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further on the bill as amended? Representative  
Willis.

REP. WILLIS (64th):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. May I -- this resolution --  
bill be moved on the Consent Calendar.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The motion is to move this item to the Consent  
Calendar. Is there objection? Is there objection?  
So ordered. Will the Clerk please call Calendar 555.

THE CLERK:

Calendar 555, favorable report of the joint  
standing Committee on Planning and Development,  
substitute Senate Bill 964, AN ACT CONCERNING THE  
SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Aresimowicz.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Mr. Speaker, I'm about to list off a bunch of  
Calendar numbers that we will be placing on the  
Consent Calendar. It would be Calendar 555, Calendar  
578, Calendar 596, Calendar 679, Calendar 684,  
Calendar 692, Calendar 612, Calendar 665.

SB 964 SB 833  
SB 383 SB 900  
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SB 1079  
SB 709

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

If there's no objection, these items mentioned by

Representative Aresimowicz will be placed on the  
Consent Calendar. Will the Clerk please call Calendar  
591.

THE CLERK:

On page 22, Calendar 591, favorable report of the  
joint standing Committee on Judiciary, substitute  
Senate Bill 1040, AN ACT CONCERNING COUNTERFEIT AND  
NONFUNCTIONAL AIRBAGS.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Anthony Guerrero.

REP. GUERRERA (29th):

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

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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

REP. GUERRERA (29th):

Yes. This is a good bill and I would ask  
everyone to vote for it. Thank you.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, Sir. I believe there's an amendment.

REP. GUERRERA (29th):

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Nine four.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Nine four previously designated as Senate A.

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment A, substitute Senate Bill 158,  
LCO 5894.

REP. URBAN (43rd):

I move adoption.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we did not --

THE CLERK:

-- introduced by Senator Williams.

REP. URBAN (43rd):

Five eight nine four, I move adoption.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

No. PT this. I mean I would request that.

Whatever you want to do.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The question is -- the question is PT. Without  
objection so ordered. Clerk please call -- will the  
Clerk please call Calendar 659. Six five nine. Yeah.

THE CLERK:

Bill number 1020, Bill number 1006, 963, 878,  
964, 833, 383, 900, Senate Joint 58, 1163, 1079, 709,

1040, 326, 803, 886, 1065, 983, 190 and 158 on the  
Consent Calendar.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative -- Representative Aresimowicz.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Mr. Speaker, I move adoption of the Consent  
Calendar.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Staff and guests to the well of the House.

Members take your seats. The machine will be opened.  
Open the board, Mr. Clerk. Open the board for the  
Consent Calendar. Staff and guests to the well of the  
House. Members take your seats. The machine will be  
opened for the Consent Calendar.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll.

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

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members  
voted? Members please check the board to make sure  
your vote is properly cast. 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:

On the Consent Calendar, Mr. Speaker.

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 -- or the Consent Calendar passes.

Representative Aresimowicz.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Mr. Majority Leader.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Mr. Speaker, I move we adjourn sine die.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The motion is to adjourn sine die. Seeing no objection, so ordered.

(On motion of Representative Aresimowicz of the 30th District, the House adjourned at 12:02 o'clock a. m.,

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House Bill 6705.

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	21
Those voting Nay	14
Absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

The bill passes.

Will you remark?

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Madam -- Madam President, yes I have some additional items to add to the Consent Calendar.

Madam President, the first item is on Calendar Page 7, Calendar 536, Senate Bill 1163, would move to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Next is Calendar Page 14, Calendar 651, House Bill 6565.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

The third item is Calendar Page 3 -- excuse me  
Calendar Page 15, Calendar 660, House Bill 6290.

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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

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MARJORIE PARTCH: Thank you.

REP. FOX: Is Andrew Wood here?

ANDREW WOOD: Good afternoon, Representative Fox, Senator Coleman, and members of the panel. My name is Andrew Wood, I'm the Executive Director of Hartford Communities That Care, and we're a nonprofit in the City of Hartford that provides youth workforce development after school programs, crisis intervention work, as well as a range of other services that assist youth and families in the city. I'm here in support of Raised Bill Number 1163 specifically the area of section three.

Back in 1850, the Scottish essayist Thomas Clark wrote that unemployed men should be organized into regiments to drain bogs and work in wilderness areas for the betterment of society. In 1910, Harvard philosopher William James published an essay, *The Moral Equivalent of War*, where he proposed conscription of youth enlisted against nature. In 1915, conservationist George Maxwell proposed that young men be enrolled in the national conservation corps. Their duties would include forest and plains conservation, work to fight forest fires, flood control, and the reclamation of swamp and desert lands.

Then in 1928, Franklin Roosevelt -- Roosevelt elected the governor, also proposed legislation that dealt with reforestation and dealing with farmlands by maybe hiring folks who are unemployed in their communities. In 1933, as our President, Roosevelt also helped create the Civilian Conservation Corps, which basically provided hundreds if not thousands of jobs or thousands of jobs for men to actually help reclaim forest, plant trees, build trails, and those matters that help rebuild and establish

our national park systems that exist today.

Part of this Raised Bill Number 1163 speaks to the heart of the Civilian Conservation Corps model. A couple of years ago, back in 2010 and 2011, I had the distinct privilege of working with the Department of Environmental Protection, I believe they renamed themselves to DEEP now, and where we hired young men -- young boys and men to actually work at such parks as Shenipsit State Park and a few other parks in the northeast, as well as here locally in the City of Hartford in a 600-acre (inaudible) park where these young men were able to work within those parks and not only build trails and park benches and plant trees, but also learn a great deal about nature and the hundreds of thousands of different species inside our park system.

What we were able to gain out of that, what our youth were able to gain out of that was a deep appreciation for our park systems but also an ability to connect with nature, an ability to connect with their environment in ways that they now had a greater appreciation where they can also bring their kids right inside neighborhoods or just blocks away from their own homes. In addition to that, what this whole model was able to provide our youth in the City of Hartford was an opportunity for them to earn money, for them to feed their families, for them to keep roofs over their heads, and for them to also be able to fuel the economy in their local areas.

And so as we look at the Civilian Conservation Corps model and its ability to really provide the necessary resources that both many of us in the room are able to enjoy. This particular model is one of probably the -- one of the best sort of strategies to help reduce, as the act

here points out, the prevention of urban youth violence and delinquency in our cities. And so I full heartedly support this especially given the type of work that I do in the community specifically around gang intervention and prevention work in our cities, and know that such a -- the resource, you know, these opportunities can go a long way with reducing violence in our particular communities.

The last thing that I would say is that we recently, we all know, just passed legislation, major legislation, dealing with gun violence in this -- in our state. And while I support a great deal of that legislation and believe in much of it, there was a huge piece in there in my estimate that was missing and a great deal of it had to do with such initiatives such as the Civilian Conservation Corps model, that where young people can be engaged from a prevention standpoint to do exactly what this kind of legislation can provide them.

A lot of the recent legislation that was passed was heavy on law enforcement, very, very little in terms of prevention measures in terms of dealing with youth development and opportunities for our young men, women, and young adults in our cities. And so again I applaud the -- the signers of this or the authors of this legislation and we stand fully in support of it. Thank you.

REP. FOX: Thank you for your testimony and thanks for waiting so long.

Is there -- are there any questions?

Chairman Coleman.

SENATOR COLEMAN: Mr. Woods, I know that you were here from the very beginning prior to 10:00, so

I really appreciate your patience. And I'm also aware concerning your efforts in the City of Hartford. I commend you for that and encourage you to keep up your work with young people in the City of Hartford -- not just young people, but the families and primarily the young people in the City of Hartford.

I think it's very admirable what you accomplished to this point and just hopeful that you're encouraged to continue your involvement. And I want to thank you for your comments concerning the legislation that's on our agenda today particularly the legislation that relates to youth development and ways to prevent some of the violence that's occurring among youth in some of our urban centers in the state. So thank you for being here and thank you for your comments.

ANDREW WOODS: Thank you, Senator.

REP. FOX: Thank you.

Darnell Crossland.

Gwen Samuel.

Christopher O'Brien.

And Mr. O'Brien is the last name on my list. Is there anybody else who wishes to testify? Good afternoon.

CHRISTOPHER O'BRIEN: Good afternoon. Thank you for staying around, Representative Fox, Senator Coleman, and Representatives and members of the Committee. My name is Christopher O'Brien, I'm the Vice President of Legislative Affairs for Connecticut Right to Life. I'm here to testify on Senate Bill 1158, AN ACT CONCERNING VICTIMS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING,

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TESTIMONY OF CHIEF JAMES C. ROVELLA, HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT  
TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF  
H.B. 1163  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF URBAN YOUTH DELINQUENCY AND VIOLENCE.

April 15, 2013

Senator Coleman, Representative Fox, and esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee., I am currently the Chief of Police of the City of Hartford Connecticut and have been a police officer in excess of thirty-one years in the State of Connecticut. This testimony is submitted on behalf of the **Hartford Police Department** in support of H.B. 1163, An Act Concerning The Prevention of Urban Youth Delinquency and Violence.

The City of Hartford has made great strides in reducing violence. Those advances have been achieved in a variety of different means to include but not limited to; restructuring and re-directing the efforts of the police department, collaboration and cooperation between numerous agencies including other city departments along with our state and federal partners. However, the sustainability of those strides is in jeopardy if not properly funded.

The Hartford Police Department has engaged in several different areas outside the normal response to crime and patrol duties, which are beginning to pay dividends in the areas of preventing youth delinquency and violence. Such areas are as follows;

- Preventing Recidivism through Organized Supervision, Partnerships, and Enhanced Relationships (PROSPER). With certain assumptions in play, the city is home to approximately 5,000 probationers. Keeping in mind high recidivism rates and probationers being our next violent crime victims and our next violent crime offenders, the police department, with analytical data, devised a cooperative effort with the Department of Probation. Since 2011, HPD, Community Service Officers (CSO) partner with a Probation officer to handle approximately 80 high-risk clients. There has been a significant reduction in the re-arrest rates in this high-risk population. Officers have noticed an increase in clients enrolling in schooling, obtaining driver's licenses and obtaining employment this type of collaboration should be enhanced and grown to include Juvenile offenders and the 650 registered sex offenders in the city.
- Police Athletic League (PAL) is located at the former Quirk School in Hartford. The building is in need of approximately 13 million dollar renovation. The PAL program has 800 children enrolled and services 50-70 children per day. From every application, emails from a parent and background review, the children are the cities most at risk population. The children are often from a single parent home left unsupervised by an adult who is working or trying to work. The parent and the children want that positive interaction with a police officer. The after school program engages children in homework/ schoolwork, activities and a meal plan. This program is in need of enhancement and expansion along with site development. Additions to the programs include young paid mentors



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- The Hartford City Council and the Hartford Police Department's combined effort to engage the Faith Based ministries and population to engage in violence reduction has begun and is organized. Recognizing that it's not necessarily where your place of worship is located but rather where your parishioners live and work. Their influence and guidance is a force for the reduction or escalation of violence and prevention of youth delinquency. Three Hartford Police Community Service Officers are dedicated to the endeavor on a full time basis, one for each district of the city. The officer's duties and responsibilities include organization, structure and block watch formulation in each of their districts. This endeavor is the forming of a virtual army of devoted individuals willing to engage youth in positive guidance.
- Thirty percent of the cities aggravated assaults are a result of domestic violence. The Domestic Violence Unit within the Major Crime Division of the Hartford Police Department works very closely with the court system and supporting agencies. The domestic violence unit is dedicated to the investigation of domestic violence and the arrest of the offender to include conviction. Those efforts, although very important are reactionary in nature. Beginning in June, 2013, the Domestic Violence Unit will engage in a very important prevention measures. The unit will identify the children who witness or surround the victim and offender of domestic violence. Those children drive our aggravated assault statistics five, ten and fifteen years down the road because it is a learned behavior. The unit forward those children to services to agencies better equipped to handle future issues such as anger management.
- Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC), I supplied written testimony to the committee dated April 5, 2013. By requiring schools and police to engage in Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) in communities where police are stationed within their local public schools, this fosters the collaboration necessary to ensure police officers do not replace school administrators in administering school discipline resulting in arrests for lower level, non-criminal offenses. It ensures that police stationed within schools stay focused on keeping students safe on a daily basis, not assume responsibility for the oversight of student discipline. School based arrests have dramatically declined. The Hartford School system and the Hartford Police Department are breaking that pipeline from school-based arrests, adult arrest to jail. Additional enhancements such as training, technology and personnel are needed to fully develop the program.

Our commitment to the citizens of Hartford is all the above and more. The city is the focal point for the economic revival and ultimately the survival of the region. I respectfully request the Hartford Police Department be included as a funding recipient for our ground level initiatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

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