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Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill 6671

Total Number Voting 143

Necessary for Passage 72

Those voting Yea 143

Those voting Nay 0

Those absent and not voting 8

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill passes. [gavel] And Mr. Clerk, will you please call Calendar 63.

CLERK:

On page 3, Calendar 63, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on insurance and real estate, House Bill 6678, AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE AND RELATED STATUTES.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 6, 2015

Representative Zoni.

REP. ZONI (81st):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Good afternoon, sir.

REP. ZONI (81st):

Mr. Speaker, I move for acceptance of the Committee's Joint Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The question is on acceptance of the Committee's Joint Favorable Report and passage of the bill. Will you remark, sir?

REP. ZONI (81st):

Yes, I will. Mr. Speaker, the Clerk is in possession on an amendment, LCO 5753. I ask that it be called and I be allowed to summarize.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 5753, which will be designated House Amendment "A."

CLERK:

House Amendment "A," LCO 5753, introduced by Representative Megna and Senator Crisco.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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

REP. ZONI (81st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This amendment removes two statutes having to do with the limits on coverage determination. These two statutes are replaced in, and have been superseded by the Affordable Health Care Act and have been replaced by other statutes. So this is just a removal of a superfluous statute. Thank you. I move adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Gentleman has moved adoption of House Amendment "A." Would you care to remark? Representative Sampson.

REP. SAMPSON (80th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are on the amendment, correct?

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

We are on the amendment. Yes, sir.

REP. SAMPSON (80th):

Just a question to the proponent of the amendment if I could.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. SAMPSON (80th):

Forgive me that this is the first I'm seeing of this. I wasn't aware there was an amendment being brought forward on this bill, and it looks innocuous enough but certainly is just a technical sentence that we're striking a couple of sections. I wonder if the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, the esteemed Representative Zoni of Southington, might fill me in as to what exactly we're accomplishing with this amendment. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Zoni.

REP. ZONI (81st):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment repeals Section 38a-513a and 38a-483b. These sections of previously addressed time limits for coverage determination. Both have been superseded by Sections 38a-591 and 38a-591n pursuant to the Affordable Health Care Act. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Sampson.

REP. SAMPSON (80th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I appreciate the response, although I think it was a little more technical than I would have appreciated just because I don't know what exactly those statutes reference. Can you just fill me in, just a tiny but more, exactly what/how we're changing the underlying bill with the amendment? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Zoni.

REP. ZONI (81st):

Thank you. Through you, Mr. Speaker. The underlying originally included the repeal of only one of the statutes, and it was determined by LCO that only one of the statutes are - had to be repealed as well. So that's what it does. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Sampson.

REP. SAMPSON (80th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thanks to the Vice-Chairman for that response. That helps me a lot to know that this is a conforming change to satisfy LCO. Forgive me, it just took me off guard. I just wasn't aware it was coming, and being just a sentence with referencing a statute might take us a minute sometimes to figure out what that is. So thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would encourage adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir. Would you care to remark further on House Amendment "A?" Would you care to remark further? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor of House "A," please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Those opposed, nay. The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. [gavel] Would you care to remark further on the bill as amended? Would you care to remark further on the bill as amended? Representative Zoni.

REP. ZONI (81st):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. The bill primarily is a technical reviser bill. It changes various technical aspects of the insurance statutes. This was brought to us from LCO, and the great work they do there. It also makes a few conforming statutes, changes for conformation. And that's about it.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir. Would you remark? Would you care to remark further on the bill as amended? Distinguished ranking member of the Insurance Committee, Representative Sampson?

REP. SAMPSON (80th):

Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. Yet, I believe the Vice-Chairman did a fabulous job of describing the bill. It is mostly technical in nature, conforming changes and so forth. I would comment that there is one change that's notable in this bill, that is Section 1, that repeals a provision that was passed last year in the Legislature regarding auto glass repair, and I want to just state for the record that I'm very pleased at that. I was unhappy with the legislation when it was passed. I remarked that it was unconstitutional at the time. It's not that I want to say 'I told you

so,' but I would like very much for people to recognize that sometimes, the ranking member of the Insurance Committee does make a good point, and I'm glad to see it be rectified in this underlying bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thanks to the Vice-Chairman. I appreciate it.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir. Would you care to remark? 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.

[bell ringing]

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 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.

CLERK:

House Bill 6678 as amended by House "A"

Total Number Voting 145

Necessary for Passage 73

Those voting Yea 145

Those voting Nay 0

Those absent and not voting 6

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill as amended, passes. Chamber will stand at ease for just a moment.

(Chamber at ease.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER GENTILE:

The House will come back to order please. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 477.

CLERK:

For the first time in the Chair, Madam Speaker. House Calendar 477 on page 45 Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee of Labor and

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On Page 9, Calendar 472 House Bill Number 6678, AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE AND RELATED STATUTES, as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A," Favorable Report of the Committee on Insurance and Real Estate.

THE CHAIR:

Good evening, Senator Crisco.

SENATOR CRISCO:

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage in concurrence. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR CRISCO:

Yes, Madam President, the reason for this bill is, it makes certain minor technical changes that are needed to the insurance and related statutes.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further on the amendment, on this bill? If not, Senator Crisco.

SENATOR CRISCO:

Thank you, Madam President, if there's no objection, I request that it be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

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

CLERK:

On Page 11, Calendar 486, Substitute for House Bill No. 6892, AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPITAL TRAINING AND PROCEDURES FOR PATIENTS WITH SUSPECTED DEMENTIA, as

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[pause]

THE CHAIR:

Have all the members voted? Please check the roll call board to see that your vote is properly recorded.

If so, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will please take a tally and announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 1096

Total Number Voting	36
Necessary for Passage	19
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	1
Absent/not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The bill, as amended, is passed. [gavel]

THE CHAIR: (The President in the Chair.)

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President, if we can now call for a vote on the Consent Calendar, Consent Calendar No. 1. If the Clerk can call those items and then we'll have a vote following.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On Page 2, Calendar 105, Senate Bill 903, Page 5, Calendar 387, House Bill 6873, also on Page 5, Calendar 389, House Bill 6914 and on Page 6, Calendar 434, House Bill 5358. On Page 7, Calendar 440, House Bill 7018, Page 8, Calendar 465, House Bill 6375. Also on Page 8, Calendar 459, Senate Bill 1131, on

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Page 9, Calendar 466, House Bill 5771, and on Page 9, Calendar 467, House Bill 6451.

Also on Page 9, Calendar 468, House Bill 6747, and on Page 9 again, 472, House Bill 6678, on Page 12, Calendar 495, Senate Bill 1137, on Page 13, Calendar 504, House Bill 6959 and on Page 19, Calendar 538, House Bill 6695, Page 21, Calendar 559, House Bill 6974 and on Page 22, Calendar 569, House Bill 6894.

Page 23, Calendar 570, House Bill 6871, Page 25, Calendar 584, House Bill 7020, on Page 26, Calendar 587, House Bill 5907, Page 28, Calendar 605, House Bill 6736, on Page 30, Calendar 612, House Bill 6752, Page 41, Calendar 148, Senate Bill 303.

On Page 42, Calendar 313, Senate Bill 575, and on Page 50, Calendar 520, House Bill 6729.

THE CHAIR:

At this time, Mr. Clerk, will you call for a roll call vote on the First Consent Calendar?

CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call on Consent Calendar No. 1 has been ordered in the Senate.

[pause]

THE CHAIR:

All members have voted? All members have voted? The machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you call the tally.

CLERK:

On Consent Calendar No. 1

Total Number Voting	36
Necessary for Adoption	19
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Absent/not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar passes. [gavel] Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move that all items requiring action by the House be immediately transmitted.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. Is there a Senate Agenda No. 2 on the Clerk's desk?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

The Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda No. 2 dated Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President, I move that all items on Senate Agenda No. 2 dated Tuesday, June 2, 2015 be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and Transcript and be immediately placed on the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF: