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Have all the Members voted? If all Members voted, please check the board to make sure that your vote has been 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:

Senate Bill Number 167, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number Voting	149
Necessary for Passage	75
Those voting Yea	149
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	2

SPEAKER AMANN:

The bill passes as amended. Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 344.

CLERK:

On Page 8, Calendar Number 344, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 127, AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR

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TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES,

Favorable Report of the Committee on Environment.

SPEAKER AMANN:

Representative Roy.

REP. ROY: (119th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER AMANN:

The question is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report in concurrence with the Senate.

Will you remark, Sir.

REP. ROY: (119th)

Thank you. This is a technical reviser bill for the DEP. They, it's purely grammatical and technical changes and I move passage.

SPEAKER AMANN:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of the amendment. Is there objection? Is there objection? Hearing none, let me try your minds--

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REP. ROY: (119th)

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER AMANN:

You may remark, Sir.

REP. ROY: (119th)

I have an amendment, LCO Number 3993. I ask the Clerk to call it and I be allowed to summarize.

SPEAKER AMANN:

Let me apologize, Sir. Will the Clerk please call LCO Number 3993, which was previously designated Senate Amendment "A".

CLERK:

LCO Number 3993, Senate "A", offered by Senator Meyer, Representative Carson, et al.

SPEAKER AMANN:

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize. Sir, you may summarize if there's not an objection. You may proceed, Sir.

REP. ROY: (119th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What this does is it allows a town to use two separate governmental grants

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to pay up to 70 percent of a project funded under the program. I move adoption.

SPEAKER AMANN:

The question before the Chamber is on adoption.

Is there objection? Is there objection?

Hearing none, let me try your minds. All in favor please signify by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER AMANN:

Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Care to remark further on the bill as amended? Care to remark further?

If not, staff and guests come to the Well of the House. Members, take your seats. The machine will be opened.

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by Roll Call. Members to the Chamber. The House is voting by Roll Call. Members to the Chamber.

SPEAKER AMANN:

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Have all the Members voted? Have all the Members voted? If all the Members have voted, please check the board to make sure that your vote has been properly recorded.

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

Christel, Christel, Christel Truglia, vote please. Representative Truglia. Mark in the affirmative. Please announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill Number 127, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number Voting	150
Necessary for Passage	76
Those voting Yea	150
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	1

SPEAKER AMANN:

The bill passes as amended. Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 340.

CLERK:

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Are there any further announcements or points of personal privilege? Any further announcements or points of personal privilege? If not, Mr. Clerk, any business on the Clerk's desk?

THE CLERK:

Calling from the Senate Calendar for Wednesday, April 9, 2008, Calendar Page 3, Calendar 50, Favorable Reports, File 19, Substitute for Senate Bill 127, An Act Concerning the Legislative Commissioner's Recommendations for Technical Revisions to the Environmental Statutes. Favorable Report of the Committee on Environment. Clerk is in possession of three amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer?

SEN. MEYER:

Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill with permission to summarize.

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THE CHAIR:

The question before the Chamber then is acceptance and passage. Will you remark further?

SEN. MEYER:

Yes. Colleagues, this is truly a technical bill. It basically clears up grammatical errors. And you probably read the JF report, which says exactly that.

We are going to offer, in a moment, an amendment, which adds a little more substance to it but still is of a technical variety. And I'd like to call, as the amendment, Mr. President, LCO 3993.

THE CHAIR:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 3993.

THE CLERK:

LCO 3993, which will be designated Senate Amendment Schedule "A". It is offered by Senator Meyer of the 12th District, et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer.

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SEN. MEYER:

Mr. President, I would like to refer to this, yield to Senator Roraback, who worked with me with respect to this amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Roraback, do you accept the yield?

SEN. RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President, I do. And I would first move adoption of the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Sir.

SEN. RORABACK:

Thank you, Mr. President. I want to thank Senator Meyer for being so helpful in working to clarify an ambiguity in our law with respect to the degree to which federal funds can be used in our state's matching grant open space program.

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This amendment clarifies that and will be helpful for our land trusts and municipalities. And I urge adoption. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on Senate "A"? Will you remark further on Senate "A"? If not, the Chair will try your minds. All those in favor of Senate "A", please indicate by saying "aye".

SENATE ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

All opposed, say "nay". The ayes have it.
Senate "A" is adopted. Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Senator Meyer? Senator Fasano?

SEN. FASANO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, through you to Senator Meyer, Senator Meyer, with respect to the underlying bill, what are the technical revisions for which the bill is correcting? What's the language

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that's at a lack, if you will, that this bill is correcting, through you, Mr. President?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer, do you care to respond?

SEN. MEYER:

Senator Fasano, they tend to be more grammatical changes, trying to make nouns and verbs align properly. We had a bill drafting problem here some time ago.

So I think that the word technical is used in a broad sense to mean primarily grammatical changes. I can take you through some of those, but they really speak for themselves.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano?

SEN. FASANO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, through you to Senator Meyer, when we stay technical, so

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essentially, what you're saying is the intent of the bill, the policy of the bill is not changed?

It literally is the verbiage of the bill that we are correcting by virtue of your amendment, through you, Mr. President?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer?

SEN. MEYER:

Through you, Mr. President, that is correct, Senator Fasano. There is no substantive change in this bill, except insofar as the amendment that Senator Roraback and I introduced has an element of substance in it.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano.

SEN. FASANO:

And, Mr. President, through you to the good Senator, perhaps is this bill an old bill that's been kicking around for a long time, and the language has

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just never been changed? Or is the language that you're changing something we did last session, through you, Mr. President?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer.

SEN. MEYER:

Through you, Mr. President, this bill originated with the Department of Environmental Protection. It's a department bill. It's intended to carry out the wording in a better fashion, and more effective fashion, and it was offered for that purpose only by DEP.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano?

SEN. FASANO:

Mr. President, I thank you, and I thank Senator Meyer for his answers. Thank you.

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Thank you, Sir. Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Will you remark further? Senator Freedman.

SEN. FREEDMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I was just taking a quick look at the bill. And if I'm correct from what you're saying, you're just talking about the verbs and the nouns and everything lining up linguistically, through the Chair to you?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Meyer?

SEN. MEYER:

Through you, Mr. President, I did not understand your question, Senator Freedman.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Freedman, would you care to rephrase or repeat your question?

SEN. FREEDMAN:

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Yeah. I believe, as I understood it, you just said the technical changes in this bill was the lining up of the verbs and the nouns, and you were just making grammatical changes to be consistent, through you, Mr. President.

SEN. MEYER:

That's correct.

SEN. FREEDMAN:

Okay. And then the amendment we just passed is the only thing of substance that changes the language of the bill.

SEN. MEYER:

Yes.

SEN. FREEDMAN:

Okay. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the bill as amended?

SEN. MEYER:

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Mr. President, could this go on the Consent Calendar without objection?

THE CHAIR:

Is there objection? Senator Fasano. Will you remark further on the bill as amended? If not, will the Clerk please announce a roll call vote.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber.

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THE CHAIR:

Have all Members voted? Please check the board to see if your vote is properly recorded. If all Members have voted, the machine will be locked. Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

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Motion is on passage of Senate Bill 127 as amended.

Total number voting, 33; those necessary for passage, 17. Those voting "yea", 33; those voting "nay", 0. Those absent and not voting, 3.

THE CHAIR:

The bill as amended is passed. Would the Clerk please return to the Call of the Calendar. I'm sorry, Senator Looney.

SEN. LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. For purposes of changing a couple of markings.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, Sir.

SEN. LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. First, on Calendar Page 13, Calendar 222, Senate Bill 492, previously marked Go, would change that marking to PR.

THE CHAIR: