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DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The bill as amended, passes in concurrence
with the Senate. [gavel] Will the Clerk please
call Calendar No. 561.

CLERK:

On page 46, Calendar 561, Favorable Report of
the Joint Standing Committee on general law, Senate
Bill 934, AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Thank you 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 SAYERS:

The question is acceptance of the Joint
Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the
bill in concurrence with the Senate.

Representative Baram. You have the floor, sir.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. There is an
amendment in the Senate to strike-all this bill. I

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would ask that the Clerk call Senate "A," which is LCO 7008 and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 7008. And the gentleman has asked leave of the Chamber to summarize which was previously designated Senate "A." Okay.

CLERK:

Senate "A," LCO 7008, as introduced by Senator Leone.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

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

REP. BARAM (15th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill is merely a technical correction for the bill that we just passed involving a farmers' market beer sales permit. Under the existing law, a manufacturer who has a manufacturer's permit cannot have a second permit for retail sales, so this fixes that and

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allows a beer manufacturer to acquire a second permit for the sole purpose of selling at a farmers' market. I would move adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of Senate Amendment "A." Will you remark on the amendment? Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Once again, this provides a technical correction so that we can institute the prior legislation just passed, allowing for a beer permit at a farmers' market. Madam Speaker, I am not sure that the amendment is on the screen. I had called earlier for LCO 7008.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The amendment was called but it did not show on the board. It's now showing on the board, so we can proceed. Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Very quickly, this is a correction to the farmers' market beer permit, which will allow the manufacturer of beer to

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acquire a second permit for retail sale at a farmers' market. I would move adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

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

REP. CARTER (2nd):

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. A few questions, through you, to the proponent of the amendment, please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Please prepare your questions, sir.

REP. CARTER (2nd):

Thank you. Through you, Madam Speaker. They way I understand this then, this bill before us does not actually create the permit. Is that true? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

That is correct.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Carter.

REP. CARTER (2nd):

And, through you, Madam Speaker. So, without this, currently we would have a law that would allow farm winery - excuse me, farm beer sales at a farmers' market, but there's nobody who could produce it without this bill going through. Is that true, Madam Speaker?

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Madam Speaker. That's correct. Without the passage of this, they would not be able to acquire the second permit.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Carter.

REP. CARTER (2nd):

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And one last question. This does not in any way affect minimum bottle, or any of those other kinds of things we've hear so much about? Through you, Madam Speaker.

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Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Through you, Madam Speaker. This bill has nothing to do with that issue.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Carter.

REP. CARTER (2nd):

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And I thank the good Chairman of General Law for his answers. I'm extremely satisfied that this is almost a technical fix to a previous bill so I urge its support. Thank you very much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Will you remark? Will you remark further on the amendment that is before us? Representative LeGeyt of the 17th.

REP. LEGEYT (17th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Very briefly, I rise to ask for an explanation of something that's in the amendment on line 46 and 47. So a question, through you, to the proponent of the amendment if I may.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Please prepare your question, sir.

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REP. LEGEYT (17th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you, we have, from lines 41 to 46, we have new language. And then - at which my understanding is allows for more than one permit in the category that number 17 describes. But then, starting in line 46 it says, "Any person may be a permittee of more than one permit." So I'm wondering, if that's the case, why do we need section 17 or, if I may be enlightened as to why those two need to be there together. Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Thank you. Through you, Madam Speaker. That line is actually existing law and what it talks about is that somebody can be a permittee in multiple establishments, but it doesn't really address the issue of the three-tier system, which would disallow a manufacturer from holding a permit on a retail sale side. Remember we have the three-tier system, which is the manufacturers, secondly the wholesale distributors, and third, the

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retailers. So I think this is what this language is trying to address.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative LeGeyt.

REP. LEGEYT (17th):

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I appreciate that answer and I am glad to support the amendment. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

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

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Those opposed, nay? The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. [gavel] Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would just ask my colleagues to give their support to this technical revision.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Will you remark? Will you remark further on the bill as amended? If not, staff and guests will please come to the well of the House. Members take their seats. And the machine will be opened.

[bell ringing]

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll. Members to the Chamber please. The House of Representatives is voting by roll. Members to the Chamber.

[pause]

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

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:

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in concurrence with the Senate

Total Number Voting	144
Necessary for Passage	73
Those voting Yea	144
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	7

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

The bill as amended, passes in concurrence
with the Senate. [gavel] Will the Clerk please
call Calendar No. 512.

CLERK:

On page 38, Calendar No. 512, Favorable Report
of the Joint Standing Committee on judiciary,
Senate Bill No. 891, AN ACT CONCERNING
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT
OF HOUSING.

DEPUTY SPEAKER SAYERS:

Representative Butler.

REP. BUTLER (72nd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move for
acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable
Report and passage of the bill in concurrence with
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Page 49, Calendar No. 184, Senate Bill No. 934, AN ACT
CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION, Favorable Report on
the Committee for General Law.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Leone. Good evening, sir.

SENATOR LEONE:

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

THE CHAIR:

Motion's on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR LEONE:

Yes, Madam President. I have a correction to a
previous bill. This is straightforward language.

With that, Madam President, the Clerk is in possession
of an LCO amendment, LCO No. 7008. I ask that it be
called.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

LCO No. 7008 will be designated Senate Schedule "A."

THE CHAIR:

Senator Leone.

SENATOR LEONE:

Thank you, Madam President. I would move the
amendment.

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Motion's on adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR LEONE:

Thank you, Madam President. This bill will make a correction to language for a bill that we previously passed regarding alcoholic liquor. This bill will correct the fact that the law generally prohibits holders of one class of a permit from also holding another class of a permit unless they are specifically allowed to by statute to do so.

The previous bill that we passed in the liquor bill also included language about creating a farmer's market beer sales permit. And inadvertently, that would mean that you would hafta hold two permits in order to have that proceed. So we want to conform with law and have this be - this would actually allow the holder to have more than one permit as designated in other areas where you're able to hold two permits specifically allowed to by statute.

So this would just make a general technical correction to the previous bill. With that, I would move the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL:

Thank you very much, Madam President. Good evening.

THE CHAIR:

Good evening.

SENATOR KISSEL:

As a Senator who also serves on the General Law Committee, it's been explained to me that this merely corrects an inadvertent - I would say a little bit more than a scrivener's mistake but just a technical mistake in the bill that we were happy to support last week. And I'm happy to support the amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

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THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Will you remark? If not, I'll try your minds. All those in favor of Senate "A," please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? Senate "A" is adopted. Senator Leone.

SENATOR LEONE:

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I would move to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 19, Calendar 429, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1033, AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS, Favorable Report on the Committee of the Judiciary.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Coleman. Good evening.

SENATOR COLEMAN:

Thank you, Madam President. Good evening. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion's on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR COLEMAN:

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THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 2, page 5, Calendar 182, Senate Bill 964; page 6, Calendar No. 193, Senate Bill 1024; page 19, Calendar No. 420, Senate Bill 999; page 19, Calendar No. 429, Senate Bill 1033; page 31, Calendar 95, Senate Bill 925; page 33, Calendar No. 142, Senate Bill 1015; page 35, Calendar No. 178, Senate Bill 319; page 36, Calendar No. 181, Senate Bill 940; page 36, Calendar No. 197, Senate Bill 428; page 40, Calendar No. 307, Senate Bill 253; page 41, Calendar 308, Senate Bill 998; page 41, Calendar No. 325, Senate Bill 454; and page 49, Calendar No. 184, Senate Bill 934.

THE CHAIR:

Correct. Mr. Clerk, will you please call for a roll call vote on the second Consent Calendar. The machine'll be opened.

CLERK:

An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call vote 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, will you please call the tally.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 2

Total Number Voting	33
Necessary for Adoption	17
Those voting Yea	33
Those voting Nay	0

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THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar passes, [gavel] Senator McLachlan, do you stand for a personal privilege - a personal announcement, sir?

SENATOR MCLACHLAN:

Thank you, Madam President. I stand for a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN:

Thank you. A notation for the, [clears throat] excuse me, a notation for the Journal and notification that, [clears throat] excuse me, I was out of the Chamber for legislative business and missed the vote on Consent Calendar No. 1 and would like to register an affirmative vote for Consent Calendar No. 1. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

So noted, sir. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Once again, it was mentioned earlier but we wanted to wish Senator Slossberg a very, very happy 22nd anniversary of her 28th birthday. And for spending the entire day with us here rather than with her family and - but we wanted to wish her the best and we did have a cake, which her husband was - graciously provided earlier in the day. So again, congratulations and happy birthday.

THE CHAIR:

Happy birthday.

[applause]