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DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? If all the members have voted, please check the board to determine if your vote has been properly cast.

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

THE CLERK:

House Bill 5397.

Total number voting 137

Necessary for passage 69

Those voting Yea 137

Those voting Nay 0

Those absent and not voting 13

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

The bill passes. Will the Clerk please announce, call Calendar Number 233.

THE CLERK:

On Page 12, Calendar 233, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Technology,

Substitute House Bill 5115 AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND MINOR REVISIONS TO AND REPEAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS OF THE ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY STATUTES.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Representative Reed.

REP. REED (102nd):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

The motion before the Chamber is acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill. Madam, please proceed. You have the floor.

REP. REED (102nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has in his possession an amendment, LCO 3505. I request that he be instructed to call it and that I be allowed to summarize. It's a very big amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

It's the bible. Will the Clerk please call LCO Number 3505, sir. LCO 3505 designated House Amendment Schedule "A".

THE CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "A", introduced by Representative Reed, Duff, Hoydick and Chaplin et al. Chapin, et al. Excuse me.

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Thank you, sir. The good Chairwoman.

REP. REED (102nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker --

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Summarize the Amendment, please. Please proceed with summarization, madam.

REP. REED (102nd):

Thank you. Thank you. This is a strike-all Amendment that becomes the bill. This Amendment is designed to make technical changes and revisions that update and make relevant certain outdated state statutes that govern, that govern energy and an example of a revision includes removing obsolete terms such as telegraph companies, clearly an entity that no longer exists. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Motion before the Chamber is adoption of House Amendment Schedule "A", House Amendment Schedule "A". Will you comment further on House Amendment Schedule "A". Representative Hoydick of the 120th, madam, you have the floor.

REP. HOYDICK (120th):

Good evening, Mr. Speaker, how are you?

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Fine, ma'am, thank you.

REP. HOYDICK (120th):

It's good to hear, Mr. Speaker, and I was just going to ask, through you, if, to the Chair, to the Co-Chair of the Energy and Technology Committee, would it be a normal Session of the House of Representatives if we didn't have an Energy bill that was more than 100 pages long? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Madam Chair.

REP. REED (102nd):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, to the excellent lady from Stratford, I would say that we tried to make it a completely new day in Energy, but occasionally one has to rely on tradition and therefore, here we go.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Representative Hoydick.

REP. HOYDICK (120th):

And I thank Representative Reed for that funny answer, but I do have one question on this bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Please proceed.

REP. HOYDICK (120th):

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Through you, Mr. Speaker, with regard, Representative Reed, with regard to Section 1, it removes the definition of the public service motor vehicle, and I was, am wondering if it is replaced anywhere else within this strike-all Amendment and what is the reason for the placement?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Representative Reed.

REP. REED (102nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, and actually it's another effort to clean up and make more logical the statute, so it was taken out of the Energy statute and put into a subset of Transportation statutes, where it should reside more happily and it does not change the nature of the law or the statute at all.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Representative Hoydick.

REP. HOYDICK (120th):

Thank you for that answer, and I encourage my colleagues to support this Amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

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Thank you, madam. Will you comment further on House Amendment Schedule "A"? Will you comment further on House Amendment Schedule "A"?

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

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Opposed? Ayes have it. The Amendment passes.

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

If not, will staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will members please take your seats. The machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by Roll.

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Will members please return to the Chamber immediately.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Will members please check the board to see if your vote has been properly cast.

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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:

House Bill 5115 as amended by House "A".

Total number voting	136
Necessary for passage	69
Those voting Yea	136
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	14

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER:

The bill as amended passes. Will the Chamber please stand at ease.

(Chamber at ease.)

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The Chair will come back to order. Will the Clerk please call Calendar 345.

THE CLERK:

On Page 1, Calendar 345, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. House Joint Resolution 75 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF TIMOTHY D BATES, ESQUIRE OF NOANK TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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House Bill 5115, move to place on the Consent  
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

And also, Madam President, Calendar 500 on Page 17,  
Calendar 5547, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Moving to Calendar Page  
18, where there is one item, Calendar 507, House Bill  
5530, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Moving to Calendar Page  
19, where we have four items. The First, Calendar  
514, House Bill 5521, move to place on the Consent  
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

And the second, Calendar 516, House Bill 5500, move to  
place on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Calendar 334, House Bill 5339.

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SENATOR LOONEY:

If we might pause for just a moment to verify a couple of additional items.

Madam President, to verify an additional item, I believe it was placed on the Consent Calendar and Calendar Page 30, on Calendar Page 30, Calendar 592, Substitute for House Bill 5476.

THE CHAIR:

It is, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

It is on? Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Madam President. If the Clerk would now, finally, Agenda Number 4, Madam President, Agenda Number 4 one additional item ask for suspension to place up on Agenda Number 4 and that is, ask for suspension to place on the Consent Calendar an item from Agenda Number 4.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President, and that item is Substitute House Bill Number 5566 from Senate Agenda Number 4.

Thank you, Madam President. If the Clerk would now, if we might call for a vote on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk. Will you please call for a Roll Call Vote on the Consent Calendar. The machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

An immediate Roll Call has been ordered in the Senate.

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An immediate Roll Call on Consent Calendar Number 2 has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

If all members have voted, all members have voted, the machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk will you please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Consent Calendar Number 2.

Total number voting	36
Necessary for adoption	19
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar passes. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Two additional items to take up before the, our final vote on the implementer. If we might stand for just, for just a moment.

The first item to mark Go is, Calendar, to remove from the Consent Calendar, Calendar Page 22, Calendar 536, House Bill 5546. If that item might be marked Go.

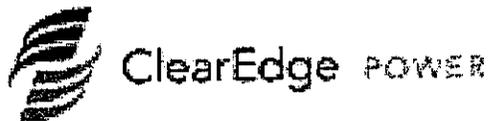
And one additional item, Madam President, and that was from Calendar, or rather from Agenda Number 4, ask for suspension to take it up for purposes of marking it Go, that is House Bill, Substitute for House Bill 5417. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Testimony of ClearEdge Power  
 Regarding

House Bill No. 5115

**AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND MINOR REVISIONS TO AND REPEAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS OF ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY STATUTES**

Before the Energy and Technology Committee  
 February 20, 2014

Senator Duff, Representative Reed and members of the Committee:

ClearEdge Power appreciates the opportunity to convey its support for House Bill No. 5115, An Act Concerning Technical and Minor Revisions to and Repeal of Obsolete Provisions of Energy and Technology Statutes.

ClearEdge Power, a company located in South Windsor, CT, Hillsboro, OR, and Sunnyvale CA, employs over 300 people in the development, design, production and service of fuel cells for use in stationary power and heat applications. ClearEdge Power supports the proposed changes within House Bill No. 5115, "An Act Concerning Technical and Minor Revisions to and Repeal of Obsolete Provisions of Energy and Technology Statutes", especially related to Sections 1(a)(5), 1(a)(23) and 60.

Today ClearEdge Power is producing fuel cells for stationary applications for energy generation with system efficiencies approaching 90%. Through the use of combined heat and power, our stationary fuel cells provide power and heat with no combustion, minimal noise and ultra-low criteria air pollutants. Our systems also contribute to peak power reduction and can provide off-grid power and heat, enhancing power reliability and overall resiliency within the State.

We support the language updates within Sections 1(a)(5), 1(a)(23) and 60, which clarify that submetered Class 1 generation does not classify the respective landlord as an electric or gas utility. This clarification should promote swift implementation of the submetering provision with Public Act 13-298, which updated General Statute 16-19ff to allow submetering for commercial, industrial and mixed-use residential buildings receiving electric or thermal energy from a Class I resource. Continued support from the legislature will encourage the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA") to move forward with a positive decision in Docket 13-01-26 to implement a clear process for landlords who meet the updated provisions within CGS 16-19ff. Allowing Connecticut consumers with multiple on-site meters to assign the energy produced by their Class I generator to fully maximize its output will further expand the capacity of in-state Class 1 generation, continue to achieve the State's RPS goals as well as contribute to reducing the overall greenhouse gas emission profile within the State.

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Thank you for the opportunity to express our desire for HB 5115 to meet the State's objective of the cleanest and most cost effective energy policy possible, and to provide comments as to how the intent of HB 5115 could facilitate additional positive economic impacts and job creation and retention in the State of Connecticut. We would be pleased to provide any information to the Committee and the staff in support of the consideration of this bill.

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