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CLERK:

On page 7, Calendar 184, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Development, Substitute House Bill 6943, AN ACT DELAYING A MUNICIPAL TAX REVALUATION DEADLINE.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Representative Miller.

REP. P. MILLER (36<sup>th</sup>):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

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

REP. P. MILLER (36<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill would allow the Town of North Stonington to delay their revaluation 'til late 2016. It's anticipated that that will not only give the town more time to prepare, but it also may, with an upturn in the economy, perhaps allow for greater values to be revealed. Madam Speaker, the Clerk has an

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Amendment LCO 7339, and I would ask the Clerk to please call the amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 7339, which would be designated House Amendment Schedule "A."

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "A," LCO 7339, as introduced by Representatives O'Neill and Kane,  
Senator Kane.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

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

REP. P. Miller (36<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. What this amendment would do would allow municipalities who are anticipating a revaluation in the future to start a reserve account, which can earn interest, and that interest can help to account for possible inflation. And this way, when the town does have to do a revaluation, they'll have the money to do

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it. I move adoption, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of House Amendment Schedule "A." Will you remark on the amendment? Will you remark on the amendment? Representative Aman.

REP. AMAN (14<sup>th</sup>):

Yeah, thank you, Madam Speaker. I agree with the initial summary of the bill that this does help North Stonington -

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Excuse me, sir.

REP. AMAN (14<sup>th</sup>):

Join with some other municipalities, and I think it makes sense to do it. However, on the amendment, I do have some questions from the good Representative from the 69<sup>th</sup> District.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Excuse me, sir. [gavel] Can you please lower the volume or take your conversations outside of the Chamber so the proponent may hear the question. I'm sorry, Representative Aman. You may frame your questions, sir.

REP. AMAN (14<sup>th</sup>):

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Yes, I would like to direct some questions to the Representative from the 69<sup>th</sup> District.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Representative Miller, will you prepare yourself, please. Representative Aman, you may proceed.

REP. AMAN (14<sup>th</sup>):

I believe that it's Representative O'Neill that I was asking for.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't know it was Representative O'Neill. Representative O'Neill, would you prepare yourself, sir.

REP. AMAN (14<sup>th</sup>):

Yes, Representative O'Neill, I noticed that in the amendment it is designed to be able to invest the proceeds. Is that correct? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Representative O'Neill.

REP. O'NEILL (69<sup>th</sup>):

Yes, Madam Speaker. Through you, that is correct.

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Representative Aman.

REP. AMAN (14<sup>th</sup>):

Yes, are these investments anywhere tied to the casino bill we passed the other evening for the proper type of investment?

REP. O'NEILL (69<sup>th</sup>):

I'm sorry, Madam Speaker. I was unable to hear the question. Could the gentleman repeat the question?

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Excuse me, Representative. [gavel]

REP. AMAN (14<sup>th</sup>):

Yes, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Excuse me. Can - again - can you please lower the volume or take your conversations outside. It's difficult for the proponent to hear Representative Aman. I'm sorry, Representative Aman. You may proceed, sir.

REP. AMAN (14<sup>th</sup>):

Yes, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to get a clarification of the type of investments that the good Representative was thinking that his municipality was going to make with the money that

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they were putting away in the reserve fund.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Representative O'Neill.

REP. O'NEILL (69<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes. The type of investments that are allowed by a Section 7-360 type of reserve fund would include investments in equities as well as fixed income types of investments so that it will have a somewhat higher yield. The concept is that since this is gonna be a very long-term, potentially 10 years' duration that you will not have as much of a risk by putting some of this into the equity market as you would if this was gonna be a shorter-term type of reserve fund. And since we know that a reval is a once every 10 years type of investment - or rather, event - that there's a fairly high degree of predictability so that if you see that the market has gone up, you can start to move the money out of those equities and into fixed incomes so as to avoid any potential losses for the municipality at the - so if they're in a position to be able to use the money for the reval without having to worry about the reval hitting them sort



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of suddenly or unexpectedly. That's - the concept here is that they can use this safely because it's a predictable event. Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Representative Aman.

REP. AMAN (14<sup>th</sup>):

I thank the proponent of the amendment for a very clear explanation and urge my colleagues to vote for both the amendment and the bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on the amendment? Will you remark further on the amendment before us? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

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? If not, will staff and guests please come to the Well of the House.

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Will the members please take your seats. 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 MILLER:

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

The Clerk will please announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill 6943, as amended by House "A"

Total Number Voting 145

Necessary for Passage 73

Those voting Yea 145

Those voting Nay 0

Absent and not voting 6

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DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

The bill passes. [gavel] Will the Clerk  
please announce - call Calendar No. 674.

CLERK:

On page 44, House Calendar 674, Favorable  
Report of the Joint Standing Committee on General  
Law, Substitute Senate Bill 976, AN ACT CONCERNING  
A STUDY OF THE FAIR SALE OF TICKETS TO  
ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15<sup>th</sup>):

Good evening, Madam Speaker. I move for  
acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable  
Report and passage of the bill in concurrence with  
the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MILLER:

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

REP. BARAM (15<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This, indeed, is a  
request for another study, but this is a topic

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Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar Page 18,  
Calendar 566, House Bill 6138. I'd like to place that  
item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 23, Calendar 606, House Bill 5660.  
I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 30, Calendar 645, House Bill 6943.  
I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar Page 24,  
Calendar 610, House Bill 7050. I'd like to place that  
item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar Page 18,  
Calendar 571, House Bill 5092. 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:



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yourself. This goes into our record. Millions of years from now, maybe thousands of years from now, people can listen to what you had to say. So it is important that you identify yourself, turn the microphone on, and so we know who you are and so does the rest of the world.

All of our testimony and how we conduct our business here is a matter of public record, just so you know. I will ask Zannie to move the projector to the side a little bit -- either side is fine -- until the Commissioner of Consumer Protection comes up to testify. When he does so, then we will use that equipment. That's fine. That is perfect. Thank you, Zannie.

So first to testify -- we do start off with elected officials, agencies, municipalities and that sort of thing for the first hour. After that we then alternate with the public. So first is Dr. Jewell Mullen. Dr. Mullen will come up and testify. There are many bills from the Department of Public Health in our committee and we are hearing them today. Welcome, Dr. Mullen.

DR. JEWELL MULLEN: Good morning.

SENATOR GERRATANA: Good morning.

DR. JEWELL MULLEN: Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, Senator Markley, Representative Srinivasan and members of the Public Health Committee, I'm Dr. Jewell Mullen, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health. First, I would like to thank the committee for raising the Department's bills, and I'm here to speak to you about the bills as follows: House Bill -- and since I promised to do this briefly, you tell me whenever you want

me not to read everything. No. 6794, an act concerning the Department of Public Health recommendations regarding massage therapists; House Bill 6884, an act concerning DPH's recommendations regarding childhood lead poisoning prevention and control; 6888, an act concerning recommendations regarding public swimming pool design guides; Senate Bill 991, an act concerning the Department of Public Health's recommendations regarding persons authorized to solemnize marriages; Senate Bill 995, an act regarding funding for municipal health departments and health districts; House Bill 6937, an act concerning the DPH recommendations regarding definitions of sedation and general anesthesia; 6887, an act concerning recommendations regarding the protection of residents in health care institutions; Bill No. 6954, an act concerning recommendations regarding water company takeover proceedings and certificate of public convenience and necessity for the expansion and construction of public water systems; Senate Bill 999, an act concerning recommendations regarding emergency medical services; Senate Bill 1040, an act concerning recommendations regarding reporting of radon test results; Bill 6987, an act concerning various revisions to the Public Health Statutes.

Additionally, I will be testifying on behalf of two of the Governor's bills, but if it's acceptable to the committee, I would like to just address the DPH bills and then go through the others.

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SENATOR GERRATANA: Oh, yes. Absolutely.

DR. JEWELL MULLEN: Okay. All right. So in the interest of saving time, I'll give you a brief synopsis of each of the bills and DPH staff and