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Will you remark further on the bill as amended?

If not, will staff and guests please come to the well of the House? Will the members take your seats 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 MILLER:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted? Will the members please check the board to determine if your vote is properly cast.

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

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Bill number 5614, as amended by House "A."

Total Number Voting	143
Necessary for Passage	72
Those voting Yea	143
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	7

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

The bill as amended is passed.

Are there any announcements or introductions?

Representative Alberts.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise for the purpose of an introduction.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

You have the floor, sir.

REP. ALBERT:

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

With us in the gallery this afternoon are students from the Woodstock Elementary School. I would ask that they please rise, and I would ask that members of the chamber please welcome them to Hartford today.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 369?

THE CLERK:

Calendar Number 369, on page 18, favorable report of the joint standing committee on Public Health.

Senate Bill 63, AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS FROM THE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH TRUST FUND FOR STROKE RESEARCH.

Representative Johnson.

REP. JOHNSON (49th):

Good afternoon, Madam Speaker.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

Representative Johnson, you have the floor, madam.

REP. JOHNSON (49th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This bill is a simple change that adds the word "stroke" to the legislation that's already in existence.

The Biomedical Research Fund receives money from the tobacco lawsuit and also private donations, and in the past they've done lots of research with respect to heart disease and other tobacco-related illnesses. We're adding "stroke" because this is a tobacco-related illness so I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Will you remark further on the bill?

Representative Srinivasan of the 31st.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Thank you, Madam Speaker, good afternoon, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Good afternoon, sir.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

I, too, rise in strong support of adding "stroke" to the current list of various medical conditions that can receive the grant.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in women and fifth cause of death in men. Hence, funds available for research will definitely serve us well.

The question is will there be enough money to do all of this research that we need to do in a meaningful way. And through you, Madam Speaker, if I can ask one or two questions to the proponent of the bill?

Through you, Madam Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Please frame your question, sir.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I know that we're just adding "stroke" --

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Can you please take your conversations outside?

Thank you.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate that. I was finding myself raising my voice to be heard. I appreciate that very much.

Through you, Madam Speaker, I do understand that when we add "stroke" to this list, which is the right thing to do -- I will definitely be supporting this bill because it needs to be added -- will there be any additional funding through the entire trust fund so that we have decent amount of money for research for the various conditions that need it so badly.

Through you Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Representative Johnson, will you respond, madam.

REP. JOHNSON (49th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

There is no additional funding or no additional cost.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

You still have the floor, sir.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

And one final question is who decides now that we've added one more medical condition for research as to how much money would go for research for stroke?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Representative Johnson.

REP. JOHNSON (49th):

The Department of Public Health makes the determinations based on the applications that are presented to it.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

You still have the floor, sir.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Of course, we all have our wish list and my wish list is that we have more money for research but given the fact that that is not reality but it is needed that we do research for stroke, as well, since it is such a leading cause of death in men and also in women. I will be supporting this bill, Madam Chair, and urge everyone to do the same. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on the bill? Will you
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if your vote is properly cast. If the members have
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take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally?

THE CLERK:

Yes, Madam Speaker.

Senate Bill Number 63

Total Number Voting 143

Necessary for Passage 72

Those voting Yea 143

Those voting Nay 0

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Those absent and not voting 7

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

The bill passes.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 63.

THE CLERK:

Yes, Madam Speaker. On House Calendar page 40, Calendar Number 63, favorable reports of the joint standing committees on Appropriations. House Bill Number 5599, AN ACT CONCERNING PROVISIONAL BALLOTS FOR STATE AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Representative Lesser.

REP. LESSER (100th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker, good afternoon.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill?

Representative Lesser, you have the floor, sir.

REP. LESSER (100th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, this bill very simply extends the

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sleepiness. He can't overdose on it.

REP. CONROY: And I understand that. But the product, you know, the maker of this says that that's how often it should be used. How would we be able to have the school be aware of the timeframe that it's been used in? If there's going to be guidelines that we're going to be setting up going forward, how could we get that information?

VICTORIA ROSS: I'm sure that would be dictated by the child's doctor because the doctor is the one who gives the orders to the school. So, we have emergency plans for Emmett with his Diastat that if after a certain amount of minutes the first Diastat does not resolved the seizure, then they administer a second one. So, each child has a plan. And, so, everything would be -- each child would have their individual emergency plan as they do today.

REP. CONROY: Thank you.

REP. JOHNSON: Thank you. Any additional questions?

Thank you so much for your testimony today. And, please, stay in touch with the Committee as we move forward.

VICTORIA ROSS: Okay. Thank you very much.

REP. JOHNSON: Senator Crisco.

Welcome, Senator.

SENATOR CRISCO: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. My name is Senator Joe Crisco of the 17th Senatorial District. I appear before you to express my appreciation and the people of

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the Connecticut's appreciation for raising Senate Bill 63 which will add to the biomedical research fund stroke. That is, as some of you are aware, some 10 years ago, this General Assembly adopted a biomedical program which transfers money from the Tobacco Settlement fund. And those dollars were, initially, used for heart disease, cancer, and smoking-related illnesses.

Later on we expanded it to include Alheizmers and diabetes. And we're hoping that this year we can expand it to stroke. It's a very unique program that came before the stem cell program. And there are research projects such as prenatal tobacco exposure, lung cancer, breast cancer, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, leukemia, melanoma, other non-specific cancer treatments such chemotherapy, tobacco effects of implications, cardiovascular projects and genetics, and diabetes as I said. There hasn't been a grant, yet for Alzheimers. So, we're hoping that we could add, you know, stroke research, too, we feel is a very outstanding program, perhaps the only one in the United States.

REP. JOHNSON: Well, thank you. Thank you for that testimony. Could you tell us a little bit about why with some much research that's been done already and so many people who have suffered strokes over the years and now there's a pretty good protocol, what additional help do you think that we need to have and why would this grant be helpful?

SENATOR CRISCO: Yes, Madam Chair. Let's go back to the original of the program. Originally, it was intended to provide those researchers who couldn't qualify for an NIH grant to enable them to continue their research.

What has happened, that objective has transcended into, where now, the NIH research project considered the biomedical grant as a qualifier to receive an NIH grant. We just feel that -- we don't feel, but we believe that there's never enough dollars of research. And there have been some remarkable breakthroughs in the biomedical research program. And we felt that based on conversations with healthcare specialists that stroke should be added to our list of projects.

REP. JOHNSON: Very good. Any additional questions?

Thank you so much for taking the time today, Senator.

SENATOR CRISCO: Thank you, Madam Chair.

REP. JOHNSON: I appreciate your testimony.

SENATOR CRISCO: Thank you for your help.

REP. JOHNSON: Okay. Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ: Thank you and good afternoon.

REP. JOHNSON: Good afternoon and welcome to the Public Health Committee.

SENATOR FRANTZ: Thank you. It's great to be back here Senators Gerratana and Welch and Representative Johnson and Representative Srinivasan. It's great to be back.

Thank you so much for raising this bill, Senate Bill 189 and for bringing it up for a public hearing today. I have a very valued constituent and guest here today whom I'm going to yield my time to in just a moment to

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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.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, moving to Calendar page 16, Calendar 156, Senate Bill Number 1004, Madam President, that item is marked go; the next item, Calendar 157, Senate Bill Number 1006 that item is also marked go.

Moving to Calendar page 17, Calendar 166 is marked -- that's Substitute for Senate Bill Number 752, marked go.

Moving to Calendar page 18, Madam President, Calendar 168, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 880, 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.

Continuing on that page, Calendar 173, second item from the bottom of the page, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 874, Madam President, that item is marked go.

Continuing Calendar page 19, Madam President, Calendar 183, second item from the bottom of that page, Calendar 183, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 853, Madam President, would move to place this item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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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
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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.

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THE CLERK:

-- 15, Calendar 151 --

THE CHAIR:

Senator, would you look at Calendar 147, please.

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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.