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Representative Brendan Sharkey, House Majority  
Leader, sir, for what reason do you rise?

REP. SHARKEY (88th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, just to be safe, I move that we  
immediately transmit all items that we've taken up here  
in the House that require additional action in the Senate.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The motion is to immediately transmit all items that  
need any further action to the Senate.

Any objection?

Hearing none, all items are immediately transmitted.

Representative Sharkey.

REP. SHARKEY (88th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we're going to now do -- begin our work  
on a consent calendar. There are a number of bills that  
will not require amendments and I'd like to read them now  
by calendar number.

They would be Calendar Number 204, Calendar Number  
412, Calendar Number 425, Calendar 426, Calendar 442,  
Calendar 460, Calendar 495, Calendar 507, and Calendar  
508.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

HB 308  
SB 157  
SB 339  
SB 340  
SB 41  
SB 116  
SB 188  
SB 371  
SB 391

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Motion is to place these items on the consent  
calendar.

Is there any objection?

Any objection?

Hearing none, those items are placed on the consent  
calendar.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 71.

THE CLERK:

On page 2, Calendar 71, Substitute for House Bill  
Number 5025, AN ACT CONCERNING THE OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTING FIRMS, favorable report by the Committee on  
Government Administration and Elections.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Russ Morin.

REP. MORIN (28th):

Good evening, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Good evening, sir.

REP. MORIN (28th):

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

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question is on acceptance and passage.

Will you remark?

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calendar.

Representative Sharkey.

REP. SHARKEY (88th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker..

Mr. Speaker, I'm about to call the items again that are on the consent calendar, but I would like to alert the Clerk to two bills that we will be taking off the consent calendar. They are Calendars 380, and Calendars 431. Those are Calendars 380 and Calendar 431.

HB5333  
SB130

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 204.

THE CLERK:

On page 6, Calendar 204, Substitute for House Bill Number 530, AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD IN CONTROL OF THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION, favorable report by the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Sharkey.

REP. SHARKEY (88th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

With that, let me -- I was looking to just list the calendar numbers again that we are planning to put on the consent calendar before I move them. I'll be doing this

in numerical order by calendar number.

They are Calendar Number 71, Calendar 204, Calendar 205, Calendar 287, Calendar 292, Calendar 330, Calendar 402, Calendar 407, Calendar 412, Calendar 417, Calendar 425, Calendar 426, Calendar 442, Calendar 458, Calendar 460.

Calendar 463, Calendar 492, Calendar 495, Calendar 499, Calendar 500, Calendar 501, Calendar 506, Calendar 507, Calendar 508, Calendar 512, Calendar 515, Calendar 516, Calendar 530, Calendar 538 and Calendar 545.

And I'd also like to add to that -- I'm sorry. I omitted one which is Calendar 275.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question before us is passage of the bills on today's consent calendar.

Will you remark? Will you remark?

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 the consent calendar by roll call. Members to the Chamber, please.

HB5025  
HB5368  
HB5326  
HB5539  
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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.

The Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

On today's consent calendar.

Total Number Voting	150
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Necessary for Adoption	76
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Those Voting Yea	150
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Those Voting Nay	0
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Those Absent and Not Voting	1
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SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The consent calendar passes.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 443.

THE CLERK:

On page 20, Calendar 443, Senate Bill Number 60, AN ACT PROHIBITING PRICE GOUGING DURING SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS, favorable report by the Committee on the Judiciary.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

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CHAIRMEN: Senator Gerratana  
Representative Ritter

MEMBERS PRESENT:

SENATORS: Kane, Slossberg, Stillman,  
Welch

REPRESENTATIVES: Abercrombie, Ackert,  
Ayala, Betts, Carter,  
Gentile, Hetherington,  
LeGeyt, Lesser, Lyddy,  
Miller, Nardello,  
Perillo, Ryan,  
Scribner, Srinivasan,  
Stallworth,  
Taborsak, Tercyak,  
Widlitz

SENATOR GERRATANA: Welcome, Commissioner Mullen.

COMMISSIONER JEWEL MULLEN: Thank you. Good morning.

SENATOR GERRATANA: Good morning.

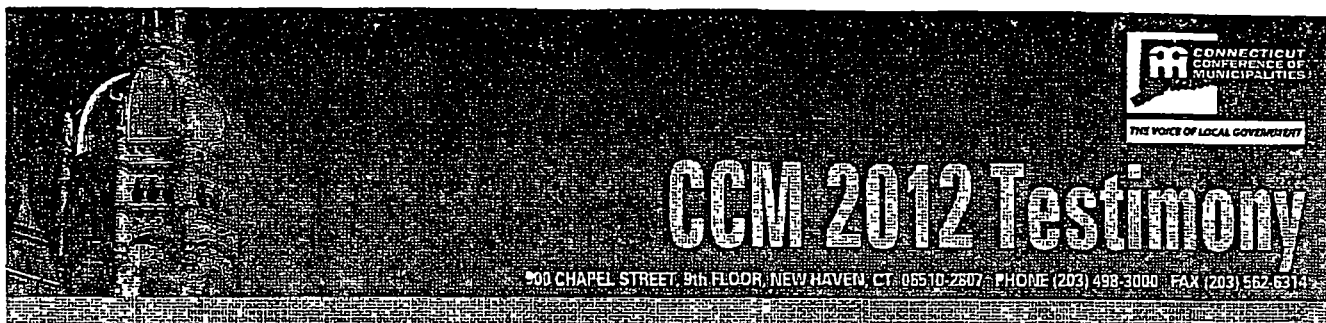
COMMISSIONER JEWEL MULLEN: Senator Gerratana,  
Representative Ritter, and distinguished of the  
Public Health Committee. My name is Dr. Jewel  
Mullen, Commissioner of the Department of Public  
Health. I'm here this morning to thank the  
committee for raising the department's bill and  
to let you know that I'm here, once again, along  
with a number of staff from the Department of  
Public Health to answer questions you have  
regarding the following bills: Senate Bill  
Number 188, AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS FOR LEAD  
POISONING PREVENTION; House Bill Number 5241, AN  
ACT CONCERNING DELAYED BIRTH REGISTRATION; Senate  
Bill Number 186, AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING,  
INVESTIGATION, AND DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES FOR  
PHYSICIANS AND NURSES; House Bill Number 5321, AN

HB 5334  
HB 5244  
HB 5242

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## ***PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE***

March 7, 2012

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

**SB 188      "An Act Concerning Financial Assistance to Local Health Departments for Lead Poisoning Prevention"**

This bill would detail the administration of the Department of Public Health lead prevention and control program, as well as provide financial assistance to towns and cities to administer such lead programs.

CCM **supports** SB 188 as a way to help reduce the effects of lead poisoning. This proposal would ensure that local health departments receive the necessary funding and resources to provide case management services, education materials, environmental health services in regards to lead poisoning, as well as access to DPH's system that collects and provides essential data on lead poisoning information.

This bill will provide essential services and funding that will advance important public health services at the local level.

CCM urges the committee to **favorably report SB 188.**

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If you have any questions, please contact Mike Muszynski of CCM via email [mmuszynski@ccm-ct.org](mailto:mmuszynski@ccm-ct.org) or via phone (203) 500-7556.

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Connecticut Association  
of Directors of Health

**Testimony of the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health**  
*In Support of Raised Bill 188: An Act Concerning Financial Assistance to*  
*Local Health Departments for Lead Poisoning Prevention*  
To the Distinguished Co-Chairs and Members of the Public Health Committee  
March 7, 2012

Good afternoon, Representative Ritter, Senator Gerratana and members of the Public Health Committee. My name is Patrick McCormack and I am President of the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health (CADH) and the Director of the Uncas Health District, serving the towns of Bozrah, Griswold, Lisbon, Montville, Norwich, Sprague, and Voluntown.

CADH, on behalf of Connecticut's local health departments, supports Raised Bill 188, An Act Concerning Financial Assistance to Local Health Departments for Lead Poisoning Prevention. As you are aware, in 2007 the Connecticut General Assembly passed legislation to establish and administer a program of financial assistance to local health departments for lead poisoning prevention and control services.

The overall reduction in childhood lead levels over the last three decades has been one of public health's great success stories, both nationally and in Connecticut. Local health departments have been instrumental in helping reduce the deleterious effects of childhood lead poisoning. Specifically, local health departments manage cases, conduct epidemiologic and environmental investigation, and order remediation or abatement of properties that resulted in unacceptable lead levels in children tested.

Raised Bill 188 would streamline the funding process to ensure that local health departments receive, in a timely and direct manner, the resources needed to continue case management services, lead poisoning educational services, environmental health services, health education services, and participation in the Department of Public Health's data collection system with respect to lead poisoning prevention and control. Accordingly, CADH supports Raised Bill 188.

CADH is a nonprofit organization comprised of Connecticut's 77 local health departments and districts. Since its incorporation in 1996, CADH has and continues to convene, engage, mobilize, and support Connecticut's local health departments and districts to strengthen and assure efficient and effective delivery of public health services. Local health directors are the statutory agents of the Commissioner of Public Health and are critical providers of essential public health services at the local level in Connecticut. Thank you for your consideration.



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

## TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Ellen Blaschinski, Chief, Regulatory Services Branch, (860) 509-8171*

**March 7, 2012**

**Senate Bill – SB 188 - An Act Concerning Financial Assistance to Local Health Departments for Lead Poisoning Prevention.**

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The Department of Public Health supports Senate Bill No. 188. The Department would like to thank the Public Health Committee for raising the Department's bill.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) delivers approximately \$1,000,000 to municipal and district health departments annually for the purpose of preventing and controlling childhood lead poisoning. Under our current practice funds are typically delivered to the health departments/districts six months into the fiscal year. In an effort to improve the process our Department worked with the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health to develop language that would assist in our delivery of funds.

This bill will enable the Department to distribute these funds to our community partners in a more efficient and timely manner. The timely delivery of funds will enable health departments to continue services without interruption which is of benefit to CT's communities and children. Additionally, streamlining the delivery process will save both the state and municipal/district health departments' administrative time and effort.

The Department respectfully requests amending the language to delete the sentence in lines 45-47 "The Department of Public Health shall approve such educational materials before the local health department distributes such materials." Pursuant to section 19a-110 (d) of the Connecticut General statutes, the Department is responsible for developing and delivering educational messaging and materials to local health departments in an effort to ensure that a standardized approach is used by local health departments when responding to childhood lead poisoning cases.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's view on this bill.

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THE CLERK:

On page 21, Calendar 90, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 188, AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS FOR LEAD POISONING PREVENTION, favorable report of the Committees on Public Health, Planning and Development.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA:

Thank you Madam President.

Madam President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and passage.

Will you remark?

SENATOR GERRATANA:

Yes, Madam President.

Madam President, this bill comes to us from the Department of Public Health who, over the last few months over the summer from my discussions with them and with OPM, have now come forward with this proposed law. This law will put into place eligibility criteria for local health departments seeking funding from the Department of Public Health to help finance lead poisoning prevention and remediation service.

Madam President, I would just like to comment. We have many advocates in our community and in our state who are concerned about the levels of lead perhaps in our homes in our communities and currently there is those advocates who have been tracking lead levels. I know many people in this Chamber and also in the House are very concerned about this.

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This bill will go a long way to addressing their concerns in establishing an effective protocol.

Thank you Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Will you remark? Will you remark? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you Madam President.

I -- I just rise temp -- briefly to again voice my support for this bill and -- and thank Senator Gerratana for her hard work on what's a very important issue to families and to children especially.

So thank you Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Welch.

Will you remark? Will you remark? Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Yes, thank you Madam President.

I also too wanted to rise and to thank Senator Gerratana and Senator Welch and the members of the Public Health Committee for moving this bill along. Lead poisoning is something that continues to plague our state. We've done much better in the last ten years. In fact we've cut down the rates of lead poisoning in our state by nearly a half.

This is one of those nefarious health issues that really affects our future and our children's future in that it causes irreversible brain damage and when -- this is one of those rare opportunities where when we as a government act we have the ability to actually eradicate a health problem.

We're well on our way. This program sets us further down



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the path and I'm proud and thankful to support this bill today. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much.

Will you remark? Will you remark? Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA:

Thank you Madam President.

If there's no objection, I'd like this matter moved to our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 27, Calendar 292, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 156, AN ACT CONCERNING SIBLING VISITATION FOR CHILDREN IN THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. It's amended by Senate Amendment Schedule A and it's a favorable report of the Committees on Children, Human Services and Appropriations.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA:

Thank you Madam President.

Madam President, I move the committee's joint favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on passage.

Will you remark?

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House Bill 5123; on page 15, Calendar 401, House Bill 5516; on page 19, Calendar 421, House Bill 5107.

On page 21, Calendar 59, Senate Bill Number 97; also on page 21, Calendar 90, Senate Bill 188; on page 21, again, Calendar 72, Senate Bill 63; page 21, Calendar 73, Senate Bill 195; on page 22, Calendar 104, Senate Bill 207; on page 24, Calendar 197, Senate Bill Number 315; also on page 24, Calendar 183, Senate Bill 234.

Page 25, Calendar 208, Senate Bill 347; on page 25, Calendar 233, Senate Bill 371; on page 26, Calendar 275, Senate Bill 391; on page 27, Calendar 288, Senate Bill 299; on page 27, Calendar 292, Senate Bill 156; and on page 28, Calendar 333, Senate Bill Number 426.

THE CHAIR:

Okay. Mr. Clerk, would you please call for a roll call vote and the machine will be open.

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:

If all members have voted -- all members voted. The machine will be closed. And Mr. Clerk, will you call this great tally?

THE CLERK:

On today's consent calendar.

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 passed.