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Norwalk, graduate of Brian McMahon High School and he's here to watch us do our work. So if we could let's give him a warm welcome.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

A particular welcome to you Tom and I hope you have a great day. Thank you. Will the Clerk please call Calendar 425.

THE CLERK:

Madam Speaker, on page 16, Calendar number 425, favorable report of the joint standing Committee on Government, Administrations and Elections, substitute House Bill number 6671, AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28th):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

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

REP. MORIN (28th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And Madam Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment, LCO 8221. I would ask that the Clerk to please call the amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 8221 which will be designated as House Amendment Schedule A.

THE CLERK:

Madam Speaker, LCO number 8221 designated House Amendment A, offered by Representatives Jutila, Nafis, et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

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

REP. MORIN (28th):

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. and what this amendment does it strikes section one through three of the existing -- of the underlying bill and after the last section it adds two -- two more sections in there and they're properly renumbered in the proper order.

And what they do is -- the first section basically it allows unclassified nonunion State employees who cannot currently apply for promotional opportunities to be eligible to take exams for classified State positions. And the last section would allow -- which is something that's come before the committee very often is would allow us to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the Connecticut-Taiwan sister state relationship. So I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of House Amendment Schedule A. Will you remark on the adoption of amended A. Will you remark further? Representative Hwang, you have the floor, Sir.

REP. HWANG (134th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you a couple questions to the proponent of this bill -- amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Please proceed.

REP. HWANG (134th):

Thank you. If the good Representative, the past Chair of GAE could elaborate a little bit about the specifics of what this amendment arose? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. As I understand it and try to simplify it a little bit I'll give an example of an accountant one position in the -- a higher education. Right now they're not eligible to take the civil service exams to become classified State employees, say they wanted to go work at DOT or another State agency. This language simply allows them to take the civil service examinations. Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Hwang.

REP. HWANG (134th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you. I think one of the criterias that I really wanted to be sure of is the fact that that any such employee will need to possess the minimum qualifications for said role. Through you, Madam Speaker. If that could be clarified.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28th):

Yes, Madam Speaker, through you. That's a very good question and of course any civil service examination there are minimum qualifications that must be met before you're allowed entrance into the exam and this certainly would follow forth with current practice. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Hwang.

REP. HWANG (134th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank the good past Chair of GAE for his very clear and helpful answers. Thank you, Ma'am.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Will you remark further? Representative Cafero, you have the floor, Sir.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, in the amendment that's before us I just want to make sure I have the right one. And I -- you know what, I don't so I will wait until the passage of the bill. Thanks.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

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

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Cafero.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

I think I do have it and I'm embarrassed if Representative Hwang has asked this question already. But we're talking about LCO 8221. Correct. Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

That is correct. You may proceed.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

And forgive me if you've answered this question. I'm focusing on line 11 the change of the word practical to possible. Was that a subject of a previous question? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28th):

Through you -- through you, Madam Speaker. No, that was not asked and I was -- it was brought to my attention that that was a request. It was a technical change that the agency had requested and that's why it was in there. Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Cafero.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Thank you. Through you, Madam Speaker. The reason I say it is it sounds like a -- a small matter. I think the good Gentleman just described it as a technical change but I think we have to realize that there is in my opinion some significance behind it. If you have to fill a vacancy in a position so far as practical -- practical takes into various considerations, maybe economic, maybe geographic, maybe some time considerations, et cetera.

Possible is a lesser standard if you will, meaning giving -- putting more of a responsibility if you will on the person who's charged with filling the position. How many times have we all heard in our life well is it possible for you to do X or Y or Z and we all say it's possible technically but it's not practical.

It's possible for me to work remotely from California but it's not practical because my family is in Connecticut. So that has a very significant phrase. And I'm wondering if the good Gentleman would agree with that and how he might think that would alter the practices of filling such vacancies.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, to the distinguished Minority Leader. I -- I guess I'm looking at this a little -- as just an opportunity for many people, some that might work for this body, you know work for -- as staff for us, staff in the Governor's Office, people that are not currently classified State servants for that matter to have the opportunity to take an exam.

So while I do understand -- I do understand and respect the question I think ultimately it's allowing people to if they meet a criteria that exists that anyone would have to meet to take the exam this -- this language is really just allowing people to get into an exam process and have the opportunities if they have not held a classified position in the past. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Cafero.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I don't know. I don't know. Small change in word, big change in effect.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further on the amendment that is before us? Representative Ziobron, you have the floor, Ma'am.

REP. ZIOBRON (34th):

Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a question to the proponent of the amendment please, through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Please proceed.

REP. ZIOBRON (34th):

Thank you. Can you please describe to me what is in sections one, two and three that the amendment is striking. Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28th):

Sure. Madam Speaker, through you. Section one stated that each State agency as defined in General Statutes should inform -- shall inform and communicate with its clients in a culturally competent way that recognizes the diversity of such clients. Section two had some language in the Legislative Program Review

and Investigations Committee that they shall conduct a study regarding the feasibility of creating a centralized State permitting office.

And section three which I know will grab all of you and make you feel happy, was -- it was striking a polka shall be the State dance. Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Ziobron.

REP. ZIOBRON (34th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll reserve the rest of my comments for the underlying bill. I just wanted to make sure that I was looking at the correct amendment. And I'll reserve my comments for the underlying bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further on the amendment before us? Representative Miner.

REP. MINER (66th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm not going to belabor this but it seems to me that a number of the changes in here while they are just maybe one or two words really does seem to me to move us in a direction of possibly the lowest common denominator. It seems

to me in line 53 it talks about minimum qualifications and so if I understood the questions asked by Representative Cafero, we're actually moving toward a direction of possibly reemploying someone that had the least qualifications to fill positions no matter where they are in the State of Connecticut.

That doesn't mean they aren't good people. That doesn't mean they may not be good employees. But I'm not sure the best employee and given the circumstances I would think that we'd want to try and hire the best in every circumstance that we can. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

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

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

All those opposed, nay.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Nay.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

The ayes have it and the amendment is adopted.

Will you remark further on the bill as adopt -- as amended? Representative Cafero.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, now that the bill before us has been amended I want to call the good Gentleman's attention to section three of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Please proceed, Representative Cafero.

REP. CAFERO (143rd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and gentlemen of the Chamber section three indicates that the polka from this point on shall be the State dance. Does it not? I thought it did? Section 15 -- line 15 of the amendment is -- of the underlying bill is that --

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Morin, you have the floor, Sir.

Is his microphone on?

REP. MORIN (28th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Try again.

REP. MORIN (28th):

In -- in the first -- in the amendment that we just passed it did strike the current section three about the polka being the State dance. That was stricken in the amendment. Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Cafero.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Through you, Madam Speaker. Section four is still in the bill? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28th):

Through you, Madam Speaker. Yes it is.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Cafero.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. So do I read this correctly that the ballroom polka shall be the State polka? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28th):

Through you, Madam Speaker. Yes, he's correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Cafero.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Through you, Madam Speaker, to Representative Morin. How does that go?

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Morin, do you care to respond?

REP. MORIN (28th):

As a matter of --

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

How do you care to respond?

REP. MORIN (28th):

As a matter of fact, Madam Speaker, through you I'd love to respond. If the Minority Leader would like to join me I'm sure we could do it right there in the well of the House. Just watch his toes.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Through you, Madam Speaker. I thank the Gentleman for his answer.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Cafero.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

I can't dance but I'll be glad to sing the beautiful Connecticut waltz which has now become our

second State song. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

That was not -- will you remark further on the bill as amended? Representative Miller, you have the floor, Sir.

REP. MILLER (122nd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Clerk has an amendment, LCO 6555. Would he please call and I give permission to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 6555 to be designated as House Schedule Amendment B.

THE CLERK:

Madam Speaker, LCO number 6555 designated House Amendment B offered by Representative Miller -- L.
Miller.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the amendment.

REP. MILLER (122nd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Is there objection to summarization? Is there objection? Hearing none, Representative Miller, you

have the floor.

REP. MILLER (122nd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a very simple and I hope a friendly amendment that changes the first power for flight from the Wright Brothers to a Bridgeport native, Gustav Whitehead. And I move for approval.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

The question for -- before the Chamber is adoption of House Amendment Schedule B. Will you remark on the amendment? Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And through you, I consider this a friendly amendment and I appreciate the good Representative for bringing this forward and again I'd urge support.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Will you remark further?

REP. MILLER (122nd):

Yes. And through you, Madam.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Miller.

REP. MILLER (122nd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is to correct an

injustice that's been around for one century. The fact of the matter is the Wright brothers were not the first ones of -- in flight. Gustav Whitehead in the City of Bridgeport on Pine Street and Colorado was the first guy to fly an airplane -- powered airplane and he did it in the west end of Bridgeport and then also he flew in the Town of Fairfield down around Jennings Beach. It was the old farm down there.

I'm talking about the 19 -- 1900s before the coastline got to be very expensive. It was just barren land. And his third flight took place in Lordship Town of Stratford. And he flew from Stratford Lordship to Charles Island and back. Now the Wright brothers, I don't know, went a couple hundred feet and that's it.

But Whitehead was a pioneer and a very bright guy when it came to motors and things of that such. And he had this dream of being the first in flight. And he accomplished that. (Inaudible) Magazine is the bible for the aviation people recognized this and this year said that he was the first one to fly in -- in the air with a powered machine.

So they recognized that. And I would also like to say that one of the things that helped to get this

thing going was a fellow from Fairfield, Connecticut, a Lieutenant Colonel O'Dwyer. He was up in the attic of his house and he found some old records up there and a picture of Gustav Whitehead in his airplane. And he and a biographer from Australia and I gal -- I forgot where she's from but the three of them just were very, very obstinate in accepting the Wright brothers and they proceeded to do a lot of historical digging to confirm that Whitehead was the first guy in -- in flight.

Now I don't know how many people in Connecticut -- in this Chamber realize that Connecticut has more aviatational history than any state in the country. And with this latest thing with the Whitehead we may have more aviation history in the world. More than anybody else in the world. So this is really a tool of magnificent time to have Connecticut be honored this way and hopefully I hope everybody will give out a cheer and say yes, Connecticut we were the first ones. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Thank you, Representative Miller. Will you remark further on the amendment before us?
Representative Carter of the 2nd District.

REP. CARTER (2nd):

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I could not resist the opportunity to comment and say a few words for -- for most of you in the Chamber may not know it I'm from a little town in Ohio called Dayton which we commonly refer to as the birthplace of aviation. In fact as a kid I grow up going to Orville and Wilbur Wrights bicycle shop.

And so while in good conscience I may not be able to support this amendment because of the controversy from the early 1900s, I certainly will not speak ill of it and I will thank by brethren here in Connecticut enlightening more about the history of aviation that I did not even know about. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

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

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

All those opposed, nay.

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REPRESENTATIVES:

Nay.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

The ayes have it and the amendment is adopted.

Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Will

you remark further on the bill as amended?

Representative Wright, you have the floor, Sir.

REP. WRIGHT (77th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. If you may, a question to the proponent of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Please proceed.

REP. WRIGHT (77th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm just noticing here in the -- in the -- in the bill we have with the -- the month of March being Irish American month and the month of October being Italian American month and November being Native American month and June 24 being French Canadian American Day. Now being -- my father's side of French Canadian decent I want to know why do we only get one day?

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And being of French Canadian decent all I say is we only need one celebrate our heritage. We're a fun loving group and we can do everything we need in just one day. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Wright.

REP. WRIGHT (77th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. That's all I have.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Representative Ziobron, you have the floor, Sir -- Ma'am. I'm so excited over getting it may be closer to correct. I apologize. You have the floor.

REP. ZIOBRON (34th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to explain to my constituents why I'll be voting no on this bill. You know we have a lot of fun in this Chamber sometimes and I appreciate that but I question why we're debating this bill at 3:00 in the afternoon. Instead we push off major bills that have significance until 10:00 at night.

We're talking about creating months for all kinds of heritages and -- I just want my constituents to

know that we're waiting to debate some serious things here and I look forward to representing my constituents in that manner. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Will you remark further on the bill?

Representative Morin.

REP. MORIN (28th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And while I certainly understand the Representative's comments I would -- I would also say that maybe to some it's not important and maybe some will call this a silly bill but the honor that we're giving to these organizations and these people that have come in and built our State and toiled and worked hard and did everything they could. And I'm not talking about people today that are here in this Chamber.

I'm talking about people that came here 50, 75, 100 years ago that toiled in our factories and built these buildings that we are in and really formed the culture that we live in today. I think it's nice to recognize them. I think it's important to recognize people's efforts in what they've done to make this a great State. So I respectfully disagree that we are

not debating something of importance. Thank you,
Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Will you remark further? Will you remark
further? If not, will staff and guests please come to
the well of the House. Will members please take their
seats. The machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll
call. Members to the Chamber please. The House of
Representatives is voting by roll call. Members to
the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members
voted? Will the members please check the board to
determine if their 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
please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Madam Speaker, substitute House Bill 6671 as
amended by House A and House B.

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Necessary for Adoption 73

Those voting aye 119

Those voting nay 26

Absent and not voting 5

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

The bill as amended passes. Will the Clerk
please call Calendar 237.

THE CLERK:

Madam Speaker, on today's Calendar page eight,
Calendar number 237 favorable report of the joint
standing Committee on Public Safety and Security,
House Bill number 6009, AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL
TRAINING OF MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Dargan.

REP. DARGAN (115th):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

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

REP. DARGAN (115th):

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Thank you very much.

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

If not, Senator Fonfara.

SENATOR FONFARA:

Thank you, Madam President.

Unless there's objection, I would also request that this bill be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

Mr. Clerk?

THE CLERK:

On the calendar page 17, Calendar Number 678, Substitute for House Bill Number 6671, AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "B," favorable report from the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

THE CHAIR:

Good evening, Senator Musto.

SENATOR MUSTO:

Good evening, Madam President.

Still okay up there?

THE CHAIR:

I'm still okay. I'm still here, sir.

SENATOR MUSTO:

Good long day.

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on adoption and passage.

Will you remark?

SENATOR MUSTO:

Pardon me, Madam President.

In concurrence with the House Amendments.

THE CHAIR:

In concurrence with the House.

SENATOR MUSTO:

Madam President, this bill is actually another amalgamation of some bills that came out of the GAE committee and essentially what it does is set up some statements about Connecticut and who we are and some of the things that we stand for, and in some ways that some might find frivolous, but mean a great deal to many people.

It does things like designate March as Irish-American Month to honor the heritage of those immigrants who came here. Similarly Italian-American month will be October. Native American month is November. There's a date for French-Canadian Americans, June 24th, which is a special day for those folks that are here from that area.

The most important thing I think it does is designees that -- or notices, rather, that Gustave Whitehead should be given credit for flying the first motorized aircraft in Bridgeport, Connecticut, rather than the Wright brothers who have made that claim. And that claim now turns that it belongs to Gustave. So for all these reasons this came up from the House and I would just ask the chamber's support in this matter.

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Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Will you remark? Will you remark?

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR McLACHLAN:

Thank you, Madam President.

I stand in strong support of this bill. You know, there is a lot that comes before a legislator's desk for consideration of legislation, and that of, certainly, the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor.

And as Senator Musto stated, oftentimes we get unusual requests that don't cost any money, but are very important. And when we look at the makeup of the state of Connecticut in our history, this bill touches all of those strong points, and many more.

You know, I just recently began to study the history of the Gustave Whitehead. It's amazing to me that the Wright brothers for so many years were considered to be first in flight across the world, and yet right here in Fairfield, Connecticut is where the first flight actually occurred. That does need to be recognized by this Legislature and hopefully will also be recognized by the Smithsonian Institution some day as they have exclusively recognized the Wright brothers.

And so many of us here in the Legislature have written to the Smithsonian in hopes that they will reconsider their point about who is truly first in flight and that it occurred right here in Connecticut.

I am a proud to join Senator Musto in recognizing all of the other groups that are part of this bill and I urge adoption.

Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

Thank you, Madam President.

I am a huge fan of history, aviation history in the state of Connecticut and have studied quite a bit of it and have always known since a young child about Gustave Whitehead and what he did here in the state of Connecticut many, many years ago, 1901 to be exact.

And the -- just, you know, so everybody understands that Connecticut has had more -- especially if you adjusted for a per capita basis. Connecticut has had more to do with aerospace and flying in general than any other state in the country, especially if you include defense.

Again, we're are a smaller state so you have to adjust for that but with the exception of one or two other states no one has come close to us with respect to their contributions to aviation and I sort of grew up with it in my childhood as a younger person. I lived next to a series of American Airline pilots who were all between the ages of 22 and 35 years old. And in their spare time -- and there was a lot of it as an airline pilot -- they had the hobby of building airplanes.

And so as an eight year old I learned how to weld and I learned how to help someone build an airplane, one of which is in the Smithsonian today hanging in the Udvar-Hazy facility at Dulles International Airport. And so that was a natural inclination for me to understand better the history of aviation and also understand what happened right here in our backyard here in Connecticut.

And it's absolutely fascinating. You've heard me probably say this a few times before, but most people,

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it kind of all over their head, that perhaps the first flight and maybe more than perhaps the first flight occurred here in the state of Connecticut, right here in Bridgeport. And if you read the accounts, I urge you to Google Gustave Whitehead and you will find a panoply of different areas to go into and read articles and research and see pictures and see the story of the replica that was built in the 1980s or early 1990s and flown by none other than Cliff Robertson. He actually proved that this design could fly and did it successfully and safely.

And even though there is not the photographic documentation that you'd like to see, there are photographs of this particular first flight in 1901, right here in Bridgeport, not as clear as the Wright Brothers in 1903, but I think given the testimony, the eyewitness reports of this particular flight and a few flights after that, a set of flights after that, I think it's absolutely worthy of putting it to a bill and recognizing that this in fact did occur in Connecticut first.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Will you remark?

Senator LeBeau.

SENATOR LeBEAU:

Yes, Madam President.

Very briefly I want to thank the chairs of the committee. I want to thank Senator Musto particularly. It has been some years since the French-Canadians have come to the capitol and had celebrated French-Canadian American day on St. John the Baptist Day, which is June 24th every year.

Essentially -- and in Quebec it is almost a national holiday and it is the day French-Canadian Americans -- and there has never been any recognition of the

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French-Canadian Americans, which is our fifth largest ethnic group in the state. So I want to thank Senator Musto and the GAE committee for doing so.

And I also applaud the Gustave Whitehead accomplishment. And I've been aware that for many years and I hope that we can get some semblance of balance in terms of what has been recognized by the Smithsonian and what has not been recognized, and I appreciate that, that effort also.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Will you remark? Will you remark?

Senator Musto.

SENATOR MUSTO:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President.

Thrilled to see so much support for our native son, Gustave Whitehead. But other than that, I would just ask that this be placed on consent if there's no exception -- objection.

THE CHAIR:

Any objection? Any objection?

Seeing none, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR MUSTO:

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk?

THE CLERK:

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THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

The next item was an item previously marked passed temporarily and removed from the earlier Consent Calendar would now move it to the second Consent Calendar and that was a matter on Calendar Page 17, Calendar 678, House Bill 6671, move to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Also, Madam President, Calendar Page 18, Calendar 686, House Bill 6528, move to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

And one additional item, Madam President, Calendar Page 19, Calendar 689, House Bill 6677, move to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

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Madam President, seeing no objection, would this item please be placed on our Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Senator Looney..

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, with that item being moved to the Consent Calendar, Madam President, there is an -- an item on the foot of the Calendar to be removed and, Madam President, on -- on the foot of the Calendar, Calendar Page 42, Calendar 648, House Bill 6660, would move to remove that item from the foot and to mark it passed retaining its place on the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, at this point if the Clerk would list the items on the second Consent Calendar so that we might proceed to a vote on that Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Bill 5607; House Bill 6509; House Bill 5027. On Page 4, Calendar 459, House Bill 6622; on Page 7, Calendar 536, Senate Bill 1163.

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Page 14, Calendar 651, House Bill 6565. On Page 15, Calendar 660, House Bill 6290. Page 17, Calendar 678, House Bill 6671. Also Calendar 686, House Bill 6528.

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On Page 19, Calendar 689, House Bill 6677 and on Page 24, Calendar 484, Senate Bill Number 983.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, will you call for a roll call vote on the second Consent Calendar. The machine is open.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. Senators please return to the Chamber. Immediate roll call on Senate -- on Consent Calendar Number 2 has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

If all members have voted, if all members have voted, the machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

On Consent Calendar Number 2.

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, I would move for immediate transmittal to the House of Representatives of any items voted on the second Consent Calendar needing additional action by the House.

THE CHAIR:

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So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

And also if there are any other items that were voted individually that may need additional action by the House.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Good, thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, that will conclude -- conclude our business for this evening or this morning at this point. Before adjournment I would yield the floor to any members for announcements or points of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Any announcements or personal privilege?

Seeing none, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Madam President, for a -- a Journal notation. Senator Coleman was -- was absent and missed votes today due to -- due to illness.

THE CHAIR:

So noted, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, one other item. On the -- the -- the items on the foot of the Calendar beginning on Calendar Page 27, beginning with Calendar 59, on Calendar Page 27 at the beginning of the foot and