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The bill as amended passes in concurrence with
the Senate.

Would the Clerk please call Calendar 316.

THE CLERK:

On page 14, Calendar 316, favorable report of the joint standing committee on Government Administration and Elections, Senate Bill 92, AN ACT PERMITTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT TO PURCHASE CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES USING EXISTING CONTRACTS.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Once again from the 37th District, Representative Jutila, you have the floor, sir.

REP. JUTILA (37th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate. Please proceed, sir.

REP. JUTILA (37th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill came to us as a request from the Office of Legislative Management.

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It would allow the Legislative Management Committee to purchase goods and services by joining existing purchasing contracts in other states in our towns and cities or with nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Speaker, under current law the Legislative Management Committee already has the ability to join with other government entities and nonprofit organizations to make cooperative purchases when it's in the best interests of the state, but they lack the express authority to join an existing purchasing contract.

This kind of closes a gap that exists in our statutes, would allow the Legislative Management Committee to join in with those existing contracts that already have established terms and conditions. This could save us some money by being able to join in with those contracts and it's our Legislative Body that actually would be saving in these circumstances under this bill.

And for all those reasons, I would encourage my colleagues to support this bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Thank you, Representative Jutila. Further on the bill? Further on the bill?

Representative Hwang of the 134th, you have the floor, sir.

REP. HWANG (134th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through you, one quick question to the proponent of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

How many? Please proceed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Thank you. This bill would allow a pooling of purchase resources in regards to contracts and goods. It does not pursue any governmental entity relationships, does it? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Representative Jutila.

REP. JUTILA (37th):

Well, through you, Mr. Speaker, the Committee, Legislative Management Committee, already has the ability to join in with other governments, state governments, our municipalities, to join in cooperative purchasing plans.

This bill would simply allow them to come in after the fact and take advantage of a contract that's already in existence if the Committee concludes that

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those terms would be favorable to the Connecticut
Legislature as well. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Representative Hwang.

REP. HWANG (134th):

Thank you. Through you, Mr. Speaker, I concur
with that analysis and this bill does, indeed, create
a cost saving effectiveness for our state in its
purchasing contract.

One of the things I did want to really emphasize
in this discussion and put into the record is the fact
that these kind of pooling and regionalization efforts
are effective and they are methodologies that we
should pursue.

But it should be differentiated from some of the
regional governmental regionalization efforts that we
are also seeing and I think that is not consistent
with the nature and the culture of our state.

So in regards to this type of effort of
consolidated purchase agreements and economy of scale,
I fully support that, and I urge passage of this bill.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

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Thank you, Representative Hwang. Further on the bill? Further on the bill?

If not, staff and guests please retire to the well of the House. Members 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 ALTOBELLO:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted? Please check the board to make sure your vote is properly cast.

If all members have voted, the machine will be locked. Would the Clerk please take a tally. And would the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill 92 in concurrence with the Senate.

Total number voting	138
Necessary for passage	70
Those voting Yea	138
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	13

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

The bill passes in concurrence with the Senate.

Would the Clerk please call Calendar 475.

THE CLERK:

On page 31, House Calendar 475, favorable report of the joint standing committee on Judiciary, Substitute, or Senate Bill 336, AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR CAUSING HARM TO A VULNERABLE USER OF A PUBLIC WAY.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Representative Guerrero of the 29th, you have the floor, sir.

REP. GUERRERA (29th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Nice to see you this evening.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

A pleasure, indeed.

REP. GUERRERA (29th):

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Favorable Committee's Report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

The question before the Chamber is concurrence with the Senate and passage. Please proceed, sir.

REP. GUERRERA (29th):

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people under the table, avoiding taxes, and I think both parties would be implicit in that regard.

And I think there's probably some of that that takes place because of the onerous burdens that we have here in place on Connecticut businesses as well, so I think we need to create an atmosphere that is conducive for that, rather than make it worse, and this may do that, so I'll be voting in opposition to the bill. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Mr. Clerk, will you call for a Roll Call Vote. The machine will be open on the bill.

THE CLERK:

An immediate Roll Call has been ordered in the Senate.

Immediate Roll Call in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Hartley. Thank you. Have all members voted? All members voted? The machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill Number 58.

Total number voting	36
Necessary for passage	19
Those voting Yea	23
Those voting Nay	13
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The bill passes. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On Page 7, Calendar 72, Senate Bill Number 92 AN ACT PERMITTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE

MANAGEMENT TO PURCHASE CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES USING EXISTING CONTRACTS. Favorable Report of the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

THE CHAIR:

Good evening, Senator Musto.

SENATOR MUSTO:

Good evening, Madam President. Madam President, I move the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on adoption and passage. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR MUSTO:

Yes, Madam President. This bill is relatively simple. It just allows our Joint Committee on Legislative Management exactly as the title says, to purchase certain goods and services using existing contracts so it will streamline their purchasing procedures and allow them to basically piggyback on current contracts. They don't have to go through all the procedures themselves.

There are already contracts that have been approved, so it should not be any sort of problem and there is a potential savings to Legislative Management if the bill is passed. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark? Will you remark?
Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN:

Thank you, Madam Chair. I stand in firm support of this bill. It's the best of economies of scale in state government and we should be doing this. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Musto.

SENATOR MUSTO:

Madam President, if there's no objection I'd ask this matter be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR MUSTO:

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On Page 8, Calendar 76, Senate Bill Number 113 AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING HOUSING. Favorable Report of the Committee on Housing.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bartolomeo.

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, Ma'am?

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

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: