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Representative Widlitz, take your time, madam.
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. Will the Clerk please take a tally. And would
the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Bill 5431.

Total number voting	141
Necessary for passage	71
Those voting Yea	120
Those voting Nay	21
Those absent and not voting	10

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

The bill passes.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 319.

THE CLERK:

On page 14, Calendar 319, favorable report of the
joint standing committee on Planning and Development,
Substitute Senate Bill 112, AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC
HOUSING.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

From the Brass City again, Representative Butler
of the 72nd District, you have the floor, sir.

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REP. BUTLER (72nd):

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

Please remark, sir.

REP. BUTLER (72nd):

Yes. This bill exempts the William Bank Apartments in Waterbury from the sale, lease or destruction of the project. I move for adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

The question before the Chamber is adoption. Will you remark further on the bill?

Representative Butler.

REP. BUTLER (72nd):

Yes. The Clerk is in possession of LCO Number 3360. I ask that he call it and I be allowed to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Would the Clerk please call LCO 3360 previously designated Senate "A".

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Senate "A", LCO 3360 introduced by Senator
Bartolomeo and Representative Butler.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

The good Representative has asked permission to
summarize this amendment. Any objection? Objection?
Seeing no objection to summarization, Representative
Butler, please proceed.

REP. BUTLER (72nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The amendment just
simply talks about the sections of where other
apartment complexes around the state have been given,
granted this exception and the William Bank Apartments
is also on this list, in this amendment.

I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of
House "A", Senate "A". Adoption of Senate "A".

Representative Kupchick of the 132nd, you have
the floor, madam.

REP. KUPCHICK (132nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is just an
extension of work that's been done over many years

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regarding large public housing projects, about the distribution rates.

So for example, you have a public housing building that houses 100 people and it's only 50 percent capacity and you demolish it, it allows for the allowance not to have to supply another 100 apartments, just the 50 percent that it was at capacity.

The William Bank Apartments in Waterbury, similar to many other projects that have gone through this exact same protocol throughout the State of Connecticut and I hope that my colleagues will support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Thank you, madam. Representative D'Amelio of the Brass City, the 71st District. You have the floor, sir.

REP. D'AMELIO (71st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon to you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Good afternoon, sir.

REP. D'AMELIO (71st):

I rise in strong support of the amendment that's before us. The Bank Apartments are located in the Brooklyn Section of Waterbury and Brooklyn has seen a tremendous turn around since we put the Duggan School, which is now a K through 8 elementary school in that area.

So this amendment will go a long way in helping our local administration and the entire delegations on board in keeping that neighborhood solvent and continue to turn around that's happening there, so I urge all my colleagues to please support the amendment. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Thank you, Representative D'Amelio. Further on Senate "A"? Further on Senate "A"?

If not, I'll try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Opposed? The ayes have it. Senate "A" is adopted. Further on the bill as amended? Further on the bill as amended?

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If not, staff and guests 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 the members voted? Have all the members voted? Please check the board to make sure your vote is properly cast.

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

THE CLERK:

Substitute for Senate, excuse me, Senate Bill 112 as amended by Senate "A" and in concurrence with the Senate.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

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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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Madam President, if that item might be passed temporarily, and I believe we skipped over two items on Calendar Page 35 that should be called next. First is Calendar Page 35, Calendar 75, Senate Bill 112 and Calendar Page 35, Calendar 77, Senate Bill 364.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Senator, sorry, Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On Page 35, Calendar Number 75, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 112 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HOUSING.
Favorable report of the Committee on Housing.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bartolomeo.

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

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

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

Yes, thank you, Madam President. This bill, I would actually ask if I might be able to have the Clerk, who is in possession of an amendment, LCO 3360, call that amendment, so I may be given leave to summarize, as this is a strike-all amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 3360, Senate "A", offered by Senator Bartolomeo.

THE CHAIR:

Senator.

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

Yes, thank you Madam President. I move the adoption of this Amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on adoption. Please remark, ma'am.

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

Thank you. This Amendment AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HOUSING, will actually allow for the City of Waterbury to be able to remedy a large problem that they're having. There's an apartment building, big apartment in Waterbury which is owned by the Housing Authority that has been vacant for over three years and it previously was 76 units. It is now costing the City of Waterbury between \$80,000 to \$100,000 per month in order to be able to mothball that building to keep it safe, to protect it from vandalism and is a hardship to the City.

So by this bill, this Amendment, which is a strike-all so it becomes the bill, we would be allowing them to be exempt from certain conditions and they could therefore move forward with demolition of the building and I urge passage.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Will you remark?
Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Thank you very much, Madam President, and very briefly. I should like to recognize the incredible work of the Senate Chair of the Housing Committee, recognizing the urgency and the need to deal with this bill being so as to move on with the reconstitution of our Housing Authority and its grand vision of expanding low and moderate income housing, and this will certainly help to do that, and for that I would like to recognize her incredible work in the Committee as well and stand behind her and urge passage. Thank you, Madam.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark on Senate "A"? Will you remark on Senate "A"? If not, will you all, try your minds. All in favor of Senate "A", please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? Senate "A" passes. Senator Bartolomeo.

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

Thank you, Madam President. And as Senate "A" is the bill, it's a strike all and we have supported the Amendment, I would ask if it might be considered for the Consent Calendar, please.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Also on Page 35, Calendar 77, Senate Bill Number 364
AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING INITIATIVE STATUTE. Favorable Report of the
Committee on Housing.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bartolomeo.

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

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

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

Yes, thank you, Madam President. This bill is in
reference to the Interagency Council on Supportive
Housing, and that is an agency, which does prioritize
the housing initiative.

It's currently comprised of the Department of Children
and Families, Department of Mental Health and
Addiction Services, Department of Corrections, Court
Support Services, Department of Social Services and
CHFA.

What this bill would do is to add to that, the
Department of Developmental Disabilities and Veteran
Affairs and it would make certain that all of these
departments would collaborate in administering the
state's permanent supportive housing initiative and I
would urge passage of the bill, please.

THE CHAIR:

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: