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DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The bill, as amended, passes. [gavel] Will the  
Clerk please call Calendar No. 323.

CLERK:

House Calendar 323, Favorable Report of the  
Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Technology,  
House Bill 6020, AN ACT CONCERNING ANAEROBIC  
DIGESTION.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Reed, ma'am.

REP. REED (102<sup>nd</sup>):

Good afternoon, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Good afternoon.

REP. REED (102<sup>nd</sup>):

Nice to see you. And I, too, like the color of  
your fashion statement.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Thank you.

REP. REED (102<sup>nd</sup>):

I wanna thank you for recognizing me, and I  
move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable  
Report and passage of the bill.

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The question before the Chamber is adoption.

Will you remark?

REP. REED (102<sup>nd</sup>):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill extends by two years a program to help farms cut energy costs by allowing them to install a technology that actually generates electricity from animal manure and other organic waste.

The three-year pilot program operated by the Green Bank is scheduled to end this year and not enough farms have been able to participate in the program. This bill extends the pilot program for another two years until January 1, 2018. And again, I move for passage.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The question is acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill. Representative Dubitsky of the 47<sup>th</sup>.

REP. DUBITSKY (47<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak in favor of this bill. It's a good bill. It'll help farmers, and I encourage my colleagues to vote for it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Ackert of the 8<sup>th</sup>.

REP. ACKERT (8<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of this legislation. Just as a new member of the Energy and Technology Committee we - as all know - as we become new to a Committee that there's all new acronyms. There's new things we gotta learn and new people that we meet. Stakeholders we like to call'm.

This one here came to me at one of the meetings earlier this year, and I had no idea of what an anaerobic digester was. It's easy to tell people it's similar to what the trash-to-energy plants were but for animal and food waste. And many of our farms have to - and restaurants - have to pay to remove this waste that we now can use in these anaerobic digesters.

It's interesting that many countries are far advanced in this technology. As a matter of fact, Germany arguably has 7000 anaerobic digesters in use - 7000.

This program that we're working on right here is only - it's a good step - but it's for five. Five. So think about the components here. We have

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five that we wanna extend. These units are not online yet. This extension is required for these to keep moving forward and the funding component to be there to make them viable.

So I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation, but actually down the road, I think this is a technology that we should surely be working on here in the State of Connecticut to help offset our energy costs as we move forward. So I rise in support of this legislation and thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Will you remark? Will you remark further on the bill that is before us? If not, will staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will members take your seat. Representative Bumgardner of the 41<sup>st</sup>.

REP. BUMGARDNER (41<sup>st</sup>):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank the good Chairs and the ranking members of the Committee. I introduced this piece of legislation. It's very important that as we progress on the State of Connecticut that we utilize free - not just free market solutions - but

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just common sense solutions to be better stewards  
of our environment. So I hope all of my colleagues  
for this legislation. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Thank you sir. Will you remark? Will you  
remark further on the bill that is before us? If  
not, will staff and guests please come to the Well  
of the House. Will members take your seat, and the  
machine will be opened.

CLERK:

[bell ringing] The House of Representatives is  
voting by roll. The House of Representatives is  
voting by roll. Will members please report to the  
Chamber immediately.

[pause]

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

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

[pause]

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

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Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Please check the board to see 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.

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill 6020	
Total Number Voting	142
Necessary for Passage	72
Those voting Yea	142
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	9

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The bill passes. [gavel] Any announcements or introductions? Representative Ackert of the 8<sup>th</sup>.

REP. ACKERT (8<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. We go from talking digesters to family members. For an introduction, please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Please proceed, sir. A much nicer topic actually. [laughs]

REP. ACKERT (8<sup>th</sup>):



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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 25, Calendar 617, House Bill 6020.  
I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 27, Calendar 627, House Bill 5101.  
I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 26, Calendar 620, House Bill 6745.  
I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 24, Calendar 609, House Bill 5257.  
I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 24, Calendar 611, House Bill 7060.  
I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

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THE CLERK:

House Bill 6915. Page 4, Calendar 383 -

THE CHAIR:

Hold on a minute. Mr. Clerk, you're gonna have to use your microphone so we can hear you, please. I apologize. Thank you.

THE CLERK:

Page 4, Calendar 382, House Bill 6915. Page 4, Calendar 383, House Bill 6723. Page 5, Calendar 390, House Bill 6317. Page 5, Calendar 437, House Bill 6771. Page 5, 438, House Bill 6772. On Page 6, Calendar 439, House Bill 6259. On Page 8, Calendar 480, House Bill 6910.

On Page 8 also, Calendar 481, House Bill 6978, and on Page 9, Calendar 500, House Bill 6579. On Page 10, Calendar 502, House Bill 6868. Page 11, Calendar 511, House Bill 6937. Also on Page 11, Calendar 513, House Bill 6986, and on Page 12, Calendar 515, House Bill 6902.

Also on Page 12, Calendar 521, House Bill 6971. On Page 12 again, Calendar 522, House Bill 6834. Page 12, Calendar 518, House Bill 6770. On Page 13, Calendar 524, House Bill 6997. Also on Page 13, Calendar 525, House Bill 6984, and on Page 14, Calendar 530, House Bill 6977.

Also on Page 14, Calendar 531, House Bill 6994. Page 15, Calendar 535, House Bill 6730. Page 17, Calendar 552, House Bill 6884. Page 17, Calendar 557, House Bill 6155. On Page 18, Calendar 564, House Bill 7000. Page 18 again, 566, House Bill 6138. Also on Page 18, Calendar 571, House Bill 5092, and on Page 19, Calendar 577, House Bill 6853.

On Page 20, Calendar 585, House Bill 6571. Page 20, Calendar 578, House Bill 6852. On Page 23, Calendar 606, House Bill 5660, and on Page 24, Calendar 609, House Bill 5257. Page 24, Calendar 611, House Bill 7060. Page 24, Calendar 610, House Bill 7050. On Page 25, Calendar 617, House Bill 6020.

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On Page 26, Calendar 619, House Bill 6750. Also on Page 26, Calendar 620, House Bill 6745. Page 27, Calendar 627, House Bill 5101. Page 29, Calendar 635, House Bill 5110. Also on Page 29, Calendar 641, House Bill 6967. On Page 30, Calendar 645, House Bill 6943, and also on Page 30, Calendar 642, 6707.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We're adding - we have to add one more. Hold on for one second, please.

[pause]

THE CLERK:

On - and the last item is on Page 19, Calendar 576, House Bill 6976.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, will you call - hold on a minute. There's a question. Senator Kelly, you have a question? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you, Madam President. That last item on Page 19, the Clerk called 576, House Bill 6976. Was it supposed to be 57 - Calendar No. 575, 6975?

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. And thanks to Senator Kelly for the - catching that. Yes, it is Calendar 575, House Bill 6975.

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And that is Page 19, Calendar 575, House Bill 6975.

THE CHAIR:

Are there any other corrections anybody has? If not, at this time, Mr. Clerk, will you please call for a roll call vote on the Consent Calendar. The machine is open.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.  
Immediate roll call on today's Consent Calendar has been ordered in the Senate.

[pause]

THE CHAIR:

If all members have voted, all members have voted. The machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, please call a tally. You wanna call on the Consent Calendar? Yes, it's closed. It's closed on the machine here.

THE CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar

Total Number Voting	36
Necessary for Passage	19
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Absent/not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar passes. [gavel] Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. Before we adjourn, I'd like to yield for any points or announcements.

THE CHAIR: