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Thank you, Representative.

Any other announcements or introductions?

If not, will the Clerk please call, Calendar 319.

THE CLERK:

The Connecticut House of Representatives,
Calendar for April 25, 2012. On page 18, Calendar
319. Senate Bill Number 99, AN ACT CONCERNING LETTERS
OF PROTECTION, a favorable by the Committee on the
Judiciary.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Jerry Fox. You have the floor,
sir.

REP. FOX (146th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move for the acceptance of the Joint
Committees' favorable report and passage of the bill
in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Question's on acceptance of the joint committees'
favorable report and passage of bill in concurrence
with the Senate.

Will you remark?

REP. FOX (146th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This bill addresses situations where individuals are -- sustain personal injuries and then go forward with treatment with a physician. And what this bill states is that in the initial consultation that takes places between the physician and the patient that the physician will notify the patient whether or not that physician will accept a letter of protection. It also says that the physician will notify the patient the cost of a disability report if it was so requested by the patient in the course of litigation.

The reason for this is that there are certain individuals who are not covered by insurance or may not be able to pay their bills and what happens in some occasions is that the attorney will provide a letter of protection and that's a letter from the attorney to the physician saying the physician's fees will be protected from the proceeds of any settlement.

The provision with respect to the disability letter is also in there because it's important to know for the patient what the cost of that disability letter will be because after that patient undergoes a period of treatment, they would want that physician at that time to say, okay, what is the -- what has been the affect of this accident on you for the long term

and if -- the cost of the those letters can range anywhere from as low as, perhaps, \$150 to as high as 1,000 or 1200 dollars. So it's important at the outset if they can know this information, so I would urge passage of the bill.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, representative.

Would you care to remark further?

Representative Hetherington.

REP. HETHERINGTON (125th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of this bill. I think it provides for full disclosure relating to a practice that is common and is probably an essential part of enabling a person to go forward with seeking justice on their claim, so I would urge adoption.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Would you care to remark further? Would you 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 taking a roll call vote. Members to the chamber please.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted?

Please check the roll call board to make sure your vote has been properly cast.

If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked. The Clerk will please take a tally.

Clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill 99 in concurrence with the Senate.

Total number of voting	143
Necessary for passage	72
Those voting Yea	143
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	8

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Bill passes in concurrence with the Senate.

Clerk, please call Calendar 396

THE CLERK:

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Moving to calendar page 13, Calendar 164 marked go. And the second item on that page, Calendar 168, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 106, Madam President, would move to place this item on our consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, moving now to calendar page 14, Calendar 181 is marked go. And Calendar 186, Senate Bill Number 191, Madam President, move to place this item on our consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Moving to calendar page 15, Calendar 198 is marked go. And the last item on that page, Calendar 199 also is marked go.

Madam President, moving past calendar page 16 to calendar page 17, on calendar page 17, Calendar 212 is marked go. And the next item Calendar 213, Senate Bill Number 139, Madam President, move to place that item on our consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, calendar page 18, Calendar 227, Senate Bill Number 99, Madam President, move to place that item

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on our consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

As I said, we'll be marking some additional items later as committee referrals. And at this time, would ask the Clerk to return to calendar page 1 and begin calling the matters under Executive and Legislative Nominations.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 1, Calendar 214, Senate Bill Number 11, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DENISE RUZICKA OF EAST HADDAM TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION, favorable report of the Committee On Executive and Legislative Nominations.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you. Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, I move acceptance of the Senate Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption, will you remark, sir?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar 214, Senate Resolution Number 11; also page 1, Calendar 215, Senate Resolution Number 12; page 2, Calendar 216, Senate Joint Resolution Number 24; page 2, Calendar 217, Senate Joint Resolution Number 25.

Also on page 2, Calendar 244, House Joint Resolution Number 71; page 2, Calendar 245, House Joint Resolution Number 72; page 3, Calendar 246, House Joint Resolution Number 73; Calendar 247, House Joint Resolution 74; Calendar 248, House Joint Resolution Number 75; and Calendar 249, House Joint Resolution Number 76.

On page 4, House Joint Number -- Calendar 250, House Joint 77; Calendar 251, Senate Joint Resolution Number 26; also on page 4, Calendar 252, Senate Joint Resolution Number 27; on page 5, Senate Bill Number 53 -- I'm sorry, Calendar 53, Senate Bill Number 20; Calendar 56, Senate Bill 71; Calendar 57, Senate Bill 105.

On page 6, Calendar 75, Senate Bill 200; page 7, Calendar 80, Senate Bill Number 42; on page 9, Calendar 105, Senate Bill 252; on page 10, Calendar 111, Senate Bill 328; on 13, Calendar 164, Senate Bill Number 205; and on page 13, Calendar 168, Senate Bill 106.

On page 14, Calendar 181, Senate Bill 98; and Calendar 186, Senate Bill 191.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, I think that's Senate Bill 88.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill 88, stand corrected.

Also Calendar 186, Senate Bill 191; on page 15, Calendar 198, Senate Bill Number 28; on page 17, Calendar 212, Senate Bill 241; and Calendar 213, Senate Bill 139.

On page 18, Calendar 227, Senate Bill 99.

THE CHAIR:

At this time, please, the machine will be open and please

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call for a roll call vote.

THE CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

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 has been adopted.

Senator Gerratano -- Gerratana, sorry.

SENATOR GERRATANA:

Thank you, Madam President.

Just for a journal notation. I missed, not this vote, but
the previous vote on the legislation. I was out of the
Chamber on legislative business, but I would have voted
affirmative.

THE CHAIR:

It will be noted.

SENATOR GERRATANA:

Thank you, madam.

THE CHAIR: