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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The bill, as amended, is passed.

Representative Aresimowicz.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I move that we immediately transmit to the Senate any items waiting further action.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Without objection, so ordered.

Representative Aresimowicz, I understand we have another Consent Calendar.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

We are. We are about to list off the bills that will be included in our second Consent Calendar for the evening, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Proceed, sir.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I move -- I'd to add the following to the Consent Calendar. Calendar 426, Calendar 308, Calendar 438, Calendar 488 --

SB281

SB19

SB182

SB330

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Whoa, whoa, whoa.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

I apologize, Mr. Speaker. The first number was 427.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

So 427, thank you, sir. Proceed.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Calendar 476, as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 445, Calendar 514, Calendar 505, as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 455, Calendar 456, as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 322, Calendar 536, as amended by Senate "A" and Senate "B"; Calendar 430, Calendar 520, as amended by Senate "A" and Senate "B"; Calendar 538, as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 424, as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 439, as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 482, as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 325, as amended by Senate "A."

Calendar 526, as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 509, as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 532, Calendar 502, as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 421, as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 431, as amended by Senate "A"; and Calendar 539, as amended by Senate "A."

- SB 194
- SB 402
- SB 324
- SB 45
- SB 221
- SB 257
- SB 201
- SB 389
- SB 418
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- SB 208
- SB 424
- SB 241
- SB 14
- SB 106
- SB 322
- SB 410
- SB 217
- SB 477
- SB 429

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Is there objection to any of these items being placed on the Consent Calendar? If not, Representative Aresimowicz, would you like to move passage of the Consent Calendar?

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Mr. Speaker, I want to remove Calendar 539.

SB429

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Please remove Calendar 539, Mr. Clerk.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Mr. Speaker, I move passage of the bills on the second Consent Calendar of the day.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The question is on passage of the items on Consent Calendar Number 2.

Staff and guests please come 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 on the second Consent Calendar of the day, House Consent 2. Please report to the Chamber immediately.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

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

If all the members have voted, the machine will
be locked.

The Clerk will take a tally.

And the Clerk will announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Consent Calendar Number 2.

Total Number Voting 147

Necessary for Passage 74

Those voting Yea 147

Those voting Nay 0

Those absent and not voting 4

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The items on the Consent Calendar are passed.

(Speaker Sharkey in the Chair.)

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The House will please come back to order.

Will the Clerk please call Emergency Certified
Bill 5597.

THE CLERK:

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Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Madam President. I am going to support this bill, but it does raise and highlight the issue for me that I think is one that's all too common within state government here, and that is both this Chamber and the House passing laws that require our agencies to do things and then our agencies don't do them, without recourse.

Now, how often if an individual civilian were to not comply with state law and have it be so public, are we without recourse? We're not. And so, while I think I'm trusting that this is moving in the right direction, I think this is a theme that's important for all of us to pay attention to, and that is when we mean what we say and we actually say it, we better really mean it and follow up.

So thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator Cassano for your work on this.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. Will you remark? Will you remark? A motion was on the floor before about putting on the Consent Calendar. I'd ask if there's any objection at this point.

SENATOR CASSANO:

If there's no objection, I'd ask to be put on Consent.
Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

The bill, seeing no objection, so ordered. The bill
will be put on Consent as amended. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On Page 7, Calendar 71, Substitute for Senate Bill
Number 241 AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH HUNTING AND FISHING
LICENSES, REVISING CERTAIN HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE
FEES AND REQUIRING REGISTRATION BY HUNTING AND FISHING

GUIDE SERVICES. Favorable Report of the Committee on Environment and there are amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer.

SENATOR MEYER:

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR MEYER:

I will, briefly. Colleagues, this bill makes some small changes to hunting and fishing license fees by Connecticut. It's offered by our Department of Environment, Energy and Environmental Protection.

For example, it exempts from the fishing license requirement, high school students who are participating in school fishing events or school field trips.

Further change is that it includes reducing specific fees by 50 percent for 16 and 17-year-old residents of our state.

Another example was, it allows the Department to designate up to two days in each calendar year when it can issue a free one-day sport license, sport fishing license.

Another example is, it allows DEEP with OPM approval, to offer reduced fees for hunting and fishing licenses and permits.

So it basically provides a benefit, particularly to young people. It provides some more flexibility with respect to fees and there is also an amendment, and Madam President, the Clerk I believe is in possession

of LCO 3454. May he please call it and I be given leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 3454, Senate Amendment Schedule "A" offered by Senator Meyer.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer.

SENATOR MEYER:

I move the Amendment and seek leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR MEYER:

Yes. This Amendment does two things. Right now, to get a hunting license, you have to have instruction, and the type of instruction is never specified. It could be a book, a manual. It could be classroom. It could be online, or whatever.

And what this Amendment does is, one of the things it does is it says the instruction can be in a classroom or online.

The second thing it does is it provides, it relates to hunting and fishing guides, and says that no person shall operate a vessel as part of being a hunting or fishing guide in the navigable waters unless such person has registered with the Department as a hunting or fishing guide services provider, so it gives the public protection there and that's the Amendment and I move it.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Senator Chapin.

SENATOR CHAPIN:

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I also rise in support of the Amendment, but I do have one question for the Chairman of the Environment Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. CHAPIN:

Thank you, Madam President. Through you, there was another bill. As a matter of fact, we may have moved it to the Foot of the Calendar earlier today regarding online options for safe boating certificates. Is that included in the Amendment before us here today? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer.

SENATOR MEYER:

Through you, Madam President, to Senator Chapin, it is not included here. That safe boating amendment did permit online instruction instead of classroom instruction and we are not calling that, and as you just said, it's actually, the Majority Leader has put it on the Foot of the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Chapin.

SENATOR CHAPIN:

Thank you, Madam President. I thank the gentleman for his answer.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, I'll try your minds. All in favor of Senate "A", please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? Senate "A" passes. Senator Chapin.

SENATOR CHAPIN:

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I rise in support of the bill before us as amended. I think it garnered unanimous support out of the Environment Committee and there, I believe it is one of the priorities of our bipartisan Sportsmen's Caucus as well. It does have some winners and losers when you adjust license fees but I think even a net revenue to the State of Connecticut.

I think it does a lot of good things. It will help encourage greater sportsman activities and encourage my colleagues to support it. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Madam President. I, too, rise in support of this bill. But I think it highlights something that is a little bit ironic, given the last discussion we had and that is exactly this, that prior to the passage of this bill, DEEP was charging 16-year-olds for licenses when it didn't have legislative authority to do so.

So I applaud Senator Meyer for actually seeing and DEEP recognizing that they didn't have this authority and are now seeking this authority.

But it underscores how important it is for us to, as the keepers of state government, as the guardians of state government, to make sure not only are they doing what they say, but they're not doing what we don't say.

So I will be supporting this bill and I thank the Chairman of the Environment Committee for bringing it up.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. Will you remark further?
Senator Meyer.

SENATOR MEYER:

Yes. I want to thank Senator Chapin, Senator Welch for their supportive remarks. Also, Rob LaFrance, who's here in the Chamber for his work on this, and if there's no objection, Madam, may we have it go on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. To mark some additional items at this time. Madam President, on Calendar Page 7, Calendar 68, Senate Bill Number 58, would mark that item passed temporarily.

Also, Calendar Page 7, Calendar 72, Senate Bill 92 also marked passed temporarily.

Calendar Page 8, Calendar 95, Senate Bill 95, marked passed temporarily.

And, Madam President, Calendar Page 8, Calendar 76, Senate Bill 113, marked passed temporarily.

Calendar Page 9, Calendar 84, Senate Bill 201, marked passed temporarily.

Consent Calendar Number 2. On Page 6, Calendar 63,
Senate Bill Number 19.

On Page 7, Calendar 64, Senate Bill Number 20.

Also on Page 7, Calendar 71, Senate Bill 241.

On Page 12, Calendar 156, Senate Bill Number 207.

And on Page 14, Calendar 165, Senate Bill 115.

Page 15, Calendar 171, Senate Bill Number 313.

And on Page 16, Calendar 179, Senate Bill Number 376.

Also on Page 16, Calendar 182, Senate Bill Number 101.

And on Page 17, Calendar 184, Senate Bill Number 247.

Page 19, Calendar 200, Senate Bill 205.

On Page 20, Calendar 201, Senate Bill Number 82.

On Page 35, Calendar 69, Senate Bill 63.

Calendar 75, Senate Bill 112.

And Calendar 77, Senate Bill Number 364.

On Page 36, Calendar 88, Senate Bill 100.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. When the Clerk was reading those items, wanted to inquire on the status of Calendar Page 7, Calendar 72, Senate Bill 92.

THE CLERK:

And I should have read, Page 7, Calendar 72, Senate Bill 92.

THE CHAIR:

That's also on the Consent Calendar. Is that correct?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, could I ask you about Page 8. I don't know if there has been marked, which bill, Page 8, Calendar 76, 113? Did you say that?

THE CLERK:

Yes, Madam President. It is on the Second Consent Calendar for today.

THE CHAIR:

And Page 9, Calendar 84, Bill 201. Was that read, sir?

THE CLERK:

Yes, ma'am.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. At this time, Mr. Clerk, will you please call for a Roll Call Vote on the Consent Calendar. The machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call is ordered in the Senate.

Immediate Roll Call on the Second Consent Calendar for today is ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

If all members have voted, all members voted, the machine will be closed. I ask the Clerk to please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

On the Second Consent Calendar for today.

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:

Yes, Madam President. Thank you. Madam President, would move that all of the bills referred to various Committees earlier in the Session, that those bills be immediately transmitted to the Committees to which they were referred.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you. Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if the Clerk would now call an item that was marked passed temporarily earlier, and that was Calendar Page 9, Calendar 108, Senate Bill 36.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On Page 9, Calendar 108, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 36 AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE. Favorable Report of the Committee on Public Health, and there are amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Good evening, Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA:

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February 28, 2014
1:00 P.M

CHAIRMEN: Senator Meyer
Representative Gentile

MEMBERS PRESENT:

SENATORS: Maynard, Chapin

REPRESENTATIVES:

Albis, Shaban, Belsito,
Bolinsky, Bowles,
Buck-Taylor, Case, Davis,
Hennessy, L. Miller,
P. Miller, Miner,
Moukawsher, Mushinsky,
O'Dea, Ryan, Sampson,
Sear, Vicino, Willis,
Ziobron

COMMISSIONER ROB KLEE: -- appreciate the
Environment Committee's willingness to raise
our bills for legislative action.

SB 240 HB 5309
HB 5308 HB 5307

With me to assist in answering any questions
you may have are Deputy Commissioners Macky
McCleary and Susan Whalen and our Jessie
Stratton, our Policy Director as well.

So let's quickly start with Raised Bill, Senate
Bill 241 AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH HUNTING AND
FISHING LICENSES. The bill is designed to
encourage more young people to develop a
lifelong interest in outdoor activities and
conservation.

It will accomplish this objective by providing
reduced hunting and fishing licenses for 16 and
17-year-olds and granting DEEP some limited
flexibility to better market and promote
hunting and fishing in our state, especially
the young people.

It's also going to increase opportunities for
prospective hunters to take their required

safety courses online and reduce costs to DEEP by allowing private vendors to offer these courses for a fee.

Finally, the bill will enable DEEP to promote hunting and fishing to out-of-state sportsmen by establishing a registry of licensed guides, who could help arrange, start eco-tourism hunting and fishing trips and charging a modest fee for the guides to be a part of its listings.

Next I'd like to highlight some of the bills that build on DEEP's ongoing efforts to lean our agency by eliminating or updating outmoded or unnecessary regulations and requirements.

Raised Senate Bill 240 AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE STREAMLINING AT DEEP would eliminate some hard copies or paper reporting requirements that no longer make sense for our electronic waste recycling program and we will post this information instead on the website for everyone to easily access.

Our proposal also eliminates various outdated solid waste reports that are no longer needed because we now have developed a statewide solid waste management plan.

And we're also simplifying the process to certify that manufacturers comply with the state's appliance and equipment efficiency standards.

In a similar effort to streamline, we have Raised House Bill 5309 AN ACT CONCERNING ABANDONED BOATS, which basically allows a quicker and easier way to transfer ownership of an abandoned boat to get its removal if it's been abandoned somewhere that it shouldn't be.

It also provides a new legal process for handling mass displacements of boats that might

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Support S.B. No. 241 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES, REVISING CERTAIN HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FEES AND REQUIRING REGISTRATION BY HUNTING AND FISHING GUIDE SERVICES.

Support H.B. No. 5309 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ABANDONED BOATS.

Support H.B. No. 5306 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A RANDOM DRAWING FOR A LIFETIME HUNTING OR FRESHWATER FISHING LICENSE.

Support S.B. No. 239 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PROPANE NOISEMAKERS TO REPEL WILDLIFE.

Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile and Members of the Environment Committee:

S.B. 241 Support

Although I am apprehensive to raising fees, I believe this bill will encourage youth sportsmen to remain by offsetting the costs associated with license fees. By reducing these fees they may remain and continue their outdoor sports into adulthood. In addition, this bill also requires guides to register with DEEP, which will help ensure compliance with state and federal law. Also, the bill states that a fee may be charged for the online classroom. I expect this fee to be small and only offset the cost associated with operating the website.

H.B. 5309 Support

H.B. 5306 Support

Having a lottery for these lifetime licenses is an incentive to renew licenses year after year, so long as the drawing is open only to those who currently have such licenses.

S.B. 239 Support