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Thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 439, House Bill 5904, Mr. President, move to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing and seeing no objections, so ordered.

SEN. LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 440, PR.

Calendar 441, PR.

Moving past the single-starred items, Mr. President, until we reach Matters Returned from Committee, on Calendar Page 16, first double-starred item there, Calendar 51, PR.

Moving past a couple more single-starred items until we reach, on Calendar Page 16, Calendar 80, PR.

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On Calendar Page 17, Calendar 100, Passed Temporarily.

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Calendar Page 17, Calendar 146, Substitute for
Senate Bill 471.

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Calendar 174, Substitute for Senate Bill 399.

Calendar Page 20, Calendar 217, Substitute for
Senate Bill 572.

Calendar 242, Substitute for Senate Bill 266.

Calendar Page 22, Calendar 286, Senate Bill 391.

Mr. President, I believe that completes those
items previously placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

The machine is open.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call has been ordered in the
Senate on the Consent Calendar. Will all Senators
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THE CHAIR:

Have all Senators voted? If all Senators have voted, the machine will be closed. The Clerk will call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of the Consent Calendar No.

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Total number voting, 35; necessary for adoption, 18. Those voting "yea", 35; those voting "nay", 0. Those absent and not voting, 1.

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar passed. Senator Looney.

SEN. LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. If the Clerk might call the items marked as Go, on Calendar Page 17, Calendar 100.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

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On Page 27, Calendar Number 216, Substitute for House Bill Number 5904, AN ACT CONCERNING RECOVERY EXCEPTIONS FOR PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION DISCRIMINATION SETTLEMENTS AND AWARDS, Favorable Report of the Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Representative Villano of the 91st, you have the floor, Sir.

REP. VILLANO: (91st)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move adoption of the Joint Committee Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

The question before the Chamber is on the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill. Please proceed, Sir.

REP. VILLANO: (91st)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the bill prohibits the state from claiming any monetary award made in a public accommodation discrimination case to a former resident or client of the state humane institution. No leaves allowed either.

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The prohibition also applies to claims or liens against anyone who once received financial assistance through state or federal programs, including Medicaid, temporary family assistance, SAGA, the state [inaudible].

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the bill also provides a single prohibition to a town's ability to recovery assistance provided to residents in the past. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Thank you. The question before the Chamber is adoption of the bill. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Representative Gibbons of the 150th, you have the floor, Madam.

REP. GIBBONS: (150th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill is an extension of the bill we passed last year that prohibited the state from recovering awards on certain housing settlements, on certain discrimination awards. We support the bill, and I urge favorable passage of this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

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Thank you, Representative Gibbons. Further on the bill? Further on the bill? If not, staff and guests, please retire to the Well of the House. Members, take your seats.

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.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Have all the Members voted? Have all the Members voted? Please check the board and make sure your vote is properly cast. If all the Members have voted, the machine will be locked. Would the Clerk please take a tally? Would the Clerk please announce the tally?

CLERK:

House Bill Number 5904.

Total Number Voting	144
Necessary for Passage	73
Those voting Yea	144
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	7

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

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Well said. The bill passes. Would the Clerk please call Calendar Number 241?

CLERK:

On Page 10, Calendar Number 241, House Bill Number 5895, AN ACT CONCERNING CROSS-ENDORSED CANDIDATES, Favorable Report of the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

Representative Drew of the 132nd, you have the floor, Sir. Please proceed.

REP. DREW: (132nd)

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO:

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill. Please proceed, Sir.

REP. DREW: (132nd)

Thank you. Mr. Speaker, this bill relates to the Connecticut Election Law Statute that requires minority party representation for certain municipal

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HUMAN SERVICES

March 11, 2008

RANDI MEZZY: Good afternoon, Representative Villano, Members of the Committee. I'd like to take a moment to thank Representative Villano for appointing me to the Behavioral Health Oversight Council.

I really appreciate it, and I'm learning a lot. My name is Randi Mezzy. I'm a staff attorney with Connecticut Legal Services. I'm here to speak in support of House Bill 5904.

It's a minor technical change in the law to harmonize two sections of the statutes. We have a large and wonderful anti-discrimination section of our laws under Section 46a.

And there's lots of different kinds of discrimination. Everybody knows about employment discrimination. Everybody knows about housing discrimination.

But public accommodation discrimination is kind of obscure, and not found that often in the case law. In the case of my client, he's a man with end-stage renal disease. And end-stage renal disease means poisons are coursing through your body. He goes to dialysis three times a week.

But it doesn't always work successfully. And as a result, he has mood swings. And he was going to an outpatient dialysis facility, then just decided they didn't want him to come anymore because they didn't like the way he acted.