

Legislative History for Connecticut Act

PA 15-178

HB6984

House	2503-2510	7
Senate	3135, 3141-3143	4
		11

Transcripts from the Joint Standing Committee Public
Hearing(s) and/or Senate and House of Representatives
Proceedings

Connecticut State Library

Compiled 2017

H - 1209

**CONNECTICUT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE**

**PROCEEDINGS
2015**

**VOL.58
PART 8
2444 - 2794**

On Page 27, Calendar No. 378, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Technology, Substitute House Bill No. 6984, AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ADJUSTMENT CHARGES FOR WATER COMPANIES.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The former reporter, Lonnie Reed, from the 102nd District, ma'am, you have the floor.

REP. REED (102nd):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill. Representative Reed, you have the floor.

REP. REED (102nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill gives water companies more time to pursue a revenue adjustment mechanism from the Public Utility Regulatory Commission, PURA. That's in order to reconcile the difference between what was approved as rates for the companies and what was collected.

/ak/dm
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

202
May 13, 2015

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has in his possession LCO 7169, and I respectfully request that he be asked to call it and I be permitted to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 7169, which will be designated House Amendment Schedule "A."

CLERK:

LCO No. 7169, designated House Amendment
Schedule "A" and offered by Representative Reed, Senator Doyle, Representative Ackert, and Senator Formica.

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 Reed, you may proceed with summarization.

REP. REED (102nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This amendment would become the bill. It clarifies the bill's language, and cleans it up a bit. Again, it is designed to give a water company more time to true up the difference between its revenues, the revenues it was authorized to take in, and the revenues that it

/ak/dm
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

203
May 13, 2015

actually collected. And to do that with PURA oversight but without having to go through another full-on and expensive rate proceeding every year. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The question before the Chamber is on adoption of House Schedule - House Amendment Schedule "A." Will you remark on the amendment? Will you remark on the amendment? Representative Ackert of the 8th. Sir, you have the floor.

REP. ACKERT (8th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And just a comment to my colleagues in the Chamber. This amendment just actually clarifies the underlying bill and makes no substantive changes to the underlying bill, so I urge passage of the amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on the amendment before us? Will you remark further? 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. The ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. [gavel] Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Representative Ackert of the 8th.

REP. ACKERT (8th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And through you, a couple questions to the proponent of the amendment, which now became the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. ACKERT (8th):

Thank you. And to the good Chair of Energy and Technology, just starting with Line 17, and just for clarification for the Chamber, the additional three years, and I'll come back to that in a comment, at the inception, the rate would be typically six years but just the additional time frame is only one additional three-year extension. Through you, Mr. Speaker. Is that correct?

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Reed.

REP. REED (102nd):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, yes it is.

/ak/dm
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

205
May 13, 2015

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Ackert.

REP. ACKERT (8th):

And thank you. And just for additional understanding, each year these water companies have to go in for a rate adjustment. Is that correct? Through you, Mr. Speaker, in terms of - you know - looking at their expenses, their costs, and see if they need to either increase or possibly decrease their rates to their customers. Through you, Mr. Speaker. Is that correct?

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Reed.

REP. REED (102nd):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Yes. And it's done with a mechanism that's approved for six years, so that's why this bill is necessary to open it up a little bit. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Ackert.

REP. ACKERT (8th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and just to comment. Essentially, what's been taking place is that the water companies have been going back in for - to

/ak/dm
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

206
May 13, 2015

PURA - for a rate adjust - rate case - and at a substantial cost to them, which of course, is rolled into the rates of our customers, the ratepayers, for the water. So this allows them, if - you know - they report each year to PURA already, that just allows them to apply for an additional three years. It does not mean PURA has to grant it. It is applied to them, but what it will end up doing is actually assisting in the rates of our water bills. So on that note, I would urge passage of this legislation.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further before the bill - will you remark further about the bill, as amended, before us? Will you remark further on the bill that is amended before us? Representative Reed.

REP. REED (102nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to make one other clarification. If the companies have under achieved their revenues, though, the potential is that PURA might award them so more - the ability to adjust the rates in the next year. But the other good aspect is that if they've over

/ak/dm
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

207
May 13, 2015

collected, that money goes back to the ratepayers.
And I really urge passage of this bill. Thank you,
Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, Representative. 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 the members please take their seats. The
machine will be opened.

CLERK:

[bell ringing] The House of Representatives is
voting by roll. Members to the Chamber. The House
of Representatives is voting by roll. Members to
the Chamber immediately.

[pause]

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

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

/ak/dm
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

208
May 13, 2015

The Clerk will please announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill 6984, as amended by House "A"

Total Number Voting 143

Necessary for Passage 72

Those voting Yea 143

Those voting Nay 0

Absent and not voting 8

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The bill, as amended, is passed. [gavel] Will
the Clerk please call Calendar No. 354. Excuse me,
I'm sorry. 208.

CLERK:

On Page 55, Calendar No. 208, Favorable Report
of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, House
Bill No. 6971, AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF A
GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Dargan, 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.

**S - 688
CONNECTICUT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SENATE**

**PROCEEDINGS
2015**

**VOL. 58
PART 10
2993 – 3245**

/t1
SENATE

149
June 2, 2015

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 26, Calendar 619, House Bill 6750.
I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 12, Calendar 518, House Bill 6770.
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 13,
Calendar 525, House Bill 6984. I'd like to place that
item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 14, Calendar 531, House Bill 6994.
I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 17, Calendar 557, House Bill 6155.
I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

/tl
SENATE

155
June 2, 2015

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.

/t1
SENATE

156
June 2, 2015

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:

6975.

THE CLERK:

/tl
SENATE

157
June 2, 2015

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: