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Total number voting	140
Necessary for passage	71
Those voting Yea	137
Those voting Nay	3
Those absent and not voting	11

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill passes.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 159.

THE CLERK:

On page 5, House Calendar 159, favorable report of the joint standing committee on Transportation, House Bill 5459, AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Matt Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1st):

I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The question is on acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

Will you remark, sir?

REP. RITTER (1st):

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Yes, Mr. Speaker. I believe the Clerk is in possession of an amendment, LCO Number 4608 and I would please call the amendment and ask that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 4608, which will be designated House Amendment "A".

THE CLERK:

House Amendment "A", LCO 4608 introduced by Representative Fox et al.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The gentleman has sought leave of the Chamber to summarize. Is there objection? Seeing none, you may proceed with summarization, sir.

REP. RITTER (1st):

Yes, Mr. Speaker, this amendment enacts the uniform certificate of title for vessels act, and again, this will be implemented by DMV and it creates a title system for vessels which are principally used on Connecticut waters and I'd like to thank Representative O'Neill for his bipartisan effort and work on this, and I move adoption of the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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The question before the Chamber is adoption.

Will you remark?

Representative O'Neill.

REP. O'NEILL (69th):

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the chair of the Transportation Committee as well as the chair and vice chair of the Judiciary Committee for their support for this.

This is a piece of legislation that has passed this Chamber I think two or three times now with substantial support and I urge adoption.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir.

Would you care to remark? Would you care to remark further on House Amendment "A"?

If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor of House Amendment "A", please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Those opposed, nay. The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted.

Would you care to remark further on the bill as amended? Would you care to remark further on the bill as amended?

If not, staff and guests 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 report to the chamber immediately.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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

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

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Bill 5459 as amended by House "A".

Total number voting 141

Necessary for passage 71

Those voting Yea 141

Those voting Nay 0

Those absent and not voting 10

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SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill as amended passes.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 188.

THE CLERK:

188, on page 7, favorable report of the joint standing committee on Labor and Public Employees, Substitute House Bill 5527, AN ACT CONCERNING A DOMESTIC WORKERS BILL OF RIGHTS.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The distinguished chairman of the Labor Committee, Representative Tercyak, you have the floor, sir.

REP. TERCYAK (26th):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I move for acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The question is on acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

Will you remark, sir?

REP. TERCYAK (26th):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The Clerk has an amendment, LCO 4246. I would ask the Clerk to

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Also Calendar page 20, Calendar 488, House Bill 5222.

Moving to Calendar page 23, Calendar 504, House Bill 5309.

Also Calendar page 23, Calendar 505, House Bill 5484.

And on Calendar page 23, Calendar 506, House Bill 5487.

Moving to Calendar page 26, Mr. President, Calendar 519, House Bill 5375.

Also Calendar page 26, Calendar 520, House Bill 5471.

On Calendar page 30, Calendar 542, House Bill 5378.

Calendar page 33, Calendar 558, House Bill 5459.

And also we earlier today had placed Calendar page 37, Calendar 120, Senate Bill 237.

And one additional item, Mr. President, Calendar page 45, Calendar 158, Senate Bill 209.

So this would be our proposed Consent items at this time, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, and if the Clerk would then read the items on the Consent Calendar for verification so we might proceed to a vote.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On Page 4, Calendar 273, Senate Bill 480.

Page 14, Calendar 435, House Bill 5044.

On Page 16, Calendar 450, House Bill 5371.

Also Calendar 451, House Bill 5373.

On Page 18, Calendar 464, House Bill 5293.

On Page 19, Calendar 471, House Bill 5374.

On Page 20, Calendar 472, House Bill 5380.

Calendar 488, 5222.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Mr. Clerk. Please announce the pendency of a roll call vote and the machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.  
roll call on today's Consent Calendar has been ordered  
in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

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:

On today's Consent Calendar.

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for adoption	18
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar Number 1 passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, would move for immediate transmittal to the House of Representatives of Senate bills acted upon today.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, would yield the floor to members for any announcements or points of personal privilege before adjourning and announcing tomorrow's Session.

THE CHAIR:

Any announcements or points of personal privilege? Announcements or points of personal privilege? Seeing none, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Welcome.

COMMISSIONER MELODY A. CURREY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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SB 335

I will be as quick as possible. Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Representative Scribner, and other Transportation Committee members, I will do the bills in order as you have them on your agenda. House Bill Number 5458, AN ACT CONCERNING SALES BY INTERNET AUCTION OF LICENSE PLATES ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

I would just like to gently remind you that we are in the middle of our modernization project. This would definitely have an impact on being able to do that. We did a study, which the report is available to you, it was sent to the committee clerk before the first of the year I believe. And we'll resend it if you would like. The details did discover that the revenues in the state of Texas is really the only one that has an ongoing auction, which comes back to the state. Some states do it, but it goes to nonprofit organizations. It doesn't come back to the state. But at any rate, the revenues were not available -- were not realized that they -- to make that a workable program so we're not recommending that you do that.

House Bill Number 5460, allowing persons with certain medical conditions with controlled medication to obtain certain motor vehicle operator licenses. We are opposed to this. We do have a medical review board that does work with my staff

when there is a question in relation to whether or not someone should be issued an endorsement. This -- we want to be sure that we're not violating a person's rights in relation to adhering to the measures that we have to follow both federal and state. It really -- you're talking about school bus drivers, people who are responsible for other people's lives, taxi cab drivers, et cetera. Endorsements where they may have a medical condition that would impact it, a doctor who tells us that they have a medical condition that would impact their ability to drive.

So I think we have the proper procedures in place and I would recommend that we not do that.

House Bill Number 5459, AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS. And this is -- deals with looking at New York particular and how they do their motor vehicle operations. I just want you to know that we are a member of Region 1, AAMVA, which is the American Association of Administrators and we communicate on a weekly basis with all other DMV administrators around the United States and in Canada and we do have best practices. We have a number of white papers on issues.

There is constant communication and I noticed this last week that New York State did announce their changes in motor vehicles that they were making and I smiled to myself because that's our modernization project. We'll get there. It's just taking awhile. So we this regularly now if you wanted some kind of report in relation to that subject, that

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wouldn't be terribly onerous, but I don't -- it's a lot of time and effort to do things and it is an ongoing practice within the agency.

Senate Bill Number 334, AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT INSTRUCTION PERMITS. We have some concerns regarding this proposal. The change outlined would necessitate modernization to the DMV's licensing issuing procedures, associated information technology systems, training completion certificates and the retention and storage of additional documentation. The data we have seen thus far is not clear concerning this and we would prefer to wait at least one more year to collect and analyze the data to further ensure that the proposed changes are warranted. We also have a serious concern about the effective date of our October 1, 2014, and we would request that if you are going to entertain this proposal that you would delay the state date to October 1st of 2015 in order to afford us sufficient time to plan for this proposal -- this proposal.

The last bill is Senate Bill Number 335, AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR CONNECTICUT DRIVERS. This morning when I turned on the TV and I saw that the proposal was being broadcast across the news, it looked like it was the Department's proposal. It is not the Department's proposal. I want to be very clear about that. It -- we know that I would have an impact on the renewal process. This is where you would have people do a written test every time they go to renew their license, which is one every six years.



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## DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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***Testimony of Department of Motor Vehicles  
Commissioner Melody A. Currey  
Transportation Committee Public Hearing  
March 5, 2014***

**H.B. No. 5459 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE  
REGISTRATION.**

Good morning Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Senator Boucher, Representative Scribner and other members of the Transportation Committee. I am here to testify regarding HB 5459 AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION. This bill would require DMV to study the motor vehicle registration process in other New England states and New York state and draft a report detailing the Department's findings.

While the Department appreciates the intent of this legislation, please know that as Commissioner I am in frequent contact, often on a daily basis, with other states' DMV Administrators from the Northeast and beyond. Connecticut is part of Region 1 of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) and as the Department's leader, we are constantly seeking new and innovative methods of improving the Connecticut DMV's registration processes and systems in order to make it simpler and more efficient for its customers. If other states in the Northeast, including states in other regions, have improved their motor vehicle registration processes and Connecticut can adopt their techniques and systems without any additional cost, then we will certainly study those efforts.

Further, the Department and its personnel are continuously reviewing its internal and external processes, including the registration process, as part of the LEAN government initiative. This is an ongoing process that is headed and championed by employees in the Department who listen to the employees and customers involved in various Department functions, analyze current processes, recommend changes where appropriate and finally implement those process improvements to reduce waste and increase productivity.

As a result, I would respectfully request this legislation not move forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this legislation.