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Thank you, Representative. We've been fortunate today to have a wealth of town clerks with us and I think the Chamber has shown their appreciation in a gracious manner. Thank you.

The House will return to the business of the Calendar.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 318.

THE CLERK:

On page 14, Calendar 318, favorable report of the joint standing committee on Government Administration and Elections, Senate Bill 101, AN ACT ESTABLISHING FIRST RESPONDER DAY.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Arconti.

REP. ARCONTI (109th):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

The question is acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

Representative Arconti, you have the floor, sir.

REP. ARCONTI (109th):

Thank you, madam. Madam, this bill requires that September 27th of each year be proclaimed as First Responders Day in recognition of first responder service sacrifice and contribution through public health and public safety.

It requires suitable exercises and observances to be held at the State Capitol and other locations. It passed the Public Safety and GAE and the Senate unanimously and I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Giegler, you have the floor, ma'am.

REP. GIEGLER (138th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, too, rise in support of the bill before us. This is a bill that our municipalities and our first responders and the firefighters have brought to our attention and urged our support, and it did pass unanimously in Public Safety and I urge my colleagues' support. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

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

If not, will staff and guests please come to the well of the House. Will members take their 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 RITTER:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Will the members please check the board to determine your vote has been properly cast.

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

Representative Genga, somewhere in the Chamber, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

REP. GENGA (10th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker, I wish to join the Speaker in this vote, be in the positive.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Thank you, Representative. And Representative Morin, for what purpose do you rise?

REP. MORIN (28th):

Hello, Madam Speaker. In the affirmative, please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Rojas, for what purpose do you rise?

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Hello, Madam Speaker, I wish to cast my vote in the affirmative.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Are there any others? Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

S.B. 101 in concurrence.

Total number voting	140
Necessary for passage	71
Those voting Yea	140
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	11

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

The bill passes in concurrence with the Senate.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 317.

THE CLERK:

On page 14, Calendar 317, favorable report of the joint standing committee on General Law, AN ACT CONCERNING BAZAARS AND RAFFLES.

SB100

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

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Will you remark? Will you remark? Seeing none,  
Senator Bartolomeo.

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I would  
request that we put this on the Consent Calendar,  
please.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, there  
are two items to mark Go at this time. I believe they  
might have been passed temporarily earlier. The first  
one is back as on Calendar Page 16, Calendar 182,  
Senate Bill 101.

And then the next one is Calendar Page 36 under  
Matters Returned, Calendar 88, Senate Bill 100. Would  
ask that those two items be the next two called in  
sequence.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On Page 16, Calendar 182, Senate Bill Number 101 AN  
ACT ESTABLISHING FIRST RESPONDER DAY. Favorable  
Report of the Committee on Public Safety.

THE CHAIR:

Good evening. Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Yes, indeed. Thank you, Madam President. This bill, I think, in particularly in view of recent events that this state has witnessed and this Chamber has discussed very frequently, is an act to establish September 27th as First Responder Day.

It is an appropriate designation to recognize, commemorate and honor all of our first responders who have for so many times promoted the safety and the welfare of the citizenry of the State of Connecticut without regard to their own personal safety or peril and so we would like to, as a state, recognize that group and the designation of first responder is just that.

Who would have thought, Madam President, that we would be talking about our teachers as first responders, but indeed, sequence of events have dictated that, and so hence, the bill before us.

I urge passage, Madam.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Will you remark?  
Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Madam President. I just have one question, and I feel like I should know the answer to this, but I don't.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you. And if I may, through you, what is the significance of September 27th as the date?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Yes, through you, Madam President, and thank you for your question, Senator Welch.

September 27th has been designated as a national day by which there is a petition before Congress to establish this on a national basis.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Thank you very much, Madam President. If there is no objection, I would ask that this be added to the Consent list, Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, ma'am. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On Page 36, Calendar 88, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 100 AN ACT CONCERNING BIZARRES AND RAFFLES. Favorable Report of the Committee on Public Safety.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

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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SHEILA MATTHEWS: Okay. I thank you very much, and the only thing I would just add regarding the amendment process is that on -- on the Bill 13-3 that was passed at the last minute of the session only allocated money for, you know, the process of identifying children, and on -- our organization just really urges informed consent and the MedWatch. So, thank you so much.

SENATOR HARTLEY: Thank you, Sheila.

And I would like to now invite Mike Muszynski -- oh, yes, CCM. Yes.

MIKE MUSZYNSKI: Good afternoon, Chairman Dargan, Chairman Hartley, ranking member -- members of the Public Safety Committee.

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My name is Mike Muszynski with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. We've submitted testimony on several bills on today's agenda. I just wanted to take this opportunity to touch on a couple of them in greater detail. You already heard from Mayor Boughton who testified on behalf of CCM supporting Senate Bill 98, which would establish standards for public school security personnel.

The next bill I wanted to discuss is Senate Bill 103 regarding fire department apparatus maintenance standards.

Municipal officials value those in the fire service, and best efforts are made to ensure that municipal vehicles are maintained properly. While well intended, CCM has concerns with the

least have a revenue-neutral impact on our hometowns.

And, of course, CCM supports Senate Bill 100 which will proclaim September 27th as First Responder Day.

SB101

With that, I appreciate the opportunity to be here. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

SENATOR HARTLEY: Representative Dargan.

REP. DARGAN: Thank you for coming to testify. Just one issue dealing with fire service personnel, and maintenance and apparatus.

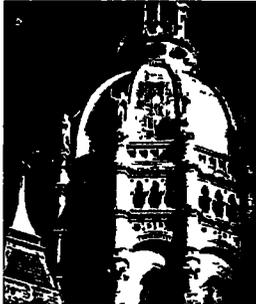
MIKE MUSZYNSKI: Sure.

REP. DARGAN: Whether you come from a volunteer community, or a career community, I think the most important thing is if you're representing that community, you should have the proper equipment that works.

SB103

MIKE MUSZYNSKI: Of course.

REP. DARGAN: Because I've been to a in-the-line-of-duty death of a Waterbury firefighter of some equipment failure, and those are not fun to go to, whether it is law enforcement or fire service personnel. And I don't think that it's proper for firefighters to be driving around in an SUV with a 16-foot ladder on the top of their SUV, and saying this is proper fire apparatus.



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## ***PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE***

February 18, 2014

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.

### ***SB 100 - "An Act Establishing First Responder Day"***

CCM supports SB 101 which would proclaim September 27 as First responder Day in Connecticut.

Local officials know and appreciate best the commitment and dedication our first responders provide our communities -- day in, and day out, all year long. This proposal is a simple yet, appropriate measure to recognize their sacrifices and the work they do to ensure the safety and well-being of our towns and cities.

CCM urges the Committee to ***favorably report SB 101.***

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If you have any questions, please contact Mike Muszynski, Senior Legislative Associate of CCM at [mmuszynski@ccm-ct.org](mailto:mmuszynski@ccm-ct.org) or (203) 500-7556.



## CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

February 18, 2014

Senator Joan Hartley, Co-Chair Public Safety Committee  
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 Senator Tony Guglielmo, Ranking Member Public Safety Committee  
 Representative Jan Giegler, Ranking Member Public Safety Committee

Members of the Public Safety Committee,

My name is Ted Schroll, Legislative Representative for the Connecticut State Firefighters Association. Our Association represents more than 26,000 paid and volunteer firefighters in Connecticut. I would like to comment on a few of the bills on the agenda for today's public hearing.

**Raised Senate Bill #101 – AN ACT ESTABLISHING FIRST RESPONDER DAY** – We would support the concept behind this bill. We will be following this bill to ensure proper language to include organized volunteer personnel.

**Raised Senate Bill #103 – AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS MAINTENANCE STANDARDS** – We would fully support this initiative. We believe that proper maintenance of fire apparatus must be performed to ensure the safety of fire personnel.

**Raised House Bill #5150 – AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS** – We are in support of this legislative initiative. It is our understanding that this bill is a collaborative effort between the Department of Administrative Services and the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association (CFMA). We fully support the CFMA in their efforts to improve fire safety for the citizens of the State of Connecticut.

Respectfully,

*Ted Schroll Jr.*

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SB101

Good morning Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee. My name is Paul Rapanault. I am the Director of Legislation/Political Affairs of the Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters of Connecticut. The UPFFA represents 4,000 career fire fighters, Emergency Medical Technicians and dispatchers in nearly 60 municipal and state local unions.

I am here today to **support S.B. No. 103 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS MAINTENANCE STANDARDS.**

**PURPOSE**

To require all state and municipal career and volunteer fire departments to maintain their fleet of apparatus to be in compliance with the Federal DOT safety, inspection and maintenance regulations and to also require all state and municipal career and volunteer fire departments to be in compliance with NFPA 1911 with regards to the apparatus pump and aerial components.

**HISTORY**

Currently all municipal career and volunteer Fire Departments enjoy immunity from lawsuits from fire fighters for any injuries that may be sustained in the performance of their duties. The immunity also prohibits the fire fighter's survivors, in the case of death, from seeking restitution against the department. Even in the case of gross negligence, the fire department is immune.

There are no minimum standards required for fire apparatus to be maintained in a operationally safe condition in the State of Connecticut. Such minimum standards would ensure that the fire apparatus being used to respond to emergencies is safe for the fire fighters and the general public.

**LEGISLATION**

All state, municipal career and volunteer Fire Departments in the State of Connecticut shall be required to maintain their fleet of apparatus to be in compliance with all Federal DOT safety, inspection and maintenance regulations and all apparatus pump and aerial components shall be in compliance with NFPA 1911. Failure to comply with this standard will constitute negligence on the part of the Fire Department. If a fire fighter is injured and or killed as a result of this negligence then all immunity the Fire Department has shall be void. Further, if it is proven that the negligence was willful, then the Fire Department administrative personnel would be subject to the same criminal statutes that currently apply to commercial vehicle owners.

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We support S.B. No. 101 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING FIRST RESPONDER DAY.

Thank you for your consider of these most important issues.

Respectfully,



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