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your vote is properly cast. If all members have
voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will
take a tally.

The Clerk will announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

In concurrence with the Senate, S.B. 867, as
amended by Senate "A".

Total number voting	137
Necessary for passage	69
Those voting Yea	137
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	13

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The bill passes in concurrence with the Senate.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar number 383.

THE CLERK:

On page 16, Calendar number 383, Favorable Report
of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Public
Employees, Senate Bill 927, AN ACT CONCERNING THE
DEFINITION OF NEW EMPLOYEE IN THE UNEMPLOYED ARMED
FORCES MEMBER SUBSIDIZED TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT
PROGRAM.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Santiago of the 130th District.

Sir, you have the floor.

REP. SANTIAGO (130th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The question is acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report -- Favorable Report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

Representative Santiago, you have the floor.

REP. SANTIAGO (130th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This bill expands eligibility for the state's Unemployed Armed Forces Subsidized Training and Employment Program to include all unemployed, honorably discharged U.S. Armed Force members who served for at least 90 days. Current law limits eligibility to unemployment, honorably discharged U.S. Armed Forces members who served for at least 90 days in a combat zone in Afghanistan or Iraq. The 90-day requirement does not apply if the veteran was

separated from service due to a service-related disability rated by the Veteran's Administration.

The State Department of Labor administers the Unemployed Armed Forces Subsidized Training Program and Employment Program which offers wage subsidies and training grants to certain employers that hire eligible unemployed veterans.

Mr. Speaker, the -- I believe the Clerk is in possession of LCO 5880. I ask to call, I'm sorry, I would ask the Clerk to please call the amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 5880, which will be designated House -- Senate Amendment, I'm sorry, previously designated Senate Amendment "A".

THE CLERK:

Yes, Mr. Speaker, Senate Amendment "A", LCO 5880, introduced by Osten and Tercyak.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The gentleman has asked leave of the Chamber to summarize. Is there objection? Is there objection?

Seeing none, you may proceed with summarization, sir.

REP. SANTIAGO (130th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment basically changes the effective date. Instead of October 1, 2013, it will be effective from passage.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir.

Do you care to remark? The question before the House is adoption of Senate Amendment "A". Care to remark?

Representative Smith. No.

If not, I'm sorry, let me try your minds. All those in favor of Senate Amendment "A", please signify by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Those opposed, Nay.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Nay.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The Ayes have it. Senate Amendment "A" is adopted.

Do you care to remark further on the bill as amended?

Representative Smith of the 108th.

REP. SMITH (108th):

Mr. Speaker, thank you.

I'm pleased to rise in support of this bill.

It's one of those bills that will help our veterans who have served our country. It takes away the limitation that it previously had where they had to be in a combat zone. This is a good bill. Many of our vets are coming back unemployed and this is a good opportunity to help them. So I urge my colleagues to support it. Thank you.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir.

Do you care to remark further on the bill as amended?

Representative Alberts of the 50th District.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I too rise in strong support of the bill now amended. I heard from folks that participated in the Capitol Workforce Board that the present definition is too narrowly drafted. And what we're going to -- about to do here is going to make it more expansive and it's really going to be something that's going to

be able to be put to use right away. So I encourage my colleagues to support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir.

Do you care to remark further on the bill as amended?

Representative Alexander of the 58th.

REP. ALEXANDER (58th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you for the opportunity to quickly speak in favor of this bill as amended. I am someone currently, as everyone knows, a reservist in the Marine Corps, did four years active duty, never deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq, volunteered to do so, was moved off Okinawa six months early to do so, but it didn't happen due to the -- President Obama forced cap strength. So there are a lot of veterans that tried to deploy and for some logistical problem or administrative problem didn't deploy. They should be eligible for this bill (inaudible). I do know the Connecticut Step Up Program is trying to open up their program also to veterans that didn't deploy, especially in light of the fact that three out of the

four Step Up counselors are veterans in the military that didn't deploy to Afghanistan or Iraq.

So again, Mr. Speaker, thanks for the opportunity to speak in favor of this. I do think it's a good idea as someone who didn't have the opportunity yet to deploy to Afghanistan or Iraq. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir.

Do you care to remark further on the bill as amended?

Representative Nicastro of the 79th District.

REP. NICASTRO (79th):

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

On behalf of the Veterans Committee, we strongly support this bill and we urge all our Representatives to support it also. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir.

Do you care to remark? Do you care to remark further on the bill as amended?

If not, staff and guests to the well of the House, will the members 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.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Have all the members voted? Have all members voted? Members please check the board to make sure your vote is properly cast. If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

In concurrence with the Senate, S.B. 927, amended by Senate "A".

Total number voting	136
Necessary for passage	69
Yea votes	136
Nay votes	0
Absent and not voting	14

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill as amended passes in concurrence with the Senate.

Are there any announcements or introductions?

Announcements or introductions?

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**LABOR AND
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1 February 26, 2013
 tk/gbr LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES 2:00 P.M.

CHAIRMEN: Senator Osten,
 Representative Tercyak

MEMBERS PRESENT:

SENATORS: Osten, Gerratana,
 Markley

REPRESENTATIVES: Tercyak, Smith,
 Esposito, Kinger, Miner,
 Williams

SENATOR OSTEN: Public hearing for February 26th to order. We're going to remind everybody that you don't need to read your whole testimony. We would prefer that even public officials keep it down to the three-minute timeframe. And we're going to -- I don't -- is Senator Loony here? We're going to go on to Commissioner Palmer. You're up.

SHARON PALMER: Well, good afternoon, Senator Osten, Representative Tercyak, and member of the committee, I guess. There are several bills on today's hearing agenda, which I testified in support of last week. And I just want to reiterate my support for these numbers, and these are new numbers on the bill. Our Senate 926 and 27, House 6449, 6450, 6451, and 6452.

HB 5686 HB 5701

HB 6151 HB 6432

HB 6433 HB 6434

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And let me go on to the others that are up before you today. And they're all mainly technical bills. The first one is 909, Unemployment Conformity. This is part of our legislative package, and we need to have conformity with federal law. A state's failure to implement the penalty that's in this legislation would be ground for initiating conformity proceedings to deny certifying the state for grants. So we need to be in compliance with the penalties that

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Will you remark? Will you remark?

Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Yes, Madam President, if there is no objection, I would like to offer this for the Consent Calendar, please.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, it will be moved to the Consent Calendar. Thank you. So ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 13, Calendar 127, Senate Bill Number 927, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF NEW EMPLOYEE IN THE UNEMPLOYED ARMED FORCES MEMBER SUBSIDIZED TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, favorable report of the Committee on Labor and Public Employees.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten, good afternoon.

SENATOR OSTEN:

Good afternoon. How are you, Madam President?

THE CHAIR:

Fantastic.

SENATOR OSTEN:

I am here today to ask for passage of Raised Bill Number 927, and I do have an amendment that I'd like the Clerk to call.

THE CHAIR:

First, the motion is on passage. How will you remark, ma'am? And tell us what the amendment is.

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SENATOR OSTEN:

The motion is on the passage of AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF NEW EMPLOYEES AND UNEMPLOYED ARMED FORCES MEMBERS SUBSIDIZED TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. And I'm asking the Clerk to call LCO Number 5880 --

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR OSTEN:

-- and ask permission to summarize.

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 5880, Senate A, offered by Senator Osten and Representative Tercyak.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN:

I'm moving for the amendment to be passed, and I would like to leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, ma'am.

SENATOR OSTEN:

It's tough having a lot of new people, isn't it?

THE CHAIR:

You're doing great. It's fantastic.

SENATOR OSTEN:

The summarization of the amendment just changes this to be effective upon passage of this -- of this bill.

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THE CHAIR:

To move the adoption. Will you remark? Will you remark?

If not, then, I would say all in favor of this amendment, please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed.

The amendment passes.

Will you proceed, Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN:

Okay. Now, I'm asking for the bill to be passed -- moved to be passed, Bill Number 927, as amended.

THE CHAIR:

Are there -- will you remark? Will you remark?

If not --

SENATOR OSTEN:

I'm asking permission to move this to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, moving it to the Consent Calendar.

SENATOR OSTEN:

And I thank everybody for their help.

THE CHAIR:

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Mr. Clerk, call for a roll call vote, but will you do the proceedings and go through and read the vote on the -- on that Consent Calendar. Read the bills on the Consent Calendar and the machine then will be opened.

THE CLERK:

On page 1, Calendar 96, Senate Resolution Number 19, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JASON E. BOWSA OF BROAD BROOK TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION, favorable report of the Senate Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

Also on page 1 --

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, if you'd like you can just read the Calendar Number --

THE CLERK:

Okay.

THE CHAIR:

-- and the Resolution Number. Okay.

THE CLERK:

Great.

Page 1, Calendar 97, Senate Resolution Number 20.

On page 2, Calendar 98, Senate Joint Resolution Number 46; also on page 2, Calendar 99, Senate Joint Resolution Number 47; page 2, Calendar 130, Senate Joint Resolution Number 21; page 2, Calendar 131, Senate Joint Resolution Number 48; page 2, Calendar 136, Senate Joint Resolution 49.

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On page 3, Calendar 197, Senate Joint Resolution Number 50; also on page 3, Calendar 198, Senate Joint Resolution Number 51; page 3, Calendar 245, Senate Resolution Number 22; page 3, Calendar 246, Senate

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Joint Resolution Number 23; page 3, Calendar 247,
Senate Joint Resolution Number 52.

And on page 4, Calendar 316, House Joint Resolution
Number 72; page 4, Calendar 317, House Joint
Resolution Number 73; also on page 4, Calendar 318,
House Joint Resolution Number 74; page 4, Calendar
319, House Joint Resolution Number 75.

On page 5, Calendar 320, House Joint Resolution Number
76; also on page 5, Calendar 321, House Joint
Resolution Number 77; page 5, Calendar 322, House
Joint Resolution Number 78; on page 5, 323 is the
Calendar, House Joint Resolution Number 79.

And on page 6, Calendar 324, House Joint Resolution
Number 80; also on page 6, Calendar 325, House Joint
Resolution 81; page 6, Calendar 326, House Joint
Resolution Number 82; page 6, Calendar 327, House
Joint Resolution Number 84.

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On page 7, Calendar 329, House Joint Resolution Number
85; page 7, Calendar 330, House Joint Resolution
Number 86; page 7, Calendar 331, House Joint
Resolution Number 87; and on page 7, Calendar 332,
House Joint Resolution Number 88.

On page 13, Calendar 128 --

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, would you also check page 11, Calendar
Number 1 -- 0111.

THE CLERK:

I think that was referred to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

It is the Consent Calendar, sir.

THE CLERK:

Oh, yes, yes, yes, you're right. Sorry about that.

On page 11, Calendar 111, Senate Bill Number 825.

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And on page 13, now, Calendar 128, Senate Bill --

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, would you look at 127, also, please, 127,
Calendar 127.

THE CLERK:

Okay.

Calendar 127, Senate Bill Number 927; also on page 13,
Calendar 128, Senate Bill 1032; and on page 13,
Calendar 137, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 837.

On page 8 --

THE CHAIR:

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THE CLERK:

-- 15, Calendar 151 --

THE CHAIR:

Senator, would you look at Calendar 147, please.

THE CLERK:

-- Calendar 147 --

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

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-- Senate Bill Number 1061; also on page 15, Calendar
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THE CLERK:

-- 49, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 909; on page 15, Calendar 151, Senate Bill Number 63.

And, now, on page 16, Calendar 156, Senate Bill Number 1004; also Calendar 157, Senate Bill Number 1006.

And on page 18, Calendar 173, Substitute --

THE CHAIR:

-- Mr. Clerk, can you look at 168 first, please.

THE CLERK:

I'm sorry.

Calendar 168, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 880, and Calendar 173, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 874.

On page 19; Calendar 183, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 853.

And on page 20, Calendar 187, Senate Bill Number 953; also on page 20, Calendar 191, Senate Bill Number 704.

On page 22, Calendar 206, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 950.

On page 23, Calendar 213, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 826.

On page 24, Calendar 221, Senate Bill Number 946.

And on page 29, Calendar 25 --

THE CHAIR:

Sir, on page 28, first.

THE CLERK:

I'm sorry.

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Page 28, Calendar 250, Substitute for Senate Bill
Number 1010.

And on page 29, Calendar 258, Substitute for Senate
Bill Number 1073.

On page 37, Calendar 306, Senate Bill Number 111.

And I think that's it.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, I think so.

This time I'll ask everybody to please vote. The machine is open, and we're voting on the Consent Calendar.

Do you -- would you please announce it again, Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate,
voting today's Consent Calendar. Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted, all members have voted, the machine will be closed.

Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar.

Total Number Voting	36
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

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The Consent Calendar passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, a couple of additional items. First of all, on a matter adopted earlier today, Calendar 344, Substitute for House Bill Number 6648, would ask for a suspension for immediate transmittal of that item to the Governor.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, for a couple of -- of items for recommittals on the last -- near the end of the Calendar, Calendar page 52, under "Favorable Reports and Resolutions," Calendar 34, Senate Resolution Number 8, I would move to recommit that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

And also, Madam President, Calendar 212, Senate Resolution Number 14, I move to recommit that item to the Education Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.