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On page 18, House Calendar 292, favorable report of the joint standing committee on planning and development, substitute House Bill 5506, AN ACT CONCERNING SCRAP METAL SOLD ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITIES.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Jason Rojas, you have the floor, Sir.

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

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

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, the Clerk is in possession of an amendment, LCO 4057. I ask that the amendment be called and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Will the Clerk please call LCO Number 4057 which will be designated House Amendment Schedule A.

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THE CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule A, LCO 4057 introduced  
by Representative Rojas et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize. Is there objection? Objection? Seeing no objection, Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The amendment is a strike all amendment. What it seeks to do is put some additional protections in place for when municipal property specifically sewer grates, manhole covers, heavy metal items are actually stolen and attempted to be sold to scrap metal dealers. There was significant testimony on this bill.

This is an issue that's increasingly happening. And what we're trying to do is protect both municipalities and scrap metal dealers from being caught in a situation where they might be in possession of illegal property. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, Sir. The question before the Chamber is on adoption. Will you remark on House Amendment Schedule A? Representative Aman. Good afternoon.

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REP. AMAN (14th):

Good afternoon. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Some ways I'm disappointed that the amendment came out because my question on the original bill would have been a lot more fun. But this bill does address some particular problems.

You can picture driving down the street after someone has stolen a manhole cover and what that does to the front of your car. And that is literally what was happening in certain municipalities across the State as grates and manhole covers were stolen and were sold to scrap dealers. This attempts to make it more difficult for those stealing it to sell it and also this amendment makes it more reasonable I think on the scrap metal dealers who as a group have tried to handle this situation because it does require if the scrap metal dealer has a reasonable idea that the material is stolen and it appears that most of them pretty much know what's going on, they can refuse to do it.

There's also a provision in here that says that any money paid for this material has to be sent to the municipality. And this was actually on request of -- of the truck drivers for the municipalities who were

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saying I don't want the money. You know they give me cash. I've got to turn it into my boss. I would just as soon not be a party to the transfer. So I do think this amendment deals with the problem and it does handle it and urge my colleagues to support it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, Sir. Will you care to remark further on the amendment before us? On the amendment? Representative Steve Mikutel of Griswold, you have the floor, Sir.

REP. MIKUTEL (45th):

Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in strong support of this bill as amended. We have a new cadre of thieves that has been created in the last 15 or 20 years. These are the thieves who prowl our streets and alleyways stealing municipal property. The problem has become exacerbated because of the explosive increase in the price of heavy scrap metal.

And the temptation to steal municipal property will only increase because of the price of heavy scrap metal keeps going up and up. So what this bill addresses to do in the law is provide a simple added protection for municipalities. In the current law we do not have those specific protections. In the bill

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as amended adds certain protections. One is that it takes out the cash incentive when a person tries to dispose of -- of municipal property at a junkyard. They can no longer give them cash from that property as I understand it. They have to send that check to the municipality.

And also it requires a letter from the municipal chief elected official saying that the municipality wishes to dispose of this property. It doesn't change the law that already applies to identification and reporting requirements or penalties at all. So what - - you can go home today if you vote for this bill, you can go home and say to your constituents that you helped to stop the fleecing of municipalities because when they steal municipal property they're stealing from your taxpayers.

And it's also -- you can also say that you're protecting the public safety and -- and your constituents because there have been instances where constituents -- our constituents are walking down the street or riding a bicycle down the street and they have fallen into a hole because the -- the man cover or the storm water grate was stolen. We have had -- and I have researched this, we have had individuals

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who have been killed because of those situations.

Thank God not in Connecticut.

It's unfortunate but you can imagine the lawsuit that would happen in your municipality if someone who is jogging down the street or was walking at dusk and fell into a manhole you can rest assured that there will be a -- a lawsuit filed pretty quickly because it's the municipal officials' responsibility to protect their citizens by saying that they have manhole covers in their streets and storm water grates. So this is a good bill. You can go home and tell your people that you voted their public safety and their pocketbooks. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, Representative Mikutel. Will you care to remark further on the amendment that is before us? Representative Ackert.

REP. ACKERT (8th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. A couple of questions to the proponent of the amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Please proceed.

REP. ACKERT (8th):

Thank you. And I do support this -- this amendment that will be the legislation. I was just curious, previously we have done legislation regarding plaques and emblems for the, you know war memorials and things like that. And the process was to contact local authorities.

Now this seems to be probably a good area where we might have had that same kind of process done in this -- in this legislation in which if somebody was bringing manholes which obviously through the credit of many of the speakers earlier that that legislation or that process hey listen someone's bringing manholes or property that could harm somebody. Was that thought of in terms of being in this amendment or is it addressed in this amendment? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Through you, Madam Speaker. I think if you look at section C, two sections ahead of section E there in existing law and I think it covered all of the areas that he's concerned about. Through you.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Ackert.

REP. ACKERT (8th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you to the good Ranking Member -- I mean the Chair. I did not see any such -- I did not see that specifically. I did read section 3. Could you -- although I do appreciate this piece of legislation. It is laudable. It is something that we do -- I just do not see. What line, through you, Madam Speaker, would that address the line -- section E?

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Through you, Madam Speaker. I may have misunderstood the question when he initially asked it. I know he talked about bronze plaques, cannonballs. Section E specifically is referencing municipal property. In section C it talks a number of other properties that may be more -- may not be -- necessarily be municipal property but is still included under this law. So if he wants to repeat his question I'd be happy to try to answer it.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Ackert, would you like to repeat your question, Sir?

REP. ACKERT (8th):

I will because I think that this is a good piece of legislation. And I think that when you have safety concerns that if by chance the local scrap yard metal says hey someone brings in four manhole covers and I think it would be -- I don't want to say the duty. I think it would make common sense hey you know I'm going to call my local police department you know a person came by because everybody's photographed now. Their cars are photographed. Everything.

They have to hand over a license to be -- and somebody just did do that -- is there a process, and I don't see it in here and maybe it's something we can go forward that they should make a phone call to the local police department saying somebody was going to bring and just tried to you know get dollars for you know five you know manhole covers.

And I don't see that -- it is in C under certain items. I do not see that in E which I think is more of a safety concern so that -- the only question I guess to clarify my question is do the scrap metal

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processors in section E have to or should they by this  
legislation contact the local authorities?

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Through you, Madam Speaker. I certainly  
appreciate the intent of the question. No, that  
section E does not require that. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Ackert.

REP. ACKERT (8th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you. This  
is a good piece of legislation. I will be supportive  
of it. I do believe that maybe going forward we make  
it a -- you know I hate to say a mandate in terms of  
that but that they should make a phone call when it's  
a safety concern. So thank you, Madam Speaker. And I  
thank you to the good gentleman.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Will you care to remark further on the amendment  
before us? Will you care to remark further on the  
amendment? Representative Alberts of the 50<sup>th</sup>, you  
have the floor, Sir.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

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Thank you. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Good afternoon.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Good afternoon.

REP. ALERTS (50th):

A quick question to the proponent of the amendment that's before us if I may.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Please proceed.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I share Representative Mikutel's concerns and I know that you know one of the critical pieces of testimony that we received was from a council of governments in northeastern Connecticut. And I'm very appreciative. I do not want to run into a situation where I'm trying to drive over a missing manhole.

That would not be good. But I -- we have very porous borders and I have a question as to whether in the drafting of the amendment that's before us or perhaps on the underlying bill was there some type of consultation that was done or some type of review of the laws of our neighboring states, say of

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Massachusetts and Rhode Island? Through you, Madam  
Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, actually yes. When  
Representative Mikutel brought the bill to the  
committee he had kind of modeled this legislation on  
what Rhode Island currently had in place. Through  
you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Alberts.

REP. ALBERTS (50th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I do thank the  
proponent of the bill and I thank Representative  
Mikutel for spearheading this. I think this is a good  
amendment that's before us and I hope that once we  
pass it we'll vote favorably on the bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, Sir. Will you care to remark further  
on the amendment before us? Representative  
Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you, Madam Speaker, just one or two questions to the proponent of the amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Certainly, proceed.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Through you, Madam Speaker. In lines 60 if the operator suspects or has reasonable cause to believe is he, the operator liable if it is very obvious that these are manholes, there or four as was just said previously by my good Representative on this side of the aisle but does nothing about it and just goes about his merry business of doing what he does and obviously giving the check? Is the operator liable through this legislation? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (8th):

Through you, Madam Speaker. Under current law they would be liable if they knowingly accepted property that was in fact stolen. We actually added in this provision about reasonable cause to actually protect both the operator scrap metal dealer and the municipality. Through you.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Through you, Madam Speaker. If the person -- if the junkyard owner or scrap metal disposer as we call them, if they claim that it was not obvious to them and they did not think that this was what the metal was all about could they still -- you know through this -- through this piece legislation with reasonable doubt or whatever that is would they be held accountable? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Through you, Madam Speaker. Reasonable cause is something that is actually used quite often in our court system. And depending on the facts of the case it's more than likely if they could prove that they reasonably did not know that the property was stolen because say it was cut up into pieces or it was configured in a different way that they couldn't reasonably determine that it was a manhole cover then no, they likely would not be held liable. Through you.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

. Representative Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And through you, Madam Speaker, if this piece of metal which is processed and through -- and the junkyard owner does not -- does not in reasonable doubt does not feel that it is -- it is coming from one municipality to the other and goes through the processing would the check then be given to that person who brings in the metal? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Well, through you, Madam Speaker, under the bill in order for a junk dealer to accept what would be a manhole cover or a sewer grate they'd actually have to have a letter from either the chief elected officer of the municipality or the Department of Public Works Director to even accept it and then the check would go to the town not to the person trying to sell the property. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Through you, Madam Speaker. Let me try again. I think the good Chairman did not -- maybe I was not clear in the way I -- I phrased the question. My question through you, Madam Speaker, is if the junkyard owner is not aware that this is a municipal property and therefore goes ahead and does what he or she needs to do then in that case as I understand it the check would be given to the person who brought in the material. Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And my final question is as the metal comes in the person does not -- the index of suspicion is not there or is not raised enough. But we like we all do in a Monday morning quarter back you know after the person comes and goes, the check is issued to him and then the person suddenly realizes, my God this could very well have

been municipal property and I should have not done what I did which is give the check to the person who brought it along. Is there some way that the person then contact the appropriate authorities and try to claim the money back for the municipality? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Through you, Madam Speaker. I think that is a situation that would be handled through the court system. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank the Chairman for his answers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, Sir. Will you care to remark on the amendment? Representative Noujaim.

REP. NOUJAIM (74th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Good afternoon to you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Good afternoon, Sir.

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REP. NOUJAIM (74th):

Madam Speaker, unfortunately for me I speak from experience on this topic. A few years ago unfortunately the company I work for was the victim of theft of scrap material. It was not so much scrap material. It was essentially raw material used for production.

And the material that was stolen was not like number two steel for one penny a pound, it was carbide which sells for at least \$12 to \$14 a pound. And somebody stole them from us and went to a scrap dealer to sell them and unfortunately through a period of about two to three months or so they sold a great number of them. Subsequently we ended up reporting it and the person was arrested and the scrap dealer obviously was alerted.

And in respect to the scrap dealer that I am addressing he went ahead to ensure that none of those issues that we are addressing in this bill would really -- would have to -- would he have to deal with in the future. So I am looking in here in this amendment from line 58 to 69 he's doing all of right now which is a great thing that the scrap dealer has taken on the responsibility to do all of this all by

himself without having a law to force him essentially or to put a mandate on him to do that.

Now because it is a practicing business do we need a law for everything? I don't know if that is the case. I don't know if we need a law for this. The one reason for which I would vote in support of this amendment is that there are good people and bad people. So this scrap dealer that I'm talking about is a very responsible person. He went ahead and he did what he needed to do just to make sure that the public and the businesses and the trust people is very much protected.

But there are other dealers who are not as good, are not as -- as proficient, are not as eloquent in doing their business and those are the type of people for whom we have to put a bill of this magnitude. So there are different types of people in this world and unfortunately for the good people who really do their job and do it well and protect the public and protect the investments of companies we have to put laws to essentially in a way penalize them for doing a good job because other people do not follow the law or do not follow the appropriate practices.

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So I just wanted to speak about this and say we should be careful on how many laws we put on the books. Do we need to put laws for everything? Do we need to -- to outlaw everything or put laws for everything that we do? But sometimes it's good and sometimes we go a little overboard as legislators. But for this specific amendment I do intent to support it because not all scrap dealers are responsible and truthful. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, Sir. Will you care to remark further on the amendment? Representative Case.

REP. CASE (63rd):

Thank you, Madam Chair. A question to the proponent of the bill please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Please proceed.

REP. CASE (63rd):

Through you, Madam Chair. Just a quick question and clarification. In reading through the bill in section -- in the amendment it just says municipality. To cover all corners should we say municipality and the State of Connecticut because we have that type of material in State parks, we have bridges that have

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material on it and I just think if we're just talking about municipalities are we worried about the State of Connecticut? Through you, Madam Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Through you, Madam Speaker. Interestingly enough we -- in the original bill we did have the State as well of the federal government included in that. and in the process of discussing the bill we came to the determination it would be a bit more difficult to get a letter of authorization from someone at the State or in the case of the United States it would have been the President of the United States, so we actually ended up amending the bill to at least start with the municipalities but that's certainly an issue I think we should explore going forward. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Case.

REP. CASE (63rd):

Thank you. Thank you for that answer. Madam Chair, I just wanted to make the point that you know we just have to watch out for in example of our State parks because there's a lot of the manholes in these

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beautiful parks that we have and it's just a concern that we're just picking out the municipalities and I think in the future we can talk about other things but it's a great start and I will support it. So thank you very much, Madam Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, Sir. Will you care to remark further on Senate -- House Amendment Schedule A? Will 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.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

All 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? Representative Ackert.

REP. ACKERT (8th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And more of a comment and no questions. I do believe this is a good piece of legislation and I understand the reason for moving forward. Unfortunately the majority of the metal sold

now is not through a local metal processor or a purchase is not through a processor. What happens is when there's a lot of individuals that drive around and look for certain areas or contact individuals that have metals for sale because most of the metals are now sold directly overseas rather than through just a metal scrapyards for -- so there's still going to be a -- a little bit of an issue in terms of how do we address that but I did want to bring to light that that is an issue I have been unfortunately vacated at my property four times through theft.

And being in the copper -- business that deals with copper. So we still have a problem to address and this is a good measure moving forward but it's something to keep in mind in that process that a lot of metals are not being bought and sold in our regular metal scrapyards. They're being sold out of state or overseas. So thank you for the -- my ability to -- my opportunity to make a comment, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, Representative Ackert. Will you care to remark further on the bill as amended? Would you care to remark further on the bill as amended? Would

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you care to remark further on the bill as amended? If not, staff and guests please come 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.

Members to the Chamber please. The House of Representatives is voting by roll. Members to the Chamber please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted? Have all members voted? If all members have voted please check the machine to determine if your vote has been properly cast. If so, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally. Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Yes, Madam Speaker. House Bill 5506 as amended by House A.

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Necessary for Passage	72
Those voting Yea	143
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	7

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

The bill as amended passes. Will the Clerk  
please call Calendar Number 333.

THE CLERK:

On page 24, Calendar Number 333, favorable report  
of the joint standing committee on finance, revenue  
and bonding, House Bill Number 5140, AN ACT CONCERNING  
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY HELD IN  
TRUST.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Hampton.

REP. HAMPTON (16th):

Good evening, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Good evening, Sir.

REP. HAMPTON (16th):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

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

REP. HAMPTON (16th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill provides tax

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Calendar page 22, Calendar 515, House Bill Number 5361, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

Also, Madam President, under Matters Returned from Committee, Calendar page 39, Calendar 265, -- pardon me. We've taken action on that one already.

Calendar page -- back on Calendar page 6, Madam President, under Favorable Reports, Calendar page 6, Calendar 331, House Bill Number 5248, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

Also, Madam President, Calendar page 24, Calendar 526, House Bill number 5556. Move to place on the Consent Calendar.

In addition, Madam President, under Favorable Reports, Calendar page 27, Calendar 546, House Bill Number 5061, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

Calendar page 30, Calendar 563, House Bill Number 5554, move to place on the Consent Calendar. It may have been placed there earlier, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

It has been.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Also Madam President, Calendar page 27, Calendar 543, House Bill Number 5037, move to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

Also under Favorable Reports, Madam President, Calendar page 18, Calendar 470, House Bill Number 5506, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

And back on Calendar page 10, Madam President, Calendar 396, Senate Bill Number 114, move to place on the Consent Calendar.

In addition, Madam President -- in addition, Madam President, I have a couple of items to mark as go.

Madam President, items to be marked go, Calendar page 333, page 33, Calendar 579, House Bill 5348. And

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Opposed. Reconsideration is passed.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Right now since the matter is before us again, Madam President, I would move to mark it passed temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Now if the Clerk would call those Consent Calendar items so that we might move to a vote on the Consent Calendar, and then we might proceed to the items that were marked go.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 2 Calendar 166, Senate Bill 427.

Page 4 Calendar 300 Senate Bill 417.

Page 6, Calendar 331, House Bill 5248.

Page 7, Calendar 340, House bill 5273.

On page 10, Calendar 416, House Bill 5407. Calendar 415, House Bill 5518. Calendar 396, Senate Bill 114.

On page 11, Calendar 419, House Bill 5477.

Page 12, Calendar 426, House Bill 5023.

On page 18, Calendar 489, House Bill 5227. Calendar 470, House Bill 5506. Calendar 490, House Bill 5113.

On page 19, Calendar 494, House Bill 5573.

Page 20, Calendar 498, House Bill 5467. Calendar 499, House Bill 5419.

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And on page 22 Calendar 513, House Bill 5353.  
Calendar 515, House Bill 5361.

And on page 24, Calendar 526, House Bill 5556.  
Calendar 524, House Bill 5219.

Page 25, Calendar 4 -- sorry, Calendar 530, House Bill 5368,  
page 27, Calendar 546, House Bill 5061.  
Calendar 543, House Bill 5037.

On page 28, Calendar 550, House Bill 5514.

Page 29, Calendar 554, House Bill 5148.

Page 30, Calendar 563, House Bill 5554.

Page 31, Calendar 567, House Bill 5229. Calendar 565,  
House Bill 5028.

And on page 42, Calendar 384, Senate Bill 442.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney, do you have any more good news for us?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Madam President. One additional item  
to add before we call for the actual vote on the  
Consent Calendar, and that is item an Calendar page  
33, Calendar 575, House Bill 5359. With that one  
addition it would call for a vote on the Consent  
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, please call for a vote on the Consent  
Calendar, and the machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.  
Immediate roll call on the second Consent Calendar  
today has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

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If all members have voted? All membered voted, the machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

On the second Consent Calendar for today.

Total number voting	35
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Absent not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar passes. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. If the Clerk would call the first item marked go to follow the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 33, Calendar 579, Substitute for House Bill Number 5348, AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES. Favorable Report of the Committee on Planning and Development.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you. Thank you, Madam President. Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Joint Rules, I am recusing myself from consideration of this bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Please leave the Chamber.

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interesting provisions in it.

And also, if you have any questions about the Act itself, I am -- I think I'm in a position to help you understand those provisions.

Thank you.

REP. ROJAS: Thank you, Rafe. We appreciate it. Is there any questions for Rafe? Seeing none, given that you gave us a very extensive packet of information, I'm pretty sure all our questions might get answered in that alone.

RAPHAEL PODOLSKY: Okay. Thank you.

REP. ROJAS: Seeing none, thank you very much.

RAPHAEL PODOLSKY: Thank you very much.

REP. ROJAS: Is Representative Wood here? No? Then I will move onto Representative Mikutel or the First Selectman of Griswold -- oh, there we come. Perfect. Thank you.

REP. SKULCZYCK: Can you spell my name? No.

A VOICE: I can't even say it, let alone spell it.

REP. SKULCZYCK: Exactly. Thank you (inaudible).

Chairman Rojas, Chairman Osten, and members of the Planning and Development Committee, for the record my name is Kevin Skulczyck, the First Selectman of the town of Griswold.

And I am here to testify on behalf of HB  
Number 5506 and I would like to thank the

Committee for raising this Bill and the opportunity to submit testimony here today.

I would also like to thank Steve Mikutel for helping push this forward with his input.

Obviously, he knows the direct effect of our community based on the thefts that took place in this past January.

I'm here to talk about the thefts of said storm drains that were scattered throughout our town in Griswold during the January season.

These thefts were mostly and primarily occurred in residential locations throughout town and were repeatedly hit.

The said thefts across town, an impact of around \$8,000 to include labor fees as well.

This direct impact by thefts of this nature causes more concern -- causes current concern for public safety in the fact that most of these residential areas were traveled by students on their way to school buses, walking dogs, buses themselves.

One of the things that had to do, we shut down mail in that area for a couple of days. So the mail route was actually affected as well.

I believe this -- this Bill is a piece of -- of -- that can add some bite into what is already existing.

However, oversight into the scrap yards and junk dealers throughout the State of Connecticut is necessary.

As we all know, we all hear about all the copper and things of that nature being taken from houses. It seems like the times and the economy have driven to a level where disregard for public safety is direct to the people now in these communities.

So at this point, I would like to say that I have with me Steve Mikutel with Todd Babbitt, our highway department foreman who can also comment if the Committee chooses.

But I really do just request that you consider this Bill, push it forward, put a little bit of bite into it, and actually work with those neighboring states.

We found that all of our material went up to the -- Rhode Island and when we found it up in Johnston, Rhode Island, it was already destroyed.

And so, by working with Massachusetts and Rhode Island specifically in our area would really benefit us in the future to protect us from this happening again.

REP. ROJAS: Thank you, Mr. Skulczyck. Mr. Mikutel.

REP. MIKUTEL: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I just want to add a few comments to this.

This Bill is necessary because of the current Connecticut law in regards to disposing of material at junkyards does not provide specific protections to municipalities.

And so, this is not changing the existing law much or the penalties regarding scrap

yards. It just adds a new section that provides specific protections for municipalities.

Specifically, as you have drafted the Bill, requiring that when someone brings municipal property to a junkyard, that -- before they can accept that property, they have to -- the junkyard owner must request a letter from the -- the person bringing the material into the junkyard and must show a letter from the municipality, preferably signed by the chief executive official describing the material and then saying that this municipality wishes to dispose of this property.

And if -- so that -- and -- and the added provision is that the -- the scrap yard owner would send that money via check to the CEO and not just, as they normally do now, hand out cash. Because when they hand out cash, that's an incentive for thieves to come in.

This -- this -- the way it's written, I would add -- in the Bill, I would add a specific description of what is public property and I can -- I can provide the -- I can provide the Chairs with that language of what's identifiable municipal property so that when it comes into the junkyard, they know what to look for and request -- and request -- then they know they need to request a -- some kind of certificate of release from the municipality.

I would also suggest that -- that if the -- bringing this material -- someone brings in this material, that -- and it's identified as public property, such as manhole covers,

that if they do not have this letter of release from their municipality, that the scrap yard owner be required to notify the police.

So those are the little added provisions that I would add into this bill. I think -- it's a bill -- it's simple -- this is a simple fix to a problem that all municipalities suffer from because every municipality has -- has a story to tell.

Every one of them have stories to tell about plaques that have been stolen off of monuments, statues that have been stolen and cut down, manhole covers, or whatever is identified as municipal property or public property that's been stolen and disposed of.

This small change in the law will -- will provide -- it won't stop all theft, but it will provide another layer of protection specifically for municipalities.

So I -- I urge you to pass this and thank you for raising the bill.

REP. ROJAS: Thank you for bringing it to our attention.

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN: Thank you. Hi, Kevin. How are you? Nice to see you.

I -- I -- you know, I appreciate both of you and Representative Mikutel bringing this forward.

I think it's clearly a problem, although I don't think we should have to tell scrap

metal yards that we are -- that catch basin tops are municipal property. I think that it's sort of stating the obvious. So -- but I -- I do like the fact that we would -- I think that we should require a check in any -- in any item that's brought into a scrap metal, the same thing that we do with some of our pawn shops.

Because then, it would stop some of the copper thieves from going into houses and getting quick cash. That -- that would also lessen that and that would be a recommendation that I would want to look at so that we don't have people that are going to look for that 10 or \$20 or \$100 in order to go get the local drug of choice, whatever it may happen to be.

So I -- I appreciate you bringing it and I think it's sort of stating the obvious and I think that we should, you know, just get through this.

This is a very big issue for public safety and in particular in rural areas where you may be coming around a sharp corner and no longer have a top on a catch basin and you're out in the middle of nowhere if you happen to really get hurt.

Thank goodness nobody did get hurt out there, but we need to somehow curb people being able to just drop things off at local scrap metal places.

REP. ROJAS: Are there any other -- any other questions? Representative Kokoruda.

REP. KOKORUDA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just one question, and I have not read the

whole bill but I certainly looked it over.

How would this work from state to state?  
How would you -- that be addressed?

KEVIN SKULCYZYCK: Rhode Island has a similar law that's in place. However, some of the other (inaudible) just mentioned is not (inaudible).

Massachusetts does not and --

REP. ROJAS: Can you just turn on your mike?  
Thank you.

KEVIN SKULCYZYCK: I had it on, I turned it off. Sorry. We don't have these fancy things in Griswold, so.

But Rhode Island is similar. Massachusetts is the one state that we are concerned with because there's nothing to really oversight on -- on these scrap yards.

REP. KOKORUDA: Have you addressed anything with Massachusetts? Have you looked beyond to see if they would consider working with you?

Oh, I thought -- mine is one. I'm sorry. Just not closed, then.

Have you addressed this? Massachusetts is something that -- that -- it -- it's your -- it's an issue for you, it's issue for the towns of Massachusetts also.

Are they talking about it at all there, do you know?

KEVIN SKULCYZYCK: Well, I can say that during the process of the investigation, we --

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myself and -- and several members of -- of the -- of the team, so to speak, has -- have made contact with Massachusetts.

However, I believe, as this Bill progresses, I think Mr. Mikutel will be making some of those contacts on the border towns and -- and hopefully get some information sharing going.

REP. KOKORUDA: All right. Thank you.

REP. ROJAS: Representative Diminico.

REP. DIMINICO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I kind of glanced through this Bill, which I think is very good.

The question I have is I think I see in here for a violation on the person who is actually redeeming the scrap metal, and I see what's required by the junk dealer. But I -- is there anything in this Bill that addresses the issue of noncompliance by the scrap dealer in case they know what's going on and they don't comply and?

REP. MIKUTEL: To speak to that, Representative, I think that the sections E and F -- section F in the Bill deal with the violations for noncompliance on the part of junkyard dealers as misdemeanors. That's my understanding.

REP. DIMINICO: I did catch that. I kind of thought it was strictly just for people who were violating the law. Thank you.

REP. ROJAS: Are there any other questions?  
Representative Fox.

REP. FOX: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Just very quickly. In the recent spate of thefts that occurred in -- in your town, rough idea, generally speaking, of -- of the cost that -- that missing equipment -- the cost incurred by your town as a result of that missing equipment?

KEVIN SKULCZYCK: Yes. Actually, so we totaled the cost with labor included around \$8,000 for our impact.

However, in our neighboring town, in Lisbon, also in Canterbury, Norwich, Plainfield, it -- it -- obviously, it rose. I think it was a total of 60 were taken by this one individual who's been in the court process now.

REP. FOX: And all -- all the items taken in -- in your -- from your town recently, were they identified on them?

KEVIN SKULCZYCK: No. They were identified only after an investigation, obviously with the Connecticut State Police going up to, I believe, Foster or in Rhode Island, the neighboring town, a scrap metal yard. And one of the people up there remembered the metal coming through there.

So again, although they had those things in place, it sounded like they didn't act on what they have on their own laws in Rhode Island because they accepted that material and processed it.

REP. FOX: Okay. Thank you.

KEVIN SKULCZYCK: You're welcome.

REP. ROJAS: Representative Vicino.

REP. VICINO: Sounds to me, as -- as the price of these materials go up, there's a lot of money to be made and what we do here in Connecticut, the thief will just drive to the next state to cash in his -- his stolen goods.

And it's not just municipalities. Where I live, by the shore, they're going underneath the homes stealing all the copper pipes. They're going into homes stealing the wiring right out of the walls.

I think what we need to do is look at all of our states. Because if you have a big truckload full of \$8,000 worth of equipment, you'll drive wherever you have to go.

So this is a big problem and good luck to you.

REP. ROJAS: Anymore questions?

SENATOR OSTEN: I just want to say that while it's \$60,000, that's not what he received from -- from selling the metal. That's what you incurred as cost based on your overtime and the replacement cost. But they probably get maybe 10 cents on the dollar when they're turning it in. So.

KEVIN SKULCZYCK: Cathy, I meant \$8,000, for -- \$8,000 for our town. Sixty of those were taken from all the surrounding towns.

REP. ROJAS: Representative Fox.

REP. FOX: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just

one follow-up question. Procedurally, as the process is -- is laid out, in subsection F, a scrap metal processor who has purchased scrap metal that is subsequently determined to have been stolen and is returned to the owner of such metal shall have a civil cause of action against the person from whom such metal was purchased.

So I'm Joe Public. I -- I steal these pieces of scrap metal from your municipality. I sell them to a scrap metal processor who pays me for them. It's thereafter determined that that scrap metal was owned by a municipality and is to be returned.

So the scrap metal is returned to the municipality. The owner of the scrap yard has already paid for it and the owner of the scrap yard's only recourse at that point would be to bring a civil cause of action against the thief.

REP. MIKUTEL: I don't know really how to address that, other than to say that if this law was in place, the scrap yard owner would never have purchased that material in the first place because it's a -- he's coming in with -- that's what I said.

You need to identify what public property is, and I can give you a description of that because we take it right out of the Rhode Island law, which would cover almost all your -- your -- it's -- it basically is property owned and maintained by a municipality and it's broken down to include many things.

But I could give you a whole description.

But then, if he has this in place, he would not -- he would never have accepted it in the first place. Because unless he has a certificate of release or a letterhead from -- from the municipality, and if he doesn't have that, you don't buy it. You don't buy it. And then, he's -- he's protected.

If he -- if he buys it without the certificate of release or evidence of a municipality, then now that -- he's -- he's violated the law and he's -- has to accept the penalties for that.

All he has to do is obey the law, as I see it.

KEVIN SKULCZYCK: I would also like to just follow up. And, you know, we have laws in the books about drugs and -- and we still have violators.

So, you know, the best laws with the best intentions are going to work, but I think the oversight on all these scrap yards, I think in our area, we've had four or five open up in the last two years.

You know, you go on TV to scrap and, you know, it's -- it's an epidemic of people in bad economic times looking to -- to find some money, and there's good people that do it.

But having that oversight, having someone watch over this and I think convincing the scrap yards that you're looking at them will be what we need and exactly what we need for the municipalities' protection.

REP. FOX: Understood. Thank you.

And Representative Mikutel, that language could be very helpful in going to that point. So thank you.

REP. MIKUTEL: I intend to supply it to the Chair.

REP. FOX: Great. Thank you.

REP. ROJAS: Yes?

A VOICE: If I could just add to that. When this whole thing transpired, I contacted the scrap yards in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Rhode Island's bill was passed about two years ago and the scrap yards that are close to our vicinity all basically said if any of this material was identified, they reject the whole load. They don't want to take that chance as you just discussed.

REP. ROJAS: Representative Vicino.

REP. VICINO: Obviously, the -- the scrap dealer knew that he was purchasing manhole covers, town property. The problem lies with the enabler.

The -- the scrap yard, if he is paying cash for these products, the products will -- will keep coming.

So the problem is with the person paying the money for something he knew came a municipality.

REP. MIKUTEL: Correct. And what's good about it is under the proposed Bill is that the scrap yard owner has to send the money received

from that material to the municipality.

He can't just give the guy the check. He brings a load of -- of grates or manhole covers, he can no longer get cash.

So you take away that cash incentive so why would he try to dispose of it? See what I'm saying?

REP. VICINO: I -- I understand. That's the problem.

REP. MIKUTEL: So this -- this is a good protection. The money is -- right now, you bring in the -- you bring in whatever you bring in, copper or grates, I don't know, whatever. They give you cash.

REP. VICINO: Absolutely.

REP. MIKUTEL: Under this proposed bill, you can't get the cash. So the -- the money goes via a check to the municipality.

REP. VICINO: I agree 100 percent.

REP. ROJAS: Any further questions?

Seeing none, thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Joseph Capossela.

JOSEPH CAPOSSELA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee.

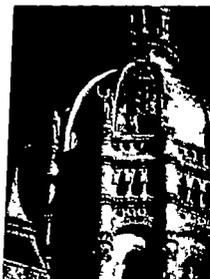
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I'm attorney Joe Capossela from -- I currently live in South Windsor, but I have been practicing law in Vernon, Connecticut, for just about 45 years, and I'm here to

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## ***PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE***

March 14, 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.

### **HB 5506, "An Act Concerning Scrap Metal Sold on Behalf of Municipalities"**

CCM supports HB 5506.

HB 5506 would help to reduce the theft of municipal property by requiring a scrap metal processor, junk dealer or junk yard owner or operator to refuse delivery of property from a municipality without authorization of the municipal CEO on the letterhead of such municipality. Additionally, the bill would require payment for any materials received are sent directly to the municipal CEO.

CCM would ask that the bill be amended to allow for a municipal department head to authorize the sale and that within that letter allow for instructions as to which municipal department payment may be sent.

**CCM urges the Committee to amend and support HB 5506.**

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If you have any questions, please contact Randy Collins, Senior Legislative Associate for CCM, at [rcollins@ccm-ct.org](mailto:rcollins@ccm-ct.org) or (860) 707-6446.



March 14, 2013

Dear Senator Osten, Representative Rojas and members of the Planning and Development Committee,

Sims Metal Management is a scrap metal dealer with yards in North Haven, New Haven, and Stamford. We process more than 400 transactions, totalling more than 1,000 gross tons daily at our facilities in North Haven and New Haven. We comply with current state statute, which requires a scrap metal processor take a description of each scrap metal load they receive, weight of the metal, price paid, and identification of the person who delivered the metal. The statute also requires scrap metal processors to take a picture of the vehicle delivering the scrap including the license plate; these documents must be retained for two years and made available to law enforcement. Sims Metal Management supports House Bill 5506.

We are concerned with whether the resources exist to enforce laws directed at reducing the theft of scrap metal - whether existing or proposed. As you know there are several requirements already on the books but it does not seem that the resources are there to be able to enforce them across the state. We also are concerned with the imposition of requirements that apply to in-state recyclers but not to out-of-state recyclers which may pick up loads in-state but are not regulated by these laws.

We applaud the committee's efforts on this bill, and would appreciate the opportunity to provide Committee members with a tour of our scrap yard to see the process and the current safeguards in place to ensure we do not buy stolen scrap. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about how this bill will impact the scrap metal industry or if you would like to schedule a tour.

Sincerely,

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March 12, 2014

Chairman Rojas, Chairman Osten, Members of the Planning and Development Committee:

For the record we are submitting testimony on behalf of the City of Norwich in support of H.B. No. 5506 AN ACT CONCERNING SCRAP METAL SOLD ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITIES

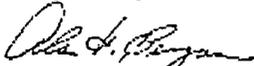
Four years ago the City of Norwich had a bronze monument of a kneeling woman known as the "Sarah Osgood" monument stolen from the historic Yantic Cemetery next to Backus Hospital. The monument was over 400 lbs. The thieves cut it into 3 or 4 sections and sold it to a Willimantic/Windham scrap yard. Our police department investigated and contacted local scrap yards. That scrap yard reported the suspicious pieces that had been delivered to them. We were able to recover the heavily damaged/destroyed artifact. With some very skilled artisans at a firm in Massachusetts, and at great cost to the City's Cemetery Fund (over \$20,000) were able to rebuild/restore the monument in 2011.

**It goes without saying that we strongly support this bill.**

In addition our City has experienced many instances of foreclosed properties being stripped of the electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems. This is an epidemic not only in our City but across the State and Nation affecting both public and private properties. We have an unfinished hotel in the City that went through a series of foreclosure transactions and thousands of dollars of metal materials were stolen from the site while the property was in limbo.

In California (according to my brother who lives in the Los Angeles area) all scrap yards must record and retain a photocopy the driver's license and thumb print of all customers who bring scrap in to be sold. We strongly support putting real teeth in the laws governing the documentation of the receipt and purchase and sale of scrap metals. I welcome and applaud Representative Steve Mikutel for his initiative in developing this legislation.

Respectfully,

  
Alan H. Bergren  
City Manager



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**From:** Sam Gold [mailto:[sgold@cogcnv.org](mailto:sgold@cogcnv.org)]  
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Dear Rep. Mikutel,

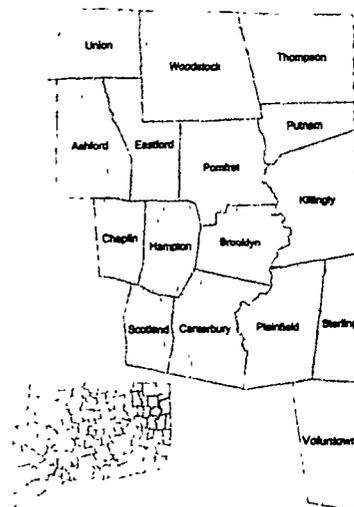
Thank you for making us aware of this bill. I know of at least two instances in the Central Naugatuck Valley Region where municipalities were victims of metal theft a few years ago when scrap metal prices peaked. In one instance the copper flashing and gutters of the newly restored Naugatuck Train Station were stolen after a COGCVN funded restoration. The other instance is the theft of an entire railroad bridge over the Naugatuck River in Waterbury. The bridge was for a siding that was not in use and was planned for use by the Naugatuck River Greenway.

Thanks,  
Sam

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Raised Bill 5506

## An Act Concerning Scrap Metal Sold on Behalf of Municipalities

made before the

Planning and Development Committee

March 14, 2014

The Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments **fully support** Raised Bill 5506, An Act Concerning Scrap Metal Sold on Behalf of Municipalities and urges the members of the Planning and Development Committee to give it **favorable consideration**.

The unauthorized sale and stealing of scrap metal has become epidemic and big business. Our towns are now the target of persons looking to cash in on the sky-rocketing increase of scrap metal. Once overlooked items such as street signs, man-hole covers and guard-rails are now all potential targets and costs (for replacement) to our towns. The proposed language found on lines 56-63 is a positive step and one which we believe will protect our towns from the growth of the illegal transfer of scrap metals taken from our towns.

Additionally, we want to thank Representative Mikutel for bringing this issue forward as a means to protect towns from an unforeseen consequence of the growing scrap-metal issue.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Please refer any questions to:

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## Town of Griswold



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March 13, 2014

Chairman Rojas, Chairman Osten, and Members of the Planning and Development Committee; for the record, my name is Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman of the Town of Griswold, and I am here to testify in support of HB No. 5506. I would like to thank the committee for raising this bill and the opportunity to submit testimony here today.

I am here to talk about the thefts of storm drains that were scattered throughout the town of Griswold during January of this year. The said thefts occurred in residential locations, and occurred during the hours of 12am-4am. The open drains posed a safety hazard for pedestrians and drivers alike. Residents along the affected roads were inconvenienced because the post office drivers had to cancel their routes until the grates could be replaced. It was estimated that more than sixty (60) storm drain grates in total were stolen from residential streets in the towns of Griswold, Lisbon and Plainfield. Thank goodness no one got hurt. If it hadn't been for the quick response of the public works staff, under the supervision of Todd Babbitt, this could have been a tragic case.

The associated expenses for the said thefts for the town of Griswold that include replacement and labor were \$8,043.12.

We need oversight to assure that these incidents don't take place again. I ask that this committee adopt this bill on behalf of municipalities. Require scrap metal processor, junk dealer or junk yard owner or operator to be responsible for acceptance of any said municipal property.

I appreciate this opportunity to testify on behalf of BILL NO.5506. Are there any questions for me in regards to my testimony?

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## Estimate For Expenses of Stolen Catch Basin Grates

Three events took place January 7, 2014 there were 18 grates stolen from Griswold, on January 10, 2014 there were 6 grates stolen and on January 11, 2014 there were 5 more grates stolen.

29 grates @ \$204.52 each	\$5,931.08
Overtime for January 7, 2014	\$480.96
Overtime for January 10, 2014	\$480.96
Overtime for January 11, 2014	\$450.12
Purchase of 14 used grates @\$50 each	\$700.00

Total:	\$8,043.12
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## LIST OF BASIN TOPS MISSING

January 7, 2014

- 1 IFO # 14 BMW Drive
- 1 Opposite # 23 BMW Drive
- 1 IFO # 116 Russell Street
- 1 IFO # 33 Parker Avenue
- 2 Quiet Cove – 1 on each side of road
- 2 Kenwood Estates at the Int. of Rooke Point
- 1 Geer Road and 201
- 1 IFO # 33 Walter Drive
- 2 IFO # 63 Jennifer lane – one each side of road
- 1 IFO # 59 Jennifer Lane
- 3 Opposite side of Walter Drive – no houses in this area
- 2 # 7 Sunset View - ! each side of road

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- 2 Mohegan Drive # 44 – 1 each side of road
- 2Pachaug River Drive # 31 – 1 each side of road
- 2 Pachaug River Drive # 52 – 1 each side of road

January 11, 2014

- 2Mohegan Drive # 44 1 each side of road
- 2Pachaug River Drive # 61 – 1 each side of road
- 1 Geer Road INT of 201