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Senate.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 325.

THE CLERK:

On Page 21, Calendar 325, Senate Bill Number 200,
AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COORDINATING
ADVISORY BOARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
AND PUBLIC PROTECTION. Favorable report on the
Committee of Public Safety and Security.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

Representative Orange of the 48th district, you
have the floor, madam.

REP. ORANGE (48th):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

Good afternoon, madam.

REP. ORANGE (48th):

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the joint
committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill
in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

Question is on acceptance of the joint
committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill
in concurrence with the Senate.

Representative Orange, you still have the floor,

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madam.

REP. ORANGE (48th):

Thank you, sir. Basically, what this Bill is, it's very technical in nature and this Bill corrects the membership of the coordinating advisory board by adding a Representative of Cost to its advisory board.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

Thank you very much, madam.

Will you remark further?

Representative Giegler of the 138th, you have the floor, madam.

REP. GIEGLER (138th):

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I rise in support of the Bill before us. Last year when we talked about merging agencies together, this was proposed, this advisory board, as a vehicle where different agencies could work together, so adding a cost is appropriate to this advisory board and I urge my colleagues support. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

Thank you very much, madam.

Will you remark further on the Bill before us?

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House. Members take your seats. The machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll call. All members to the chamber, please. The House of Representatives is voting by roll call. All members to the chamber. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Please check the board to ensure that your vote has been properly cast. If all the members have voted the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

The Clerk will announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill 200 in concurrence with the Senate.

Total number voting	145
Necessary for adoption	73
Those voting Yea	145
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	6

DEPUTY SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ:

The Bill passes in concurrence with the Senate.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 318.

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one year, I love it, but I think we should -- we should be slow in this process. Thank you.

REP. DARGAN: Thank you. Further questions? Senator, thank you once again. Thank you for coming out --

SENATOR MCKINNEY: Sure and thank you for all your time. I appreciate it.

REP. DARGAN: Thank you.

The next presenter is Paul Rapanault, representing the Uniformed Career Firefighters of Connecticut.

PAUL RAPANAULT: Good afternoon, Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan, members of the Public Safety and Security Committee. My name is Paul Rapanault, I'm the Director of Legislative and Political Affairs for the Uniformed Professional Firefighters. We represent 5,000 career firefighters around the state of Connecticut and EMS personnel as well as -- as well as dispatchers. I'm here to speak to you briefly about several bills that we are supporting today.

Senate Bill 62, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT PUBLIC SAFETY DATA NETWORK, you heard from the experts before me, so I'm certainly not going to bore you with any of the details. But it's about time that the state of Connecticut comes into the 21st Century and passes this bill. We have been waiting for this for a number of years, and we would, excuse me, certainly appreciate your support.

HB5094 HB5247

Senate Bill 200 is AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COORDINATING ADVISORY BOARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND

PUBLIC PROTECTION. This adds the executive director to the Connecticut Council of Small Towns as a member of the Coordinating Advisory Board. Last year when we were in negotiations over the coordinate -- over the consolidation of several different agencies into the new agency, DESPP, what we were trying to accomplish by putting this advisory board -- establishing this advisory board, is to have a body that would be able to communicate with each other and basically help the agency to get off the ground.

That's not going to happen if not -- if everyone is not at the table, all the players are at the table. By adding the -- the Council of Small Towns, we would be including everyone at the table. So we encourage that.

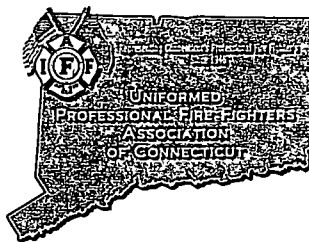
House Bill 5094 is AN ACT CONCERNING THE MOVE OVER LAW. Again you heard this morning from the experts, so I'm not going to bore you with that. Just basically just moves it from a bill which just covers the -- the major arteries in the state of Connecticut and expands it down to some of -- of the lesser arteries. So we would certainly appreciate your support on that.

House Bill 5247, is AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR ASSAULT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, EMERGENCY MEDICAL, PUBLIC TRANSIT OR HEALTH CARE WORKERS, and we certainly would appreciate that. Just on a personal note, you are all -- I know many of you are friends with Tom Carozza, and I know Tommy has been experiencing some challenges over the last few years, and if you could -- if I could just ask you for your prayers and thoughts at this time.

Tommy is having some challenges today, and if you could just keep him in your thoughts and

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February 28, 2012

Public Safety and Security Committee Public Hearing

Good afternoon Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee. My name is Paul Rapanault. I am the Director of Legislation/Political Affairs of the Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters of Connecticut. The UPFFA represents 5,000 career fire fighters, Emergency Medical Technicians and dispatchers in nearly 60 municipal and state local unions.

I am here today to support several bills before you.

Senate Bill 62, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT PUBLIC SAFETY DATA NETWORK establishes a public safety data network in an electronic format that allows for the exchange of information among public safety and criminal justice entities. The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the Chief Information Officer of the Division of Information Technology within the Department of Administrative Services have been working on this network for several, if not many years and it is now time to bring the State of Connecticut into the 21st century. **We SUPPORT THIS BILL.**

Senate Bill 200, AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COORDINATING ADVISORY BOARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION adds the executive director of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns as a member of the Coordinating Advisory Board of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. During last year's discussions regarding the consolidations of several agencies into the new agency, DESPP, the Advisory Board was proposed as a vehicle by which all the newly merged agencies could work together. For this new agency to work, all partners must be at the table. **We SUPPORT THIS BILL** as a way to include all stakeholders.

House Bill 5094 AN ACT CONCERNING THE "MOVE OVER" LAW better protects the operators of emergency vehicles by making the requirement that a driver move over one lane if travelling in the lane adjacent to where a stationary emergency vehicle is located applicable to highways with two or more lanes proceeding in the same direction. Many of the limited access highways in Connecticut, including some sections of I-95, are two lanes in each direction. Public act 09-121 relies on the definition of "highway" as three or more travel lanes, thereby making the 2009 Public Act inapplicable to limited access highways in Connecticut that have two lanes that proceed in the same direction (I-95 from Branford to the Rhode Island border, Route 9, I-395, Route 8, Route 11, etc....). A number of Fire Fighters, State Troopers and Emergency Medical Personnel have been struck and injured while on these highways and in order to protect our public safety personnel throughout the state, there is a need to strengthen the "move over" law. This bill does that and **we SUPPORT IT.**

House Bill 5247 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR ASSAULT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, EMERGENCY MEDICAL, PUBLIC TRANSIT OR HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL, we SUPPORT THIS BILL.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 28, 2012**

**SB 200, An Act Concerning The Membership Of The Coordinating
Advisory Board To The Department Of Emergency Services
And Public Protection**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 200, An Act Concerning The Membership Of The Coordinating Advisory Board To The Department Of Emergency Services And Public Protection**. CHA supports this bill and respectfully requests that it be amended to add the President of the Connecticut Hospital Association or a designee as a member of the Coordinating Advisory Board.

Connecticut hospitals are complex organizations, open and providing services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Each day, our hospitals provide a full range of services to ensure the health and well-being of our patients and the quality of life in our communities. Yet, simultaneously, Connecticut hospitals must always be in "ready mode," anticipating and being prepared to provide emergency medical services in response to both natural and man-made disasters.

During the two most recent storms and prolonged power outages, hospitals again demonstrated the important role they play in the lives, health, and well-being of patients, community members, and employees. Hospitals across the state worked with federal, state, and local governments, emergency managers, police, fire, and other first responders to meet the emergency medical needs of the community.

Connecticut hospitals have worked collaboratively with the state's Department of Public Health to access federal grant money, allowing them to better coordinate and respond to local, regional, and statewide disasters. As a principal provider of emergency medical services, Connecticut hospitals would welcome the opportunity to participate on the Coordinating Advisory Board to assist in its mission to improve communication and cooperation, ultimately enhancing state and local government emergency response and protecting the health and well-being of Connecticut citizens.

Thus, we respectfully request that the bill be amended by adding a new subdivision (14) as follows: (14) the President of the Connecticut Hospital Association or a designee.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. For additional information, contact CHA Government Relations at (203) 294-7310.



**Testimony
Bart Russell
Executive Director
Connecticut Council of Small Towns
Public Safety Committee
February 28, 2012**

The Connecticut Council of Small Towns supports SB-200, AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COORDINATING ADVISORY BOARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION and thanks the committee for raising this measure.

This proposal adds a representative of COST to the state Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection's Coordinating Advisory Board, which was created last year pursuant to Public Act 11-51. The board is charged with developing strategies to improve internal and external communication and cooperation in the provision of emergency response services on the state and local level.

COST had an active representative on the state-wide Emergency Management and Homeland Security Coordinating Council, which the newly created Coordinating Advisory Board replaced. Due to an oversight, a representative of COST was not included on the Advisory Board. A small town perspective is critical to developing emergency response services that meet the needs of the state's rural and suburban towns with populations of less than 30,000.

We therefore urge you to support SB-200 which adds a COST representative to the Coordinating Advisory Board.

Thank you.

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Moving now, Madam President, to the favorable reports on our calendar, beginning on calendar page 5, Calendar 53, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 20, 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.

Calendar 56 is marked go. Calendar 57, Senate Bill Number 105, Madam President, 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 to calendar page 6, Calendar 64 marked go. Calendar 65 marked go. And at the bottom of that page, Madam President, Calendar 75, Senate Bill Number 200, Madam President, would move to place that item on our consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Moving to calendar page 7, Calendar 80, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 42, Madam President, move to place that item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

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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: