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DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

The bill as amended passes.

Would the Clerk please call Calendar 459.

THE CLERK:

On page 28, House Calendar 459, favorable report of the joint standing committee on General Law, Senate Bill 290, AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION RAFFLES.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Representative Dargan of the 115th, you have the floor, sir.

REP. DARGAN (115th):

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

Please proceed, sir.

REP. DARGAN (115th):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. This bill allows qualified organizations that hold special

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tuition raffles to offer as prizes for full or partial loan payments for student recipients designated by its winners and it's something that has been approved through the Department of Consumer Protection and allows any organization permitted to conduct special tuition raffle that pays all or part of a student recipient's student loan each year for up to four years, and it also provides the tuition prize be paid directly to the financial institution that the student loan, or that student attends.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Thank you, Representative Dargan. 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 member voted?
Please check the board to make sure your vote is properly cast.

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If all the 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 290 in concurrence.

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:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The bill passes.

Are there any announcements or points of personal privilege?

Representative Hoydick of the 120th.

REP. HOYDICK (120th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I won the contest for the Republicans to have the privilege of introducing to the chamber Jason Robert, J.R. Stark. He is the seven month old son of Jason and Liz Stark and they're here to join us today.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

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making modifications on the rule, it is prudent for us to postpone our enactment so that we are in sync once again with the federal rule.

So with that, Madam, I move passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on passage. Will you remark? Will you remark?

Seeing none. Senator Hartley?

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Yes, thank you very much, Madam President.

I would ask that this, if there is no objection, can be moved to the Consent Calendar, Madam?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, ma'am.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 29, Calendar 123, Senate Bill Number 290, AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION RAFFLES. Favorable report of the Committee on Public Safety.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Good afternoon again, Madam.

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I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. We allow in the State of Connecticut special tuition raffles, which are typically held once a year in schools and they are for the purpose of however they are billed, and that is for to help tuition expenses to students and their families.

And this was a great suggestion that came to us, which said that we ought to be able to allow such raffles to apply also to the payment of student loans as opposed to just strictly tuition, in view of the fact that unfortunately in this day and age most students do, in fact, have those loans.

And that's what the underlining bill will do. And it will also allow that the payment for a student loan goes directly to the financial underwriting institution. And I move passage, Madam.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

Seeing none, Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Yes, thank you, Madam President, and without objection if we might add this to the Consent Calendar, ma'am.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

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that we might proceed to a vote on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Madam would the people please take their conversations outside the chamber so the Clerk can so we can all hear the items on the Consent Calendar? Madam Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Items on the Consent Calendar. Page 1, Calendar Number 325, House Joint Resolution 66, and Calendar Number 326, House Joint Resolution 67.

Page 5, Calendar Number 102, Senate Bill 258. Page 6, Calendar Number 143, Senate Bill 363. Page 10, Calendar Number 287, Senate Bill 257.

Page 16, Calendar Number 368, Senate Bill 262. Page 17, Calendar Number 370, Senate Bill 411, and Calendar Number 372, Senate Bill 463.

Page 19, Calendar Number 391, Senate Bill 154. Page 20, Calendar Number 411, Senate Bill 493.

Page 27, Senate Bill 101, excuse me, Calendar 101, Senate Bill 156.

Page 28, Calendar Number 105, Senate Bill 221, and Calendar Number 115, Senate Bill 291.

And Calendar Number 114, Senate Bill 295.

Page 29, Calendar Number 123, Senate Bill 290. Page 31, Calendar Number 172, Senate Bill 314.

And Calendar Number 169, Senate Bill 70. And page 33, Calendar Number 217, Senate Bill 318.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Madam Clerk. Please announce the pendency for roll call vote, and the machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

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There will be an immediate roll call vote in the Senate. All senators report to the Chambers.
Immediate roll call vote for Consent Calendar in the Senate. All senators report to the Chambers.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Frantz.

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:

Total voting	36
Aye	36
Nay	0
Absent	0

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar Number 1 passes. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would yield the floor for members if there are announcements of any other committee meetings or other points of personal privilege to be announced before adjournment.

THE CHAIR:

Any members with additional announcements or points of personal privilege? Seeing none, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, since there are a number of committee meetings tomorrow morning, it's our intention to begin the day with a Senate caucus at noon, and then session to follow. And with that I move the Senate stand adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

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Special Tuition Raffle

Chairman Hartley, Chairman Dargan and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of Senate Bill 290 AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION RAFFLES.

The "tuition raffle" amendment will expand the available market for the raffle to individuals who do not have children going to school, but do have large college payments to pay back. Currently, most of the tuition tickets are bought by parents or grandparents which is our primary purchasing group. We rarely sell to single constituents who do not have children going to school, but do have large college loans to pay back. It additionally helps those already looking to help this group meet their debt such as parents and grandparents. This would mean we would be able to open up our sales to a larger audience of younger alumni who left college in debt and would make our raffle much more appealing. We have been asked by our alumni on numerous occasions if the raffle money can be used for college loan payback, so this would be a perfect fit if the raffle can be amended to include this segment.

For our school alone, we have over 2,100 alumni who have graduated through 10 years out who will have or have college debt to pay back. This will help our alumni and other institutions as well. This amendment will support a more inclusive audience. We all understand the level of financial stress that people face in education regardless of whether they are entering or exiting an educational institution. This is an opportunity for all of us to help elevate this stress.

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