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announcements or introduction.

Hearing none, the Chamber will stand at ease.

(Chamber at ease.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The Chamber will come back to order. Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 328.

THE CLERK:

On page 20, Calendar 328, Senate Bill Number 252, AN ACT AUTHORIZING FLAVORING AGENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS. Favorable report by the Committee on General Law.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram of the 15th.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The question is acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the Bill in concurrence with the Senate.

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Will you remark, sir?

REP. BARAM (15th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill allows pharmacists to add flavoring agents to a prescription if the prescribing doctor, patient or patient's agent requests it. Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has Amendment LCO 3156, previously designated as Senate "A". I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 3156 which has been previously designated Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

THE CLERK:

LCO 3156, Senate "A" offered by Senator Williams, et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection to summarization? Is there objection? Hearing none, Representative Baram, you may proceed with summarization.

REP. BARAM (15th):

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I just indicated, the Bill allows pharmacists to add flavoring agents to prescriptions when they are acting on behalf of a hospital or by the prescribing doctor, patient or patient's agent. The flavoring agents are strictly monitored and regulated by various definitional factors put into the Bill and they must contain less than 5 percent of the product's total weight.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge passage of this Amendment and Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Sir, do you move adoption?

REP. BARAM (15th):

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of Senate Amendment Senate "A". Will you remark further on the Amendment? Will you remark further? Representative Rebimbas of the 70th.

REP. REBIMBAS (70th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Amendment that's before us. But for clarification purposes, if I may, ask a

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question to the -- Representative Baram, the
cochair of the General Law Committee.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Please proceed, ma'am.

REP. REBIMBAS (70th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just for
clarification purposes, as I compare the Amendment
to the language that currently is in the Bill, is
the only addition clarifying that the pharmacists
acting on behalf of hospitals is also allowed to
provide the flavoring agent? Through you, Mr.
Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, the answer is yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a follow-up
question. Is it correct that this is actually a
common practice already being done in hospitals
and this Amendment would simply clarify that they
have the ability to do so under this piece of

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legislation? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, again the answer is
yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I encourage my
colleagues to support the Amendment and I will
reserve my comments for the underlying Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Hovey of the 112th.

REP. HOVEY (112th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through you, a
question to the proponent of the Amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Please proceed.

REP. HOVEY (112th):

Thank you, sir. Through you, Mr. Speaker, I
actually had a question as to the specificity
around hospital and why or if this was limiting

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solely to a hospital practice. Through you, Mr.
Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. My understanding
is is that it not only involves a pharmacist on
behalf of a hospital but could involve a
pharmacist from any pharmacy as long as it is
prescribed by the doctor, the patient or the
patient's agent.

REP. HOVEY (112th):

Okay, thank you, Mr. Speaker and I'll reserve
the rest of my questions for the Bill itself.
Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark
further on the Amendment? Will you remark further
on the Amendment?

If not, I will try your minds, all those in
favor, please signify by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES: Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

All those opposed, Nay.

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The Ayes have it, the Amendment is adopted.

Will you remark further on the Bill as amended?

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Representative Perillo of the 113th.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate it. If I may, through you, sir, a few questions to the proponent of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and through you. As I read the Bill before us it has to do with prescriptions and providing physicians. Is that correct?

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, correct.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the gentleman for his answer to the question.

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Another. As I read the Bill before us, it has also to do with prescribing and pharmacists who would actually -- would actually fill those prescriptions. Is that correct?

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Perillo.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And as I read this as well, it also has to do with pharmacopeia standards and whether or not certain medications should be prescribed. Is that correct?

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, that too is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Perillo.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So it would seem as

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though this is a little bit more complex than, you know, a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down. This is something that's a little more detailed and has a public health component. Is that correct? Through you, Mr. Speaker?

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, yes, that's correct. These agents are regulated and defined by definition in the manuals that you just referred to.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Perillo.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So I guess -- I mean I have no problem with this Bill, to be honest. I guess my primary question is since there are so many components to public health that are contained within it, I'm wondering why the Bill was never referred to the Public Health Committee. Could the gentleman answer that question?

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram, can you answer that

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question?

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that was screening's discretion. Other than that, I don't have any further elaboration.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Perillo.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Then I guess a follow-up question. In general, does the proponent believe that Bills having to do with medications and the prescription of those medications and the filling of those medications by pharmacists duly licensed by the Department of Public Health should generally be referred to the Public Health Committee?

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Perillo, it's my understanding you should be asking facts regarding the Bill and not opinions. So if you could probably rephrase your question that would be helpful.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Absolutely. No, I appreciate it and I will

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withdraw that question because I don't know that I can ask it in the form of getting a fact, it is certainly an opinion. It is my opinion that this should have been referred to the Public Health Committee and I simply asked the questions to make that point. However, I do believe that the Bill does make sense and I would support it today. But in the future I would think that the value that the Public Health Committee has to offer in these situations would be included. Thank you, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, sir.

Representative Rebimbas of the 70th. You have the floor, ma'am.

REP. REBIMBAS (70th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I do stand in strong support of the piece of legislation that's here before us. It certainly has had a history before both Chambers previously and then unfortunately on the last day of session it had the misfortune of never being called and acted upon. But it is a very good piece of legislation that is supported by the medical community and it's certainly one that's good

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practice in assisting parents in administering properly medications that's necessarily for children. So I do ask that my colleagues support the legislation before us. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Representative Hovey of the 112th.

REP. HOVEY (112th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, through you a question to the proponent of the Bill?

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Please proceed, ma'am.

REP. HOVEY (112th):

Thank you, sir. Through you, Mr. Speaker, is it present practice through the different pharmacies, I think they're called compounding pharmacies, they're actually not part of like your CVS or your Rite-Aid or whatever, but it's a compounding -- that they already practice this particular activity when they formulate medications for individuals? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

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REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. While I don't know the exact answer, I believe that you're correct that there is some -- some of this going on now. But this is an attempt to regulate it and make sure that the agents used are not harmful.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And so Mr. Speaker, through you, this type of regulation would have to do with the idea that there are now individuals who are recognized as having allergy to certain food dye, color, that kind of thing. So in the regulation they would be sensitive to the tasteful additive not having any of those hyperallergetic[sic] types of components to them? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM:

Through you, Mr. Speaker, that is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Hovey.

REP. HOVEY (112th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And through you, Mr.

Speaker, I just wanted to make sure that this can be requested by a parent on behalf of their child, so to speak, to make the consumption of the medication more palatable for them? And I correct? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, based on the language, patient's agent, I believe that covers a parent as well as a guardian.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Hovey.

REP. HOVEY (112th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And Mr. Speaker, through you, we know that we have a large population of more senior individuals in our society that sometimes lose their taste for different foods and things and so they often become less than compliant in taking the medications that they need to be taking. And how would that situation be dealt with if they were to have their, say son or daughter picking up medications? Would the son or daughter be able to

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make the request for some sort of, you know,
flavorful additive to help with that situation?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. As long as the
child, son, daughter represented that they were
doing so as the agent of the patient, I believe
that they could.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Hovey.

REP. HOVEY (112th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the good
gentleman for his answers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Representative Carter of the 2nd.

REP. CARTER (2nd):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise for
a few questions through you to the proponent of
the Bill?

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. CARTER (2nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I look through this I notice that the way the Legislation reads it's asking for the ability to use something that is generally recognized as safe by the state or the federal government. Does it say -- does anywhere spell out in this Legislation what part of the state or what part of the federal government should be recognizing these additives as safe? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. In addition to the language that was just quoted, it also provides that it has to be approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and it cites the Code of Federal Regulations and it also indicates it has to be sanctioned by both the state and federal government and must be less than 5 percent of the product's total weight.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Carter.

REP. CARTER (2nd):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And one other question through you. When it is recognized by the federal government, are we to assume that there have been studies that are done that are peer reviewed and that's what they're basing their information on? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I assume that anything that is regulated by the federal government has studies associated with it. But again I would remind my colleague that this is an inert food product that really has no medicinal value, it's just a flavoring agent.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Carter.

REP. CARTER (2nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I -- I asked these questions because it's very well known that there are some foods that you can't take with certain medicines. Obviously a pharmacist would know what those are but sometimes there are things that would take every day we may not think aren't good

with medicine. For instance taking something with grapefruit juice can severely hamper what a medicine is supposed to do or maybe even cause a reaction. That's kind of why I was following along this line of questioning because as I look at this, it's an important Bill in the sense that compliance to medication is most -- one of the most important things we worry about. But we also have to make sure that even though the state is saying something is generally safe, we want to -- we want to make sure in this body that we're doing it in the right way and we're listening to the right people. And as I look through this, that causes me to pause as to who is putting these -- these food additives in with prescription medication.

Through you, Mr. Speaker, I -- one last question. And does -- do most pharmacists have the ability to know what they're compounding or is this something that's just sold on the market that they can just add it? Or is this something they are going to add on their own? Like how do they add a food additive? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I would assume that a pharmacist who has gone through school and is licensed must be well aware of the impact of any food agents to a prescription and I believe that that's why the Act limits this to pharmacists who are licensed and have the training and ability.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Carter.

REP. CARTER (2nd):

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the colleagues' questions and I'll look forward to hearing more on this Bill as it moves forward.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, sir.

Representative Srinivasan of the 31st.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through you, Mr. Speaker, to the proponent of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Please prepare yourself.

Representative Srinivasan, please proceed.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Thank you, thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you know in this day and age a lot of our medications come through mail order pharmacies so we are not in direct contact with the -- with the pharmacist and it is all done through mail order. Would this also apply as it will be across state lines and would apply to mail order pharmacies? Or only if the pharmacy is located within our state? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I don't see anything in the proposed Bill that limits it to a pharmacy in the State of Connecticut so I presume that any licensed pharmacist could -- could add this additive as long as it was, again, prescribed by a doctor or if they were acting on behalf of a hospital.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. A lot of medications are -- begin as being as prescription medications and soon after a certain period of time, a couple of years maybe, they have a potential of becoming over-the-counter. And in that situation when a prescription medicine had this flavor -- this flavoring agent added, the medicine has now become an over-the-counter medicine, will the patient still be able to get it in that particular form since we needed the authorization or the physician to begin with.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. The way I read the Bill, this just addressed the pharmacist adding the flavoring agent to the prescription. If it was prepackaged and permitted under federal and state law, I assume that would be different than asking your local pharmacist to add the additive. If it was allowed for over-the-counter, then it would fall under I think a set of different regulations promulgated by the federal government.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Carrying that further, when that over-the-counter medication is available on the counter, could the pharmacist then add the flavoring agent at that particular time for that patient. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. If I understand the question, yes. If the doctor or the patient requests that a flavoring agent be added to an over-the-counter prescription I think that could be done by the pharmacist.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I want to thank the proponent for his answers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Will you remark further on the Bill? Will

you remark further on the Bill as amended? Will
you remark further on the Bill as amended?

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

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting my
roll call, members to the Chamber. The House is
talking a roll call vote, members to the Chamber
please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

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

The Clerk will announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill 252 as amended by Senate "A", in
concurrence with the Senate.

Total number voting	142
Necessary for passage	72
Those voting Yea	142
Those voting Nay	0

Absent and not voting 9

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The Bill passes in concurrence with the
senate.

Representative Sharkey of the 88th, Majority
Leader.

REP. SHARKEY (88th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, at this
time the Democratic Caucus will be caucusing in
room 207A immediately.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Representative Klarides of the 114th. Do you
have an announcement?

REP. KLARIDES (114th):

Yes, I do. Coincidentally, Mr. Speaker, I
do. We will also the House Republicans will be
caucusing immediately upon recess in the House
Republican caucus room.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Okay, the Chamber will stand at ease.

I'm sorry. Representative Sharkey.

REP. SHARKEY (88th):

Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I

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Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

That item might be passed temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Page 9, Calendar 105, Senate Bill Number 252, AN ACT
AUTHORIZING FLAVORING AGENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS,
favorable report of the Committee on General Law.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE:

Hello again, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Hi.

SENATOR DOYLE:

I move adoption of the Joint Committee's favorable report
and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption, will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DOYLE:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President.

What this bill does -- oh, first of all, this bill was

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before the Senate last year. It got out of the -- I think probably unanimously out of the General Law Committee last year. It got out of the Senate last year, I think unanimously. You know, unfortunately it died on the House calendar. So again, this year we brought it back in General Law Committee, got out unanimously again. And what it does is it kind of clarifies an existing practice.

Currently when you go to your local pharmacy to get your -- a drug, the issue is whether the pharmacist has legal authority to add flavoring agents to the prescription drug that the pharmacist is preparing. And this is commonly used in drugs, especially for children, to make it more palatable for the children to take it.

And this is just an issue to clarify that we're defining what the flavoring agent is and we're clarifying that the pharmacist may, in fact, put the flavoring agent in. And if this isn't passed, there's a possibility that the pharmacist will have to wait because of this compounding rule, wait two days. So there's no -- these are inert flavors that have no negative connotation, but they are helpful to our citizens.

So -- and again, the Clerk has a clarifying amendment, LCO Number 3156. May the clerk please call and I be allowed to summarize?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 3156, Senate "A," offered by Senators Williams, Looney, et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE:

Thank you, Madam President.

First, I move adoption of the amendment.

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THE CHAIR:

Motion is on adoption. Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR DOYLE:

Thank you, Madam President.

Yes, this issue just clarifies Section B of the file copy. The existing file copy talks about who may actually utilize or add the flavoring agents. And the existing file says a pharmacist. This clarifies a pharmacist working in or on behalf of a hospital also may do it.

Because the concern was, if we pass this legislation and the hospital pharmacies aren't specifically identified, someone could construe it being they are not being permitted to utilize the flavoring agents in their prescription. So I think it's a good amendment that clarifies the bill, and I urge the Chamber to adopt it.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Will you remark?

Senator Witkos?

SENATOR WITKOS:

Thank you, Madam President.

If I may, just for legislative intent, a question to the proponent of the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR WITKOS:

Thank you.

And through you, Madam President, would a pharmacy technician be also -- also be considered as a pharmacist for legislative intent and the purposes of the bill?

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Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE:

Through you, Madam President.

The answer is yes. When we were defining pharmacists, we're also -- pharmacy technicians who may be assisting the pharmacist on filling a prescription. So the answer is, it's clearly under the supervision of a pharmacist, but -- in a hospital, but the pharmacy technician, yes, would qualify in this in amendment, in my opinion.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS:

Thank you, Madam President.

I thank the gentleman for his answers. I urge adoption of the amendment also.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

Then I'll try your minds. In adoption of Amendment "A," all in favor?

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed.

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Amendment "A" is adopted.

Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS:

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the bill as amended.

You know, anything that we can do to help a parent or a caregiver make it easier to administer medication to our children really at such a young age -- because if you may recall during our younger years, medicine doesn't taste good. And you know, it's so hard for the kids to take something that they really need to help them get better. And this will go a long way to making sure that, at least going down, it tastes okay and they won't be as resistant.

Again, the bill received no opposition during a public hearing. The pharmacy -- the pharmacies supported it as did the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, and I urge its adoption.

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

The question is on adoption.

Senator Boucher.

SENATOR BOUCHER:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, I rise to support this because it's just been endorsed by some very young people that are joining us in the Chamber who agree that medicine can taste pretty awful. And having it, this provision would be very helpful to them indeed. So I think we all stand in support.

Thank you.

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THE CHAIR:

Absolutely.

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

Senator Doyle.

SENATOR DOYLE:

Yes, Madam President.

If there's no objection, I would move this bill to the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 12, Calendar 135, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 40, AN ACT CONCERNING COLLEGE READINESS AND COMPLETION, favorable report by the Committee for Higher Education.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bye, good afternoon.

SENATOR BYE:

Good afternoon, Madam President.

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and move passage of the bill and waive its reading and seek leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and adoption, will you remark further?

SENATOR BYE:

Yes, Madam Clerk.

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THE CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar 214, Senate Resolution Number 11; also page 1, Calendar 215, Senate Resolution Number 12; page 2, Calendar 216, Senate Joint Resolution Number 24; page 2, Calendar 217, Senate Joint Resolution Number 25.

Also on page 2, Calendar 244, House Joint Resolution Number 71; page 2, Calendar 245, House Joint Resolution Number 72; page 3, Calendar 246, House Joint Resolution Number 73; Calendar 247, House Joint Resolution 74; Calendar 248, House Joint Resolution Number 75; and Calendar 249, House Joint Resolution Number 76.

On page 4, House Joint Number -- Calendar 250, House Joint 77; Calendar 251, Senate Joint Resolution Number 26; also on page 4, Calendar 252, Senate Joint Resolution Number 27; on page 5, Senate Bill Number 53 -- I'm sorry, Calendar 53, Senate Bill Number 20; Calendar 56, Senate Bill 71; Calendar 57, Senate Bill 105.

On page 6, Calendar 75, Senate Bill 200; page 7, Calendar 80, Senate Bill Number 42; on page 9, Calendar 105, Senate Bill 252; on page 10, Calendar 111, Senate Bill 328; on 13, Calendar 164, Senate Bill Number 205; and on page 13, Calendar 168, Senate Bill 106.

On page 14, Calendar 181, Senate Bill 98; and Calendar 186, Senate Bill 191.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, I think that's Senate Bill 88.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill 88, stand corrected.

Also Calendar 186, Senate Bill 191; on page 15, Calendar 198, Senate Bill Number 28; on page 17, Calendar 212, Senate Bill 241; and Calendar 213, Senate Bill 139.

On page 18, Calendar 227, Senate Bill 99.

THE CHAIR:

At this time, please, the machine will be open and please

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call for a roll call vote.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.
Senators please return to the Chamber. Immediate roll
call has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted? If all members have voted, the
machine will be locked. And Mr. Clerk, will you call the
tally?

THE CLERK:

Total Number voting	36	
Necessary for adoption	19	
Those voting Yea		36
Those voting Nay		0
Those absent and not voting	0	

THE CHAIR:

The consent calendar has been adopted.

Senator Gerratano -- Gerratana, sorry.

SENATOR GERRATANA:

Thank you, Madam President.

Just for a journal notation. I missed, not this vote, but
the previous vote on the legislation. I was out of the
Chamber on legislative business, but I would have voted
affirmative.

THE CHAIR:

It will be noted.

SENATOR GERRATANA:

Thank you, madam.

THE CHAIR: