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On page 33, Calendar 688 favorable report of the joint standing Committee on Energy and Technology, Senate Bill 1142, AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Ritter of the 1st District.

REP. RITTER (1st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The question is acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Will you remark, Sir?

REP. RITTER (1st):

Mr. Speaker, this bill allows the Department of Correction and the Commissioner with available proceeds and resources to conduct a pilot program to determine how we can better utilize renewable energy sources in our correction facilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, Sir. Do you care to remark further on the bill that's before us? Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the bill that's before us. It certainly is permissive that this is done. It's not mandatory. And certainly any time we could do green energy we should at our correctional facilities so I do stand in support of the bill before us. Thank you.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, Madam. Would you care to remark further? Would you care to remark further on the bill that's before us? If not, staff and guests to the well of the House. Members take your seats and the machine will -- the machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll.

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Members to the Chamber immediately.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Have all the members voted? Representative Cafero, that's about as much exercise as you've gotten in the last couple weeks. Have all the members voted? If all the members have voted the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally. Will the Clerk please announce the tally?

THE CLERK:

In concurrence with the Senate, S.B. 1142.

Total Number Voting	146
Necessary for Adoption	74
Those voting aye	146
Those voting nay	0
Absent and not voting	4

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill passes in concurrence with the Senate.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 643.

THE CLERK:

On page 28, Calendar 643 favorable report of the joint standing Committee on Insurance and Real Estate, Senate Bill 1060, AN ACT CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE BY NURSING HOMES, HOME HEALTHCARE AGENCIES AND HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE AGENCIES.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Jerry Fox.

REP. FOX (146th):

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

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Thank you, Mr. President.

And also, Mr. President, calendar page 24, Calendar 452, Senate Bill Number 1142, move to place that item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

And Mr. President, if the Clerk would call as the next item, Calendar page 11, Calendar 621, House Bill 6488.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 11, Calendar 621, Substitute for House Bill Number 6488, AN ACT CONCERNING THE EVACUATION AND TEMPORARY SHELTERING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS DURING EMERGENCIES, favorable report of the Committee on Public Safety.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Yes. Good evening, Mr. President.

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and passage, will you remark?

SENATOR HARTLEY:

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Page 3, Calendar 422, Senate Bill 978; on page 4, Calendar 475, Senate Bill 1052; on page 8, Calendar 567, House Bill 6387; Calendar 568, House Bill 6445; and Calendar 580, House Bill 6623.

On page 9, Calendar 583, House Bill 5149; and Calendar 590, House Bill 6680; page 10, Calendar 607, House Bill 6688; and calendar 608, House Bill 6384.

Page 11, Calendar 612, House Bill 6448; and Calendar 621, House Bill 6488. On page 12, Calendar 634, House Bill 6403; and Calendar 636, House Bill 6394; page 13, Calendar 645, House Bill 6454; and page 14, Calendar 652, House Bill 6702.

On page 16, Calendar 674, House Bill 6441; page 17, Calendar 677, House Bill 6644; on page 18, Calendar 685, House Bill 6009; and on page 23, Calendar 380 Senate Bill 1054; page 24, Calendar 452, Senate Bill 1142; and Calendar 566, House Bill 6375.

Page 25, Calendar 646, House Bill 5844; and on page 26, Calendar 304, Senate Bill 1019.

THE CHAIR:

At this time, Mr. Clerk, will you call for a roll call vote on a first consent calendar?

The machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. Senators, please return to the chamber. Immediate roll call on the first consent calendar has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

If all members have voted? All members have voted. The machine will be closed.

Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally?

THE CLERK:

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The first consent calendar.

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

THE CHAIR:

The consent calendar passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, would move for immediate transmittal to the House of Representatives of all items acted on thus far today requiring additional action in that chamber.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Also, Madam President, on an item previously placed on the foot of the Calendar, would now seek to remove that item and just mark it PR, and that is an item calendar page 16, Calendar 672, House Bill 5480, AN ACT PROHIBITING TAMPERING WITH HYDRANTS. Would just move to remove that item from the foot and to mark it PR.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

**JOINT
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Judiciary Committee

Public Hearing March 22, 2013

Testimony from

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H.B. No. 6510, AAC DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OFFICIALS AS PEACE OFFICERS

H.B. No. 6657, AAC SENTENCING AND RISK REDUCTION CREDITS

S.B. No. 123, AAC REPEALING THE RISK REDUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM

S.B. No. 1142, AAC PROMOTING THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

H.B. No. 6510 AAC DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OFFICIALS AS PEACE OFFICERS

This proposal seeks to revise existing statutory language pertaining to the status of members of the Department of Correction to clarify and more accurately reflect the roles and responsibilities of its staff. We have been governed by antiquated statutory language that has not kept up with how the DOC and the marshalling of resources throughout the law enforcement community have evolved. Today we know that criminal activity and criminal enterprises do not stop at or respect the boundaries of prison walls, and to address the significant threats to public safety posed by gang members and career criminals, DOC must partner with federal, state and municipal law enforcement 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To the credit of members of this General Assembly, our mission has extended far beyond the walls of correctional institutions with our re-entry initiatives. Additionally, we have had unprecedented interagency collaboration that has also broadened our mission with a primary focus on public safety.

To provide a contemporary prospective on the responsibilities of our agency:

- Our organization currently supervises over 16,000 inmates within 16 secure facilities.
- We transport an average of over 8,000 offenders per month to other facilities, courts, hospitals, and community residential placements to name a few.
- We supervise over 3,600 offenders released to Transitional Supervision, Transitional Placement, Halfway House, Parole, Special Parole, Parcom, Transfer Parole, DUI/Home Confinement, Re-Entry Furlough throughout the entire state in accordance with CGS 18-81g, 18-100, and 18-100c. Our staff is responsible for supervising offenders in the community and performing many of the dangerous duties that police officers perform, including entering of homes,

inception in October 2011, offenders earned an average of only 61 days in RREC awards, and served an average of 95% of their sentence as a result of their RREC awards.

S.B. No. 123, AAC REPEALING THE RISK REDUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM

The Department of Correction is not in support of repealing the Earned Credit Program as early data has shown that the program has had positive results, as noted in the above testimony. Concerns over there being a big spike in offender releases, which would further increase crime and victimization has not be evidenced by the data collected thus far. We would suggest that the program encourages offenders to better prepare themselves for release through programming and positive institutional behavior. While it is still early to know the true effect the program will have on recidivism, we can tell at this point that the program has done no harm, in fact arrest rates are down, as is the offender population.

S.B. No. 1142, AAC PROMOTING THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

This bill seeks to permit the Commissioner of Correction to establish a pilot program using renewable sources. We certainly would welcome any support given as it relates to energy savings projects. We conserve energy anywhere we can as it is a big priority for our agency. With regard to renewable energy pilot programs, we already have a pilot at the York Correctional Institution. We have partnered with DEEP and to date we have installed two solar hot water systems and are pursuing a fuel cell project there as well. With that being said, projects such as these are difficult to accomplish because the technology is very expensive and the return on investment is usually much longer than the more traditional energy projects such as lighting upgrades. Even still, we are always exploring ways to be energy efficient as we manage over 300 buildings.