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Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 61.

THE CLERK:

On page 33, Calendar 61, House Bill Number 5413, AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF STATE AGENCIES PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES, favorable report of the Committee on Human Services.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Chair of the Human Services Committee, Representative Toni Walker, you have floor, madam.

Excuse me.

Representative Bruce Morris, you have the floor, sir.

REP. MORRIS (140th):

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

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

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

Will you remark?

REP. MORRIS (140th):

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment, LCO 3991. I would ask the Clerk to please call the

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amendment, and that I be granted leave of the chamber to summarize.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Will the Clerk please call LCO number 3991, which will be designated House Amendment Schedule "A."

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 3991, House "A," offered by Representatives Walker, Gibbons; Senators Doyle and Kane.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative seeks leave of the chamber to summarize the amendment. Is there objection? Hearing none, Representative Morris, you may proceed with summarization.

REP. MORRIS (140th):

The amendment facilitates the claiming of federal TANF emergency funding and delineates the distribution of such funding to the State and related entities. I move adoption.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Question's on adoption. Will you remark. You're all set?

Remark further on the amendment? Remark

further on the amendment.

Representative Cafero.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there are times at night where amendments are brought out, and you want to be ready for those amendments so things can move quickly, but sometimes in life, things don't work out that way. So it requires other people to get up and say things like this until the person who's suppose to speak on the bill gets here. So I believe it is a good bill. And I believe it should pass. But I have a few questions for the proponent of the amendment.

Through you Mr. Speaker to Representative Morris, why do you think it's a good bill, Representative Morris?

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Morris.

REP. MORRIS (140th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I think this is a phenomenally good bill because it allows us to take advantage of 5 billion dollars' worth of ARRA funds, of which 1.6 billion have already been approved for distribution and it positions our Department of

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Social Services to be able to take -- take advantage of those dollars and be able to distribute them in these hard times in which we live, these most difficult times, that allows us to leverage dollars to be able to take care of three specific areas, specifically: subsidized employment; nonrecurrent short-term -- nonrecurrent short-term benefits; and basic assistance.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Cafero.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

That's why I think it's a good bill, sir. I wanted to make sure Representative Morris knew all those things and he knows them far better than I and I have no further questions. I thank you.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative, thank you.

Representative Gibbons.

REP. GIBBONS (150th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I thank my minority leader for helping me out. I had to put my contacts back in so I could see you and see what's going on in the room.

This is a very good bill. It's going to take an accountant to figure out how we take the money from the different agencies and how we redistribute it because it's a very complicated formula, but it's going to work out. We've all been talking about how we need to get more federal funds and this bill will do just that for our TANF, the TANE funds. And I urge the chamber to adopt it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Would you care to remark further on the amendment? Care to remark further on the amendment? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor of the amendment please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

All those opposed, nay.

The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted.

Would you remark further on the bill as amended? Would you remark further on the bill as amended? If not, staff and guests please come to the well of the House. Members take their seats.

The machine will be open.

THE 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 DONOVAN:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Please check the roll call board. Make sure your vote has been properly cast. Have all members voted. All the members have voted. One more.

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Please check the roll call board to make sure your vote's been properly cast. If all the members voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will please take a tally.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Bill 5413 as amended by House "A."

Total Number Voting 135

Necessary for Passage 68

Those voting Yea 135

Those voting Nay 0

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Those absent and not voting 16

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The bill, as amended, is passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 232.

THE CLERK:

On page 39, Calendar 232, Substitute for House
Bill Number 5196, AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT
PROTECTION FOR FOSTER CARE CHILDREN, favorable
report of the Committee of Appropriations.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Chair of Human Services, Representative Toni
Walker, you have the floor, Madam.

REP. WALKER (93rd):

Good evening -- good morning, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Good morning, madam.

REP. WALKER (93rd):

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

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Question's on acceptance of the joint
committee's favorable report and passage of the
bill.

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THE CHAIR:

Yes, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

552 -- Calendar 552, House Bill 5163, move to place
on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar page 19, Calendar 550, House Bill 5471,
move to place on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar page 19, Calendar 551, House Bill 5413,
move to place on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar page 19 -- we reached this I believe
already -- 552, House Bill 5163 previously placed on
consent.

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Calendar page 10, Calendar 461, House Bill 5207;
Calendar 483, House Bill 5244.

Calendar 484, on page 11, House Bill 5383; Calendar
487, House Bill 5220; Calendar 488, House Bill 5297;
Calendar 490, 5425 -- House; Calendar 496, House Bill
5497; Calendar 509, House Bill 5126.

Calendar page 14, Calendar 511, House Bill 5527;
Calendar 514, House Bill 5426; Calendar 516, House Bill
5393.

Calendar page 15, Calendar 520, House Bill 5336;
Calendar 521, House Bill 5424; Calendar 523, House Bill
5223; Calendar 525, House Bill 5255.

Calendar page 16, Calendar 531, House Bill 5004.

Calendar page 17, Calendar 533, House Bill 5436;
Calendar 540, House Bill 5494; Calendar 543, House Bill
5399.

Calendar page 18, Calendar 544, House Bill 5434;
Calendar 547, House Bill 5196; Calendar 548, House Bill
5533; Calendar 549, House Bill 5387; Calendar 550, House
Bill 5471; Calendar 551, House Bill 5413; Calendar 552,
House Bill 5163; Calendar 553, House Bill 5159.

Calendar page 19, Calendar 554, House Bill 5164.

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Calendar page 20, Calendar 556, House Bill 5498;
Calendar 557, House Bill 5270; 559, House Bill 5407; 562,
House Bill 5253; and House Bill -- Calendar 563, House
Bill 5340; Calendar 567, House Bill 5371; and Calendar
573, House Bill 5371.

Mr. President, I believe that completes the items

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, could you please give me on Calendar 567,
do you have 5516, sir?

THE CLERK:

What -- what calendar?

THE CHAIR:

567 on page 22.

THE CLERK:

It's 5516.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, sir. Okay.

Machine's open.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the
Senate on the consent calendar. Will all Senators please
return to the chamber. Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the
consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to the chamber.

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THE CHAIR:

Have all Senators voted? Please check your vote. The machine will be locked. The Clerk will call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar Number 2.

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 2 passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. President -- Mr. President, before moving to adjourn, I would like to ensure the entire chamber will wish Laura Stefon, Senator McDonald's aide, my former intern, a happy birthday.

And with that -- and with that, Mr. President, I would move the Senate stand adjourn

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Good day. My name is Pete Gioia. I am the economist for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents about 10,000 firms, which employ about 700,000 women and men in Connecticut. Our membership includes firms of all sizes and types, the vast majority of which are small businesses with fewer than 50 people.

CBIA would like to comment upon the following bills: SB 372, SB 373, SB 374, SB 375, HB 5413, HB 5414, HB 5415, and HB 5416. CBIA is encouraged that the committee is calling for review of high spending areas in the budget. We recommend that these efforts proceed immediately and with great urgency.

SB 372

CBIA supports efforts to increase transparency in the budget and aid the committee in sound deliberations.

SB 373

CBLA supports efforts to increase awareness and oversight of DOC spending. Over the past 20 years the DOC budget has grown far in excess of overall spending increases. Serious review is long overdue.

SB 374

CBLA supports efforts to increase awareness and oversight of judicial related spending. Over the past 20 years this area budget has grown far in excess of overall spending increases. Serious review is again long overdue.

SB 375

CBLA supports efforts to increase awareness and oversight of public and mental health and developmental services related spending. Over the past 20 years these budgets have grown far in excess of overall spending increases. Serious review is again long overdue.

HB 5413

CBLA supports efforts to increase awareness and oversight of social services related spending. Over the past 20 years this area budget has not only grown far in excess of overall spending increases, but serious discrepancies between what private nonprofit providers get paid for similar work done by state workers is a fairness and equity issue. This and DOC should be the top priorities in these reviews

HB 5414 and HB 5416

Given the huge role of DOE and of DHE better review of their spending would be a plus.

HB 5415

Certainly OFA should review high growth areas. But, we would also like to see a review of the largest and most costly areas -high growth or not. The committee needs to review the