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Necessary for Passage	73
Those voting Yea	139
Those voting Nay	6
Absent and not voting	6

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill, as amended, is passed in concurrence with the Senate. [gavel]

Mr. Clerk, will you please call Calendar 97.

CLERK:

On Page 46, Calendar 97, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, and Bonding, House Bill 6852, AN ACT CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL REIMBURSEMENT AND REVENUE ACCOUNT.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The distinguished Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, Representative Miller, you have the floor, sir.

REP. MILLER (36th):

Good evening, Mr. Speaker, and I would move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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The question is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill. Will you remark, sir?

REP. MILLER (36th):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. What this bill does is it would retroactively award municipalities grant money for implementing their accounting system to the state's Uniform Chart of Accounts. And it would further eliminate the timeframes which are a limitation now for the expenditure of existing allocations and this will allow these funds to be used to reimburse costs associated with the development of the Uniform Charts of Accounts. I move passage, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir.

Would you care to remark on the bill that's before us? Representative Aman, the distinguished ranking member of Planning and Development.

REP. AMAN (14th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that is a fair summary. We're taking the same amount of money, redistributing it at the time that it's going to be spent to go along with what OPM has

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requested. Not necessarily a good bill or a bad bill but a necessary bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir.

Further on the bill that's before us?

Representative - further on the bill that's before us? If not, staff and guests to the Well of the House. Members take your seats. The machine'll 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]

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

[gavel] Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Will the members please check the board to make sure your vote is properly cast. If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

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CLERK:

House Bill 6852

Total Number Voting	143
Necessary for Passage	72
Those voting Yea	143
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	8

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill is passed. [gavel]

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 98.

CLERK:

On Page 46, Calendar 98, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, and Bonding, House Bill 6853, AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE INTERTOWN CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Miller, you have the floor once again.

REP. MILLER (36th):

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

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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SENATOR DUFF:

On Page 19, Calendar 577, House Bill 6853. I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 20, Calendar 585, House Bill 6571. I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 20, Calendar 578, House Bill 6852. I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 8, Calendar 480, House Bill 6910. I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar Page 11, Calendar 511, House Bill 6937. I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

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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.

THE CHAIR:

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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:

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*TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE
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Testimony Regarding House Bills No. 6852 and 6853

Senator Osten, Representative Miller and distinguished members of the Planning and Development Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Raised House Bill No. 6852, An Act Concerning The Municipal Reimbursement and Revenue Account (MRRA), and Raised House Bill No. 6853, An Act Concerning Grants Available Through The Inter-town Capital Equipment (ICE) Purchase Incentive Program.

The MRRA was created through the recommendation of the legislature's Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies (M.O.R.E) Commission to help fund expansions to the Nutmeg Network, to conduct a tax incidence study, and to help municipalities upgrade their accounting systems in a manner that is compatible with the State's Uniform Chart of Accounts (UCOA). The proposed language in Raised House Bill No. 6852 is intended to specifically allow OPM to administer UCOA grants on a retroactive basis to 7/1/2013. This will ensure that any municipalities that proactively undertook the process of upgrading their accounting systems to the UCOA, upon passage of Public Act 13-247 (Sec. 328), will still be eligible for a grant award as a reimbursement for municipal costs previously expended.

The ICE Program provides a cost-effective way for any two or more municipalities to acquire capital equipment on a shared basis. At present, municipalities are eligible for a grant of 30% of the cost of such equipment, or 50% of the cost if one partner is a distressed municipality, up to a maximum award of \$250,000. The proposed language in Raised House Bill No. 6853 is intended to allow OPM to award ICE grants for up to 80% of the cost of such equipment, not to exceed \$375,000. OPM believes that the higher level of grant award will encourage more municipalities to form constructive partnerships that help reduce the tax burden on their residents and businesses.

I would like to again thank the committee for the opportunity to present this testimony. As always, my staff and I are available to meet with you to discuss any questions you may have regarding this subject.