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Are there any more introductions or announcements?

Representative Esposito, you have the floor, sir.

REP. ESPOSITO (116th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. For an announcement.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

You may proceed, sir.

REP. ESPOSITO (116th):

Madam Speaker, I want to bring attention to one our own today. It's her birthday and it's Cathy Abercrombie. Cathy is 39. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Happy birthday, madam.

Are there anymore announcements or introductions?

Seeing none, will the Clerk please call Calendar 405?

THE CLERK:

On page 24, Calendar Number 405, favorable report of the joint standing committee on Judiciary, Substitute House Bill Number 5592, AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIME LIMITATION FOR PROSECUTING A MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION THAT RESULTS IN DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY TO ANOTHER PERSON.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Representative Fox.

REP. FOX (146th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I move for the acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

The question is acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill -  
- I'm sorry -- resolution.

REP. FOX (146th):

Oh, excuse me. I should say passage of the bill. I'm sorry. I've done a lot of resolutions in the last week.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Okay. We'll get on the same page,  
Representative.

REP. FOX (146th):

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Representative Fox, you have the floor, sir.

REP. FOX (146th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This is a bill that was raised by the Judiciary Committee that addresses those situations where individuals are injured or killed after being struck by a motor vehicle, essentially a hit and run situation and what happened in the examples that were presented to us were those where individuals had not been able to -- or prosecutors had not been able to prosecute the cases because the time that within which they could have brought the case had lapsed before the individual who had actually evaded responsibility who had hit somebody and left the scene could be identified.

Madam Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment, LCO Number 4510. I would ask that that be called and I be given leave of the chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Would the Clerk please call LCO 4510, which would be designated House Amendment Schedule "A."

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 4510, designated House "A" and offered Representative Fox, Senator Coleman, Representative Rebimbas.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

The Representative seeks of the chamber to summarize the amendment. Is there objection to summarization? Is there objection?

Hearing none, Representative Fox, you may proceed with summarization, sir.

REP. FOX (146th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

What this amendment does, it's a strike-all amendment and what it does it limits the portion of the bill that eliminates the statute of limitations to those in situations where someone is struck by a motor vehicle that the person who is driving the motor vehicle leaves the scene and a person that is struck by the vehicle is killed. So those situations that result in death and for those situations there would be no statute of limitations and the reason for -- for the amendment is that in most of our -- the examples of our statutes where we deal with the elimination of a statute of limitations in a criminal context, it is those situations that result in the death of another. So we felt it would appropriate to have this be the law going forward and I would urge -- move adoption of the amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

The question before the chamber is adoption of House Amendment Schedule "A." Will you remark on the amendment?

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the amendment that's before us and because it is a strike-all amendment, it essentially will become the bill. We heard testimony in support of this -- what the original bill was, but certainly what this amendment is and I think -- and I've made this quite clear during our public hearing and I'll make it clear on the floor of the house that I think that any individual for any reason whatsoever that commits a hit and run and takes off from the scene of an accident is absolutely disgraceful and cowardly. We hear of many situations, Madam Speaker, where these injuries sometimes then turn out to be deaths.

When someone leaves a hit and run scene, you have no idea what kind of condition you leave the people at the scene. So even to assume that they may be okay is just simply not acceptable. I think this delivers a message to everyone who is involved with a hit and run

to be responsible and to do the right thing and to make sure that they stay at the scene and that they call the appropriate authorities and make sure that everyone is safe before anyone leaves the scene of an accident. And, Madam Speaker, I didn't share this during the public hearing, but I'll certainly share it now, but I will spare the details. But I, too, was involved in a hit and run and this happened late in the evening when it was raining and the individual rear-ended my vehicle and I had family members in my vehicle.

I won't go into details, but I was able to eventually locate that hit and run driver and when we located that hit and run driver, it was disgraceful to find out that not only was he under the influence, but he, too, had family members and a minor child in this vehicle, a minor child that was not even in a child seat. So this is a serious issue that occurs on a regular basis and I think a good message to deliver in the state of Connecticut is that if you do commit a hit and run, you have a responsibility to make sure that everyone that everyone is secured and it's the least that they can do, but if you dare to take off from a scene of an accident and heaven forbid that

someone were to die as a result of those injuries, we will find you no matter what and we will prosecute you because we're saying that there is no statute of limitations.

So I stand in support of the amendment that's before us, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Thank you, Madam.

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

Representative Arce.

REP. ARCE (4th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this amendment. In the state of Connecticut, the statute of limitations for prosecuting someone who evaded responsibility, which is also known as hit and run, is five years and if nobody is arrested during that time, that person will come out of hiding and continue on with their life while the victims they really got no statute of limitation to come out of their graves. In October of 1997, a gentleman which I will not name, was struck by a car and killed and in 2003, a gentleman was caught, apprehended, and arrested, but

the statute of limitation had expired and he was -- he walked free. Nothing was able to get -- get done.

The family never got justice.

This happened a lot. From 2008 to 2010, there were 43 hit and run accidents in -- in Connecticut. Connecticut calls it an accident even though people are out there recklessly driving. Ninety percent of the people that cause this kind of accident are either people who are running red lights, speeding on city streets, driving with suspended license or no license at all, under the influence of alcohol or drugs, unregistered motor vehicle, reckless driving, driving against traffic, in other's word, on incoming traffic, endangering the public, and then at the end, after they hide and tamper with evidence, which they hide evidence. Just about five months ago, there was a young immigrant, 30 years old, who was here illegally. No family at all. He was struck by a car on Maple Avenue and left to die.

And he did die. He had -- there was no way to -- for the family to get his body back home for the fact -- the Dominican Republic for the fact that it came from a poor town. But people in my community was able to organize people in my community and we came

together to raise those monies to send his body home to his mother and his family. Today, that person has not been caught yet and there is no chances that the person will be caught yet. As everyone here in this chamber knows, my father was also a victim of a hit and run and it took us a year to apprehend the person that did this to my father. He hid for a whole year. This was big news. He was watching this on TV. He knew what the family was going through, but you know at the end, it was a police officer who finally say, you know what, we're going to bring him in anyway and we're going to make him talk.

That was the only way we able to get justice. But I've got a bigger concern. Out of the 43 accidents that were in -- from 2008 to 2010, out of those 43, 21 of them were fatal, only five of them was closed. The rest of them this year is the fifth anniversary. Those people will never see justice if they don't get caught this year and the sad part about it is these are our kids, 11, 3, 15, 19, 17, 16, and an elderly man -- an elderly woman of 79 years old. I would leave it at. Even a 90 year old, they will never see justice.

It seems like victims -- the only benefit that they have is -- well, none at all to be honest with you, but then again, the people that commit this act, they've got all kinds of benefits. They can plea bargain. When they're sentenced, they only do 85 percent of their time. They don't have to do the full time. I wish these victims that died are able to do 85 percent of their time in that grave and able to come out after 85 percent of the time. But then again, in 2011, there was legislation passed that gave them another benefit, a benefit that is called the Risk Reduction Earned Credit Program, which on top of the 85 percent, they could earn up to five days a month for early release from prison.

Every victim's family receive a letter from Office of the Victim Services and the Department of Correction informing them the person who killed your family member is entitled to earn five days a month on top of the 85 percent that the court -- when they get sentenced. Ladies and gentleman, it is time for us to also start thinking about the victims and the victim's family. I would urge the House on both sides of the aisle to please support this amendment as well as the

bill and let's hope that we can bring closure to some of these families. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on the amendment before us?

Representative Mikutel.

REP. MIKUTEL (45th):

Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise briefly to say that hit and run drivers deserve justice. Often times they are -- excuse me -- I mean, the victims of hit and run drivers deserve justice and often times they are denied justice because the perpetrators run out the clock. This bill, again, is overdue. It's a good bill and it ought to pass. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on the amendment before us?

Representative Williams.

REP. WILLIAMS (68th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And good afternoon.

You know, earlier we did a bill -- a technical bill that came out of the finance committee and I made a joke that that's one of those bills that warms your heart and tug at your heart strings and here we are and this really is one of those bills. Representative Arce, my hat is off to you and my heart goes out to you for what you've been through personally and the courage that you have to stand here and speak publically about it. I'm sure that's not an easy thing. I have a friend, a constituent from Watertown who sadly has had a similar experience. When her sister was 25 years old, she was together with her other sisters one night and said she would back in a few moments and she walked out of the establishment that she was in and she never came back because she, too, was hit by a driver who was drunk and high at the time.

They didn't know it at the time because 21 years later after they didn't find the person who did this, the person actually came forward and admitted that he had been the person who hit her. The reasons he came forward are irrelevant, but he did. He came forward. He admitted what he did and the police department realized they could not charge him because the statute

of limitations had expired. This is a man who of his volition for whatever reason, came forward, made this admission. I think the family was probably very emotional when they learned who this person was after all of these years of having no closure with this issue and then they were probably torn down when they learned that the statute of limitations had expired and that justice could not be served on this individual.

So the Galvin sisters have been talking to me about this issue for many years. It's hard to explain to people who aren't here every day how long the process can be. Sometimes it's many, many years for us to make even some of the most commonsense reforms. It's nobody's fault. It's not Democrats or Republicans or Senators or Representatives, but sometimes the process can be extremely long even for the most commonsense issues. So I proudly stand here today to support this bill. I urge everyone to support it and I hope it can get through the Senate very quickly. This is the right thing to do. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Thank you, sir.

Representative Adinolfi.

REP. ADINOLFI (103rd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's a pleasure to see you there.

I just want to comment on this bill. I certainly support it 100 percent, but however, I think in the future, we should start thinking about going a little further. We have just about two weeks ago in Meriden Court, we had a sentencing. This driver was traveling 100 miles an hour, DUI three times the allowable amount of alcohol and killed a five year old and an eight year old and injured three others and guess what? He wound up with a 20 year sentence, reduced to 12 and five years probation. I know we don't like minimum sentences, but I think in the future. It's kind of late this year to do it. We should start looking into those things. This guy got away with killing two children and only gets 12 years and he's eligible for five years probation before that. Come on.

Let's look at this stuff over again and over again and think about. In the future, let's do something to make these penalties what people deserve

and this is one case where there was an injustice to the families. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Thank you, sir.

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

If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

All those opposed, nay.

The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted.

Will you remark further on the bill as amended?

Will you remark further on the bill as amended?

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

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 MILLER:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted?  
Will the members please check the board to determine  
if your vote is properly cast?

If all 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 5592 as amended by House "A."

Total number voting	144
Necessary for passage	73
Those voting Yea	144
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	7

(Deputy Speaker Sayers in the chair.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The bill as amended is passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 217.

THE CLERK:

On page 42, Calendar Number 217, favorable report  
of the joint standing committee on Appropriations,  
Substitute House Bill Number 5500, AN ACT CONCERNING  
PROVIDER AUDITS UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

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And Calendar 517, House Bill 5305, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

And Calendar 512, House Bill 5386, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Moving now to Calendar Page 20, where there are two items. The first, Calendar 527, House Bill 5592, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

And the second, Calendar 528, House Bill 5453, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Moving to Calendar Page 21 where there is a single item, Calendar 531, House Bill 5299, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

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Calendar 500, House Bill 5547.

On Page 18, Calendar 507, House Bill 5530.

On Page 19, Calendar 512, House Bill 5386.

Calendar 514, House Bill 5521.

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Calendar 517, House Bill 5305.

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Calendar 528, House Bill 5453.

On Page 21, Calendar 531, House Bill 5299.

Calendar 533, House Bill 5290.

On Page 22, Calendar 541, House Bill 5456.

Calendar 539, House Bill 5294.

On Page 24, Calendar 551, House Bill 5588.

Calendar 552, House Bill 5269.

On Page 25, Calendar 564, House Bill 5489.

Calendar 562, House Bill 5446.

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THE CHAIR:

Hold on. Okay. Sorry. Please proceed.

THE CLERK:

On Page 26, Calendar 568, House Bill 5434.

Calendar 569, House Bill 5040.

Calendar 566, House Bill 5535.

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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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have left. I have the internet; give me five names and I will Google them and I will find out everything I want to know about them. But at least give me the option.

I am not a stupid woman. I have a bachelors of science in business management. I am currently getting my masters in education. I am not a stupid woman. I can research a name or two and figure out who I want to represent myself, my children and their best interests. But do not assign me a person like I have no brain in my head and say this is her, she's going to find out who your children belong to and that's it, you have no say in the matter.

SENATOR COLEMAN: Thank you. Are there any questions? Seeing none, thank you, Wilma, we appreciate your testimony.

WILMA OSKAR: I didn't think there'd be any question, I'm not a represented official. Have a good evening.

SENATOR COLEMAN: You're welcome. Representative Arce.

REP. ARCE: Good evening, Chairman Coleman, Chairman Fox, members of the committee. I'm here to speak on Raised Bill 5592, AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIME LIMITATION FOR PROSECUTING A MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION THAT RESULTS IN DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY TO ANOTHER PERSON. I did not write any testimony. I want to speak on my personal experiences and the things that I have seen within my community and the people that I represent.

The statute of limitation on this type of issue I truly believe that there should not be any statute of limitation on an issue where a person is hurt badly or a cause of death when it comes

to a motor vehicle. In 2008 that's when I really got involved on the hit and run laws and I've been coming in front of Judiciary as well as Transportation. This will be my fifth time, close to five years that I have testified in hope that there will be some Legislation change when it comes to hit and run laws.

My family was very lucky because we pursued it where the statute of limitation when my father was hit by that car, the statute of limitation we were able to catch the person something like 15 days prior to the statute of limitation. Meaning that after those 15 days there was nothing that my family or anybody was able to do to make sure that this person got -- my family got justice.

But let's forget about my father. I want to talk right now about those that are not going to be able to get justice if we don't do something. But before I go on, in October of 1997, Teodoro Perez was struck and killed on Park Street.

In 2003 a man confessed to the crime by stating that he hit and dragged Mr. Perez on the way back from a bar. Police could not arrest the man who confessed because the statute of limitation of vehicular homicide had passed. This I got from the Hartford Courant back then.

We have many victims that was hurt badly that would not be able to -- back in 2008, that are not going to be able to get any kind of justice for the fact that the statute of limitations. And I'll read some of them for you. Gabrielle Lee, 11 years old; Joshua Rodriguez, 17 years old; Carlee Wines, 19 years old; Kaleen Baset, 15 years old; Justin DeJesus, 16 years old; Anthony Morales, 16 years old and the one that hurts me the most is Joseph Ortiz, 3 years old. The statute of limitation is almost there.

And it seems like the ones that benefit from these kind of incidents, is the person that commits the crime. And the person that hides those, that commit the crimes. For example, the person that hide -- the person that hide, it was a family member, the person that hide, the guy that killed my father, at the end up getting a \$10,000 reward for hiding the person and here's her statement. It clearly says, I knew about it from day one. That's number one.

Number two, victims don't seem to benefit from hitting her at all. I mean every victim of a hit and run, somebody evading their responsibilities, get a letter, one from Victims Services and one from the Department of Correction.

On July 1, 2011, the Connecticut General Assembly passed Public Act 1151 which provide parts of an ability for negligible offenders who are -- these were after 10/1/94 to earn credit for participating in the program and work assignment that are -- what do they call it, risk reduction earned credit program.

In other words, Legislature passed a law that a person like the one that killed my father that was charged with manslaughter, unlike a lot of the people that went to jail for that, are able to earn five days a month for early release. But nobody never say let's do something for the victims.

It seems like the people that commit the crimes, get more benefits and the victims or the victims family. There's many things here that I would love to read and a lot of victims which I know I don't have the time, but I hope that we'll be able to at least change this Legislation of the statute of limitations and make sure that we allow the families or victims of the family, to be able to find justice. I'm open for questions.

SENATOR COLEMAN: Are there any questions for Representative Arce? Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not so much a question as much as I want to thank the Representative for his testimony and I think you put it very eloquently and I know you speak obviously from the heart from personal experience and all the work that you do for all the individuals that you just named. But you really did highlight that it is the perpetrators who take off from a scene of an accident and if they're good enough to hide long enough, but then somehow at the end of all this, they don't get charged.

So it's a serious concern that we do need to look at and I think you put it so eloquently. And for a variety of different reasons we hear a lot of excuses why people do hit and runs, whether they're under the influence of drugs or they're - and quite frankly there's no excuse whatsoever that's going to justify any type of damage, especially a loss of life. So I want to thank you for sharing obviously your story and your advocacy on this issue and I certainly do hope that we strongly examine it moving forward.

REP. ARCE: Thank you.

SENATOR COLEMAN: Are there other questions? Seeing none, thank you, Representative.

REP. ARCE: Thank you for the opportunity to testify in front of the committee.

SENATOR COLEMAN: You're welcome. Catherine Bailey is next.

CATHERINE BAILEY: Good evening, Senator Coleman, Representative Fox, ranking members and other

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Subject: Testimony for all family related matters 3/31/2014

Ps. My children have been without their mother for 542 days, absent neglect, abuse, unfitness or change in circumstances. I was their prary caregiver. They are also denied three siblings. Best interest of children? Not mine. Mary Brigham, who was only appointed for sept 9, 2010- March 28, 2011 continued to bill over \$130,000.00 while my children not only lost a mother but an excellent private school education. Investigate afcc anti-trust and expel it from Connecticut as many other states have wisely done. Attached PDF is testimony as well.

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Raised Bill No. 5592

**An Act Concerning The Time Limitation For Prosecuting A Motor Vehicle  
Violation That Results In Death Or Serious Physical Injury To Another Person**

**Judiciary Committee Public Hearing - March 31, 2014**

Consistent with its position in the past which does not support the elimination of statutes of limitation, the Office of Chief Public Defender would urge this committee not to support *Raised Bill 5592 - An Act Concerning The Time Limitation For Prosecuting A Motor Vehicle Violation That Results In Death Or Serious Physical Injury To Another Person*. The proposed bill would eliminate the statute of limitations for anyone charged with a motor vehicle violation which caused the death or serious physical injury of another "during any period the person's identity is unknown" to law enforcement because the person evaded responsibility.

The Office of Chief Public Defender is concerned that without a limitation period, evidence may be unable to be located, destroyed or may deteriorate. In addition, memories of witnesses fade and sometimes no longer exist. It may be difficult or impossible to locate witnesses who may have moved or have passed on. Without any finite period of time within which a prosecution can be brought, it may be impossible for an innocent person to fairly defend himself, 30, 40, 50 or more years beyond the date of the offense. Therefore, the Office of Chief Public Defender respectfully requests that no action be taken on this bill.