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The motion is withdrawn.

Representative Riley.

REP. OLSON-RILEY (46th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, I move that we pass this item temporarily.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

This bill is passed temporarily -- without objection.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 138?

THE CLERK:

On page 17, Calendar 138, House Bill Number 5096, AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARMS EVIDENCE DATABANK, favorable report by the Committee on Public Safety.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Dargan, the long-serving Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, you have the floor, sir.

REP. DARGAN (115th):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

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I'm glad to see you look so well today, sir.

REP. DARGAN (115th):

Thank you very much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The question is acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

Representative Dargan, you have the floor.

REP. DARGAN (115th):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

This bill just simply -- it makes changes in the laws pertaining to our state firearms evidence databank. It had brought support, not only from law enforcement, but from a number of Connecticut's sportsmen's alliance and a number of other groups throughout the state of Connecticut.

Basically what it does, it's a computerized system which stores discharged ammunition from handguns, pistols and/or revolvers which are submitted to the state forensic laboratory. Underneath current law the bill renames test fires as fired components of ammunition. And this bill saves the State approximately 15,000 this year in doing different testing that they do not need to do.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

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Will you remark further on the bill? Will you
remark further on the bill?

Representative Giegler of the 138th.

REP. GIEGLER (138th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the bill before us. This
bill will streamline the procedures for the submission
of handguns and ammunition in our crime lab, making it
more time sensitive and will save money to the State
of Connecticut.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Will you remark further on the bill? Will you
remark further on the bill? If not, will staff and
guests please come to the well of the House. Will the
members please take your seats. The machine will be
open.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll
call. Members to the Chamber. The House is taking a
roll call vote. Members to the Chamber, please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted?

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Will the members please check the board to determine if your vote is properly cast. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally. The Clerk will please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Bill 5096.

Total number voting	146
Necessary for adoption	74
Those voting Yea	146
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	5

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The bill passes.

Representative Dargan of the 115th.

REP. DARGAN (115th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For the purpose of announcement.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. DARGAN (115th):

Standing behind me today is Patrick Crowley. He's from Cork, Ireland. He's a lawyer in Ireland, and he's over here this week to see how our legal

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So I would like to ask the members of this body to please give them a warm welcome and a congratulations. Thank you.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, congratulations.

Nice to have you here.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 138

THE CLERK:

On page 48, Calendar 138, House Bill Number 5096.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARMS EVIDENCE DATABANK, favorable report by the Committee on Public Safety.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Steve Dargan, you have the floor, sir.

REP. DARGAN (115th):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I move acceptance of the joint committees' favorable report, passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Question's on acceptance of the joint committees' favorable report and passage of bill in concurrence with the Senate?

Will you remark, sir.

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REP. DARGAN (115th):

Yeah, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Just a quick background on it, on April 4th, we took this bill up and voted it out unanimously. On April 26th, the Senate did the same thing, but they offered a technical amendment. But before I call that amendment, I'll just explained the bill briefly, and it basically helps the crime lab run more efficiently by eliminating unnecessary duplication of work that they have to do when they are dealing with firearms backlog.

With that said, Mr. Speaker, if the Clerk can call LCO Number 3829. If he might be able to call, and I might be allowed to summarize.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 3829, which is previously designated Senate "A."

THE CLERK:

LCO 3829, Senate "A," offered by Senators Hartley and Guglielmo and Representatives Dargan and Giegler.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative seeks leave of the chamber will summarize.

Any objection?

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Representative, you may proceed.

REP. DARGAN (115th):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

This just changes the category of just handgun to firearm, on line 2 and 4 and 6, and also changes "shall" to "may" in lines 52 and 56 of the bill. And I move for its adoption.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Question's on adoption?

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

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.

Will you remark further on the bill as amended?
Will 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:

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The House of Representatives is voting by roll

call. Members to the chamber. The House is voting by roll call. Members to the chamber please.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted?

Please check the roll call board to make sure your votes were properly cast.

If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked. The Clerk will please take a tally.

Representative Sawyer, for what reason do you rise?

REP. SAWYER (55th)

Mr. Speaker, I was in the chamber, and I would like to be recorded in the affirmative.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Sawyer in the affirmative.

Representative Johnson?

REP. JOHNSON (49th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I was here in the chamber, and I'm voting in the affirmative.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Johnson in the affirmative.

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Representative Kathy Abercrombie?

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83rd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, in the affirmative,
please.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Abercrombie in the affirmative.

Representative Walker, for what reason do you
rise?

REP. WALKER (93rd):

Good afternoon, sir.

I rise to vote in the affirmative, please.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Walker in the affirmative.

Representative Lemar.

REP. LEMAR (96th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to vote in the affirmative.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Lemar in the affirmative.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally

THE CLERK:

House Bill 5096, as amended by Senate "A" in
concurrency with the Senate.

Total number voting

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Necessary of passage	69
Those voting Yea	137
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	14

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Bill, as amended, is passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 399.

THE CLERK:

On page 26, Calendar 399, Substitute for House Bill Number 5489, AN ACT CONCERNING THE ABATEMENT OF A PUBLIC INSURANCE AND CRIMINAL LOT -- PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CRIMINAL LOCKOUT, favorable report by the Committee on the Judiciary.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Audie Grogins, you have the floor, madam.

REP. GROGINS (129th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move for acceptance of the joint committees' 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?

Will you remark?

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DANNY STEBBINS: I look forward to those conversations, Representative. You've been a supporter of us for a long time. It's much appreciated.

REP. ORANGE: Thank you.

REP. DARGAN: Thank you. Further questions from committee members? Hearing none, thank you very much, Colonel.

The next presenter from Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection is Steve Spellman.

STEVEN SPELLMAN: Good morning, Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan, and distinguished members of the committee. My name is Steven Spellman, I'm Chief of Staff for Commissioner Reuben Bradford of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, and I'm here today to speak on his behalf and on behalf of the agency in regard to six bills. We submitted written testimony in -- in regard to each of these six bills, and I will try to be brief in regard to my summaries.

First of these is Senate Bill 62, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT PUBLIC SAFETY DATA NETWORK. What this bill would do is to provide a -- a governance procedure in statute for the Public Safety Data Network. The Public Safety Data Network was first entered into statute in 2005 when the General Assembly authored -- authorized use of the E-9-1-1 fund to connect the 107 PSAPs or public safety answering points, by fiber optic network, replacing the old copper wire lines.

At the time that this was done, it was

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what can be rather stringent requirements of providing an inventory for the Clerk of the court in regard to evidence.

The evidence is still stored -- stored securely, but that paperwork requirement of preparing a formal inventory for the clerk of the court would be raised so that it would only need to be done if the value was in excess of \$1,000.

Senate -- House Bill 5094, we -- we were extremely pleased when the General Assembly finally passed a Move Over Law and this bill is intended to strengthen that law. The existing law that was passed is only applicable to highways of three or more lanes. And what this 5094 would do would to -- would be to make the Move Over Law applicable by mirroring it to the definition of highway in Connecticut General Statute 14-1 so that it would be applicable on -- on limited-access highways of two or more lanes which include many sections of I-95.

Raised Bill 5096 is again is an agency bill and AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARMS EVIDENCE DATABANK. And this is a bill that is intended to eliminate a statutory requirement that is not of great value in terms of solving crimes. Currently, it is required by statute to do mandatory entry of bullet data information from test fires of seized firearms. Each one of those takes about 20 minutes of data entry time at the lab, which I know you're all aware has scarce resources. There's less than a one percent chance to make a confirmed bullet match in regard to these tests.

The much more accurate test is in regard to casings. So what we would like is -- is to have this statutory requirement that we have to

do this test removed and allow the lab to make its own judgment as to whether it's something that is likely going to be of use in solving the crime. And -- and again it's much more typical that the actual casings are much more valuable.

Lastly, House Bill 5294 concerning lateral certification of police officers, we are merely advising that this bill may not be necessary as the agency is on a parallel track. We have submitted proposed regulations that would do exactly the same thing that this bill is proposed to do. Those bills -- those regulations have been submitted to the Executive Branch and we would intend to go forward and hopefully place -- put those into law and they would have the same effect as statute as long as we were able to get through the process. So with that I'll be glad to respond to any questions you may have.

REP. DARGAN: Thank you, Steven. I know that some of these bills have been before us and one not really related to this. If you could comment on, because a number of us on this committee have got correspondence from individuals referencing -- seem to be the backlog of licensing -- permitting for gun permits. And, you know, as we talk about that 1,248, we hear that the amount of personnel that are in there seems to be understaffed. So if you would like to comment on that, please.

STEVEN SPELLMAN: Yeah, we -- we have lost some staffing in that unit. The unit that you're talking about and where the backlog is in regard to fingerprint processing. And a -- a huge expanding area in terms of agency responsibilities is in regard to what is called the use of fingerprint identification for non-

legislation is to reestablish the existing criteria as to what is required for the issuance of a pistol permit. And the change I want to make is that makes it clear that no additional criteria can be asked for by a municipality.

So I can hand this in to someone or I can tell you exactly what I want to do. It's just a couple of word change in lines 28 and 29, strike where it says additional forms, because basically the bill says no additional forms would be required, but that does not preclude some other thing being required (inaudible) or what have you. So instead of additional forms, insert information not required by statute in lieu thereof. Thank you very much.

REP. DARGAN: Thank you very much. Yeah, any of those revisions, if you could just get them to our clerk so -- for our deliberations, would be --

REP. SAMPSON: I will, Mr. Chairman.

REP. DARGAN: Any questions at all from any members? Hearing none, thank you very much for your testimony, Representative.

REP. SAMPSON: Thank you for the opportunity, Chairman.

REP. DARGAN: Next presenter is Scott Wilson.

SCOTT WILSON: Actually -- honorable members of the Public Safety and Security Committee. My name is Scott Wilson, I am a resident of New London. I am a founding member and current President of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League. We are a large Second Amendment rights organization with 2,000 members plus and

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Very simply, the Board of Firearms permit examiners ruled in 2009 that the information to file for a pistol permit, anything above that is not required by state statute and we want to reinforce that position. So that is the bulk of my testimony as far as I have no position right now, our organization has no position on S.B. 64 or H.B. 5096. Again I hope that this committee will help this bill move forward with the amended suggestions by Representative Sampson and myself to -- to help further this bill along. Any questions?

REP. DARGAN: Thank you very much, Scott. Questions from any committee members? Hearing none, thank you very much.

SCOTT WILSON: Thank you.

REP. DARGAN: Next presenter is Chief Salvatore and Chief Reed.

MATTHEW REED: Good afternoon, members of the committee. My name is Matthew Reed, I'm Chief of Police with the Sound Windsor Police Department. I am Legislative Co-Chair for the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association. My colleague, Chief Salvatore, was called to court and had to leave. I'm on the last legs of my voice as this cold continues to batter me, so I will be brief in my comments. We have submitted written testimony concerning our support of Senate Bill 195, AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF STOLEN PROPERTY. We support this in that the value of the property that local police departments are required to catalog and keep in their local property room should be raised to \$1,000. We support that.

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Regarding Senate Bill 196, the recording of

JUDY ARON: Good afternoon, committee members who are here. Thank you all so much for all the work you do for public safety in Connecticut, we really appreciate it, I do anyway as a citizen here. I'm here today to support the four bills, S.B. 196, which is AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF PISTOL AND REVOLVER SALES IN A BOUND BOOK; H.B. 5096, which is AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARMS EVIDENCE DATABANK; H.B. 5245, AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR A REVOLVER; and H.B. 5246, AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERMIT TO SELL PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS.

Now I myself am a law-abiding gun owner in Connecticut, been through the pistol permitting process. I belong to many Second Amendment organizations including Connecticut Citizens Defense League and the Jews For The Preservation Of Firearms Ownership. I'm here today to support some common sense legislation that has come before this committee.

S.B. 196 will sensibly change the process of purchasing a handgun and reduce duplicative recordkeeping. This will help to allow gun sellers to pay more attention to the person they are selling pistols and revolvers to instead of wasting time and effort on recording information for two separate entities. This way the information can be kept according to federal law and the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection will be welcome to examine that information at any time. And I think, as a citizen, I think that makes perfect sense.

H.B. 5096 will revise the procedures for the submission of handguns and discharged ammunition -- ammunition to the firearms

JOHN STURMER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee. I'm here to submit testimony and indicate my full support for the following bills. Senate Bill 196, House Bill 5096, House Bill 5245, and House Bill No. 5246. In particular, I want to talk about House Bill No. 5245, AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

I suggest that it be amended to include an enforcement provision. This bill in part alters an existing statute that standardized the application across the state. Issuing authorities have already been asked by the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners not to add or alter the existing application, yet many departments did not comply. Clearly this statute is needed to require them to. However, both the existing statute and the proposed statute require the issuing authority to render a decision and notify the applicant within eight weeks.

I'm a pistol instructor who teaches the NRA Basic Pistol class, and my students routinely follow up with me on the status of their permits. This statutory requirement is routinely ignored by local police who violate both the letter and the spirit of the law with impunity. One example is my hometown of Stratford. In Stratford you have to make an appointment to get your fingerprints taken. It takes three to four months to get an appointment. After the appointment, it takes an additional 16 weeks to have a decision on the application.

I have another student who applied in Stamford in July of 2011. He was approved in January of

Chairpersons and Members of the Committee:

I am submitting testimony to indicate my FULL SUPPORT for the following bills:

S.B. No. 196 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF PISTOL AND REVOLVER SALES IN A BOUND BOOK.

H.B. No. 5096 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARMS EVIDENCE DATABANK.

H.B. No. 5245 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

H.B. No. 5246 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERMIT TO SELL PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS

With reference to HB 5245, I suggest that it be amended to include an enforcement provision. This bill in part alters an existing statute to standardize the application across the state. Issuing authorities have already been asked by the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners not to add to or alter the existing application, yet many departments have not complied. Clearly this statute is needed to require them to. However, both the existing statute and the proposed statute require the issuing authority to render a decision and notify the applicant within 8 weeks. I am a pistol instructor who teaches the NRA Basic Pistol Class, and my students routinely follow up with me on the status of their permits. This statutory requirement is routinely ignored by local police, who violate both the letter and the spirit of the law with impunity. One example is my home town of Stratford. In Stratford, you have to make an appointment to get your fingerprints taken. It takes 3-4 months to get an appointment. After the appointment it takes an additional 16 weeks to have a decision on the application. I have a student who applied in Stamford in July 2011. He was approved in January 2012. Westport is telling applicants 6 months. They are blaming a backlog at the State Police Bureau of Identification. The Board of Firearms Permit Examiners currently has a 10-month calendar for appeals. Many of these appeals are due to delays, and are never heard, because the permit is issued prior to the hearing date. What I find interesting contrast to all of this is that Bridgeport, one of the largest departments in the state with one of the heaviest workloads is able to turn these applications around in 6 weeks. Even with the delay by the state they are taking 10-12, but the applications are processed and investigated before the results from the state come back, and as soon as they come back clean, the application is approved. If they can do it, why can't others?

The answer to that question is quite simple. Some issuing authorities don't WANT to issue pistol permits. If this bill is passed, and a police department chooses to ignore it, what will happen? We need to codify that in law. I recommend financial sanctions for every delayed application, whether approved or not, and for every denied application that is overturned on appeal. All fees collected by both the police and DPS should be forfeited specifically to fund the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners to fund their

Comments from:

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To Members of the Public Safety Committee:

I am here today to **Support** these 4 bills:

SB 196 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF PISTOL AND REVOLVER SALES IN A BOUND BOOK.

HB 5096 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARMS EVIDENCE DATABANK.

HB 5245 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

HB 5246 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERMIT TO SELL PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS

I am a law abiding gun owner in CT – I belong to many second amendment organizations including CT Citizen's Defense League and Jews For The Preservation Of Firearms Ownership. I am here today to support some common sense legislation that has come before this committee.

SB 196 will sensibly change the process of purchasing a handgun and reduce duplicative record keeping. This will help to allow gun sellers to pay more attention to the person they are selling pistols and revolvers to, instead of wasting time and effort on recording information for two separate entities. This way, the information can be kept according to Federal law and the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection will be welcome to examine that information at any time. I think that makes perfect sense.

HB 5096 will revise the procedures for the submission of handguns and discharged ammunition to the firearms evidence databank. These updated procedures will allow for more meaningful and accurate collection of information and documentation of evidence. We all know that with computerized systems there is the old adage "garbage in – garbage out" and I feel these measures will help justice be served in trials and create a data collection system that will have integrity.

HB 5246 provides that a permit to sell pistols or revolvers authorizes the holder of such permit to also make sales at any meeting or exhibition of an organized collectors' group or any gun show. I think that if you have a proper permit to sell pistols or revolvers, then you ought to be able to sell them at gun shows, exhibitions and collectors' groups. These are law abiding citizens that we are talking about who are engaging in these activities. They should be free to make their sales at these venues.

HB 5245 will specify uniform criteria for an application for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver. It is about time that this bill be proposed and it should be passed. It is just ridiculous that we have such an inconsistent patchwork of requirements across CT, from town to town, with regard to permit applications. First of all, passing this legislation would help to insure that municipalities do not over step their authority with regard to State permit requirements which results in an unfair treatment of law abiding applicants. Too many towns ask for superfluous, and sometimes even irrelevant, information in the permit application process. This ends up costing taxpayers money in the time it takes to process a permit application, and also making the permit application process a longer, and in some cases costlier, procedure than is required of the applicant by state law. This legislation will go a long way to saving our municipalities time and money because they will only have to require what this legislation requires of permit applicants. It will also insure a consistent and fair permitting process across the state.

Please support these important and sensible bills.
Thank You For Your Time,
Judy Aron



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
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February 28, 2012

Rep. Stephen Dargan, Co-Chairman
Sen. Joan Hartley, Co-Chairmen
Public Safety and Security Committee
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

RB 5096 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARMS EVIDENCE DATABANK

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection supports this bill.

This bill will give discretion to forensic examiners assigned to the Division of Scientific Services to enter firearms related data into federal databases that have probative value to be linked to other criminal acts in a timelier manner.

Currently, CGS 29-7h requires mandatory entry of bullet data information from test fires of seized firearms into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network, NBIN. Each bullet entry requires twenty (20) minutes of data entry time into the NIBIN system. The current practice of forensic institutions throughout the country is not to enter bullet information, but to enter cartridge information into the NIBIN system. Currently there is less than a 1% chance to make a confirmed bullet match to a bullet entry into NBIN. The Division of Scientific Services has made only five bullet matches out of over 10,000 entries over a 10 year period because of limited bullet evidence at crime scenes as well as the difficulty in matching bullets due to the malleable component materials.

The intent of this legislation is to provide examiner discretion to enter bullet data into NBIN and devote the limited forensic firearm resources to entry of firearm evidence that will have the greatest probative value which is firearm cartridge evidence. Providing examiner discretion to bullet evidence entry into NBIN will provide for timelier examinations of firearms related evidence, and will presumably lead to greater links of firearms involved in multiple criminal acts that will aid law enforcement investigations and prosecutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reuben F. Bradford".

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Chairwoman Hartley, Chairman Dargan, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Virginia Benedetto. I am from Stratford, and I am the Technology Coordinator for the Connecticut Citizens Defense League, and also a founding member. I am writing today to

SUPPORT

H.B. No. 5245 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

I see this bill as an opportunity to streamline the process to obtain a temporary Permit to Carry a Pistol or Revolver in the state of Connecticut. A permit that any law abiding citizen needs in order to exercise a right that allows him to protect himself and family, that many towns have implemented further restrictions or requirements that go above and beyond what the state has deemed required, in order to reduce either the number of applications submitted or approved. By passing this bill, citizens in any town of our State will be able to apply for a permit, without fear of having to sign waivers for credit checks, or medical releases, or employer contact. The requirements the State has determined as required for a permit should be all that is needed for any town in this State. Each DMV office does not get to make up rules and requirements for a driver's license, so I believe the requirements to obtain a temporary Permit to Carry a Pistol or Revolver should be similar.

I also **Support** these bills:

S.B. No. 196 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF PISTOL AND REVOLVER SALES IN A BOUND BOOK.

H.B. No. 5096 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARMS EVIDENCE DATABANK.

H.B. No. 5246 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERMIT TO SELL PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS

Thank you.

Virginia Benedetto
 Stratford, CT
 Technology Coordinator
 Connecticut Citizens Defense League, Inc.

Every citizen has a right
 to bear arms in defense
 of himself and the state.

Connecticut State Constitution, Article First, Section 15

Honorable members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

My name is Scott Wilson, I am a resident of New London and I am a Founding member and current President of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League. We are a large 2nd Amendment rights organization with 2,000 members and growing. I am here to testify in support of:

H.B. No. 5245 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

If this bill can be passed, it may help standardize the process for obtaining a pistol permit in Connecticut.

1) In 2011, a very Bill (SB 967) received a Joint Favorable Status report, but did not make it out of the Senate. This would have been helpful standardize the process for obtaining a pistol permit as there are countless delays and needless hearings by the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners while citizens are denied due their process.

2) Section a) changes the plural of forms to singular

a) Requests for temporary state permits under section 29-28 shall be submitted to the chief of police, or, where there is no chief of police, to the warden of the borough or the first selectman of the town, as the case may be, on an application ([forms] form) prescribed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Upon written request by any person for a temporary state permit not on a prescribed application form, or upon request by any person for such application form, the local authority shall supply such ([forms] application form) This to me seems to be a legitimate attempt to limit burdensome paperwork such as waiver forms for credit checks, medical records and so forth.

3) While this Bill is a step in the right direction, we strongly encourage supporting legislation to help force towns and cities (local issuing authorities) to adhere to the eight week issue or denial. At this time there is no penalties or consequences for the denial of Due Process in the statutes. Many States have accountability measures in place to protect the applicant's interests from delays in issuance.

4) More also will hopefully be done on the part of our Legislature that allows citizens to be issued permits based on one set of criteria, State-wide. This way citizens attempting to exercise their rights will be able to without unnecessary hindrance by towns and cities.

S.B. No. 196 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF PISTOL AND REVOLVER SALES IN A BOUND BOOK.

I am speaking in support on this as well, this Bill if passed would help eliminate redundancy of paperwork. More paperwork may make it harder for law abiding sellers of firearms to keep up with paperwork and it may interfere with sales as well..

S.B. No. 64 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATION OF FIREARMS.

H.B. No. 5096 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARMS EVIDENCE DATABANK.

No official position on these two Bills. I would like to thank our legislators for hearing our testimony today.

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Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 6, Calendar 242, House Bill Number 5096, AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARMS EVIDENCE DATABANK, favorable report of the Committee on Public Safety.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Hartley, good evening.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Good evening, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution, madam.

THE CHAIR:

Acting on approval of the bill, please proceed.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Thank you, madam.

The bill before us makes changes to the laws pertaining to the state's firearms evidence databank. It is one for achieving efficiencies. In fact, what it does is eliminate a mandate for entering all ballistic data and it instead gives the desk personnel the discretion in data entering to decide which evidence would, in fact, yield results in a criminal investigation. It also changes a deadline for the testing and the input of such data.

Madam President, if I may, the Clerk is in possession of LCO 3829, and I ask that the Clerk please call and I be granted leave to summarize, please.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

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LCO Number 3829, Senate Amendment Schedule "A,"
offered by Senators Hartley, Guglielmo and
Representatives Dargan and Giegler.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

I move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Yes, indeed. Thank you.

Madam President, the underlining LCO is essentially a cleanup amendment to have consistency in the language throughout the underlining bill, and for that reason, we ask for adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Will you remark? Seeing none, --
oh, I'm sorry. Senator Fasano, I apologize.

SENATOR FASANO:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President to Senate Hartley through you, when
you say "consistent language," could explain to me the
effect of that amendment to create consistent
language? Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

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Yes, indeed. Thank you, Senator Fasano.

Essentially as we are going to the bill we are defining "handgun" -- redefining -- deleting "handgun" and inserting "firearms" so that it is a broader category for the analysis and that wasn't done consistently throughout the underlining bill.

And the second change was the change from "may" to "shall," which was basically in the underlining bill where it is given discretion to the examining officer on what technique he is going to use and ballistic examination and -- so he is not being required or mandated to conduct a test that's not going to yield any evidence. And once again that wasn't consistent throughout the underlining bill.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO:

Madam President, thank you, and thank you, Senator Hartley, for the answers to those questions. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. Any other questions?

Will you remark? Will you remark? If not, all in favor of amendment "A" please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? Amendment "A" has been adopted.

Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Thank you, Madam President. And if there's no

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objection, I would ask that the bill be placed on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 26, Calendar 74, Senate Bill Number 196, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF PISTOL AND REVOLVER SALES IN A BOUND BOOK, favorable report of the Committee on Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

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

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Yes, I will. Thank you, Madam President.

This bill is another bill. It is a department bill and it is about achieving efficiencies which is always a good direction to go in. And what it does is eliminate the redundant recording in handgun sales records. Right now, as it stands, there is a requirement to keep a state book and a federal, and they are essentially one in the same with regard to the information they are requiring being recorded. These books are referred to as "bound books." What this simply will do is that there will be one book kept which is the federal book. And that the state

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Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 26, Calendar Number 69, that is substitute for Senate Bill Number 13, AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF TELEMEDICINE SERVICES, favorable report of the Committee on Public Health.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. That item might be passed temporarily, if we might stand at ease for a moment.

THE CHAIR:

Senate will stand at ease.

(Chamber at ease.)

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if the Clerk might call the items on the Consent Calendar at this time and then if we might move to a vote on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Sounds like a wonderful idea.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar on page 1, Calendar 51, Senate Bill Number 12; page 6, Calendar 242, House

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Bill 5096; on page 9, Calendar 3 -- 312, Senate Bill Number 114; page 11, Calendar 327, Senate Bill Number 378; page 13, Calendar 344, Senate Bill Number 143. Also on page 13, Calendar 343, Senate Bill 116; page 14, Calendar 350, Senate Bill Number 198; page 26, Calendar 74, Senate Bill Number 196. On page 27, Calendar 83, Senate Bill Number 263. On page 31, Calendar 184, Senate Bill Number 94; page 31, 1 -- Calendar 166, Senate Bill Number 62. Also on page 31, Calendar 167, Senate Bill 64; page 32, Calendar 185, Senate Bill 190; page 33, Calendar 220, Senate Bill 351.

THE CHAIR:

Are those all the bills on the -- oh, Agenda 3, sir. The last one on Agenda 3. I think it --

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Just wanted to -- just to reconfirm that the item from Senate Agenda Number 3 --

THE CHAIR:

Was not called.

SENATOR LOONEY:

-- is on the Consent Calendar that we had taken up under suspension, substitute House Bill Number 5445.

THE CLERK:

Yes, sir.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Are there any questions?

If not, Mr. Clerk, I will call for a roll call vote. Will you call for a roll call vote and I'll open the machine for the Consent Calendar.

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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? Have all members voted. The machine will be closed. And, Mr. Clerk, will you call the tally on the Consent Calendar, please.

THE CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar,

Total number voting	35
Necessary for Passage	19
Those Voting Yea	35
Those Voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar passed.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, would move for a suspension for immediate transmittal to the Governor of Substitute House Bill Number 5445, AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS UNDER THE CONNECTICUT ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, which was just adopted as part of our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.