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House Bill 5099.

Total number voting	145
Necessary for passage	73
Those voting Yea	145
Those voting Nay	0
Absent, not voting	4

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

And the bill passes.

(Speaker Sharkey in the Chair.)

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 70.

THE CLERK:

Yes. On page number 9, House Calendar Number 70,
Favorable Report of the joint standing Committee on
Judiciary, House Bill 5339, AN ACT CONCERNING THE
ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS AND THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN
MARRIAGES.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Gerry Fox.

REP. FOX (146th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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

Will you remark, sir?

REP. FOX (146th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a bill that the Judiciary Committee has, does several times over the course of a -- a decade. The last time we did this was in 2006, and what it does is it -- it validates those marriages that have taken place where the individual who presided over the marriage may have been a, whether it's a justice of the peace whose license may have expired, or if the wedding took place in a town that may not have been the town where the license was issued or the marriage license was issued, what it does is it makes it clear that the marriages that did take place during that time are, in fact, valid marriages and those people are, in fact, validly married.

This will, you know, take -- take into account those weddings, marriages that have taken place since the last time we did this, which was in 2006.

Another component of this bill is that it also makes it clear that all chief municipal officials may administer oaths. It's a technical change because the current language says "first selectmen." This just makes it clear that all chief elected officials can administer oaths.

And I urge passage of the bill.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir.

Would you care to remark further on the bill before us?

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I do rise in support of the bill that's before us for all the reasons that Chairman Fox had highlighted. And, again, it is a technical change.

This is certainly already granted, the authority to first selectmen. Certainly the municipal chief elected officials of those towns that do not have first selectmen should have the same powers.

And, again, the validations of those marriages in those limited circumstances, it's good public policy.

So, Mr. Speaker, I do rise in support of the bill that's before us.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, madam.

Would you care to remark further on the bill that's before us? Do you care to remark further on the bill that's before us?

If not, staff and guests to the Well of the House. 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 the members voted?

Will the members please check the board to make sure your vote is properly cast.

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

Clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Bill 5339.

Total number voting	146
Necessary for passage	74
Those voting Yea	146
Absent -- or those voting Nay	0
Absent, not voting	3

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill passes.

Are there any announcements or introductions?

Representative Genga. Representative Genga is
not at his seat.

In that case, Representative Aresimowicz.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Good afternoon, sir.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Mr. Speaker, we're about to recess and enter into
a caucus in Room 207-A, so House Democrats will be
having a caucus in Room 207-A.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir.

Representative Klarides.

REP. KLARIDES (114th):

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Thank-you, Mr. President. Moving to Calendar Page 6 where there are several items, the first, Calendar 341, House Bill 5117. Move to place on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Also Page 6, Calendar 338, House Bill 5323, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Calendar 344, House Bill 5442, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Also, Madam President, Mr. President, Calendar 334, House Bill 5339, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President, and also on Calendar Page 6, Calendar 336, House Bill 5056, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

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Calendar 334, House Bill 5339.

Calendar 336, House Bill 5056.

On Page 7, Calendar 345, House Bill 5443.

On Page 9, Calendar 417, House Bill 5410.

On Page 10, Calendar 420, House Bill 5258.

Calendar 421, House Bill 5263.

Calendar 424, House Bill 5439.

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On Page 12, Calendar 445, House Bill 5418.

Calendar 438, House Bill 5336.

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Calendar 446, House Bill 5150.

Calendar 452, House Bill 5531.

On Page 14, Calendar 457, House Bill 5516.

Calendar 455, House Bill 5325.

Calendar 456, House Bill 5440.

Calendar 459, House Bill 5321.

Calendar 461, House Bill 5140.

On Page 15, Calendar 468, House Bill 5450.

Calendar 465, House Bill 5341.

On Page 16, Calendar 474, House Bill 5337.

Calendar 469, 5538.

Calendar 473, House Bill 5328.

On Page 17, Calendar 496, House Bill 5115.

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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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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

HB 5339, "An Act Concerning Probate Court Operations"

CCM *supports* this bill as it would make a technical change to provide the chief elected official (CEO) of a municipality with the authority to administer oaths and to validate marriages that are performed by unauthorized justices of the peace.

This would provide clarity to current statute allowing all CEO's in Connecticut to administer oaths and validate marriage.

CCM encourages the Committee to favorably report HB 5339.

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