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February 15, 2013  
11:00 A.M.

CHAIRMEN: Senator Meyer  
Representative Gentile

MEMBERS PRESENT:

SENATORS: Chapin, Maynard

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Albis, Shaban, Case,  
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SENATOR MEYER: Ladies and gentlemen. Can we come to order please? This is the Public Hearing of the Environment Committee. We have some 11 bills we're going to hear today. We thank your -- we thank you for your interest. Commissioner Reviczky you're lead off here. Nice to see you.

COMMISSIONER STEVEN K. REVICZKY: Good morning Chairman Gentile, Chairman Meyer, Vice-Chair Albis and ranking member Chapin. My name is Steve Reviczky. And I serve as Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. I am here to testify on the Department's 2013 legislative agenda. Joining me this morning from the Department of Agriculture are George Kribda who serves as our Legislative Program Manager and Public Information Officer. Steve Anderson and Linda Petrowitz from the Office of the Commissioner, and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Bruce Sherman, Director and Wane Cosegic Assistant Director of the Bureau of Regulation and Inspection.

Also joining me is David Carey, Director of the Bureau of Aquaculture and Jay Dipple who

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control plant, or HACCP, system to control food borne hazards.

The agency's Small Poultry Processor Inspection Program enforces these standards. Presently, there are two Connecticut poultry producers participating in this program with several others at various stages of construction to meet program requirements and or considering participation in the program. The Department of Agriculture expects that expanding sales to include retail outlets will encourage more of the state's small poultry farms to participate. With expanded markets and demand for their products, these farms will likely increase production which will create new jobs and stimulate the local economy.

We have three proposals that make technical changes to the Farmland Preservation Program. House Bill 6314, An Act Concerning Certain Revisions to the Community Farms Program. House Bill 6316, An Act Concerning the State Purchase of Development Rights for Agricultural Land Preservation. And Senate Bill 806, An Act Concerning the Municipal Purchase of Development Rights for Agricultural Land Preservation.

The first proposal, House Bill 6314 brings our community farms program into conformity with the main Farmland Preservation Program. Even though both programs appear in the same chapter of the statutes, the Community Farms Statute does not include the same specific authorities that are spelled out for the Farmland Preservation Program. In order for the department to work both programs effectively and smoothly and to work effectively with municipal partners, the language of each program should mirror the

other as closely as possible.

House Bill 6316 simply provides for the joint municipal and state purchase of development rights on easements to farms on which part of the agricultural land is situating in an abutting municipality. There are many instances where the state purchases easements on agricultural lands that are situated in two or more municipalities. The department believes that municipalities should -- should not be constrained from jointly holding such an easement with the state merely because a portion of the land is in an adjacent town.

Senate Bill 806 allows for municipalities to acquire or accept a gift -- except as a gift the right of the owner to construct any residence, residences or any farm structures on -- on the agricultural land.

Moving on. The Department of Agriculture is asking for the Committee's consideration of Senate Bill 804, An Act Concerning a Preference from Connecticut Grown Protein in Certain State Contracts. The proposed legislation would -- would adjust language in an existing statute concerning contract procurement to include preference when comparable in cost for additional Connecticut grown proteins other than milk, cheese and eggs. Specifically beef, pork and lamb which would be added.

Public Act 11-189 explicitly charges the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development with making recommendation to the Department of Agriculture on ways to increase the percentage of consumer dollars spent on Connecticut grown fresh produce and farm products including but not limited to ways to increase the amount of money spent by

SENATOR MEYER: Okay. Our next witness is Henry Talmage of the Farm Bureau.

Good morning, Henry.

HENRY TALMAGE: Good morning, Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, Senator Chapin, Representative Albis and members of the Committee. My name is Henry Talmage, the Executive Director of the Connecticut Farm Bureau. I come before you today to speak in support of ten different bills. I'm going to group -- you have my written testimony. Farm Bureau represents 5,000 farming families in Connecticut from all types of agriculture, large, small across the state in all different categories.

I think what I'd like to do following the Commissioner's explanation of these bills is kind of group them together in three logical categories as I will. First would be economic development, egg, job growth and expansion opportunity with regard to market expansion. I also -- I co-chair the Governor's council in egg -- egg development. And work closely with the Commissioner and the rest of the commission on this. And the idea here is to grow our agricultural sector.

So, House Bill 613, AN Act Concerning Locally Grown Poultry in Connecticut Food Markets. House Bill 6318, An Act Concerning the Cultivation of Seaweed. Senate Bill 803, An Act Concerning Aquaculture Job Growth. Senate Bill 804, An Act Concerning Preference for Connecticut Grown Protein in Certain State Contracts. And Senate Bill 805, Am Act Concerning the Taking of Easter Oysters.

From our perspective all of these have a

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component to them that's a business development component for agriculture. And in -- each in their own way, as the Commissioner laid out, represent opportunity -- new opportunity and expansion of opportunity. We think that is critically important as we look to regain competitiveness and bolster our agricultural markets.

The next set of, kind of, categories here is House Bill 613 -- 6314, An Act Concerning Certain Revisions to the Community Farms Program. House Bill 6316, An Act Concerning the State Purchase of Development Rights for Agricultural Land Preservation. And Senate Bill 806, An Act Concerning the Municipal Purchase of Development Rights for Agricultural Land Preservation.

Those are really streamlining the process of farmland preservation. Aligning the programs to make sure they work at their peak efficiency. I have a fair amount of experience having run the Connecticut Farmland Trust for five years. Knowing and working with both the state purchase of Development Rights Program and the Federal Farmland Ranch and Protection Program.

That these deals are complicated and especially as municipalities are getting increasingly involved. We need to be able to make sure our programs are simple and aligned enough so that we could take advantage of the goals of all of these municipalities, different level of government and the land owners themselves. And I think this does some important work in that direction.

And then finally, the two bills, House Bill 6317, An Act Concerning Registration of Growers of Swine and Control of Certain

Thanks, Henry.

HENRY TALMAGE: Thank you very much.

SENATOR MEYER: Nice to see you.

Our next witness is Kip Kolesinskas. Am I getting that right?

KIP KOLESINSKAS: Yes. That's very good thank you.

SENATOR MEYER: Working Lands Alliance.

KIP KOLESINSKAS: Yes. Again, name is Kip Kolesinskas and I'm on the steering committee and speaking on behalf of the Working Lands Alliance. Dear Senator, Representative and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to speak in support of three bills that aim to improve the state's farmland preservation and community farms programs.

If enacted, these changes will facilitate and expand the state's capacity currently protecting farmland. The Working Lands Alliance is a broad based coalition dedicated to saving Connecticut farmland. Our 200 plus members reflect the diversity of organizations, businesses and individuals that care deeply about our lands and the farmers who steward them and the farms that grow our economy and jobs, provide our foods, filter our water and air. And make our community a special place to live and visit.

WLA supports the three bills 806, 6314 and 6316 on today's calendar that relates to farmland protection and our priorities of the state's Department of Agriculture. Bill 806 clarifies existing law with regards to municipal purchased development rights. Local

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governments have been vital partners in many farmland protection projects and this clarification would ensure that municipalities can purchase the same bundle of rights as the state including the right to build a house.

This is important as some land owners are selling the development rights do not wish to retain the right to build a house on their land and this language would ensure that a municipality could purchase or accept as a gift that right.

Bill 6314 strengthens the new Community Farms Program by adding similar terms and conditions to that program as those that govern the Farmland Preservation Program. The Working Lands Alliance championed the language authorizing the Community Farms Program and we agree with the Department of Agriculture that this additional language would be valuable.

The language stipulates, among other things, the restrictions must be recorded and that notice of transfer of the underlying land must be provided to the Department of Agriculture. that the Department of Agriculture has no authority to release land subject to an easement except under the very specific conditions laid out in the language. And that the U.S. Department of Agriculture may hold a contingent right of enforcement if the property -- in the property if federal funds are used in part to purchase the development rights.

House 6316 would allow municipalities working with the state on the joint purchase of development rights to purchase easements on farms that have part of their land situated in an abutting town. This is a small but important clarification needed to ease program

Thank you, sir.

CHRIS CRYDER: Thank you.

REP. GENTILE: Our last speaker would be David Bingham. Is David here?

DAVID BINGHAM: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I did not intend to testify today. But Senator Chapin raised an important issue. I grew up on farms. I'm speaking -- although I'm a member of a number of organizations involved with environmental issues. Growing up on a farm being very familiar with farmland preservation bills.

And 806, as Senator Chapin suggested, I'm sorry he's not still here, as the testimony came out was to revise -- to enable revisions more easily and streamline them. And there's -- there's a tendency to fall into a trap sometimes when that happens. I have a number of neighbors that have sold their development rights. But I've also seen trends in farming which can be concerning.

If you revise a contract to which is essentially the state has decided to spend our state money to purchase a development rights and municipalities also. In which we envision a family farm and envision rows of vegetables that are grown organically but which is being overtaken by what I would call industrial farms in which the whole property is covered with either green houses or other ways in which there's no permeable surface left. In which there's a great deal of runoff. And in which there's a temptation to revise an issue and to allow this.

And in the testimony it's talked about

revising it to make it easier for a family farm dwelling, a home. But the language of 806, as I just read it, says any residence. Which to me means multiple or perhaps many residences. And says nothing about the size or how much -- if you're talking about preserving plots of farmland how much will then be used by the residence itself. Because there are some very large scansions that are sometimes built on farmland.

And new buyers of land that has restrictions on them often have bought this property then regional farmers sold to -- to -- with a vision that all of us had for preserving family farms. But want to use them in different ways. Cover the land with -- with buildings, with farm buildings. To me, that looks like there was no restrictions in here.

I would just be suggest that you be careful and re-read that language before you make a decision on whether or not a farm -- farmland protection rules it. I think it worked very well for farmland preservation. Whether you want to allow revisions of that as Senator Chapin raised that question. But I'm not sure that was well answered. I -- I have further questions on that issue. And that's all I have. Thank you very much for the opportunity.

REP. GENTILE: Thank you, Sir.

Are there any questions?

Seeing none.

Thank you.

All right. That is the last speaker that we have. So, unless there is anybody else? All



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**Testimony presented to the Environment Committee of**

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**By the Connecticut Department of Agriculture**

**February 11, 2013**

**S.B. 806 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL PURCHASE OF  
DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION**

Chairmen Meyer and Gentile, Vice Chairs Maynard and Albis, Ranking Members Chapin and Shaban and members of the Environment Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

The Department of Agriculture considers this a technical change meant to bring the Municipal Purchase of Development Rights statute into conformity with the joint ownership statutes of the Department of Agriculture.

The Farmland Preservation Program was created in 1978 and codified in CGS Section 22-26cc. Subsection (h) specifically allows the state to acquire or accept as a gift the right of the owner to construct any residences or any farm structures on the agricultural land. Subsection (e) provides for a joint municipal and state purchase of developments rights.

We have discovered, however, that the municipal statute under CGS Section 7-131q allowing municipalities to create agricultural land preservation funds does not specifically provide for municipalities to acquire or accept as a gift the right of the owner to construct any residences or any farm structures on the agricultural land. The proposed bill would allow for this change.

Recently, the bond council for one municipality did not approve bonding for a joint project because the agreement called for the farmer to convey his right to build a house and farm structures, along with the development rights. The proposed bill would prevent this scenario from occurring again.

The Department of Agriculture respectfully requests this change.



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Testimony In Support of SB 806, HB 6314, and HB 6316  
Submitted by Kip Kolesinskas, on Behalf of the Working Lands  
Alliance

Joint Committee on the Environment  
February 11, 2013

Dear Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to speak in support of three bills that aim to improve the state's Farmland Preservation and Community Farms Programs. If enacted, these changes will facilitate and expand the state's capacity to permanently protect farmland.

The Working Lands Alliance is a broad-based coalition dedicated to saving Connecticut's farmland. Our 200+ members reflect the diversity of organizations, businesses, and individuals that care deeply about our working lands and the farmers who steward them—land and farms that grow our economy and jobs, provide our food, filter our air and water, and make our communities special places to live and visit. Improving the State's capacity to permanently protect farmland has been the top priority of the Working Lands Alliance since we began our work in 1999.

***WLA supports the three bills—SB 806, HB 6314, and HB 6316—on today's calendar that relate to farmland protection and are priorities of the state's Department of Agriculture.***

***Senate Bill 806 clarifies existing law with regard to municipal purchase of development rights. Local governments have been vital partners in many farmland protection projects, and this clarification would ensure that municipalities can purchase the same bundle of rights that the State can now purchase—including the right to build a house. This is important as some landowners selling their development rights do not wish to retain the right to build a house on their land in the future, and this language would ensure that a municipality could purchase or accept as a gift that right.***

***House Bill 6314 strengthens the new Community Farms Program, by adding similar terms and conditions to that program as those that govern the Farmland Preservation Program. The Working Lands Alliance championed the language authorizing the Community Farms Program, and we agree with the Department of Agriculture that this additional language would be***



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**Testimony in Support of:**

**H.B. No. 6313 AN ACT CONCERNING LOCALLY GROWN POULTRY IN CONNECTICUT FOOD MARKETS.**

**H.B. No. 6314 AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN REVISIONS TO THE COMMUNITY FARMS PROGRAM.**

**H.B. No. 6316 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION.**

**H.B. No. 6317 AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION OF GROWERS OF SWINE AND THE CONTROL OF CERTAIN DISEASES.**

**H.B. No. 6318 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CULTIVATION OF SEAWEED.**

**S.B. No. 802 AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S EGG STATUTES.**

**S.B. No. 803 AN ACT CONCERNING AQUACULTURE JOB GROWTH.**

**S.B. No. 804 AN ACT CONCERNING A PREFERENCE FOR CONNECTICUT GROWN PROTEIN IN CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTS.**

**S.B. No. 805 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAKING OF EASTERN OYSTERS.**

**S.B. No. 806 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION.**

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:

**H.B. No. 6313 AN ACT CONCERNING LOCALLY GROWN POULTRY IN CONNECTICUT FOOD MARKETS.**

Connecticut Farm Bureau Association supports H.B. 6313 as an expansion of PA 10-103 to add retail food markets as an approved food source. This is the logical next step following passage of the Farms, Food and Jobs bill of 2010 which established a program for CT grown, processed and inspected poultry to be sold by farmers at their farms, farmers markets, restaurants and boarding houses. This bill will allow Connecticut poultry producers to also sell fresh Connecticut poultry to retail food establishments and thereby provide Connecticut consumers with additional access to fresh Connecticut grown poultry. Initiatives such as this

help build Connecticut farm based businesses while increasing the quality and quantity of Connecticut grown products..

**H.B. No. 6314 AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN REVISIONS TO THE COMMUNITY FARMS PROGRAM.**

Connecticut Farm Bureau Association supports H.B. 6314 to align the program rules of Community Farms Program with those of the main Farmland Preservation Program. This program alignment will aid the state of Connecticut in purchasing the development rights under the Community Farms Program.

**H.B. No. 6316 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION.**

Connecticut Farm Bureau Association supports H.B. 6316 to allow for the state of Connecticut to partner with a municipality on the purchase of the development rights on a farm when the boundaries of the farm expand into an abutting municipality. Because of the size and configuration of municipalities in CT, it is common for farms to cross town lines. This will provide a mechanism to protect the entire farms irrespective of municipal boundaries.

**S.B. No. 806 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION.**

Connecticut Farm Bureau Association supports S.B. 806 to allow municipalities to purchase the owner's rights to construct residences on agricultural land and to align the statutes regarding municipal purchase of development rights with the joint ownership statutes of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. This would allow municipalities and landowners to configure projects that do not contain provisions for residents and compensate owners for the value of the building right if both parties agree.

**H.B. No. 6317 AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION OF GROWERS OF SWINE AND THE CONTROL OF CERTAIN DISEASES.**

Connecticut Farm Bureau Association supports H.B. 6317 to reinstate the statutes granting power to the Commissioner of Agriculture to regulate all aspects of swine production and the control of swine related diseases. This is important to insure healthy swine production in the state of Connecticut.

**H.B. No. 6318 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CULTIVATION OF SEAWEED.**

Connecticut Farm Bureau Association supports H.B. 6318 which will assist in expanding Connecticut's aquaculture industry and provide a mechanism to capitalize on a potentially important agricultural opportunity.

**S.B. No. 802 AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S EGG STATUTES.**

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DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The bill passes.

If the Clerk will please call Calendar number  
443.

THE CLERK:

On page 20, Calendar number 443, Favorable Report  
of the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and  
Development, Senate Bill 806, AN ACT CONCERNING THE  
MUNICIPAL PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR  
AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Gentile, Chairman of the Planning  
and Development Committee.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance  
of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage  
of the bill.

Representative Gentile, you have the floor.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this bill would be considered a technical change. It clarifies existing statutes and gives municipalities the specific ability to purchase the same development rights as the State now has, including the owner's right to construct residences or farm structures on their agricultural land. And this would just put it in line with the Farmland Preservation Act. Mr. Speaker I urge passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, madam.

Will you remark further on the bill?

Representative Shaban of the 135th District.

REP. SHABAN (135th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the bill, but have a couple of quick questions to the Chairperson and proponent, if I may.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. SHABAN (135th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The real question just deals with lines 15 and 16 on the bill when we talk about how the municipality can, in fact, get the rights of the fee owner to construct any residence or any farm structure on agricultural land.

Through you, Mr. Speaker, for legislative intent, when we talk about constructing any residence, is that meant to have some type of relationship to the agricultural or farmland purpose of the land?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Gentile.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, I thank the good Representative for the question. And for legislative intent, yes, it is directly related to any people that are involved within the -- the farming or -- or the farm preservation.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Representative Shaban.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So, and thanks for the response. So with that, just to allay the fears of some of the fears I've heard, a municipality can acquire these development rights for speculative purposes unless they go out and build some condos or something like that.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Gentile.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, the good Representative is correct, that cannot happen.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Shaban.

REP. SHABAN (135th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the Chairwoman for her response. As she stated, this does put municipalities in conforming with what's already happening at the state level and enables our towns and cities to preserve important agricultural lands in a smart and efficient way. So I urge support. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Representative Miner of the 66th District.

REP. MINER (66th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

If I might, a couple of questions to the  
proponent of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. MINER (66th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In the language, I don't see anything in here  
that would allow a municipality to enter into an  
agreement with a developer by which the developer  
would actually put the proceeds up to acquire these  
development rights. Is there any reason under the way  
the bill is drafted that the gentle lady thinks that  
couldn't occur? For instance, could an applicant  
proposing a large-scale application in Litchfield  
offer to buy the development rights, let's say of a --  
of a farm, and then forward that as part of the  
process to the municipality, and then the town would  
get the development rights on the adjacent farm?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Gentile.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, this particularly deals with gifts that are granted to the municipality.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Miner.

REP. MINER (66th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So -- so in my scenario if the individual wanted to buy those rights and gift them to the town, would that be acceptable?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Gentile.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, yes, that could happen, however, once again the purpose of the development would be merely limited to constructing a residence that would house say the farmer or anybody directly related to the farming operation.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Miner.

REP. MINER (66th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As I'm reading the bill, it really allows the municipality to put in place kind of a sister program that the state has for development rights. And in that case, I think it's intended to restrict the amount of development on the property acquired that a farmer may own. So I'm a little confused. Under this scenario, wouldn't that, in fact, be the case if the Town of Litchfield wanted to acquire development rights on a farm but still allow the residence that's there, this would allow a municipality to do that or allow a family to gift them to the town.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Gentile.

REP. GENTILE (104th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, that is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Miner.

REP. MINER (66th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It sounds like a nice bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Will you remark further on the bill? Will you  
remark further on the bill before us?

If not, will staff and guests come to the well of  
the House, will the members please take your seats,  
the machine will be open.

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 RYAN:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted?  
Will members please check the board to determine if  
their vote is properly cast. If all members have  
voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will  
take the tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

In concurrence with the Senate, S.B. 806.

Total number voting	136
Necessary for passage	69
Those voting Yea	136
Those voting Nay	0
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DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:



The bill passes.

THE CLERK:

Excuse me, absent and not voting 14. I  
apologize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar number 540.

THE CLERK:

Yes, Mr. Speaker. On page 27, Calendar 540,  
Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on  
Appropriations, Substitute House Bill 6545, AN ACT  
CONCERNING MEDICAID DRUG STEP THERAPY.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Abercrombie from Meriden.

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83rd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

You have the floor.

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83rd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move for the acceptance of the Joint  
Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

And, Madam President, moving next to -- under Matters Returned from Committee -- on Calendar Page 42, the fourth item on that page -- no, it's -- no, excuse me. We'll skip over that one.

But moving to Calendar Page 43, Madam President, on Calendar Page 43, the third item, Calendar 150, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 815; Madam President, would move to place that item on the Consent Calendar, having marked it previously as go.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

And one final change in marking for a Consent Calendar item, the last item under Matters Returned from Committee, at the top of Page 45, Calendar 249, Senate Bill Number 806; Madam President, that item previously marked go should now be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

That concludes our additional markings at this time.

THE CHAIR:

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Opposed?

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The amendment passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Yes; thank you. Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, would move that the bill as amended  
be referred to the Committee on Planning and  
Development.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, before calling for a vote on the Consent Calendar, there's one item that needs to be removed from the Consent Calendar, and that was Calendar, from Calendar Page 9, Calendar 1 -- 162, Senate Bill 318, placed on Consent earlier. That needs to be removed from -- from Consent at that point, and if the Clerk would then move to list the items on the Consent Calendar and call for a vote on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On Page 1, Calendar 401, Senate Joint Resolution Number 53, also Calendar 402, Senate Joint Resolution Number 54.

On Page 2, Calendar 415, House Joint Resolution Number 89; Calendar 416, House Joint Resolution Number 90; Calendar 417, House Joint Resolution Number 91; Calendar 418, House Joint Resolution Number 92; Calendar 419, House Joint Resolution Number 93.

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On Page 3, Calendar 420, House Joint Resolution Number 94; Calendar 426, Senate Resolution Number 26.

On Page 10, Calendar 166, Senate Bill Number 752.

Page 12, Calendar 190, Senate Bill Number 829.

On Page 13, Calendar 199, Senate Bill Number 11.

Page 15, Calendar 218, Senate Bill Number 996.

On Page 16, Calendar 220, Senate Bill Number 1001.

Page 24, Calendar 292, Senate Bill Number 692.

On Page 34, Calendar 382, Senate Bill 466.

On Page 43, Calendar 150, Senate Bill Number 815.

And on Page 45, Calendar 249, Senate Bill Number 806.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, will you call for a roll call vote, and the machine will be open on the Consent Calendar.

THE CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted; all members voted? The machine will be closed.

Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar.

Total Number Voting	34
Those voting Yea	34

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THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar passes.

Senator Welch, do you have a -- a point of personal privilege?

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Madam President.

I do rise for a point of personal privilege, and I'd just like to take a second to recognize a very special group, I think, to all of us here, and that is the Parent Leadership Training Institute. Today we have with --

THE CHAIR:

Excuse me.

SENATOR WELCH:

-- us --

THE CHAIR:

Excuse me a minute, sir.

Can I ask for a little bit of quiet in the, in the Circle, please? Senator Welch does have the floor.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, madam.

THE CHAIR:

Please keep the voice down.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you.