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Yes, Mr. Speaker.

House Calendar 675, favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Public Employees, Senate Bill 1033, AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE'S BENEFITS.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Representative Santiago.

REP. SANTIAGO (130TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

The question before the Chamber is acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

REP. SANTIAGO (130TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we have a strike-all amendment, which basically becomes the bill. So with that said, I ask for the Clerk -- the Clerk has an amendment LCO 8794. I ask that the Clerk please call the amendment and that we be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Will the Clerk please call 8794 -- LCO?

Representative Santiago, I believe there's a House Amendment "A", you need to call that first, sir. Senate Amendment "A" -- I'm sorry -- Senate Amendment "A".

REP. SANTIAGO (130TH):

Mr. Speaker, it is not our intent to call that amendment at this time. It is not in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Representative Santiago, we would need to call the amendment and ask for rejection of the amendment.

REP. SANTIAGO (130TH):

Okay. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Representative Santiago, Senate Amendment "A" would be LCO Number 8462.

REP. SANTIAGO (130TH):

8462. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I ask that the Clerk call Amendment 8462 and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize?

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Will the Clerk please call LCO Number 8462?

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment "A", LCO 8462 as introduced by  
Senator Osten, et cetera.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Representative Santiago --

REP. SANTIAGO (130TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move for rejection of this amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Motion before the Senate -- before the Chamber is  
rejection of Senate Amendment "A", LCO Number 8462.

Is there objection to the -- is there objection  
to rejection of the amendment? Is there objection to  
rejection of the amendment?

All those in favor of rejection of amendment LCO  
Number 8462, signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

All those opposed? The ayes have it. Motion is  
rejection of Senate Amendment "A".

Will you comment further, Representative  
Santiago?

REP. SANTIAGO (130TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Yes, the Clerk has an amendment LCO 8794. I would ask the Clerk to please call the amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize?

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Will the Clerk please call LCO Number 8794?

THE CLERK:

House Amendment "A", LCO 8794 as introduced by Representative Tercyak.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. SANTIAGO (130TH):

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and associated fiscal impact. The amendment requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to establish a pilot program under which a state trooper is appointed as resident state policeman to two towns lacking an organized police force or constabulary.

I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Motion before the Chamber is adoption of LCO 8462, House Amendment "A".

Will you comment on that amendment?

Representative Miner of the 86th, you have the floor, sir.

REP. MINER (66th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, what this amendment does is it strikes the underlying bill and takes care of the fiscal note. In the underlying bill on Line 16 and 17 there were a series of brackets that would have assigned a certain responsibility for overtime costs back to the Department of Emergency Services and State Police.

And what this amendment does is it retains that responsibility the municipalities and also, as Representative indicated, allows two municipalities to share the services of one resident trooper. There have been a number of bills that have passed the Chamber that have talked about towns walking -- working cooperatively in conjunction with conversations we've had with DESPP, and the Chairman, and Ranking Member of the Public Safety Committees, there was a rather large amendment bicameral -- bipartisan that would have provided this opportunity that went to the Senate until they added the brackets on.

So I would ask the Chamber's support for the amendment.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Thank you, Representative Miner.

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

If not, I will try your minds. All those in favor of House Amendment Schedule "A", signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Opposed.

The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted.

Will you comment further on the bill as amended?  
Will you comment further on the bill as amended?

Representative Santiago.

If not, will staff and guests please come to the Well of the House? Will members please 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 BERGER:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted?

If all the members have voted, please check the board and see if your vote is properly cast.

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted?

Could you check if your vote is properly cast?

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

Could the Clerk please announce the tally?

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill 1033, not in concurrence with the Senate, House Amended is by House "A".

Total Number Voting	140
Necessary for Passage	71
Those voting Yea	140
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	10

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

The bill passes as amended by House Amendment  
"A".

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

If the Chamber could please come back to order.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 672?

THE CLERK:

Yes, Mr. Speaker, on page 34, Calendar 672,  
favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on  
Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Substitute Senate Bill  
840, AN ACT CONCERNING NEXT GENERATION CONNECTICUT.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Boukus.

REP. BOUKUS (22ND):

Speaker.

I move for the 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, madam?

REP. BOUKUS (22ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, I would like to mark two additional items at -- at this time. It's the next two items to be called. First, from Calendar page 3, Calendar 209, Senate Bill 1033, and Calendar page 4, Calendar 263, Senate Bill 732, both from the Labor and Public Employees Committees.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 3, Calendar 209, Senate Bill Number 1033, AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, Favorable Report of the Committee on Labor and Public Employees, and there are amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN:

Madam President, how are you today?

THE CHAIR:

Fantastic. And yourself, ma'am?

SENATOR OSTEN:

I'm still good.

THE CHAIR:

That's good.

SENATOR OSTEN:

Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage.

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Will you remark?

SENATOR OSTEN:

Madam President, the Clerk is in possession of LCO Number 8462. This would be a strike-all amendment. I move the amendment and seek leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

(Inaudible.)

THE CHAIR:

Is that 8462?

SENATOR OSTEN:

8462.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, it is, Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Okay. LCO Number 8462, Senate Amendment Schedule "A" offered by Senator Osten, et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN:

Thank you very much.

This amendment --

THE CHAIR:

You will move the adoption?

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SENATOR OSTEN:

I would move adoption of the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on adoption.

Please remark.

SENATOR OSTEN:

Thank you very much.

This amendment would allow -- it does two different things. It removes assessing of fringe benefits that -- that are directly associated with overtime costs, as the regular pay of a resident trooper is already assessed for 100 percent of the fringe benefit costs.

In addition to that, it allows a pilot program to be established where two towns could share the same resident trooper program. That, I find, very advantageous, both for municipalities and for the state, allowing for offices away from barracks where resident troopers can -- can work with communities and have a community workforce. And I would like to yield to Senator Witkos.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Witkos, will you accept the yield, sir?

SENATOR WITKOS:

Yes, I do, Madam President. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR WITKOS:

I stand in strong support on -- with the amendment. And I want to thank Senator Osten for bringing it forward.

You know, we talk about regionalism quite often in this

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building and in sharing of services and trying to assist our municipalities where we can. And this amendment speaks right to the heart of that by allowing municipalities to share a program that they find vitally necessary. And it's vitally necessary because it's police protection for those communities that don't -- do not have an organized police department and they rely on the state police or the resident state trooper program.

While they may not need the full-time services of a resident state trooper, they certainly can work with one of their neighboring communities to enter such a compact so they can share that -- the services of that specific trooper, and in addition, sharing the costs.

It is a pilot program, and I'm -- I'm hoping that the pilot itself meets with great success and we be able to move forward. And as Senator Osten said, and the initial part of the -- of the amendment is to correct an issue that has been ongoing for a long time with towns that have a resident trooper program in that they're being double-billed.

How the program works now is the -- the town pays 70 percent of the cost of the salaries for the trooper but a 100 percent of the fringe benefit costs. And if the trooper happens to work overtime in the community, the -- the town is charged, obviously, for the salary, but then they are charged an additional fringe benefit but they've already paid 100 percent of the fringe benefit. So this is actually a cost savings to those municipalities that have a resident trooper and that -- or have the occasion to have the trooper work overtime in that -- in that town.

I think that's why you have so many cosponsors on the amendment, Madam President. If we had the opportunity, we'd probably find over 187 cosponsors, if you will. So I want to thank Senator Osten for bringing the amendment forward, and I yield back to Senator Osten.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN:

Great. Thank you very much, Madam President.

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I move adoption of the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on -- will you remark further? Will you remark further?

We'll have a roll call vote on the amendment.

SENATOR OSTEN:

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, please call the roll call.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.  
Senators please return to the Chamber. Immediate roll call on Senate Amendment Schedule "A" has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

You're going to have to call for the roll call vote again, sir.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on Senate Amendment Schedule "A". Senators please return to the Chamber. Immediate roll call in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

If all members have voted, if all members have voted, the machine will be closed.

Mr. Clerk, will you call the tally.

THE CLERK:

On Senate Amendment Schedule "A" for Senate Bill 1033,

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Necessary for Adoption	18	
Those Voting Yea		34
Those Voting Nay	0	
Those absent and Not Voting	2	

THE CHAIR:

The amendment passes.

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN:

Thank you very much, Madam President.

I move that this bill as amended be moved to the Consent Calendar if the -- no objection.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing any objection?

Senator Kane.

SENATOR KANE:

No, Madam President, I did not want to object.

I actually wanted to speak in favor of the bill. But that's fine if you go to move it to the Consent Calendar. That's fine.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Bill now be moved to Consent seeing no objection.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 4, Calendar 263, Senate Bill Number 732, AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS AND THE CHRONICALLY UNEMPLOYED, Favorable Report of the Committee on Labor and Public Employees. There are amendments.

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Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, if the Clerk would list the items on the first Consent Calendar and then if we might call for a vote on that Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

It's not open, I'm not opening it. I'm waiting for you to call the (inaudible).

THE CLERK:

On Page 3, Calendar 209, Senate Bill 1033.

Page 5, Calendar 355, House Bill 6023.

Page 7, Calendar 460, House Bill 6506.

On Page 11, Calendar 505, House Bill 6406.

On Page 18, Calendar 617, House Bill 5441; Calendar 620, House Bill 6683; Calendar 623, House Bill 6365.

And on Page 19, Calendar 624, House Bill 6151.

On Page 20, Calendar 635, House Bill 5926.

Page 23, Calendar 659, House Bill 5358.

On Page 26, Calendar 680, House Bill 5666.

And on Page 29, Calendar 182, Senate Bill 1000.

Page 33, Calendar 384, Senate Bill 1067.

And on Page 36, Calendar 649, House Bill 5113.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

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Mr. Clerk, will you call for a roll call vote and 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 Consent Calendar Number 1 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 a tally.

THE CLERK:

On the first Consent Calendar of the day.

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

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, if the Clerk would please call as the next item Calendar Page 10, Calendar 495, Senate Bill 840 from the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Good evening, Senator Fonfara.

SENATOR FONFARA:

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Madam President, two other items from the Calendar, Calendar page 13, Calendar 683, House Bill 6694, move to place the item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, sir, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, Calendar page 21, Calendar 209, Senate Bill 1033, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, we might stand at ease for a moment. We are expecting another agenda from the House of Representatives.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease, sir.

(Chamber at ease.)

SENATOR LOONEY:

Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Madam President, while we're waiting for Agenda Number 6, I believe the Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda Number 5 for today's session.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, Madam President. Madam President, if the clerk would now list the items on the Consent Calendar and then if we might move immediately for a vote on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Bill 6342, Senate Bill 430.

On page 9, Calendar 626, House Bill 6451.

On page 13, Calendar 683, House Bill 6694.

And on page 21, Calendar 209, Senate Bill 1033.

THE CHAIR:

At this point, I call for a roll call vote. The machine will be open for the last Consent Calendar of this session.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.  
Senators please return to the chamber. Immediate roll call on Consent Calendar Number 3 has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bartolomeo, would you like to join us in a vote. Thank you, ma'am.

Since all members have voted, all members have voted the machine shall be closed.

Mr. Clerk, will you call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Consent Calendar Number 3

Total Number Voting	35
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar has passed.

At this time, I just want everybody to know that under Senate Resolution Number 33, I will appoint three members to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is ready to meet in a joint convention.

Senator Bartolomeo, Senator Ayala and Senator Linares, take your time because they're not ready, but you're the three that are going to go when it's time to go.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, we have completed our work for the 2013 session with about 17 minutes to spare and thank everyone for their extraordinary work and dedication and commitment to institution of the General Assembly in the State of Connecticut and, Madam President, would move that the Senate stand adjourned sine die.

THE CHAIR:

Mozel Tov.

Ladies and gentlemen, congratulations.

Senator Williams.

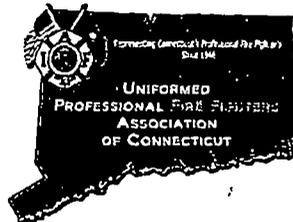
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Labor and Public Employees Committee Public Hearing

Good afternoon Senator Osten, Representative Tercyak and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. My name is Paul Rapanault. I am the Director of Legislation/Political Affairs of the Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters of Connecticut. The UPFFA represents 4,000 career fire fighters, Emergency Medical Technicians and dispatchers in nearly 60 municipal and state local unions.

We **SUPPORT S.B. No. 1033 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**. This bill provides for an increase of a spousal survivorship benefit when the pension owner dies after either (1) completion of the age and service requirements for retirement or (2) completion of twenty-five years of vesting service provided they have been lawfully married for at least the twelve months preceding his/her death. The surviving spouse shall receive a lifetime income in an amount equal to one hundred per cent of the retirement income that the member would have been entitled to if he/she had retired the day he/she died. The percentage is increased from fifty to one hundred percent. This benefit is earned by the beneficiary and should be paid to the survivor in the event of death.

Thank you for your consideration.

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