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NATASHA PIERRE: You're welcome.

SENATOR AYALA: Any further questions from committee members? Thank you for your testimony.

NATASHA PIERRE: Thank you.

SENATOR AYALA: The next individual who's going to testify, Commissioner Roderick Bremby. Welcome.

COMMISSIONER RODERICK L. BREMBY: Good morning Senator Ayala, Representative Serra. My name is Rod Bremby. I'm the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services. I appreciate the opportunity to testify before you this morning in strong support of Senate Bill 837, AAC, the State Department on aging. In addition, we have written testimony on a number of bills that will impact the agency.

Starting with Senate Bill 837, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING, pursuant to Section 19 of PA 12-1, June special session, the State Department of Aging became effective on January 1, 2013. Governor Bill 837 implements the Governor's budget recommendations by transferring the appropriate functions, programs and duties from the Department of Social Services to the State Department on Aging. I strongly support this bill as it demonstrates our commitment to improving the quality of life for our senior citizens and helping them live with dignity, security and independence.

As our population ages it's crucial to streamline the services that provide a safety net for our most vulnerable residents. Public Act 12-1 from the June special session

provides that, quote, the Department of Social Services shall administer programs under the jurisdiction of the Department on Aging until the commissioner on aging is appointed and administrative staff are hired, end quote.

As of this time a commissioner on aging has not been appointed and accordingly the Department of Social Services continues to administer those programs. DSS has been coordinating with staff from the various transitioning units and the Office of Policy and Management to ensure that programs are currently running smoothly and will be able to be transferred with the least disruption to the beneficiaries of vital services.

We are fully committed and prepared to work with the new leadership at SDA and intend to maintain a collaborative relationship as we work towards our shared goal of ensuring the elderly access to crucial benefits such as health, food and energy assistance. We applaud the work and efforts of the Governor's office and look forward to assisting with the development of the new Department on Aging.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify today and respectfully request that the committee support this bill. I welcome any questions you might have.

SENATOR AYALA: Commissioner, I'm just wondering, there's also some other testimony on the bills. Are you going to do that testimony as well? Or --

COMMISSIONER RODERICK L. BREMBY: No, just providing written testimony on those bills.

SENATOR AYALA: Excellent. I have a question in regards to your testimony and I appreciate the

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efforts that you're doing in trying to alleviate that transition of going from moving into one other department.

Based on this transition that's going on, how many employees are affected as far as moving over from, now under DSS, to this new Department on Aging?

COMMISSIONER RODERICK L. BREMBY: It will be 26 full-time persons and one part-time person transferring from DSS.

SENATOR AYALA: Do you -- have you seen or do you foresee any lack of resources now to your department at DSS since these individuals who at one time were under your umbrella moving over? Do you foresee any resources that will be lacking to be able to do the business that you have to do in your Department of Social Services?

COMMISSIONER RODERICK L. BREMBY: That's a great question. At this time we do not foresee any harmful effects or deleterious effects of this transfer of positions.

SENATOR AYALA: Okay. Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Commissioner, thank you for being here today.

COMMISSIONER RODERICK L. BREMBY: Good morning.

REP. STEINBERG: To follow up on Senator Ayala's questions, obviously transitions are always difficult. I mean, I think we're all concerned with the absence of a commissioner from the directional standpoint. I guess that still puts pressure on you and DSS to make sure that supervision is there. My question

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is a little different.

You've spoken of streamlining of administration; those are the primary roles of those individuals when they're under -- as they were under DSS. What about the policy side of things? What about the, you know, obviously this committee plays a role. The Governor's office plays a role. You play a role, but how is that going to change with the Department of Aging?

COMMISSIONER RODERICK L. BREMBY: I think with the new Department on Aging the policy focus could be more specific. It can be more targeted to the needs of our aging residents. So it gives more time and attention to those specific issues that may not get as much attention today given the myriad of issues that come before DSS.

REP. STEINBERG: To follow up on that, given the fact that -- was it four individuals currently who are moving over from DSS?

COMMISSIONER RODERICK L. BREMBY: There would be 26 (inaudible).

REP. STEINBERG: Twenty-six. Excuse me. I'm way off on that. Thank you for that clarification.

Are there individuals there who have had experience on the policy side of things? Or have they all been pretty much in administrative roles?

COMMISSIONER RODERICK L. BREMBY: I think that at the upper levels of the organization it gets very difficult to separate policy from administration. We have some very seasoned administrators within the state unit on aging

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who make recommendations on policy often. And so I feel confident that they have the background to support a new commissioner coming in. So I don't think that they're going to miss a beat.

REP. STEINBERG: That's wonderful news. Obviously so much of what we do is not based just on what we do currently but how we're going to change things going forward. So I think we're all very excited to finally have the department, and hopefully with your help we can make that transition as seamless as possible.

COMMISSIONER RODERICK L. BREMBY: I think the key here is that the agency, DSS is fully committed to continuing a collaborative relationship, because while we're going to focus on seniors a little bit differently there's still services that impact or intersect with our agency. So we're going to make sure that that continues to happen with the least disruption as possible.

REP. STEINBERG: Thank you, Commissioner.

SENATOR AYALA: Thank you.

Any other questions from the committee? Thank you for your testimony, Commissioner.

The next speaker is Senator LeBeau. Okay. I don't think he's in right now.

Deb Migneault.

DEBORAH MIGNEAULT: Good morning. Good morning, Senator Ayala, Representative Serra, members of the committee. Thank you for having here today.

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Services.

And while they're waiting they do not receive any of the supports that they need and their health declines and they end up in hospitals and perhaps in nursing facilities. And if we can presume them eligible by meeting some screening criteria for financial eligibility and then allow them to get those services when they meet those screening criteria immediately, then they can get those services in their home, keep them -- hopefully keep them healthier and have the supports that they need so they don't end up in a nursing facility.

There are some numbers in my testimony about what some of the savings might be for our State if we do indeed move forward with this bill with presumptive eligibility. And some estimates are that it could be as much as \$3 million a year.

But more important than cost savings -- and I really, really want to say this -- more important than those cost savings is the quality of life for Connecticut residents. Deeming a person functionally eligible and then letting them wither in their home, in their community without supports is irresponsible and inhumane, really. So not only is it a financial -- there's a financial reason to do it, but there's a real human reason to do this. So I strongly support 6461.

And finally, I'd like to talk about Senate Bill 837, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING. Commissioner Bremby did give a little bit of background on that. I'll talk about that a little bit more.

As you heard, the Department on Aging will move existing staff within the Department of Social Services over to a Department on Aging. They will likely stay housed with the Department of Social Services and they will continue to administer the same programs that they were administering at the Department of Social Services, just now we're calling them a Department on Aging and we're giving them a commissioner, which you know has not been named yet.

It's also very, very important to realize that a vast majority of programs that provide services to older adults in Connecticut will still be with the Department of Social Services. They will not be with the Department on Aging.

You have Older American Act funds that come down from the federal government, those are nutrition funds mostly; there are CHOICES, the CHOICES program. The long-term care ombudsman program makes up half the staff of the new Department on Aging. So these are Older American Act's funds that come into the State and the new Department on Aging administers those programs, the same programs they've been administering all these years.

Medicaid, the Connecticut Home-care Program for Elders which serves 14,000 people over the age of 65 will still be at the Department of Social Services, as will Money Follows the Person, as will nursing home rightsizing initiatives; medicare and Medicaid enrollee demonstration, which is a very, very big demonstration project; the balancing incentive program, which is a \$72.8 million federal incentive grant; all these will remain at Department of Social Services.

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some of the direction needed to build capacity in our towns and cities. Some of the sections of it apply specifically to local services and I supported those specifically in my testimony.

I did sit on the task force to study aging in place, along with Representative Serra and a few other people. And I can really attest to the meaningful and consultative process that went into drafting these recommendations that not only will have impact, but again thanks to Representative Serra, were also very sensitive to the current fiscal situation, that is the recommendations have a -- will not have a very significant fiscal note.

We've succeeded in making those recommendations and I urge you to move this work forward. Thank you.

REP. SERRA: Thank you.

Any questions from the committee?

Thank you, Dianne.

Jennifer.

Good afternoon.

JENNIFER KYER: Good afternoon, Representative Serra Senator Harp. My name is Jennifer Kyer. I'm from West Hartford. I just came. I submitted written testimony and am here just to reinforce five of the bills that I have listed there. I'm a registered nurse for the last 13 years, an LPN two years before that, and six years before that a nursing assistant. So I was hoping to be helpful.

But I just wanted to reiterate for Senate Bill

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Number 837, the importance of education for our seniors. In Florida working as a nurse I did have quite a few patients from the state of New York for some reason. They believed that they had Medicaid in New York, so they also had Medicaid in Florida, and that was often sad.

And so (inaudible). And then Senate Bills Number 883 and Senate Bill Number 884, I wanted to strongly support both of those because I have done some home care with spouses that are desperately staying at home trying to take care of their spouse, you know, on their own and they deserve all the support they can get. It's not easy.

And Senate Bill Number 938, an ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES BY QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES. I wanted to support that bill as consumers should be allowed to buy as much insurance as they want.

And then lastly, House Bill Number 6395, AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF SMALL HOUSE NURSING HOME PILOT PROGRAMS. I wanted to support that bill because I have taken care of patients in long-term care where they've spent many years and much money in assisted living facilities, and then their health greatly declines and all of the sudden they are alone in nursing home to spend their last facilities.

So -- and that's all I have. Do you have any questions?

REP. SERRA: Thank you.

Any questions?

Senator Harp.

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**Legislative Commission on Aging**
*A nonpartisan research and public policy office of the Connecticut General Assembly*
**Testimony of**
**Deborah Migneault, Legislative and Community Liaison  
Commission on Aging**
**before the Aging Committee  
February 26, 2013**

Good morning Senator Ayala, Representative Serra and esteemed members of the Aging Committee. My name is Deb Migneault and I'm the Legislative and Community Liaison for the Commission on Aging. On behalf of the Commission, I thank you for this opportunity to comment on a number of bills before you today.

As you know, the Legislative Commission on Aging is the non-partisan, public policy office of the Connecticut General Assembly devoted to preparing our state for a significantly changed demographic and enhancing the lives of the present and future generations of older adults. For twenty years, the Commission has served as an effective leader in statewide efforts to promote choice, independence and dignity for Connecticut's older adults and persons with disabilities. I'd like to thank this committee for its ongoing leadership and collaboration in these efforts.

In these difficult budget times, research-based initiatives, statewide planning efforts, vision and creative thinking are all needed. The Legislative Commission on Aging is devoted to assisting you in finding solutions to our fiscal problems, while keeping our state's commitments to critical programs and services.

**SB 837: An Act Concerning the Department on Aging**

~ CoA Informs

We offer this testimony as **background** on the establishment of a State Department on Aging.

The State Department on Aging was established on January 1, 2013 after eight years of delays by the Legislature and the Governor.

The new department moves existing "State Unit on Aging" funding, programs and staff (28 people) out of the Department of Social Services and into a separate stand-alone department. Additional funding was provided in the FY 2013 budget for a Commissioner and Executive Assistant for the Commissioner. The Commissioner has yet to be named.

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The Executive branch Department on Aging (DoA) will continue to primarily operate the federal Administration on Aging (AoA) programs including the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, Elderly Nutrition, CHOICES/ADRC (now requiring an MOU with the DSS Medicaid unit), and few other relatively small-state funded and grants projects.

There are no new programs and services associated with this establishment of this Executive Branch Department. Further, as an Executive Branch State Agency, the Governor and OPM make all final decisions with regards to the DoA's requested budget and programmatic priorities.

The Department of Social Services will continue to have oversight of long-term care services and supports (LTSS). The majority of LTSS that support older adults are related to Medicaid (representing close to 3 billion dollars and roughly 13% of the state budget). The major aging related programs not included in the DoA are the CT Home Care Program for Elders (\$248 million), Money Follow the Person Rebalancing Demonstration (\$200+ million), the Balancing Incentive Program (\$72.8 million), Nursing home rightsizing, Medicare and Medicaid Enrollee Demonstration (millions), SNAP, etc. All of these Medicaid programs will remain at DSS.

CT is now one of only 14 states with a stand-alone Department on Aging (down from 16 in 2005). **The national trend and best practice has been away from states having stand-alone aging departments.** The research supports that model state structure integrates a strong and visible State Unit on Aging with Medicaid as it is most advantageous for LTSS rebalancing, maximizing funds and program navigation and access for consumers.

**It is important to clarify the distinction between an Executive Branch State Agency which administers programs and services and a public policy office of the CGA:** Despite the Governor's justification for the recent proposal, there is zero duplication between the new state dept. and the legislative commission. The State Unit on Aging—now the DoA—administers programs and services (e.g. the Elderly Nutrition Program) off of the Executive Branch. The CoA is an objective, nonpartisan office off of the Legislative Branch. For the past 20 years we have co-existed—each with its own, distinct role.

The work of the Legislative CoA would continue to cut across several Executive Branch agencies that have aging-related programs. Major aging-related programs will remain at the DSS. Again, Executive Branch agencies (such as DPH, DMHAS, DSS, DCF) administer programs and services, report to the Governor and carry a Governor's agenda! The Legislative Commissions, namely the CoA, work directly with the Legislature to provide the necessary checks and balances within state government.

To illustrate the perimeters of Executive Branch agencies: Countless colleagues from various state agencies (including the new Dept. on Aging, DSS, DMHAS, DPH) would like to publicly express their support for the Legislative Commission on Aging. They recognize our important role within state government. However, they are unable to do so as Executive Branch employees. It would be counter to the Governor's direction.

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**AGING COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
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Good Morning Senator Ayala, Representative Serra, and members of the Aging Committee. My name is Jennifer Kyer from the town of West Hartford. I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony for today's public hearing.

**S.B. No. 837 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING.**

I support this legislation but recommend that there be a sincere effort to ensure our senior residents are made aware that the new department on aging will be taking over responsibilities previously held by the department of social services. As a registered nurse in Florida I had many patients who falsely believed that because they had Medicaid coverage in their home state of New York they had equal coverage while visiting Florida. Ignorance is not always bliss. Identifying a specific age group would assist residents in contacting the correct agency to receive the assistance they are entitled to. For example to participate in Medicaid's PACE program a consumer must be 55 or older yet 55 would be too young to qualify for other senior programs.

**S.B. No. 882 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ADDING THE PACE PROGRAM TO THE MEDICAID STATE PLAN.**

I support this legislation as it is a requirement to access this federal program. Here it is the Commissioner of Social Services who remains responsible for administering these services. Again I point out the danger to our seniors who may not know whether to go to the Department of Aging and or The Department of Social Services for the assistance they are entitled to and need to live.

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**S.B. No. 883 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A COMMUNITY SPOUSE'S ALLOWABLE ASSETS AND**

**S.B. No. 884 (RAISED) AN ACT INCREASING ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE FOR ELDERLY PERSONS AND THOSE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.**

I support both of these bills and cherish my memories of many dedicated and self sacrificing patient spouses. It is always a relief to see that in a world drowned by greed true love can and does persist.

**S.B. No. 885 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE THE UTILITY OF CREATING A PUBLIC RETIREMENT PLAN.**

I oppose this bill due to the current economic conditions, lack of job security for current American citizens, and high unemployment rate. The Department of Labor has the state of Connecticut at 8.6% and Rhode Island at 10.2%. These numbers of course do not include citizens who did not file for

unemployment and are living off their savings while job hunting or citizens who no longer qualify for unemployment. I would appreciate the money and energy to be spent repairing our economy instead of another task force. I do appreciate Governor Malloy's attention to detail in NOT granting business tax incentives for new hires employed less than one year. Too often hiring incentives become firing incentives.

**S.B. No. 886 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AGING IN PLACE.**

Concerning Section 1 Subsection b I hope that the unemployed recipients of the supplement nutrition assistance program will retain the ability to provide a potential employer that current hiring tax incentive. I do hope that the Department of Social Services remains mindful of the need to maintain a safe environment for the public, their employees, and those applying for assistance. The December 2011 case of Timothy Grimmer and his family in Texas was a tragic lesson learned.

Concerning Section 2 Subsection f I would prefer that the municipalities were not required to provide matching grant funds. Not all municipalities have the same level of disposable income and thus some would be discriminated against. I support the remainder of this bill.

**S.B. No. 938 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES BY QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES**

I support this bill.

**H.B. No. 6395 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF A SMALL HOUSE NURSING HOME PILOT PROGRAM.**

I support this bill and hope for it's continued success. I admire their decision to maintain a nursing home status. I understand that many seniors enjoy the choice of an assisted living facility, often with home care nursing services. However, when a senior's health declines beyond the scope of home care services they are often not able to return to their assisted living facility. I remember several nursing home patients admitted under those circumstances and often felt badly for them.

**H.B. No. 6396 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING LIVABLE COMMUNITIES.**

I support this bill. I enjoyed the information presented during the commission's forum on "Livable Communities for All Ages". Many exciting improvements to our municipalities were presented.

**H.B. No. 6461 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PRESUMPTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.**

"The commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner on Aging, shall identify funding pursuant to the federal Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended from time to time, that may be allocated to subsidize costs during the presumptive eligibility period for those applicants who are not determined eligible for Medicaid. State costs during the presumptive eligibility period shall be offset by available federal Medicaid reimbursements and savings realized for institutional care that would have been necessary but for the presumptive eligibility system."

I oppose this bill due to these statements. It appears to be expected that some applicants will not be eligible for Medicaid. The admission that the institutional care would have been necessary but yet was avoided for lower level and less safe home care is frightening. I am hoping this language had an assisted living facility resident receiving home care services in mind and not a single senior citizen still living in their life long home. Unfortunately the same legislation applies to a wide variety of home care scenarios.

**H.B. No. 3506 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM TO EXPAND THE DUTIES OF THE STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN.**

I oppose this bill as additional oversight by the state ombudsman's office is not necessary in home and community based care. The patient acuity level is less than the nursing home, and the patient is able to take their healthcare business to another agency. Homecare and community based health care centers have sufficient oversight from the department of public health, the department of consumer protection, and insurance provided case management; all in addition to the actual health care professionals providing the patient services. I therefore oppose expanding the duties of the state long-term care ombudsman. HB6462

**H.B. No. 6463 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AGING.**

I support this bill and look forward to the information obtained.

I thank the Aging Committee for this opportunity to participate in our legislative process.

Jennifer Kyer  
West Hartford, CT



**Testimony to the Aging Committee**

**Presented by Mag Morelli, President, LeadingAge Connecticut**

**February 26, 2013**

**Regarding**

- **Senate Bill 837, An Act Concerning The Department On Aging**
- **Senate Bill 882, An Act Concerning Adding The PACE Program To The Medicaid State Plan**
- **Senate Bill 886, An Act Concerning Aging In Place**
- **Senate Bill 936, An Act Concerning Streamlining Approval For Nursing Homes To Shelter Displaced Residents**
- **Senate Bill 937, An Act Concerning Care For Elderly Persons In A Home Setting Rather Than A Nursing Home Facility**
- **Senate Bill 6395, An Act Concerning The Expansion Of A Small House Nursing Home Pilot Program**
- **Senate Bill 6396, An Act Concerning Livable Communities**
- **Senate Bill 6461, An Act Concerning Presumptive Medicaid Eligibility For The Connecticut Home-Care Program For The Elderly**
- **Senate Bill 6462, An Act Concerning A Pilot Program To Expand The Duties Of The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman**

Good morning Senator Ayala, Representative Serra, and members of the Aging Committee. My name is Mag Morelli and I am the President of LeadingAge Connecticut, a membership organization representing over 130 mission-driven and not-for-profit provider organizations serving older adults across the continuum of long term care including senior housing.

Our members are sponsored by religious, fraternal, community, and governmental organizations that are committed to providing quality care and services to their residents and clients. Our member organizations, many of which have served their communities for generations, are dedicated to expanding the world of possibilities for aging.

On behalf of LeadingAge Connecticut, I would like to testify on several of the bills that are before you today and offer the Committee our assistance as you consider these various issues.

**Senate Bill 837, An Act Concerning The Department On Aging**

LeadingAge Connecticut will support the efforts of the Department on Aging and will offer our assistance and partnership to ensure it fulfills its stated mission. We have always worked closely with the Department of Social Service on these issues and we will continue to work with the Department of Social Services on funding issues, the rebalancing initiatives and the other issues related to long term services and supports that will remain in that Department.

We do not, however, believe that the Commission on Aging should be eliminated. The rapid aging of our state will require more, not less resources and we view the Commission on Aging as being an asset and a complement to the new Department on Aging. The Commission was established to promote public policy that embraces best practices, national trends and statewide needs on issues such as senior housing, health care, long term care, and transportation. The Commission does just that with the guidance and insight of a representative volunteer board that provides knowledge, expertise, and an informed policy perspective. They are a valuable resource that must be maintained at this critical time in our state's history.

**Senate Bill 882, An Act Concerning Adding The PACE Program To The Medicaid State Plan**

Connecticut has undertaken a dramatic systems change in long term care. This change is being implemented through several Medicaid initiatives, including a strategic rebalancing plan that will allow more people the opportunity to receive services and supports in community based settings. The rebalancing plan declares that the State of Connecticut is "committed to creating a more efficient and effective long-term services and supports system aligned with the principles of choice, autonomy and dignity."

We strongly support Senate Bill 882 which that would provide the opportunity to offer the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program in Connecticut and enhance the choices made available to consumers seeking long term services and supports through the Medicaid program.

PACE is a true community based provider care model that provides comprehensive, fully-integrated care. The focus in a PACE program is on wellness and prevention and avoiding unnecessary care. This is exactly the model of care that the State is seeking for our older adults who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. Thirty-one other states have successful PACE programs, including Massachusetts, and we have high quality, non-profit aging service providers in Connecticut that would be interested in developing this nationally acclaimed model of care if allowed to do so. We encourage the Committee to support this legislation and expand the options that can be made available



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*Written Testimony before the Aging Committee*

*Roderick L. Bremby, Commissioner*

*February 26, 2013*

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We applaud the work and efforts of the Governor's Office, and look forward to assisting with the development of the new State Department on Aging.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I respectfully request that the Committee support this bill and I welcome any questions you may have.

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Madam Speaker, on page 15, Calendar 377,  
favorable report of the joint standing Committee on  
Aging, substitute Senate Bill 837, AN ACT CONCERNING  
THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Serra of the 33rd.

REP. SERRA (33rd):

Good evening, Madam Speaker. I move for the  
acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report  
and passage of the bill in concurrence with the  
Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The question before the Chamber is joint  
committee's acceptable -- favorable report and --  
excuse me. Let me start over. The question before  
the Chamber is acceptance of the joint committee's  
favorable report and passage of the bill. Will you  
remark further? Representative Serra.

REP. SERRA (33rd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and gentlemen  
of the Chamber this is the -- the Department of  
Aging's main bill. The bill implements the State  
Department of Aging by transferring the appropriate  
roles and responsibilities and programs and update the

membership to the various committees, councils and boards have in cognizance of issues of concern to senior citizens and making related technical changes to the Department's role. And with that, Madam Speaker, I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The question before the -- Representative Adinolfi of the 103rd.

REP. ADINOLFI (103rd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This amendment that came down from the Senate is as my fellow Representative said is strictly, strictly technical. And it really gets into it. It straightens out the underlying statutes where they had the departments in there that no longer exist. So they went through a lot of work to get this all straightened out so that when we get to the underlying bill it's more accurate. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Serra.

REP. SERRA (33rd):

Yes, Madam Speaker. I have an amendment, 5648. Will the Clerk call and maybe I permission to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Will the Clerk please call LCO number 5648 which shall be designated Senate Amendment Schedule A.

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule A, LCO 5648 introduced by William -- Williams, Looney et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The Representative seeks of leave of the Chamber to summarize the amendment. Is there any objection to summarization? Is there any objection? Hearing none, Representative Serra, you may proceed with summarization.

REP. SERRA (33rd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, the next two amendments I have, this amendment is a technical amendment with changes to -- to update the department of aging. And with that I move adoption of the amendment, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of Senate Amendment Schedule A. Will you remark on the amendment?

REP. SERRA (33rd):

With that I move adoption of the amendment, Madam

Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further on the amendment that is before us? If not, I will try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Those opposed, nay. The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Will you remark further?

Representative Serra.

REP SERRA (33rd):

Madam Speaker, the Clerk has in possession LCO number 7273. I ask that it be called and I be allowed to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Will the Clerk please call LCO number 7273 and it will be designated Senate -- House Amendment Schedule A.

THE CLERK:

House Amendment A, LCO number 7273 as introduced by Representative Serra et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The Gentleman has -- seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize. Is there any objection to summarization? Is there any objection? Seeing none, you may -- Representative Serra, you may proceed to summarization.

REP. SERRA (33rd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, again this is another technical amendment to bring the Department of Aging in compliance with the changes that have taken place by this Legislature last year. And with that, Madam Speaker, I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of House Amendment Schedule A. Will you remark on the amendment? Representative Serra.

REP. SERRA (33rd):

As I stated previously, Madam, this is a -- Madam Speaker, this is another technical amendment to bring us in compliance with not only federal changes but also changes that this legislature has made over the past year. With that, Madam Speaker, I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of

House Amendment Schedule A. Will you remark on the amendment? Representative Adinolfi, do you wish to remark on the amendment, Sir?

REP. ADINOLFI (103rd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. As I said before and I probably jumped ahead of myself, these amendments are strictly technical to straighten out the underlying bill so we'll have a better understanding of it. And I urge my colleagues to support this amendment. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Betts of the 78th, do you wish to remark on the amendment, Sir?

REP. BETTS (78th):

Yes, Madam Speaker. A question to the proponent through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Please frame your question, Sir.

REP. BETTS (78th):

To the good Gentleman on line three it says -- it's talking about providing a toll free access for consumers to obtain advice. I've not had a chance to look at this and I don't know the history of the bill but could you flush out what the need is for the toll

free telephone and what kind of information they're providing to the consumers and whether there's any related financial cost with that telephone service? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Serra. Representative Serra.

REP. SERRA (33rd):

Through -- through you, Madam Speaker to Representative Betts. That is a hotline for seniors to call in on Medicare issues and it's at no cost to them. Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Betts.

REP. BETTS (78th):

Thank you for that answer. I'm aware it's no cost to them. I'm wondering if it's -- if there's much of a cost to the State and then I'm looking as I'm reading through this that people are going to be -- if I read this correctly, providing insurance information to the seniors who are probably looking for comparative prices or answers about healthcare policies.

Is this something that the Department of Aging is going to be providing or are we going to be

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contracting this service out to some type of health insurance experts? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Serra.

REP. SERRA (33rd):

Yes. Through you, Madam Speaker. We currently do that under current law with the Department of Social Services which is now being transferred to the Department of Aging. So we currently do that. Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Betts.

REP. BETTS (78th):

Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you for the answer, Sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further on the amendment that's before you? If not, I will try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Those opposed, nay. The ayes have it. The

amendment is adopted. Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Will you remark further? If not, staff and guests please come to the well of the House. Will members take their seat and the machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll.

The House of Representatives is voting by roll. Will members please return to the Chamber immediately.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

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

THE CLERK:

Substitute Senate Bill 837 amended by Senate A and House A.

Total Number Voting	135
Necessary for Adoption	68
Those voting aye	135
Those voting nay	0
Absent and not voting	15

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The bill as amended passes. Will the Clerk call  
Calendar number 513.

THE CLERK:

On page 48 of the Calendar, Calendar 513,  
favorable of the joint standing Committee on  
Education, substitute House Bill 6682, AN ACT  
CONCERNING COLLABORATION BETWEEN BOARDS OF EDUCATION  
AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Fox of the 146th.

REP. FOX (146th):

Thank you -- thank you, Madam Speaker. I move  
for the acceptance of the joint committee's favorable  
report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The question is on acceptance of the joint  
committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.  
Representative Fox, you have the floor, Sir.

REP. FOX (146th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a bill that  
came from the Judiciary Committee and also went  
through Education. It's a bill that we first had a  
public hearing on last year in Judiciary. And what it  
does is it addresses how school boards of education

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Seeing no objection so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Continuing on that page, the next item on Calendar page 13, Calendar 132, is marked go; last item at the bottom of that page, Madam President, Calendar 137, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 837, 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, moving to Calendar page 14, Calendar 139, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 158, that item is marked go; the last item at the bottom of that Calendar page 14, Calendar 145, Senate Bill Number 958, also marked go.

Moving to Calendar page 15, Madam President, the second item on Calendar page 15, Calendar 147, Senate Bill Number 1061, Madam President, move to place that item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Next item, two items down on that page, Calendar 149, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 909, Madam President, that item is marked go; the next item Calendar 151, Senate Bill Number 63, Madam President, move to place that item on our Consent Calendar.

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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, before returning to the items to be called by the Clerk, there are two other additional changes and markings for items that had previously been placed on the Consent Calendar, but we have now determined that they need to be amended before being offered. And the first of those, Madam President, is at the bottom of Calendar page 13, the last item, Calendar 137, Substitute for Senate Bill 837, Madam President, would move to remove that item from the Consent Calendar and instead mark it go.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

And also, Madam President, on Calendar page 34, the item at the top of Calendar page 34, Calendar 283, Senate Bill Number 963, Madam President, if we would remove that item from the Consent Calendar and also mark it go, as it is in need of an amendment.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney, do you want to call the next -- are we going in order, sir?

SENATOR LOONEY:

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THE CLERK:

On page 13, Calendar 137, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 837, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING, favorable report of the Committee on Aging.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Ayala.

SENATOR AYALA:

Thank you, Madam President.

The Clerk is in possession of Amendment LCO 5648. May the Clerk please call that amendment and I be given leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 5648, Senate Amendment Schedule A, offered by Senator Williams, et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Ayala.

SENATOR AYALA:

Thank you, Madam President.

Essentially, the amendment has technically --

THE CHAIR:

-- move adoption, please.

SENATOR AYALA:

Madam President, I move adoption of the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

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The motion is on adoption. Please proceed.

SENATOR AYALA:

Thank you, Madam President.

Essentially, the amendment has technical changes that are provided within the amendment. The most important piece to that is that in section 4, what it does is it moves the effective date to make it effected upon passage.

THE CHAIR:

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

If not, I'll try your minds, all in favor of the amendment, please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed.

The amendment passes.

Senator Ayala.

SENATOR AYALA:

Yes, Madam.

Madam President, now I move acceptance of the joint committee favorable report with the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Will you remark?

Senator Ayala.

SENATOR AYALA:

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Thank you, Madam President.

Essentially, what this -- what this bill does it establishes the Department of Aging and it transfers to it all functions, powers, duties and personnel of the Department of Social Services, Aging Services division. If there are no questions on this, I would like to move to -- to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Will you remark?

Seeing none and seeing no objection, we will move it to the Consent Calendar.

Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR AYALA:

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, having moved that item to the -- to the Consent Calendar, would -- would mark the next couple of items passed temporarily, that is Calendar page 16, Calendar 156, Senate Bill 1004, that might be marked PT; also Calendar page 16, Calendar 157, Senate Bill 1006, if that also might be passed temporarily.

Also, Calendar page 17, Calendar 166, Senate Bill 752, if that might be marked passed temporarily; and move as the next go item, Calendar page 18, Calendar 173, Senate Bill 874.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

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Mr. Clerk, call for a roll call vote, but will you do the proceedings and go through and read the vote on the -- on that Consent Calendar. Read the bills on the Consent Calendar and the machine then will be opened.

THE CLERK:

On page 1, Calendar 96, Senate Resolution Number 19, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JASON E. BOWSA OF BROAD BROOK TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION, favorable report of the Senate Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

Also on page 1 --

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, if you'd like you can just read the Calendar Number --

THE CLERK:

Okay.

THE CHAIR:

-- and the Resolution Number. Okay.

THE CLERK:

Great.

Page 1, Calendar 97, Senate Resolution Number 20.

On page 2, Calendar 98, Senate Joint Resolution Number 46; also on page 2, Calendar 99, Senate Joint Resolution Number 47; page 2, Calendar 130, Senate Joint Resolution Number 21; page 2, Calendar 131, Senate Joint Resolution Number 48; page 2, Calendar 136, Senate Joint Resolution 49.

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On page 3, Calendar 197, Senate Joint Resolution Number 50; also on page 3, Calendar 198, Senate Joint Resolution Number 51; page 3, Calendar 245, Senate Resolution Number 22; page 3, Calendar 246, Senate

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Joint Resolution Number 23; page 3, Calendar 247,  
Senate Joint Resolution Number 52.

And on page 4, Calendar 316, House Joint Resolution  
Number 72; page 4, Calendar 317, House Joint  
Resolution Number 73; also on page 4, Calendar 318,  
House Joint Resolution Number 74; page 4, Calendar  
319, House Joint Resolution Number 75.

On page 5, Calendar 320, House Joint Resolution Number  
76; also on page 5, Calendar 321, House Joint  
Resolution Number 77; page 5, Calendar 322, House  
Joint Resolution Number 78; on page 5, 323 is the  
Calendar, House Joint Resolution Number 79.

And on page 6, Calendar 324, House Joint Resolution  
Number 80; also on page 6, Calendar 325, House Joint  
Resolution 81; page 6, Calendar 326, House Joint  
Resolution Number 82; page 6, Calendar 327, House  
Joint Resolution Number 84.

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On page 7, Calendar 329, House Joint Resolution Number  
85; page 7, Calendar 330, House Joint Resolution  
Number 86; page 7, Calendar 331, House Joint  
Resolution Number 87; and on page 7, Calendar 332,  
House Joint Resolution Number 88.

On page 13, Calendar 128 --

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, would you also check page 11, Calendar  
Number 1 -- 0111.

THE CLERK:

I think that was referred to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

It is the Consent Calendar, sir.

THE CLERK:

Oh, yes, yes, yes, you're right. Sorry about that.

On page 11, Calendar 111, Senate Bill Number 825.

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And on page 13, now, Calendar 128, Senate Bill --

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, would you look at 127, also, please, 127,  
Calendar 127.

THE CLERK:

Okay.

Calendar 127, Senate Bill Number 927; also on page 13,  
Calendar 128, Senate Bill 1032; and on page 13,  
Calendar 137, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 837.

On page 8 --

THE CHAIR:

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THE CLERK:

-- 15, Calendar 151 --

THE CHAIR:

Senator, would you look at Calendar 147, please.

THE CLERK:

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

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-- Senate Bill Number 1061; also on page 15, Calendar  
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THE CLERK:

-- 49, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 909; on page 15, Calendar 151, Senate Bill Number 63.

And, now, on page 16, Calendar 156, Senate Bill Number 1004; also Calendar 157, Senate Bill Number 1006.

And on page 18, Calendar 173, Substitute --

THE CHAIR:

-- Mr. Clerk, can you look at 168 first, please.

THE CLERK:

I'm sorry.

Calendar 168, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 880, and Calendar 173, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 874.

On page 19; Calendar 183, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 853.

And on page 20, Calendar 187, Senate Bill Number 953; also on page 20, Calendar 191, Senate Bill Number 704.

On page 22, Calendar 206, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 950.

On page 23, Calendar 213, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 826.

On page 24, Calendar 221, Senate Bill Number 946.

And on page 29, Calendar 25 --

THE CHAIR:

Sir, on page 28, first.

THE CLERK:

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Page 28, Calendar 250, Substitute for Senate Bill  
Number 1010.

And on page 29, Calendar 258, Substitute for Senate  
Bill Number 1073.

On page 37, Calendar 306, Senate Bill Number 111.

And I think that's it.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, I think so.

This time I'll ask everybody to please vote. The machine is open, and we're voting on the Consent Calendar.

Do you -- would you please announce it again, Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate,  
voting today's Consent Calendar. Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted, all members have voted, the machine will be closed.

Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar.

Total Number Voting	36
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

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The Consent Calendar passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, a couple of additional items. First of all, on a matter adopted earlier today, Calendar 344, Substitute for House Bill Number 6648, would ask for a suspension for immediate transmittal of that item to the Governor.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, for a couple of -- of items for recommittals on the last -- near the end of the Calendar, Calendar page 52, under "Favorable Reports and Resolutions," Calendar 34, Senate Resolution Number 8, I would move to recommit that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

And also, Madam President, Calendar 212, Senate Resolution Number 14, I move to recommit that item to the Education Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

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students hit that first year of college that they're prepared, as -- as best as they can be.

So I do support this.

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

Senator Bye.

SENATOR BYE:

Thank you, Madam President.

If there's no objections, I ask that this be moved to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On Page 46, Calendar 137, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 837, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING. It is as amended and it's the Favorable Report of the Committee on AGING.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, Senator Ayala.

SENATOR AYALA:

Good afternoon, Madam President.

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Joint Favorable Report and urge passage of the bill as amended by the House of Representatives.

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on acceptance and passage, as -- as recommended by the House.

Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR AYALA:

Yes, Madam President.

This bill completes the Aging Department's establishment by transferring to it all Aging Services Division programs and responsibilities, including Federal -- the Federal Older Americans Act Programs, the State-Wide -- the State-Wide Respite Program, The Community Choices Program, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Office, the OAA funding for the Agencies on Aging, Health Insurance Counseling, Administration of State Grants for Elderly Community Services and Programs, oversight of Municipal Agents for the Elderly, Elderly Nutrition, and Fall Prevention.

It also designates the Aging Commissioner, a State Agency Head, thus subjecting that individual to serve at the pleasure of the Governor and legislative approval.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark?

Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you, Madam President.

I rise in support of the bill and would urge its approval.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

Senator Ayala.

SENATOR AYALA:

Madam President, if no objection, I would like to move this to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On Page 5, Calendar 333, House Bill Number 5759, AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES CONCERNING THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGING.

THE CHAIR:

Senator --

THE CLERK:

Favorable Report of the Committee on AGING.

THE CHAIR:

Sorry.

Senator Ayala.

SENATOR AYALA:

Thank you, Madam President.

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Joint Favorable Report and urge passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on acceptance and passage.

Will you remark, sir?

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Would move to place that item also on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, now would ask the Clerk to call the items on the first Consent Calendar, so that we might proceed to a vote on that Consent Calendar.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On Page 5, Calendar 278, Senate Bill 709; Calendar 333, House Bill 5759; Calendar 334, House Bill 6396; Calendar 340, House Bill 6211.

On Page 8, Calendar 357, House Bill 6349 and Calendar 398, Senate Bill 1065.

On Page 11, Calendar 457, House Bill 5564 and Calendar 462, House Bill 5908.

On Page 15, Calendar 516, House Bill 5500; Calendar 521, House Bill 6407.

On Page 19, Calendar 558, House Bill 6340.

Page 21, Calendar 574, House Bill 6534; Calendar 575, House Bill 6562; and Calendar 577, House Bill 6652.

Page 23, Calendar 587, House Bill 6465; Calendar 589, House Bill 6447.

On Page 24, Calendar 599, House Bill 6458.

Page 25, Calendar 602, House Bill 5614.

And on Page 29, Calendar 622, House Bill 5278;  
Calendar 625, House Bill 6624.

Page 39, Calendar 223, Senate Bill 954 and Calendar  
227, Senate Bill 819.

And on Page 46, Calendar 100, Senate Bill 273 and  
Calendar 137, Senate Bill 837.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, please call for a roll call vote and the  
machine will be open on the first Consent Calendar.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.  
Members to the Chamber. Immediate roll call has been  
ordered in the Senate on today's first Consent  
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

All members have voted, all members have voted.

The machine will be closed.

Mr. Clerk will you please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

On today's first Consent Calendar:

Total Number Voting	34
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	34
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	2

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar passes.

The Senate will stand at ease.

(Chamber at ease.)