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Good evening, Mr. Speaker. I'm sorry for the confusion. We're about to set up our third consent calendar for the evening, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that -- I would like to move the following items to the Consent Calendar, all of which are in concurrence with the Senate.

Senate Bill 293, House Calendar Number 539 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar Number 321; Calendar 486 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 542 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 540 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 507 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 411 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 472 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 314; Calendar 132 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 116 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 541 as amended by Senate "A" and Senate "B".

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Aresimowicz, I believe that a couple of the bills that you called were actually Senate calendar numbers, not House calendar numbers. So I believe the Clerk knows what you're intending, he

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may -- with your indulgence, I was going to ask him  
to, perhaps, offer the correction.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Mr. Speaker, maybe for clarification, I'll go  
through the bill numbers very quickly.

It being Senate Bill 29 --

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Mr. Speaker -- excuse me, Mr. Speaker. Is this  
the appropriate time for one to object to all the  
items on the Consent Calendar?

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

It would be.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

I will object to all the items on the Consent  
Calendar. I would respectfully request that we talk.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir.

With that objection, we will suspend action on  
the Consent Calendar so that the Minority and Majority  
Leader may talk.

[Pause.]

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I -- just to clarify, I'm going to run through the bill number and the calendar number.

It would be Senate Bill 293, which is Calendar 545; Senate Bill 429, which is Calendar 539; Senate Bill 115, which is Calendar 321; Senate Bill 203, which is Calendar 486; Senate Bill 71, which is Calendar 542; Senate Bill 447, which is Calendar 540; Senate Bill 61, which is Calendar 507; Senate Bill 75, which is Calendar 411; Senate Bill 321, which is Calendar 472; Senate Bill 66, which is Calendar 314; Senate Bill 178, which is Calendar 495; Senate Bill 430, which is Calendar Number 489; and Senate Bill 425, which is Calendar 51 -- 541.

And I move adoption of the Consent Calendar.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Mr. Clerk, does that match your listing of the calendar numbers?

THE CLERK:

430, Mr. Majority Leader, Senate Bill 430 is calendar what?

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

489.

THE CLERK:

Yes. It does, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

And, Mr. Majority Leader, could you also indicate -- I'm sorry to have to delay this for a second, but according to my notes, all of those -- well, most of those are adopted -- or amended by Senate "A"? If you could just --

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Correct, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

specify --

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Except the first and the last, sir. The last one being Senate "A" and "B," sir.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you. As long as we're clear about the amendments that have been adopted in the Senate.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Correct, Mr. Speaker. And I move passage of the bills on today's Consent Calendar Number 3.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of the Consent Calendar Number 3?

Staff and guests please come to the well of the House. Members take your seats. The machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

The House is voting on Consent Calendar Number 3.

The House is voting by roll. Will members please return to the chamber immediately.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted?

Take your time, Representative Boukus.

Would 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:

Consent number -- Consent Calendar Number 3

Total Number Voting	147
Necessary for Passage	74
Those voting Yea	147
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	4

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The Consent Calendar is passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 506?

THE CLERK:

Calendar 506, on page 25, favorable report of the  
joint standing committee on Appropriations. Senate

Bill 55, AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLAINTS THAT ALLEGED  
MISCONDUCT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PERSONNEL.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative 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:

Question's 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.

The Clerk has an amendment, LCO Number 4583. I'd  
ask that it be called, and I be allowed to summarize.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 4583, which has  
been previously designated Senate Amendment "A."

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So moved.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. If the Clerk would now call Calendar Page 2, Calendar 59, Senate Bill 71.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On Page 2, Calendar 59, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 71 AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE EDUCATION OPTIONS FOR BOATING AND HUNTING SAFETY, Favorable Report of the Committee on Environment. There are amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer. My cousin, uncle and brother.

SENATOR MEYER:

Thank you. Mr. President, I do move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of this good bill.

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR MEYER:

Yes, Mr. President. There is an amendment. Could the Clerk please call LCO 5590 and I be given permission to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 5590, Senate "A" offered by Senators Williams, Looney, et al.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer.

SENATOR MEYER:

I move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

On adoption.

SENATOR MEYER:

Thank you, Mr. President. You can tell, colleagues, from the face of this bill that it's got the support of the leadership of both the Democrats and the Republicans of the State Senate and also the House below.

You recall that last year we passed a major mattress recycling bill that has become a national model and as a result of that, there have been some requests by the retail industry in Connecticut to make two changes in our recycling, mattress recycling bill that we passed last year.

This is a strike-all Amendment and it makes two changes. The first change is that it excludes from the definition of mattresses and therefore outside of the recycling, sofa beds and futons and a few other things that are really not mattresses.

The second is that it transfers the mattress stewardship fee from the wholesaler to the point of sale, to the retailer, and that was at the request of the industry because the retailer was having to pick up the cost at the wholesale level of the fee, and that was a considerable expense for small retailers.

And so now what this bill does is, the small mattress stewardship fee is being paid at the point of sale by the customer. Those are the two things that the bill does, is strongly supported by the retail industry in Connecticut. I urge its passage.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Chapin.

SENATOR CHAPIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I also rise in support of the Amendment before us. Oftentimes when we pass comprehensive legislation in one Session we need an opportunity to do some minor tweaks to it and revisions, and that's exactly what this bill does. It is a product of compromise and I encourage my colleagues to support it. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer. Oh, I'm sorry. Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. A question through you to the proponent, Senator Meyer. What is the, if I can proceed?

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

Thank you very much. What's the germaneness or relationship between the mattress bill and the underlying bill, which I believe is AN ACT CONCERNING THE ONLINE EDUCATION OPTIONS FOR BOATING AND HUNTING SAFETY?

SENATOR MEYER:

That was a, through you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer. Hold on, please. Please take your conversations, Senator Meyer, hold on please. Everybody please take your conversations outside the Chamber. Thank you. Senator Meyer, please proceed.

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SENATOR MEYER:

Yes, to Senator Frantz, that was an available vehicle that relates to an environment issue and that is the germane connection. We're dealing on the one hand with the original bill that relates to hunting and boating, which is an environmental issue, with the recycling of an important product, which is another environmental issue, and that's the connection, Senator Frantz.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

Okay, thank you. Through you, Mr. President, thank you for that answer. I appreciate that, and the only thing I would ask about the Amendment specifically would be, what is ticking? Ticking is a term I'm not familiar with.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer.

SENATOR MEYER:

Through you, Mr. President, ticking is actually a technical term for the outermost layer of a mattress. Ticking does not include any layer or fabric of the quilt as such, but it does include the fabric, which is the outside of a mattress, and that's what ticking is.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Frantz.

SENATOR FRANTZ:

Fair enough, along with the clock. Thank you very much, and thank you, Mr. President.

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Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Will you remark further on the Amendment? If not, I'll try your minds.

SENATOR MEYER:

No, no, Mr. President, I apologize. This has got to go down the House right away, so there should be a vote on this bill. Oh, we're going to adopt the Amendment. Excuse me.

THE CHAIR:

We have to adopt the Amendment, sir. I'll try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed, nay? The ayes have it. Senate "A" is adopted. Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Will you remark further on the bill as amended?

If not, Mr. Clerk, please announce the pendency of a Roll Call Vote. The machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

An immediate Roll Call has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate Roll Call in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel. Senator Slossberg. Have all members voted? Have all members voted? Have all members voted? If all members have voted, please check the board to make sure your vote is accurately recorded.

If all members have voted, the machine will be closed and the Clerk will announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

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Senate Bill Number 71 as amended.

Total number voting	35
Necessary for passage	18
Those voting Yea	33
Those voting Nay	2
Those absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

The bill as amended passes. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, would move for immediate transmittal to the House of Senate Bill 71.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Also wanted to mark Go and also call as the next item another item that needs to go to the House of Representatives and that is Calendar Page 32, Calendar 168, Senate Bill 235 from the Transportation Committee.

And before calling that bill, Mr. President, I believe the Clerk is now in possession of Senate Agenda Number 1.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

The Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda Number 1. It's dated Wednesday, May 7, 2014. It's been copied and is on Senators' desks.

THE CHAIR: