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[pause]

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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.

CLERK:

House Bill 6793 as amended by House "A"

Total Number Voting	140
Necessary for Passage	71
Those voting Yea	79
Those voting Nay	61
Absent and not voting	11

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill is passed as amended. [gavel] Will the Clerk please call Calendar 478.

CLERK:

On Page 30, House Calendar 478. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Development. Senate Bill 458, AN ACT

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CONCERNING THE MATURITY DATE FOR MUNICIPAL BOND  
ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH CERTAIN LOANS FROM THE  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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

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

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

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The question's on acceptance of the Joint  
Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the  
bill in concurrence with the Senate. Will you  
remark, sir.

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

Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The United  
States Department of Agriculture has a program  
called the community facilities direct loan and  
grants program. And this provides low-interest  
loans, grants, or both to small towns of less than  
20,000 people or less and these communities can use  
these funds to build or improve community

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facilities like mental - medical and dental clinics, town halls, fire departments, libraries, and food pantries. They can also purchase equipment and related project expenses. It's a good bill that helps our small towns and I urge move for passage in concurrence with the Senate, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One question to the proponent of the bill.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Please proceed, sir.

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

Yes, it's my understanding that while the loans can be up to 40 years, the USDA does have regulations that they will not make loans if the item being borrowed for does not have the correct useful lifespan. In other words, for an item that has a 20-year lifespan, they're not gonna give a

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40-year loan. Is that correct? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Miller.

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

Yes. Through you, Mr. Speaker. That is correct, and this is the parameters for purchasing capital equipment that hopefully the capital equipment will have a longer life than the terms of the payment. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Aman.

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

Yes. This is a very important program for our small towns of 20,000 or less. In 2014 to give you the idea of it, \$183 million worth of loans and grants were made to small towns in the State of Connecticut. So I encourage my colleagues to vote for this.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir. Further on the bill that's before us? Representative Zawistowski.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61<sup>st</sup>):

Good morning, Mr. Speaker.

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SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Good morning, madam.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61<sup>st</sup>):

I rise in strong support of this bill. It's going to be extremely helpful to the communities that I represent as well as a lot of other small towns around the state. And I encourage my colleagues to support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, madam. Further on the bill that's before us? Further remarks on the bill before us? If not, If not, staff and guests to the Well of the House. Members 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]

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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CLERK:

Senate Bill 458 in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number Voting	141
Necessary for Passage	71
Those voting Yea	141
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	10

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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

[pause]

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The Chamber will come back to order. Will the Clerk please call Calendar 446.

CLERK:



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Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. Next, Calendar page 32, Calendar page - Calendar 375, Senate Bill 458. Like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. Next Calendar, page 34, Calendar 388, House Bill 6912. Like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

Next, Calendar page 36, Calendar No. 407, like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. Next is page 43, Calendar page 43, Calendar 159, Senate Bill No. 1016, like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. I believe that, at the moment, is the items on our Consent Calendar. What I'd like to mark as go right now, is Calendar page two, Calendar No. 394, House Joint Resolution No. 98, and

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Page 1, Calendar 391, House Joint Resolution No. 95. Also on page 1, Calendar 392, House Joint Resolution No. 96. Page 2, Calendar 393, House Joint Resolution No. 97. Page 2, Calendar 422, Senate Joint Resolution No. 50. Also on page 2, , Calendar 394, House Joint Resolution No. 98. Page 2, Calendar 421, Senate Joint Resolution No. 49.

On page 3, Calendar 63, Senate Bill No. 7. Also on Page 3, Calendar 64, Senate Bill No. 8. On page 4, Calendar 80, Senate Bill 890. Page 5, Calendar 98, Senate bill 850. On page 6, Calendar 104, Senate Bill No. 894. And on page 8, Calendar 122, Senate Bill No. 415. Page 8, Calendar 125, Senate Bill 856. On page 20, Calendar 279, Senate bill No. 991.

Page 22, Calendar 300, Senate Bill No. 738. Page 23, Calendar 304, Senate Bill No. 112. And on page 26, Calendar 336, Senate Bill No. 121.

On page 28, Calendar 348, Senate Bill 360. Page 31, Calendar 371, Senate Bill No. 919. On page 32, Calendar 375, Senate bill 458. Page 34, Calendar 388, House Bill 6912. On page 36, Calendar 407, Senate Bill 1029. Page 43, Calendar 159, Senate Bill 1016. On page 16, Calendar 239, Senate Bill No. 18. Also, House Joint Resolution No. 99.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, please call for roll call vote. The machine will be open.

CLERK:

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

THE CHAIR:

THE CHAIR:

All members have voted, all members have voted? The machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally.

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CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar

Total Number of Voting	36
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Absent/not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar is passed. [gavel] Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. We have two more little quick things of business. One is on Calendar page 41, Calendar 142, Senate Bill 1015. I'd like to refer that Bill to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, we're gonna go back to Calendar page 4, Calendar 81, Senate Bill 891, and we're going to have a Go amendment and then have a referral once the amendment is adopted.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk. Will you recall the bill please?

CLERK:

Page 4, Calendar 81, Senate Bill No. 891: AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING. Favorable Report of the Committee on Housing.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

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SENATOR WINFIELD:

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

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR WINFIELD:

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Yes. The Clerk is in possession of an amendment, which is LCO 6102. I would ask that the amendment be called and I be permitted to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk. [pause] 6912 -

SENATOR WINFIELD:

6102.

THE CHAIR:

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CLERK:

LCO 6102, Senate "A," offered by Senators Looney, Duff, et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD:

Yes, thank you, Madam President. This amendment =

THE CHAIR:

Would you like to move for adoption?