representative Rigby missed votes due to business in the district. Will the transcript please note that Representatives Candelora, Wood and Williams

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March 4, 2011
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CHAIRMEN: Senator Cassano
Representative Gentile

VICE CHAIRMAN: Representative Grogins

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

SENATORS: Fasano

REPRESENTATIVES: Aman, Candelora, Davis,
Flexer, Fritz, Kokoruda,
Lemar, O'Brien, Perillo,
Reed, Reynolds, Ritter,
Rojas, Simanski

REP. GENTILE: -- hearing. We will reserve the first hour, if need be, for elected officials and -- and then if time goes over, we'll alternate testimony, but to begin with, Mayor Jason McCoy please.

MAYOR JASON MCCOY: Thank you -- first, thank you for allowing me to come before you today to submit my testimony in support of Senate Bill 518 AN ACT AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES ON DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY. Currently Section 1241 and 1242 of the Connecticut General Statute requires that taxpayers file an annual declaration of personal property and set -- and sets a filing deadline.

As currently written, the statute requires the taxpayers to prepare a hard copy or an electronic copy of their personal property declarations and file it with the assessor. The problem with this statute -- the statute, it currently mandates that it -- its current mandate, it doesn't allow for electronic filing and electronic signatures. For some tax --

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taxpayers who file online to file a hard copy with the assessor's office.

Vernon began investigation of a -- an electronic filing program in 2008 -- when looking at the man hours needed in the Assessment Department. It was found that nearly 400 hours each year was being spent on data entry and corrections to data prop -- personal property submissions that didn't take into account, a lot of times they don't take into account depreciation schedules in the municipality.

When a solution to this costly waste of valuable labor and time was found, we ran into the roadblock of the law that required the declarations to be filed in paper and signed. We -- we were the first municipality to develop, in conjunction with the software company, quality data and electronic filing solution.

As of 2009 the number of people utilizing the program has increased and I believe that the -- the law will ease the burden on taxpayers by allowing for more options and a reduction in the amount of time it takes to file.

Senate Bill 518 will provide mandate relief for business and for municipal governments from basically an archaic requirement. Allowing for the amendment of this legislation and -- and the current way that we -- we've asked would allow for the implementation and use of electronic filing for personal property declarations. Having the option to electronically file would eliminate the unnecessary waste of time, money and duplication of forms that currently burden the town as well as the taxpayer.

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Senate Bill 518 will create more efficiency in the annual filing process and -- we believe it will increase timely filing and reduce the number of late penalties for late filers as well as non-filers. This bill as proposed would create more incentives for taxpayers to file on time at no cost to the municipality as it doesn't establish an unfunded mandate and I see former Mayor Cassano is well aware of unfunded mandates. Good morning, Senator.

Senate Bill 518 would allow for the town of Vernon and 168 municipalities the local option to allow for businesses and individuals to file online without the -- the duplicity of submitting a signed hard copy to the assessor's office.

I support the amendment to Section 1241 and 1242, the general statute to permit the businesses the option to submit the electronic personal property declarations with the electronic signature. Having the option of electronic filing that is suggested in Senate Bill 518 will allow the businesses and their tax preparers at the municipal level to be able to file the way they file at the state and the federal level -- which is, you know, would be nice if the whole system worked together.

The -- the amendment fosters more efficiency, a better atmosphere and savings for the Municipal Department -- Assessment Department from anywhere from -- in a town our size, maybe hundreds of hours, but in the city maybe thousands of hours because folks will come in and have -- had -- well they'll submit hard copies and they have to manually enter them -- all the information.

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This would permit overall cost savings and permit you to do it the same way you do it at the state and federal level and expedite the process. I -- I think it's probably time that municipalities have the option to move into the 21st Century.

I would like to thank Senator Guglielmo for his sponsorship of the bill. I would like to also thank Chairman Cassano, Representative Gentile and members of the commission -- the committee for allowing me to -- the opportunity to testify before you today. I -- I strongly urge your consideration of the bill for the taxpayers of the town of Vernon as well as the residents in every city and town in the State of Connecticut. Thank you.

REP. CASSANO: Thank you, Mayor McCoy. Questions of the Mayor? Any questions? Thank you very much.

MAYOR JASON MCCOY: Thank you.

REP. CASSANO: Let's see. Representative Clark Chapin, followed by Senator Scott Frantz.

REP. CHAPIN: Thank you and good morning Senator Cassano, Senator Fasano, Representative Aman and other committee members. For the record, my name is Clark Chapin. I'm the State Representative serving the town of New Milford, the 67th District and I want to begin by thanking you for raising House Bill 6410 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVISION OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS.

This bill is intended to provide municipalities with an option to engage in a limited charter revision process. As you probably know, Connecticut General Statute 7-190 states that "The commission may also consider other items

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may have gone down which just means the mill rate will go up because it's the math -- but at any rate, it isn't a situation that if we skip all of a sudden -- these people are going to get tattooed with an unbelievable assessment -- by waiting a year. So, and I appreciate your comments. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR WELCH: Mr. Chairman, thank you very much.

SENATOR CASSANO: David Wheeler, followed by Bill Ethier.

DAVID WHEELER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the panel. My name is David Wheeler and I am the Assessor in the town of Vernon, Connecticut and I'm here before you speaking on behalf, in support of Senate Bill 518, electronic signatures for personal property declarations.

Today government officials must continually search for methods of providing the same or superior level of service while reducing our costs. In other words, we're trying to be the best stewards as we can while adhering to the budget, to state statutes and to the citizens of our town.

Annually, cities and towns spend significant resources funding, printing, mailing and receiving of personal property declarations. We would like to be able to reduce to the municipalities for the printing and postage and mass mailings. Enable the towns to fully utilize existing software programs where electronic submittal is automatically transferred into our tax billing system -- saving fewer hands on that, which reduces in error and making mistakes in the normal data processing process.

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We like the idea that towns have the ability to choose to go this route or not to go this route -- where there is no financial impact on them if they elect not to.

We're looking in the day of electronic technology advancing at rapid speeds -- to -- to take advantage of some of this and save money at the same time.

We would ask for your consideration that in drafting this bill that you would consider the flexibility going forward because of technology moving at such a fast and rapid pace -- to draft the bill so people would be allowed to do this, but not hinder them or boxing them in too tightly.

I thank you very kindly for allowing me to come here today and speak on behalf of -- in support of Senate Bill 518.

SENATOR CASSANO: (Inaudible).

REP AMAN: Yes, can you just give us some of the particular pieces of paper that you would like to have done this way? A little bit more specifically as to, you know, this -- this is the type of information that we would either be exchanging or notifying and things -- so we know exactly what the end game is of what you're looking for?

DAVID WHEELER: Yes, sir. Specifically, there's two forms of personal property declarations that are filed annually with the town assessors for anybody engaged in business of any particular municipality.

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One being the short form, the other being a more lengthy long form -- to keep it as simple as possible. Within that long form, for example, if you have manufacturing machinery and equipment and you're looking for an exemption, there's an additional form that you would fill out. Or if you have high tech and you wanted to depreciate that at a -- at an accelerated rate -- there's also a form within that -- that requires an additional signature. So it's not just one signature always. There could be as many as three or four. So encapsulating the Personal Property Declaration Form itself -- it contains several different components that would require somebody to sign -- to sign and then bring it in or mail it in. And we're looking to streamline that process, if possible.

The other -- the other real advantage here is -- typically throughout -- and, and I -- I did a survey for assessors throughout the state -- I'm a chair on -- on several committees and we have typically 25 percent of the businesses engaged in our municipalities -- that are non filers. They just don't file the declaration.

I believe if they had the ability to go online 24 seven, anytime, go to your town website and do that -- we would encourage them to do so and they might be more likely to do that.

REP. AMAN: When you say 25 percent are not filing, are those companies that you -- for whatever reason know when they get to the end -- that they're not going to owe any additional personal property tax or are they -- are trying to avoid the personal property tax -- or they're just completely oblivious to the fact that it's required to be paid?

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DAVID WHEELER: You know, us assessors have a bad reputation. I will take a softer approach and say maybe they just have forgotten to file it or misplaced that paperwork.

But in any event, our job is to encourage them to do that and if this is another means of doing that -- making it more convenient -- then -- they're not going to misplace it if it's on their computer or if they have access to a website where they can download it -- fill it out.

The other advantage is next year when you do the form, you're saying, "Gee, what did I do last year? Where did I put that?" Well, you'll have that right there in front of you from last year. You can say these were my numbers the last year, this is what I've changed.

REP. AMAN: I -- I think it makes a lot of sense to do. I -- as I've talked to you before -- I think it's going to be -- maybe more difficult for the legal staff to write the bill than it is going to be for me to vote for the concept of what you're talking about.

DAVID WHEELER: Yes.

REP. AMAN: And I thank you very much for your -- for coming forward and bringing this in. Anything we can do to save money and make things more efficient -- I think this committee very much wants to do.

SENATOR CASSANO: (Inaudible).

DAVID WHEELER: And because there are several components to that long form -- that may or may not be applicable to the type of town or business that it applies to. It has been

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looked at and I believe it's as streamlined as possible at the moment. Sometimes if we tinker too much we create new problems and right now it seems to be working -- although it is difficult sometimes to have to go another page, another page. But at least it addresses everything. So there's something there for everyone that needs it -- it will address it.

SENATOR CASSANO: My -- my -- the reason I -- I raised that is many of the small businesses don't have the manufacturing inventory and the agricultural and the -- and the other types of things that are, you know, page after page where you just put a big cross through the page -- you know it's -- it -- one thing is we're going to save tons of paper right off the bat because those don't apply to most businesses.

You also indicated that several people don't even file it. If you don't file or you file it late -- is this -- I believe a 25 percent tax penalty on top of that, is that correct?

DAVID WHEELER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CASSANO: So it's not getting away with not doing it.

DAVID WHEELER: Yes.

SENATOR CASSANO: Okay.

DAVID WHEELER: And then the assessors are left to try to figure out okay, are they under reporting or are they not reporting because it's to their advantage to simply accept the 25 percent penalty knowing that this following year they already received a 10 percent reduction just through their natural depreciation?

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SENATOR CASSANO: Okay.

DAVID WHEELER: And so there is a -- a short form like I said and that's only three pages for those businesses -- the mom and pop shops.

SENATOR CASSANO: Okay.

DAVID WHEELER: Those not engaged in large production.

SENATOR CASSANO: Good. Other questions? Thanks again for testifying.

DAVID WHEELER: Thank you for allowing me to be here today.

SENATOR CASSANO: Bill Either and then Robert Fromer. Well, you have several bills here?

BILL ETHIER: I -- I do, Senator. I've filed testimony on 4 bills.

SENATOR CASSANO: All right.

BILL ETHIER: I'd like to just address you on two and if you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer any of them. But Senator Cassano, Representative Gentile, members of the committee, for the record my name is Bill Ethier. I'm the CEO of the Home Builders Association of Connecticut and our 1,100 business members build between 70 and 80 percent of all the housing units in the state every year.

And the first bill I want to talk about is 686 which has two different sections. The first section I want to thank you for raising -- it was -- raising the bill -- it deals with a

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To: Senator Cassano, Representative Gentile and Members
of the Planning and Development Committee

From: David Wheeler, Assessor, Town of Vernon

Date: 3/4/2011

Re: SB 518 AAC Electronic Signatures for Personal
Property Declaration Filings

Committee Members:

I am the Assessor for the Town of Vernon and speak before
you today in support of SB-518, An Act Concerning
Electronic Signatures for Personal Property Declaration
Filings.

Government officials must continually search for methods
of providing the same, or superior, level of service while
reducing the costs. In this era of technology, SB 518 will
enable municipalities to facilitate that goal.

Annually, cities and towns spend significant resources and
funds printing, mailing, receiving and processing Personal
Property Declarations. An option to allow electronic
signature (submittal) would:

- Reduce cost to municipalities for printing, postage & mass mailing
- Enable towns to fully utilize existing software programs where electronic submittal is automatically transferred into tax billing software significantly reducing data entry, data entry errors, and labor costs.
- Afford towns the option to store data electronically saving paper, labor costs for storage/filing, environmentally friendly, create more office space and allow for quicker access/retrieval.
- Fullfill a request currently being made by taxpayers; especially leasing companies whom are filing electronically in other states.
- Offer the taxpayer the ability to save on postage, be in possession of a receipt proving compliance with filing deadline, and ability to submit a timely filing right up until midnight rather than once the office door closes.

For these reasons stated, I hope that your committee will support SB 518.

Thank you,



JASON L. McCOY, ESQ.
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TESTIMONY

OF

THE HONORABLE MAYOR JASON L. McCOY, ESQ.,
ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON, CONNECTICUT
IN SUPPORT OF

S.B. No. 518

AN ACT AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE ON DECLARATIONS OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Friday, March 4, 2011

Senator Cassano, Representative Gentile, and members of the Planning and Development Committee,

I am honored to appear before you today to submit my testimony in support of S.B. 518: An Act Authorizing Electronic Signature on the Declarations of Personal Property.

Currently sections 12-41 and 12-42 of the Connecticut General Statutes, entitled "Filing of declaration," and "Extension for filing declaration. Assessor preparation of declaration when none filed," require that taxpayers file an annual declaration of personal property and sets the filing deadline. As currently written, the statute requires that taxpayers prepare a hard copy or electronic copy of their personal property declarations and file it with the Assessor no later than November 1. The problem with this statute's current mandate, however, is that it does not allow for the electronic filing and electronic signature, forcing taxpayers who file online to still file a hard copy with the Assessor's office.

Allowing for the amendment of the current legislation would allow for the implementation and ease of electronic filing for personal property declarations. Having the option to electronically file would eliminate the unnecessary waste of time, money and duplication of forms that currently burdens both the town and taxpayers. S.B. 518 will create more efficiency in the annual filing process, as well as an increase in timely filings, reducing the number of late penalties placed on late filers and non filers. This bill, as proposed, would create more incentive for taxpayers to file on time and at no additional cost to the municipal government.

I support the amendment of sections 12-41 and 12-42 of the general statutes, to permit businesses to have the option to submit electronic personal property declarations with electronic signature. Having the option of electronically filing as suggested by S.B. 518 will allow businesses and their tax preparers at the municipal level to be able to file the same way they file at the state and federal level. This amendment fosters a more efficient business friendly atmosphere for both the filer and the municipal assessment department savings hundreds to thousands of man hours each year as well as reducing expenses like postage and paper for businesses as well as for the municipality. The bill will permit an overall cost savings for all involved. The State and Federal levels have allowed for this technology to expedite the process of filing, and it is time that municipalities have the option of moving into the 21st century.

Having the option to file online with the inclusion of a signature is a more attractive and practical option that has the potential to save an estimated 150 man hours. Vernon began investigation of an electronic filing program in 2008 when looking at man-hours needed in the assessment department. It was found that nearly 450 hours each year was spent on data entry and corrections to personal property submissions that did not take into account municipal depreciation schedule. When a solution to this costly waste of valuable labor and time was found we ran into this road block in the law that required the declaration be filed in paper and signed in ink.

We were the first municipality in Connecticut to develop in conjunction with a software vendor an electronic filing solution. As of 2009, the number of people utilizing this program has increased. I believe that this law will ease the burden on taxpayers by allowing for more options, and a reduction in the amount of time it takes to file. S.B. 518 will also provide relief for business and within the municipal government.

I would like to thank Senator Guglielmo for his sponsorship of this bill. I would also like to thank Chairmen Cassano, Chairmen Gentile, and members of the Planning and Development Committee for allowing me the opportunity to testify before you today. I strongly urge the consideration of this bill for the taxpayers of Vernon and residents of every city and town in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

By:

Jason L. McCoy, Esq.
Mayor of Vernon-Rockville

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Madame President, just for a slight correction.

I did indicate to the members of the Senate that Attorney Tindill was a graduate of Albany State Law School. Precisely, she graduated from Albany Law School of Union University in 1994. That's where she earned her law degree. And, Madame President, if there's no further discussion, I would move the resolution to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Madame President, moving to page 11 in the first Order of the Day, Calendar number 301, substitute of Senate Bill Number 518, AN ACT AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES ON DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, Favorable Report of the Planning and Development Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Cassano.

SENATOR CASSANO:

Yes, Madame Chairman, thank you. I believe to begin, there's an amendment to this. I do not have the LCL number on the amendment to change it from 15

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to 30 days.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, will you call the amendment, please?

THE CLERK:

Madame President, the Clerk's in possession of
LCO 6022, copies of which have been distributed.

SENATOR CASSANO:

I'll address the amendment --

THE CHAIR:

Senator, could you ask for -- move the amendment
adoption of the amendment?

SENATOR CASSANO:

I would ask to move the amendment for adoption?

THE CHAIR:

The question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR CASSANO:

Yes. I'll talk about the amendment and the bill
together. Very simply, the --

THE CHAIR:

Sir? One at a time.

SENATOR CASSANO:

I'm gong to talk about the amendment to the bill
first.

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Thank you for the suggestion.

SENATOR CASSANO:

Yes, the amendment to the bill changes the period of response from 15 days to 30 days which will be consistent with current policy.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Are there any questions? Any objections to adopting the amendment? Seeing none, all in favor?

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed?

The amendment is adopted. Please proceed.

SENATOR CASSANO:

Thank you, Madame Chair.

Senate Bill 518 merely authorizes electronic signatures on the declarations of personal property. It's approximately a 13 page form. If you have a small business, you pay \$250 for the privilege of getting this form and you have to return it within 30 days. This allows us to do the process electronically.

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Senator Guglielmo.

SENATOR GUGLIELMO:

Thank you, Madame President.

I just rise to speak in favor of the bill as amended. It's an excellent bill. It just would save some paperwork on the part of citizens and it kind of brings us up into the 21st century. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR:

Acting on approval of the amended bill, will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not --
Senator Cassano.

SENATOR CASSANO:

Madame Chair, if there's no objection, I'd move to put it on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Madame President, turning to page 34, Calendar number 173, second Order of the Day, Senate Bill 1047, AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO CERTAIN HOUSING STATUTES, Favorable Report of several committees.

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before doing that and before voting on that Consent Calendar, we have one additional item to add which is Calendar page 40, Calendar 327, House Bill 6330.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madame President. Now if the Clerk might call all of the items on the Consent Calendar before calling for a vote on that Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk will you please call the bills?

THE CLERK:

From Calendar page 1, Calendar 489, Senate Joint Resolution 47; Calendar page 8, Calendar 226 substitute for Senate Bill 1153; Calendar page 9, Calendar 233, substitute for Senate Bill 1064; Calendar page 9, Calendar 248, Senate Bill 1150; Calendar page 11, Calendar 301, substitute of Senate Bill 518; Calendar page 12, Calendar 332, House Bill 6444; Calendar page 15, Calendar 407, substitute of Senate Bill 1209; Calendar page 16, Calendar 411, House Bill 6370; Calendar page 17, Calendar 415, House Bill 6275; Calendar page 17, Calendar 418, House Bill 6276; Calendar page 18, Calendar 424, House Bill 6270;

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Calendar page 21, Calendar 453, substitute for House Bill 6279; Calendar page 28, Calendar 49, substitute for Senate Bill 480; Calendar page 34, Calendar 173, Senate Bill 1047; Calendar page 36, Calendar 232, Senate Bill 835; Calendar page 37, Calendar 238, substitute for Senate Bill 1062; Calendar page 39, Calendar 302, Senate Bill 737; Calendar page 42, Calendar 384, substitute for Senate Bill 377.

That completes the items previously placed on the Consent Calendar.

Madame President, I am told that there is one more item to place. Page 40, Calendar 327. HB6330

And, one other correction, Madame President. On page 39, Calendar 302, that was voted on previously, SB737 so we take that off the Consent Calendar.

That should complete the first Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. At this time I would ask you to call for a roll call vote and I will open the machine.

THE CLERK:

The Senate is voting on the first Consent Calendar. Would all Senators please return to the Chamber? The Senate is voting on the first Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the

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Chamber?

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted?
If all members have voted the machine will be locked
and Mr. Clerk, will you tell the tally?

THE CLERK:

Madame President

Total Number voting 36

Necessary for adoption 19

Those voting Yea 36

Those voting Nay 0

Those absent and not voting 0

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar 1 has passed, is adopted.

The Senate will stand at ease for a moment,
please.

(Chamber at ease)

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Madame President, if we might stand at ease for
just a moment.