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REP. ESPOSITO: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR WILLIAMS: You're welcome.

SENATOR DOYLE: Any other questions from
legislators?

Seeing none, thank you, Senator Williams. And I liked how you pointed out it was a bipartisan bill last year and I'm hoping we can, again, continue the tradition as a bipartisan bill on this particular bill and maybe try to get it out sooner than later so we can try to avoid the -- I don't think there was opposition in the House. It just kind of ran out of time so I'm hoping it out of committee soon and get it out of the Senate and get it to the House because in the past year, all the storms, it's an essential bill so I'm hoping we can get it out of the chambers very quickly.

SENATOR WILLIAMS: Get it out early in case the storms are all concentrated in April this year.

SENATOR DOYLE: I hope we're done with --

SENATOR WILLIAMS: I don't want -- I don't want that, but you never know. All right. Thank you, Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE: Thank you, Senator.

The next speaker is Commissioner Rubenstein from the Department of Consumer Protection.

Good morning, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM RUBENSTEIN: Good morning,
Senator Doyle, Representative Taborsak,
Senator Witkos, Representative Rebimbas and

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members of the General Law Committee. I am William Rubenstein, the commissioner of consumer protection and thank you for giving me the opportunity to appear before you today. Included on today's agenda are three bills that were introduced by my agency so let me start with my thanks for raising these bills for the committee's consideration. Also on your agenda today, as Senator Williams just mentioned, is a bill related to price gouging that would be enforced by the department so I would like to add my comments in support of that bill, as well.

So let me begin by offering my testimony on the three DCP agency bills that are before you today. We will start with Senate Bill 57, AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF FOOD MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS. This bill may be familiar to you because it was before you last session, but it was unfortunately encumbered by another section of the bill involving item price exemptions that caught some controversy and the bill therefore was not to act. We've taken that controversial portion out of the bill unrelated to food manufacturing and we present it to you again this year for your consideration. What the bill does is it addresses difficulties in the inspection of commercial food processors and storage facilities that are currently not licensed under existing statutory requirements. The intent is not to impose multiple or dual licensing, but to ensure that all facilities in the state are registered and can be inspected for compliance with current hygiene and sanitary requirements.

We believe that the bill will modernize the way the Connecticut Uniform Food and Drug Act inspections are conducted. And just by way of background, the Uniform Food and Drug Act was

codified in the earlier part of the 20th century when most of Connecticut's food product were produced, packaged and consumed here in Connecticut; however, much of the food now comes from well outside Connecticut from other states, from other countries, from far places around the world and the quality and wholesomeness of some of these ingredients are not always up to standards. The absence of a comprehensive registry of wholesale manufacturing establishments is a real concern because in the event of a food recall of certain products, we're unable to identify where the likely (inaudible) of food being recalled are. We can't get in there. We can't check their facilities and their food safety systems.

Also in this economy, we're finding more and more entrepreneurs are out there and appropriately so starting new businesses, many of which are the manufacturing of food for wholesale sale. Unfortunately, in our working around the state, we stumble on to a lot of these facilities that don't have appropriate sanitary facilities. Some don't even have proper water for cleansing. You know, these conditions are simply unacceptable in this 21st century and our ability to have safe and hygienic and sanitary food processing. So this law will require those kinds of manufacturers to be licensed and identified to the -- to the department where they are located so proper inspections can happen.

The bill also facilitates new entrepreneurs because there are many local food stores that are looking for access to commercial kitchens to supply them, retail food stores in order to make that happen local food -- local health inspectors need to understand whether or not the food being delivered to these local

retailers are hygienic and sanitary. We get inquiries from these local food inspectors a lot asking what we know about about the commercial kitchens that are supplying local retailers. We often have to say we don't know. They haven't registered with us. They're not licensed with us and many of them have not been inspected. So we would like to have those kinds of commercial kitchens who are provided wholesale food to retailers for sale to be inspected and registered so we can initiate recalls. We can do the proper sanitary inspections.

Finally, I'd like to note that the cost, we're not trying to duplicate efforts and we're also trying to facilitate the -- the flow of information to those folks who are responsible for health in the state. We vetted our ideas with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Agriculture. They've been involved in crafting this proposal and we thank them for their expertise in this matter. We think it's an important opportunity to bring food processing into the 21st century in Connecticut.

The next bill I want to discuss is House Bill 5056, AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM. Now, by way of background, Public Act 06-155 created the program that requires information about all transactions of controlled substances. These are scheduled drugs that require prescriptions dispensed in Connecticut to be reported to the department's prescription monitoring program and this is done by pharmacies, both in-state and out-of-state pharmacies. They must submit their data to the department electronically at least twice per month. The data is then uploaded into our database and can be used by prescribers, that

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM RUBENSTEIN: Good afternoon.

REP. NICASTRO: Commissioner, moving back to Senate Bill 57, in your prepared remarks, you said the intent of this proposal is not require multiple or dual licensing, but to ensure that are facilities that manufacture or store food for wholesale are registered and thus can be inspected for compliance with hygiene and things like this. But what is bothering me there is one how can people be making food and not be licensed? Are we -- what we doing about that? What are you doing when you catch somebody doing that?

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM RUBENSTEIN: Well, you know, that's part of the problem is that we're out there chasing down where these locations are and doing sanitary inspections and if they're not sanitary or they're not using, you know, proper facilities, we have the ability to fine them or close them down if it's severe enough. But that's catch as you can. So there are some types of operations that are currently known and being inspected under different laws, bakeries, for example. Farm markets, for example. We're not -- we're not -- but there are other kinds of food manufacturers that are aren't otherwise -- elsewhere classified that just -- we happen to find them. And we inspect them as we can, but there is no systematic way of doing that and that's the problem for us.

REP. NICASTRO: I understand, but I guess -- because you said the proposed to address difficulties in the inspection of commercial food processors that are currently not licensed.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM RUBENSTEIN: That's correct.

REP. NICASTRO: Okay. But then that -- the second part was almost like the opposite of what you're saying.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM RUBENSTEIN: No, I think what we're trying to say is that for those folks that are currently licensed, there's already a scheme in place and we're not imposing now that they also get a food manufacturing license. If they're already licensed under some other food inspection scheme, they don't need -- they're excluded from the definition for requiring this license. We want every food manufacturer to have some sort of registration license so we know where they are. This is a gap in the statute that we're trying to fill.

REP. NICASTRO: When you catch somebody who is not -- who is processing food or actually manufacturing food -- there's a difference there -- are they fined? Are they -- what's done? What do you currently do? Do you just shut them down or do you --

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM RUBENSTEIN: No. Well, it depends on the what the nature of the violation is. We provide reports -- we try to bring -- you know, our main goals for folks is bring people into compliance. What we want are compliant processors and manufacturers of food so we're not looking to put people out of business. There are some circumstances where the facilities are just not capable of not producing sanitary food. There are some facilities, for example, in which there is not water source. That's just an unacceptable, intolerable situation. We have to stop the production of food there. There are some things which people can correct and we work with them to correct that. It's a range of

problems out there.

REP. NICASTRO: Thank you, Commissioner.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR DOYLE: Thank you, Representative.

Any further questions from committee members?

Representative -- for the second time --

Representative --

REP. ESPOSITO: No, it's the first time on this bill.

SENATOR DOYLE: Oh, sorry. Excuse me.

REP. ESPOSITO: You stand corrected.

SENATOR DOYLE: I'm a little rusty. I'm a little rusty.

Representative.

REP. ESPOSITO: That's because I hardly speak. Thank you.

On Bill 5056, it was asked before but the answer wasn't really clear about the expansion of the reporting requirements on prescription drugs. Representative Reed asked a question but it was kind of vague in your answer, at least I didn't hear it all. A doctor dispenses samples, which are controlled substances, will he have to report that. And you said when he's writing a prescription that's filled from this office, I thought that's what you said, but when he's giving out a sample, which a lot of us have gotten from a doctor to try this drug, shouldn't there be some reporting requirement from the doctor at

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM RUBENSTEIN: You know, I think the statute should be as clear as it can be. So if it's unclear, we'll work to help make it clear.

SENATOR DOYLE: Thank you, Representative, for the first time on that bill.

Any further comments or questions?

Commissioner, I just have a comment about Senator Bill 57. Last year -- I think I know the answer. I just want to confirm the licensure issue -- and I just want to make sure the definition of who a manufacturing establishment does not -- it excludes, for instance, churches that are preparing food for nonprofits and food shelters. I mean, it's pretty clear to me, but I just want to make sure my interpretation is correct, because in the past, we had issues with the Department of Public Health whether people -- churches providing food should be licensed and I think we're here talking about food manufacturing establishments really packaging and sending it out. So it's not your Sunday morning event. And believe it or not, there was an interpretation in one of my communities that they should be licensed and it was shutting off food for the homeless. Am I correct?

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM RUBENSTEIN: You're correct. These are directed at commercial enterprises that are preparing food for wholesale.

SENATOR DOYLE: Yeah. And what I'm talking about is there -- there is no profit motive whatsoever. It's just for the homeless and the poor.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM RUBENSTEIN: This bill does not address those operations. To the extent

to which local health officials believe that sanitary inspections are required is not addressed by this bill.

SENATOR DOYLE: It's not even sanitary. They're trying to require licensing and everything. So anyway, that's a good answer. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM RUBENSTEIN: Thank you.

SENATOR DOYLE: Any further questions or comments?

Seeing none, thank you very much,
Commissioner.

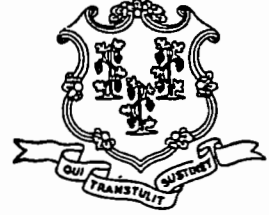
COMMISSIONER WILLIAM RUBENSTEIN: Thank you.

SENATOR DOYLE: All right. At this point, there's I believe one other public official. Senator Looney is going to testify at some point. He's at his Executive Noms Committee so when he comes in, we'll try to squeeze him in at the time when we get to the public. Now we're going to convert over to the public. Again, I would ask speakers to keep their testimony to three minutes and keep in mind it may seem sure, but the legislators, of course, are going to ask you questions and that's really better for your advocacy anyway.

So signed up first is Raphie Podolsky, J.R. Clisham and Tim Dietz. Is Raphie -- yes, Raphie is here.

RAPHAEL L. PODOLSKY: Thank you very much, Senator Doyle, Representative Taborsak, members of the committee. My name is Raphael Rodolsky. I'm a lawyer with the Legal Assistance Resource Center in Hartford that represents low-income clients in the legal aid programs in Connecticut. I'm here to speak on House Bill Number 5088, which deals with self-service --

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Sen. Doyle, Rep. Taborsak, Sen. Witkos, Rep. Rebimbas and Honorable Members of the General Law Committee, I am William Rubenstein, Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to appear before you today. Included on your agenda this morning are three bills that were introduced by my Agency, so let me start with my thanks for your agreeing to raise these bills for the committee's consideration. Also on your agenda is a bill on price gouging that would be enforced by the Department, so I would like to add my comments to that bill as well. With that, let me begin by offering testimony in support of the three DCP Agency Bills before you today.

First, Senate Bill 57, "Act Concerning the Licensure of Food manufacturing Establishments."

This bill is proposed to address difficulties in the inspection of commercial food processors and storage facilities that are currently not licensed under existing statutory requirements. The intent of this proposal is not to require multiple or dual licensing but to ensure that all such facilities in the State that manufacture or store food for wholesale

are registered and thus can be inspected for compliance with current hygiene and sanitary requirements.

We believe that this law will modernize the way Connecticut Uniform Food and Drug Act (UFDA) inspections are conducted and hygienic practices enforced. By way of background, the UFDA was codified in the early part of the 20th century when most of Connecticut food was produced, packaged and consumed in Connecticut. However, much of the food purchased and consumed today comes from other countries, including from sources overseas. The quality and wholesomeness of some of these ingredients are not always up to standards. The absence of a comprehensive registry of food manufacturing establishments in Connecticut is, thus, a significant concern in this era. In the event of a food recall of certain products, this proposal will work to modernize our food-safety system and ensure that points of distribution are checked sooner and more consistently and that enforcement will be streamlined.

Further, the Department has a history of finding small facilities engaged in the manufacture of food that possess neither access to potable water or the ability to sanitize food processing equipment -- facilities where the conditions for processing of food are simply unacceptable. This law will add the necessary teeth to require those facilities to register with the Department and operate under proper guidelines.

The bill will also serve to facilitate new commercial enterprises through the approval of commercial kitchens capable of supplying local entrepreneurs. Local Health officials have raised questions related to whether a product that a local food purveyor is handling has been inspected or approved. Without appropriate registration and inspection, the State's ability to provide a quick response has proven difficult. Registration of food manufacturing enterprises will allow the Department to create a list of approved sources that can also be posted on the Department's website. Local health officials could easily access that information in a timely manner and facilitate introduction of products from those sources into commerce through local outlets. Such registration would also improve the response time to reported problems and help the Department to determine if an inspection was recently conducted and to determine any problems that were noted during an inspection. Recalls if needed could be initiated earlier and be more effective in safeguarding the health of the citizens.

Finally, we would note that both the Department of Public Health and the Department of Agriculture have been involved with the crafting this proposal, and we thank them for their time and expertise in this matter.

Next, House Bill 5056, "An Act Concerning the electronic Prescription Drug Monitoring Program."

This bill proposes to make two separate modifications to our current Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

By way of background, Public Act 06-155 created the program that requires information about all transactions for controlled substances (Schedules II-V) dispensed in Connecticut to be reported to the Department of Consumer Protection Prescription Monitoring Program. Pharmacies—both in state and out of state—must submit their data to the Department electronically at least twice per month.

The data is then uploaded into a central database which can then be used by prescribers and pharmacists in the active treatment of their patients, and also by law enforcement officials to assist in prescription fraud investigations.

Now, back to our proposal: The first recommended change is to expand the universe of required participants in the program to include "other dispensers," such as Doctors' offices in cases where they are actually dispensing controlled substances from their offices. This change will provide a more comprehensive list of controlled substance transactions involving Connecticut patients.

The second change proposed would give the Commissioner authority to identify and include dispensed products other than Schedule II-V substances in the PMP program. The language is intended to clarify that the "other products," is limited to herbal or chemical substances or drugs. Making this change would allow the Commissioner to promptly add products that are being prescribed by Doctors that don't fall into Schedule II-V, such as non-controlled substances. Examples include drugs like "Tramedol" which is prescribed and dispensed as a pain-reliever, but is not yet listed on the schedule of controlled drugs; as well as some antibiotics (which are not scheduled drugs), that could

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there's no objection.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

The motion before us is to place this item on the consent calendar.

Is there objection? Is there objection?

Hearing none, this item is placed on the consent calendar.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 489?

THE CLERK:

On page 27, Calendar 489, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 57, AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF FOOD MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS, favorable report by the Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

Representative Baram of the 15th, you have the floor, sir.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

The question is on acceptance of the joint committees' favorable report and passage of the bill

in concurrence with Senate.

Representative Baram, you have the floor, sir.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Mr. Speaker, this bill creates a new food manufacturing establishment license. A food manufacturing establishment is a building where packaged food is prepared. It exempts facilities that are solely used for retail sale or storage of a prepackaged food.

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has Amendment 4289. I would ask that the Clerk please call the amendment, and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

Will the Clerk please call LCO Number 4289, which will be designated Senate Amendment Schedule "A."

THE CLERK:

LCO 4289, Senate "A" offered by Senator Williams, et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the amendment.

Is there objection to summarization? Is there objection to summarization?

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Hearing none, Representative Baram, you have the floor, sir.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The amendment defines the process of preparing food.

I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

The question before the Chamber is on adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule "A."

Will you remark further on amendment? Will you remark further on the amendment?

If not, I'll try your minds.

All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

Those opposed, nay.

The ayes have it.

The amendment is adopted.

Will you remark further on the bill as amended?

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move that this resolution be placed on the consent calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

The motion before us is that this item be placed on the consent calendar.

Is there objection? Is there objection?

Hearing none, this item is placed on the consent calendar.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 494?

THE CLERK:

On page 28, Calendar 494, 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, favorable report the Committee on Appropriations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

Representative Urban of the 43rd, you have the floor, madam.

REP. URBAN (43rd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move acceptance of the joint committees' favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

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On page 7, Calendar 219, House Bill Number 5148,
AN ACT CONCERNING AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS TO
VICTIMS OF THE CURRENT OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE
THAT RESULTS IN DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY.
DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

The distinguished Majority Leader, Representative
Sharkey.

REP. SHARKEY (88th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Good to see you up there.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

Thank you, sir.

REP. SHARKEY (88th):

Mr. Speaker, this represents the consent calendar
and for everyone's edification, I will be listing off
the calendar numbers in numerical order so that
everyone can follow. I'll try keep it -- and make
sure that I do it in numerical order. Thank you.

These will be: Calendar Number 90, Number 155,
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Number 496, Number 497, Number 505, Number 510, Number 513, Number 525, and Number 531.

I move adoption, I move adoption.

And with that, Mr. Speaker, I move adoption of the consent calendar. I move the consent calendar.

(Speaker Donovan in the Chair.)

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

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

Will you remark?

If not, staff and guests please come to the well 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 today's consent calendar by roll call. Members to the chamber please.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted?

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

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

The Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

On today's consent calendar

Total number voting	144
Necessary for passage	73
Those voting Yea	144
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	7

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The consent calendar passes.

Any announcements or introductions? Any announcements or introductions?

Is there any business on the Clerk's desk?

THE CLERK:

A list of Senate bills, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Brendan Sharkey.

REP. SHARKEY (88th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move that we waive -- waive the reading of the bills and have these items placed immediately on the House calendar.

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THE CLERK:

Brother Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 22, Calendar 102, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 57, AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF FOOD MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS, favorable report of the Committees on General Law, Planning and Development and Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE:

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, slash, President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon to you.

SENATOR DOYLE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

The question before the chamber is acceptance and passage. Will you remark further?

SENATOR DOYLE:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

This bill was a proposal by the Department of Consumer Protection. It was unanimously approved by the General Law Committee 17 to nothing. And what this bill does is it creates a new food manufacturing establishment license. And what the bill -- what the Department of Consumer Protection wants to achieve with this bill is to ensure that they are able to regulate and protect the consumers

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from any food manufacturers that may, you know, have unsanitary or unhealthy conditions. This bill creates this new license. The annual fee is only \$20 so it's not a profit -- you know, it's not a real revenue for -- large revenue gain for the general fund, but it really is out there if consumers make complaints about food manufacturers that the Department can get involved and ensure that consumers are protected.

Before we go any further with the bill, Mr. President, I'd like to call an amendment. The Clerk has an amendment, LCO 4289. May the Clerk please call and I be allowed to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, please call LCO 4289 to be designated Senate "A."

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 4289 Senate "A" offered by Senator Williams, Witkos, et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE:

Yes, Mr. President, I first move adoption of the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle has moved adoption of Senator "A." Do you care to summarize?

SENATOR DOYLE:

Yes.

THE CHAIR:

You may proceed.

SENATOR DOYLE:

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Yes, Mr. President. What this amendment does is, you know, after the committee process, there was some concern about what the definition really is -- how we define "food manufacturing establishment" because we wanted to -- under current law, bakeries are clearly covered and this new -- we were having some difficulty focusing on the actual definition. What this does is it clarifies that institutions that have prepackaged food are not covered here. We're talking about food that -- where it's prepared and, you know, it's -- the food is actually open and being prepared for manufacture where it's canned, cooked, freeze-dried dehydration. And basically, this amendment just clarifies that any food, again, that's processed, if someone were to receive a bottle of olive oil or any other food directly, that would not be covered here. We're talking about open food that's received in the manufacturing establishment and then processed into a container. That is the type -- that is what a food manufacturing establishment is and I would ask the chamber to support this amendment.

Thank you, Madam President.

President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Will you remark? Will you remark?

Those in favor of the amendment please say Aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed?

The amendment passes.

Will you remark?

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Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS:

Thank you, Madam President.

I rise in support of the amended bill that's before us today. I think it closes the loophole for really public protection wherein the establishments that were actually doing the manufacturing of food did not fall within the guidelines that it allowed some of our agents to go out there and make sure that they follow, you know, the safety guidelines that we would all expect when we're -- food is being prepared so we don't get sick. So this bill does that and I urge the Chamber's adoption.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Will you remark? Will you remark?

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE:

If there's no objection, I move this bill to the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing an objection so I will ask the Clerk to 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:

Have all members voted? If all members have voted, the machine will be locked.

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Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally. Will you call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill Number 57 as amended by Senate "A."		
Total Number Voting	35	.
Necessary for Adoption	18	
Those voting Yea	34	
Those voting Nay	1	
Those absent and not voting	1	

THE CHAIR:

The bill passes.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 22, Calendar 104, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 207, AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL HEATING OIL AND PROPANE CONTRACTS, favorable report of the Committee on General Law and Energy and Technology.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE:

Welcome back, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR DOYLE:

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

The motion is passage of the bill. Will you remark, sir.

SENATOR DOYLE: