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right now, I think this is well meaning, it doesn't capture the needs of that community that existed and have been in required for well over a hundred years.

Thank you, Madam Chairman.

REP. GENTILE: Thank you, Representative.

Senator Frantz, thank you.

SENATOR FRANTZ: Thank you.

REP. GENTILE: Kirby Stafford.

Good morning.

KIRBY STAFFORD: (Inaudible.)

REP. GENTILE: Excuse me one minute. Could you please put your mic on so we can hear you? Thank you.

KIRBY STAFFORD: I'm vice director and state entomologist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, and I want to thank you for this opportunity to present testimony in support of the committee bills 5309, 5310 and 5311 and thank the committee for the language that has been put into these bills which would change the language of General Statutes 22-81(c) and 22-84 for the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

The Committee Bill 5309 raises the fines for violations of the state's plant regulatory laws to a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$2500. The old minimum of 5 and maximum of 100 had been in place for many decades and these levels are comparable to the same levels that the Department of Agriculture has with the discovery of the emerald ash borer, here in New

Haven County this past year, we feel that the increased fines will be needed to help enforce the quarantine that's in place, as well as the firewood regulations that were approved last year, as well, to help slow the spread of this insect and any future pests.

Committee Bill 5310 would amend section 22-81(c) to take budget resources into consideration in the mandated duties of the Board of Control.

We perform analysis for a number of different state agencies: testing food and water and other items for toxic chemicals; we test fertilizers; we test pesticides; we test seeds. But the combination of the increased costs for conducting these tests, particular the analytical chemistry tests and reductions in our operating board budget, forces us to set some priorities.

Food safety will continue to be a top priority for our agency, but we also need to have sufficient funds to pay our utility bills and other expenses.

Now, Committee Bill 5311, I want to say, clearly states the authority of the director to enter into permits and compliance agreements, which are specialized contracts with any parties to fulfill his duties to regulate plant, plant materials and to prevent the spread of any plant pests or disease that might threaten our forest, bedding businesses or nursery businesses. Again, it was the discovery of the EAB that prompted this request.

I'd be happy to answer any questions.

REP. GENTILE: Thank you, sir.

can make some considerable expenses on municipal budgets.

So by slowing down the spread of this insect, we can delay considerable costs for our communities.

REP. GENTILE: Thank you.

Any further questions?

Representative Shaban.

REP. SHABAN: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Under 5310, "within the ability of budgeting resources the board shall." My assumption is and confirm this for me, if the station says, Hey, we can't do this. We don't have the money.

Someone's going to tell the board. Right?

I just want to make sure that there's some kind of reporting loop saying, you know, thank you, you've assigned us this homework assignment but we can't do it because of budget problems. Is that your understanding on how this would work?

KIRBY STAFFORD: Yeah. Essentially, what it is is that we just won't be able to set priorities. We're not going to abandon all of the testing, but the reality is that it's expensive and we just need to be able, on some occasions depending on the priority or ranking our importance of that particular testing, to have the option to not test for that.

Obviously, we've dealt with a number of emergencies. And food health and food safety will still take a high priority if there's an emergency situation, like a few years ago. A

number of school children got sick. They were drinking flavored milk. Samples were taken from the dairy. They were at the experiment station and the results were back within the same day, and we determined that the cleaning fluid that they used to clean the lines hadn't been thoroughly flushed and that was making the children sick so it was easily addressed. And those are the kind of emergencies we will continue to address to protect the people in this state.

REP. GENTILE: Thank you.

Any further questions from any committee members?

Representative Vicino.

REP. VICINO: Good morning. You mentioned the fact that this particular law is ignored. Is this a big problem with people extracting this product and ignoring it? Are these areas posted, or what can you tell me about the enforcement part of this?

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KIRBY STAFFORD: On the emerald ash borer?

REP. VICINO: Yes.

KIRBY STAFFORD: We've done a great deal of outreach with both the arborists, the timber industry, municipalities. The big part of it is that. Enforcement is an issue. We've also gone very closely with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. We only have a limited number of plant inspectors. I have four plant inspectors, but the director has the authority to authorize other personal. I've held training sessions for a number of, like, the conservation officers at the DEEP, and they are now authorized agents under the director on

the plant (inaudible) to help us enforce those if it is necessary. But our primary focus at this time is letting people know -- and we're got a lot of compliance from people so we have -- I have not yet seen any enforcement issues that have come across my desk yet at this point.

The permit system is working fairly well. Dr. Magnarelli and I have issued about 14 permits to businesses and municipalities to move wood under the appropriate conditions so it seems to be working at this point.

REP. GENTILE: Thank you.

Any further questions?

And thank you for your work at the station.

KIRBY STAFFORD: Thank you.

REP. GENTILE: Terry Jones.

Good morning, Terry.

TERRY JONES: Good morning. I always feel like I'm going to be catapulted out of those chairs.

REP. GENTILE: Some of the chairs, we might want to catapult.

TERRY JONES: Anyway -- good morning, Representative and Chairman Gentile and ranking members Senator Chapin and Representative Shaban and the whole committee.

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I boldly entered the 21st century yesterday and I think my testimony was sent electronically so I don't know. Hopefully, you have it, but I wish to, in my capacity as vice president of

the Board of Control of the Station, speak and echo the comments of Dr. Stafford.

And I would add that the Board of Control, we meet regularly throughout the year and we've been kept up to date and, actually, we're part of the collaboration in making these suggestions.

And also, as a point of history in statute, the governor serves as the president of the Board of Control since 1875.

I would just call your attention to the logo on the station stationary: "Putting science to work for society. Protecting agriculture, public health and the environment." And it's an amazing agency and institution that really does that and has been doing it since 1875, and it's the oldest such station in America. So Connecticut is well served by it.

I think that key in the Bill 5309 and '311, and we're well into the age of globalization, and our state and our forest industries and agricultural industries do have a lot to lose with these invasive exotic species that far go beyond the emerald ash borer. And I think this is a preemptive strike to move to get ahead of the curve, to control them.

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And in regarding the 5310, on the testing, I can assure that the station is still going to do all of the testing that it can. It's just wise to have the ability to prioritize if it exceeds the operating funds and, certainly, food safety and water safety trump everything.

So with that, I'll be happy to answer any questions that I can.

REP. GENTILE: Thank you, Terry, for your testimony this morning. And we do have it on record here. It was submitted electronically so welcome to the new age.

Any questions from our committee members?

Thank you, Terry.

With that, we'll now move on to our public portion, and we're going to be starting with Henry Talmage.

Good morning, Henry.

HENRY TALMAGE: Good morning, Representative Gentile and members of the Environment Committee. My name is Henry Talmage. I am the executive director of the Connecticut Farm Bureau. I represent 5,000 farming families dedicated to farming and the future of Connecticut agriculture.

I come before you today to talk about four of the bills: first, SB 174, AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF BAMBOO STAKES TO MARK SHELLFISH. The Farm Bureau opposes this bill as it removes the authority of the commissioner of Agriculture to approve the use of bamboo sticks where appropriate.

We think it's important that the commissioner have that ability to take into account the pluses and minuses of using those. And there are significant issues with regard to enforcement and regulators that I think need to be addressed and allow the commissioner to make a judgment call with that respect so we oppose SB 174.

HB 5309, 5310 and 5311 we are in support of all of those measures. We think they are important

from giving the Ag Experiment Station and director the tools necessary to protect our agriculture and forest resources of significant economic importance. Things, like fines -- although people don't like to see fines in place, we really need to manage these in a way that gives the director the opportunity to manage these programs in an effective manner.

So we were in support of all three of those bills, and I think it's important to note, as Terry Jones and Kirby talked about, just the importance of what the Ag Experiment Station does. It really is a remarkable organization and entity and we ask a lot of it. I think one of the -- especially in 5310, recognizing the unfunded mandate part of this can really hamstring their ability to prioritize, and I think that's an important tool in a tool box to make sure that the resources we are spending are directed in a way that are delivering the best results; and the Board of Control, I think, has a very good feel for that and oversight so that's an important piece of this.

And then the other piece is the compliance agreements. I think that's an important tool for the director to use to be able to manage these issues. So I'm happy to answer any questions you might have.

REP. GENTILE: Thank you, sir.

Any questions from our committee members?

Yes, Representative.

REP. ZIOBORN: Thank you, Chair.

Yeah. I'm going to go back to SB 174. I had asked the Senator what the feelings are of the shellfish guys out there on the Sound and what



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**Testimony in Opposition to:**

**S.B. No. 174 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF BAMBOO STAKES TO MARK SHELLFISH BEDS IN LONG ISLAND SOUND.**

**Testimony in Support of:**

**H.B. No. 5309 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FINE FOR VIOLATING A QUARANTINE OR REGULATION OF THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.**

**H.B. No. 5310 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.**

**H.B. No. 5311 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION TO ENTER INTO COMPLIANCE AGREEMENTS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF THE EMERALD AS BORER.**

Submitted by: Henry N. Talmage, Executive Director, Connecticut Farm Bureau Association

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*The following testimony is submitted on behalf of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, a statewide nonprofit membership organization of over 5,000 families dedicated to farming and the future of Connecticut agriculture*

Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile and Members of the Environment Committee:

**S.B. No. 174 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF BAMBOO STAKES TO MARK SHELLFISH BEDS IN LONG ISLAND SOUND.**

The Connecticut Farm Bureau opposes S.B. No. 174 as it removes the authority of the Commissioner of Agriculture to approve the use of bamboo stakes in lieu of the buoy requirements outlined in Section 1 Section 26-227 of the general statutes. It is our understanding that the use of bamboo stake in some instances is preferred as it can make monitoring and enforcement efforts easier for regulator and neighboring producers. We feel it is important to allow the Commissioner to approve the use of bamboo stakes where warranted.

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**H.B. No. 5309 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FINE FOR VIOLATING A QUARANTINE OR REGULATION OF THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.**

The Connecticut Farm Bureau supports H.B. No. 5309 as it increases the minimum and maximum fines that violators of quarantines or regulations designed to protect the CT agricultural industry are subject to. It is important that fines are significant enough to deter violations that could spread pests or diseases to unaffected commodities.

**H.B. No. 5310 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.**

The Connecticut Farm Bureau supports H.B. No. 5310 as it provides the opportunity for the board of control to take into account budgeted resources constraints when providing services to the agencies listed in Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 22-81 of the general statutes. The Agricultural Experiment Station has experienced significant cuts to its operating budget and it has a full list of responsibilities that must be carried out. H.B. No. 5310 would allow the board of control to effectively manage priorities in the most efficient manner.

**H.B. No. 5311 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION TO ENTER INTO COMPLIANCE AGREEMENTS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF THE EMERALD AS BORER.**

The Connecticut Farm Bureau supports H.B. No. 5311 as it allows for the director to enter into compliance agreements with parties that will better safeguard against the spread of pests and disease that could negatively impact our plants of economic importance. Compliance agreements are an integral part of managing the risks of dangerous insect pests and plant diseases and the director need to be able use them to protect Connecticut's interests.



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Environment Committee Public Hearing Testimony  
House Bills 5309, 5310, and 5311  
January 30, 2013

Good morning Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, ranking members Senator Chapin and Representative Shaban, and other members of the Environment Committee. My name is Kirby C. Stafford, III. I am the Vice Director of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and State Entomologist. I thank you for giving me this opportunity to present testimony in support of Committee Bills 5309, 5310, and 5311. These bills propose language changes to CT General Statutes 22-81(c) and 22-84 for the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. In all cases, we are seeking approval to update these statutes and support the committee language.

Committee Bill 5309 proposes to raise fines for violations of the state's plant regulatory law. The new language being sought for approval in section 22-84 would increase the minimum fine to five-hundred dollars and raise the maximum fine to two-thousand five-hundred dollars per violation. The current fines of five dollars and one-hundred dollars have existed for several decades. With the discovery of the emerald ash borer, a very destructive insect pest of ash trees, in several locations of New Haven County, the increased fines are needed to help enforce the state quarantine and regulations on the movement of wood out of regulated areas to slow the spread of this insect and any future destructive pests. The movement of firewood, in particular, is a high risk activity that needs state control.

Committee Bill 5310 concerns the duties of the Experiment Station's Board of Control. We are seeking an amendment to section 22-81(c) to limit currently mandated duties subject to applicable budgetary considerations. The Experiment Station's current duties include performing analyses for other state agencies, such as testing food and water samples for toxic chemicals and analyzing fertilizers, seeds, etc. Reductions in the Experiment Station's operating budget coupled with rising costs of performing analyses forces us to set priorities on how state funds are used. Food safety issues must take priority, and we must also have sufficient funds to pay our utility bills and other expenses.

Committee Bill 5311 proposes a line to sec. 22-84 to clearly state the Director's authority to enter into permits and compliance agreements (i.e., specialized contracts) with any party in carrying out the duties described in sec. 22-84 on the regulation of plant pests. The recent discovery of the emerald ash borer in northern New Haven County prompted us to issue a state quarantine on all of New Haven County. In addition, state regulations were passed last year to control, by a permit process, the movement of firewood, logs, and other raw wood products. Our state quarantine mirrors a federal quarantine, and along with our state regulations, allows the movement of wood under certain conditions, such as kiln sterilization, heat treatment, debarking methods, chipping, and fumigation. The USDA uses compliance agreements for the interstate movement of regulated articles. We are currently using a fair and expedient permit process to review requests from businesses, municipalities, and homeowners to move wood. There

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is a need to utilize permits and compliance agreements to regulate the movement of a wide range of plants and plant materials to prevent the spread of several current or future plant pests or diseases that might threaten the state's forestry resources, bedding plant businesses, or the nursery industry.

We would be happy to answer questions. Thank you.



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Environment Committee Public Hearing Testimony  
House Bills 5309, 5310, and 5311  
January 30, 2013

Good morning Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, ranking members Senator Chapin and Representative Shaban, and other members of the Environment Committee. My name is Terry Jones and I am the Vice President of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Board of Control and a farmer. I thank you for giving me this opportunity to present testimony in support of House Bills 5309, 5310, and 5311. These bills reflect proposed language changes to CT General Statutes 22-81(c) and 22-84 for the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. I am speaking as an individual and on behalf of my Board of Control colleagues asking your approval to update these statutes.

With my family, I operate Jones Family Farms in Shelton, CT. I am a life long supporter of the work of the Experiment Station and its contributions to the economic viability of Connecticut agriculture and the public health of our state's citizens.

In fact, the selfless dedication of Station scientists is so inspiring to us, our family recently established a \$50,000 dedicated fund with the Valley Community Foundation to help support the work of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

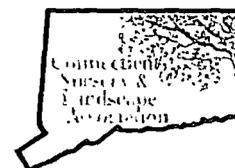
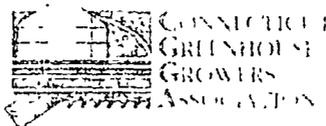
In his testimony this morning, Dr. Kirby Stafford has effectively outlined the proposed statutory changes effected by these three bills. These changes have been thoughtfully crafted. They were reviewed and endorsed at our January 2013 meeting of the Station's Board of Control.

In our emerging age of globalization, the premises of HB-5309 and HB-5311 are of increasing importance in order to protect our Connecticut forests, forest-related enterprises, and our important plant-related industries.

Regarding HB-5310, in this time of fiscal constraints, we can best steward our public dollars by having thoughtful protocols to prioritize State funds for testing and analysis of food and water.

Thank you for allowing me to comment and I would be happy to answer any questions.

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Statement of  
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 before the Environment Committee

Supporting Three Bills Affecting the Experiment Station

January 30, 2013

We support each of the following bills which will enhance the operations of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and its ability to respond to invasive pests affecting the public and our horticultural industry, which is more than half of all of agriculture in the state:

**\*H.B. No. 5309 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FINE FOR VIOLATING A QUARANTINE OR REGULATION OF THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

**\*H.B. No. 5310 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

**\*H.B. No. 5311 (COMM) AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION TO ENTER INTO COMPLIANCE AGREEMENTS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF THE EMERALD ASH BORER.**

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Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	9

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

The bill passes.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 97.

THE CLERK:

On House Calendar Page Number 10, Calendar Number 97, Favorable Report of the joint standing Committee of -- on Environment, Substitute House Bill 5310, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTAL STATION.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Gentile.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Thank you, 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 Gentile, you have the floor.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Thank you.

Madam Speaker, this bill makes several technical

changes to Connecticut General Statutes which deal with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. Specifically what this bill would do would -- would increase the minimum fines that the station can levy, from \$5 to 500, and the maximum fine from a hundred to 2500 for interfering with Connecticut statutes.

Now, another section of the bill, which is a change to the bill, it's just a technical change which states that it -- it does its duty within available resources. But it also specifically gives the director of the station the authority to issue permits and enter into compliance agreements. And the intent of this is to stop the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer.

And, Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of the bill -- passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Thank you, Representative.

Will you remark further?

Representative Shaban, of the 135th.

REP. SHABAN (135th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise in support of the bill but in doing so was -- wanted to direct at least one question to the

Chairperson, through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Please proceed.

REP. SHABAN (135th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Well, we -- we know that the bill got out of committee with -- without any opposition. There was some significant discussion about the reason and the rationale behind raising fines from 5 to 500 and the maximum from a hundred to 2500.

Through you, Madam Speaker, I was hoping that the good Chairperson could elaborate on the rationale behind that and why this is a good or not a good thing.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Gentile.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Yes. What this does is it, this puts the fines in -- in compliance and in alignment with other fines that are out there. But specifically, with the discovery of the Emerald Ash Borer, which is an exceptionally destructive insect pest of ash trees --

and we have an infestation, currently, particularly several locations in New Haven County -- this, the increased fines are needed to help enforce the quarantine.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Thank you, Representative.

Representative Shaban.

REP. SHABAN (135th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

And I thank the Chairwoman for her answer.

Yeah, I agree that normally while I'm a little hesitant to see fines get jacked up, especially by these types of percentages, it does make economic sense and, frankly, common sense to bring fines out of the \$5-range, which will not prohibit or -- or stop any improper activity, up to something that actually might make a difference.

So thank the Chairperson for her -- her comments, and I urge adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further on this bill?

If not, will staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will members please take your

seats. The machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

House of Representatives is voting by roll. The House of Representatives is voting by roll. Please return to the Chamber, immediately.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Will the members please check the board to determine if their votes have been properly cast.

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

A VOICE:

Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

The Clerk will please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Bill Number 5310.

Total Number Voting	142
Necessary for Passage	72
Those voting Yea	142
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	9

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

The bill passes.

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and Calendar page nine, Calendar 338. I would also like to mark as go Calendar page nine, Calendar 339, House Bill 6315. In addition, Mr. President, would like to mark a go Calendar page ten, Calendar 345, House Bill 5970. And in addition Mr. President, on Calendar page 16, Calendar 442, Senate Bill 442. And on Calendar page 18, Calendar 468, House Bill 5388. And on Calendar page 27, Calendar 565, House Bill 6346. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page nine, Calendar 337, substitute for House Bill number 5310, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION, favorable report of the Committee on Environment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer.

SENATOR MEYER:

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. I move acceptance of the committee's joint and favorable report and move passage of this bill.

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance of the passage will you remark?

SENATOR MEYER:

Yes I will briefly. Colleagues, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station performs important services as you know in protecting our -- the integrity of our food and the integrity of our water and our soil. And they have come to us with a request to increase the minimum fines that they can -- that they can get minimum fines for interfering with the experiment station's work or minimum fines for violating quarantines that are set forth by law or

regulation. The increase in the fine would go from \$5 to 500 as a minimum and as a maximum it would go from 100 to \$2,500.

This is a significant increase in the fine and it is justified in the opinion of the Environment Committee for two reasons. The first reason is these are serious violations the interference with the experiment station and the -- that station of course is very important to the safety of the public in Connecticut. And secondly there have been budget cuts to the Agricultural Experiment Station and the increase in fines will help them recover money in order to protect us. So I do support those increases as requested by the experiment station.

And lastly the bill allows the Director of the experiment station to issue permits -- it doesn't mandate it, issue permits and enter into compliance agreements with parties. And those kind of compliance agreements make a good sense. They're in effect settlements with parties who are -- who are endangering our environment in one way or another. So that's the bill. It was approved by the Environment Committee unanimously, bipartisan and I urge its passage.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will your remark further?  
Senator Chapin.

SENATOR CHAPIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I also rise in support of the bill before us. As the good Senator from Guilford said it was without opposition in the Environment Committee. I think it came out of the House unanimously and I would encourage my colleagues to support it. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further on the bill?  
Senator Meyer.

SENATOR MEYER:

No objection may it please go on our Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing and hearing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Also on page nine, Calendar 338, House Bill number 6313, AN ACT CONCERNING LOCALLY GROWN POULTRY IN CONNECTICUT FOOD MARKETS, favorable report of the Committee on Environment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer.

SENATOR MEYER:

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and passage will you remark?

SENATOR MEYER:

Yes. Colleagues, locally grown poultry under our current law can be sold to households, restaurants, hotels and boarding houses but if you can believe it there's an omission. It can't be sold to grocery stores. So this bill is very simple and provides that local poultry can be sold by poultry processing facilities to -- to our grocery stores and other retail food establishments as well as to directly to consumers, restaurants and hotels. That's it.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Chapin.

SENATOR CHAPIN:

THE CHAIR:

The bill passes in concurrence with the House.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, if would mark all items previously marked go should be marked passed retaining their place on the Calendar. And if the Clerk would call the items on the Consent Calendar so that we might proceed to a vote on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page five, Calendar 229, Senate Bill 1027, Calendar 232, Senate Bill number 984. On Calendar page nine, Calendar 336, House Bill 6529, Calendar 337, House Bill 5310. Also on page nine Calendar 338, House Bill 6313 and Calendar 339, House Bill 6315. On page ten, Calendar 345, House Bill 5970. And on page 13, Calendar 393, Senate Bill number 872. Page 18, Calendar 468, House Bill 5388. Page 27, Calendar 561, House Bill 6641 and Calendar 565, House Bill 6346. And on page 40, Calendar 302, Senate Bill 1016.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The machine will be opened, vote on a Consent Calendar.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. Senators please return to the Chamber. Immediate roll call on today's Consent Calendar in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted?  
Please check the board and make sure your vote has  
accurately recorded. If all members have voted the  
machine will be closed and the Clerk will announce the  
tally.

THE CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar.

Total Number Voting	36
Necessary for Adoption	19
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar 1 passes. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, before  
moving for moving for adjournment for today would like  
to announce that we will likely be in -- in session  
next week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and also  
possibly Friday so members should reserve those four  
days next week as -- as possible or probable session  
days. At this point, Mr. President, would yield the  
floor to members for announcements of committee  
meetings or for other points of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Before we do that I would like to  
just to take the privilege of -- May is a big birthday  
month and we have one of our members who is  
celebrating her birthday tomorrow. I would like to  
wish Senator Bye a happy birthday tomorrow and I'm  
trying to figure out if her birthday wish was granted  
as she's not here as she would have liked to have been  
here. But happy birthday.

And there is a bipartisan fruit in the caucus room for  
Senator Bye because she didn't want a cake so we got  
her some fruit that's -- that she requested. So