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House of Representatives is voting by roll. Will members please return to the Chamber, immediately.

(SPEAKER SHARKEY IN THE CHAIR.)

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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

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

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Mr. Speaker, House Bill Number 6466.

Total Number Voting	143
Necessary for Passage	72
Those voting Yea	143
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	8

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill is passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 211.

THE CLERK:

Mr. Speaker, Page 25, House Calendar Number 211,

HB6529

House Bill Number 6529, AN ACT INTEGRATING

MUNICIPALITIES INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ELECTRONIC BUSINESS PORTAL,  
Favorable Report of the joint standing Committee of  
Commerce.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Perone.

REP. PERONE (137th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to urge this, urge -- I'd like to move  
this bill to the Floor, through you.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Would you move acceptance?

REP. PERONE (137th):

Yes, Mr. Speaker, I do move acceptance.

Thank you.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

And passage of the bill?

REP. PERONE (137th):

I will get the hang of this, sooner or later.

Yes, I --

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Okay.

REP. PERONE (137th):

-- urge passage of the bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The question before the House is the acceptance of the joint committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

Will you remark for it, sir?

REP. PERONE (137th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Essentially, the bill specifies the features of the -- the DECD must include any -- any electronic business portal it establishes, based essentially it must pick a specific branding that mirrors statewide branding program directed by the Governor's Office be aligned with nonprofit Connecticut economic resource centers on-line business assistance information programs and allow municipalities to promote local resources, which I feel is probably one of the most important parts of this bill, through you, Mr. Speaker, and I urge its adoption.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir.

Question is on adoption of the bill. Will you remark?

Representative Lavielle.

REP. LAVIELLE (143rd):

Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Good afternoon, madam.

REP. LAVIELLE (143rd):

I simply have a -- a comment, which is that I would urge support of this bill. At the moment, municipalities, well, it's very difficult for a business coming into the state, for example, that, where the owners are interested in finding a place to locate or open new facilities or decide to make an investment and find all of the resources available in different municipalities in order to choose a town or a city for a site.

And because the DECD is currently building a portal as a result of our bipartisan jobs' legislation of about a year ago, when that portal is available, it seems a logical place for municipalities to be able to locate information on themselves in an easy and extremely cost-effective way, should they so choose. So I'd urge passage of the bill.

Thank you, so much.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, madam.

Will you remark further on the bill before us?

Will you remark further on the bill before us?

If not, staff and guests to the Well of the House. Members please take their seats. The machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll.

Members report to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by roll. Members return to the Chamber, please.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Will 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.

And the Clerk can please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Mr. Speaker, House Bill Number 6529.

Total Number Voting 143

Necessary for Passage 72

Those voting Yea 143

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Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	8

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill passes.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 56.

THE CLERK:

House Calendar 56, Favorable Report of the joint standing Committee on Human Services, Substituted House Bill 6370, AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBSIDIZED ASSISTED LIVING.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Abercrombie.

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83rd):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Good afternoon, madam.

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83rd):

Mr. Speaker, I move for acceptance of the joint committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Motion is on the acceptance of the joint committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

Will you remark, madam?

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83rd):

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THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

House Bill 6466.

Total Number Voting	36
Necessary for Adoption	19
Those voting Yea	22
Those voting Nay	14
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

Bill passes. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page nine, Calendar 336, House Bill number 6529, AN ACT INTEGRATING MUNICIPLATIES INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ELECTRONIC BUSINESS PORTAL, favorable report of the Committee on Commerce.

THE CHAIR:

Senator LeBeau.

SENATOR LeBEAU:

Good afternoon, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, Sir.

SENATOR LeBEAU:

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and passage will you remark?

SENATOR LeBEAU:

Yes I would. Thank you, Mr. President. This -- this bill specifies features of the DECD electronic business portal. And at a minimum the portal must include specific branding that mirrors the statewide branding program directed by the Governor's Office. It must be aligned with the Connecticut Economic Resource Center's online business assistance information programs. And I think the part that -- that really makes it -- the real change here is it allows municipalities to promote local resources essentially giving a portion of the State's portal to allow municipalities to have a piece of that.

So for instance Greenwich could be -- if you're looking for something that's taking place in Greenwich you can go to the Greenwich portal through the State portal. That's -- it's a simple bill, Mr. President, and I hope we can have unanimous support of the -- of the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. And once again, Senator LeBeau, thank you for your work on this one. I know it's a -- it's a simpler bill than most of these economic development bills are but nonetheless it's an important one. If you take a look at the language of the bill and what the intention of the bill is which is to do something that's vitally important whenever you're talking about a business function and that is to standardize the way in which principles, ideas, methodologies and ways to get through a fairly complicated system are standardized and easy to understand.

We have spent for the last 17, 18 years all becoming familiar with different websites, web portals. And the ones that are the most successful and the ones

that are easy to use and allow you to very quickly go through and choose what you want to investigate further with a link or with something that's actually within that particular page domain or web domain and you go exactly to where you need to be very quickly. It also affords web designers here in the State of Connecticut to do a bang up job on helping to promote the State to out-of-staters and people in foreign countries when they are curious about Connecticut as a possible place to move their -- their -- their company.

And it gives them a chance to present in the State in a very different light if things are standardized. If you have a whole hodgepodge of different websites and portals as we do today it's very confusing to the end user and doesn't serve the State very well. So from certainly an economic development point of view but also in a whole variety of other ways marketing the State in general this is something that makes a great amount of sense and I hope that the -- the tally is 36 nothing on this one. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Mr. President. If I may through you, I do have a question for the proponent of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, Sir.

SENATOR WELCH:

I don't doubt that this is a good idea and -- and I think hopefully it will be 36 to nothing at the end of the day but oftentimes I see legislation like this and -- and I wonder why is it that we're just not doing this already or why does it take legislation to -- to get this done? And it -- and maybe there is an answer for that question and maybe there isn't but if I may through you, Mr. President, to Senator LeBeau, is --

is there something that prevents DECD from -- from doing this now? Through you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator LeBeau.

SENATOR LeBEAU:

Through you, Mr. President. I don't -- I don't believe so. I think this is a legislative direction, something that we've noted that needed -- needed to be done and that members of our committee noted needed to be done. And we're asking for through legislation that it be done.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Mr. President. That's all I have.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the bill? Remark further on the bill? If not, Senator LeBeau.

SENATOR LeBEAU:

If there's no objection, Mr. President, I'd like to move this to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing and hearing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I would like to add another go item. Following, I believe we had marked Calendar page nine, Calendar 337

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