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

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 557.

CLERK:

On Page 41, House Calendar 557, Favorable
Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Human
Services, Senate Bill 893, AN ACT EXTENDING COST
REPORTING DEADLINES FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative McGee.

REP. MCGEE (5th):

Good evening, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Good evening, sir.

REP. MCGEE (5th):

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

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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

REP. MCGEE (5th):

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Yes, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the bill changes the reporting date by which long-term care facilities must submit cost reports to the Department of Social Services, which has no fiscal impact. I move adoption.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of Senate Bill 893. Will you remark on the bill that's before us? Representative Terrie Wood.

REP. WOOD (141st):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and I stand in support of this bill. It makes two very small changes. It just changes the reporting deadlines. It makes a lotta sense. Hope you all will support it. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, madam.

Would you care to remark further on the bill before us? 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

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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.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 893, in concurrence with the Senate

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

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill is passed in concurrence with the

Senate. [gavel]

Mr. Clerk, will you call Calendar 162.

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THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 49, Calendar 184, Senate Bill 934.
Remove that from the Foot and mark it pass retaining.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

On Calendar Page 50, Calendar 248, Senate Bill 939.
I'd like to mark that pass - take that off the Foot
and mark it pass retaining on the Calendar please.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. Now I'd like to mark some
items Go and also include some items that are on our
Consent Calendar, please.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar Page 3,
Calendar 103, Senate Bill 893. I'd like to mark that
item for our Consent Calendar please.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF:

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Mr. Clerk. The Majority Leader, I apologize, is standing. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF:

Thank you, Madam President. And we'll get to that item in a second. If I can ask for the Clerk to please read and then call the items on the Consent Calendar, we'll take a vote on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On page 3, Calendar 103, Senate Bill 893; also on page 3, Calendar 117, Senate Bill No. 868; on page 5, Calendar 190, Senate Bill 417; and page 9, Calendar 256, Senate Bill No. 631; on page 12, Calendar 315, Senate Bill 1062; and on page 12, Calendar 309, Senate Bill 936; on page 13, Calendar 332, Senate Bill 973; page 17, Calendar 386, House Bill 6886; page 27, Calendar 478, House Bill 5525; also on page 27, Calendar 479, House Bill 5913; page 27, Calendar 475, House Bill 6961; and on page 28, Calendar 484, House Bill 6807; page 32, Calendar 107, Senate Bill 906.

THE CHAIR:

At this time, I'd ask you to call for a roll call vote and the machine will be opened on the first Consent Calendar of the day.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.
Immediate roll call on Consent Calendar No. 1 has been ordered in the Senate.

[pause]

THE CHAIR:

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

CLERK:

On first Consent Calendar of the day.

Total Number Voting	33
Necessary for Adoption	17
Those voting Yea	33
Those voting Nay	0
Absent/not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar passes. [gavel] Hold on a moment.

[pause]

THE CHAIR:

We'll go back to the regular Calendar. Mr. Clerk, will you call the next bill.

CLERK:

On page 36, Calendar 181, Senate Bill No. 940, AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE NITROGEN CREDIT EXCHANGE PROGRAM, Favorable Report of the Committee on Environment.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kennedy. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR KENNEDY:

Good afternoon, 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, sir?

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COMMISSIONER RODERICK BREMBY: I'll try not to take that personally.

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Representative Abercrombie, distinguished members of the Human Services Committee, I'm Rod Bremby, Commissioner of the Department of Social Services. I'm pleased to be here before you today to testify on five bills raised on behalf of the agency and then I'll offer remarks on two other bills that will come before on today's agenda.

The bills that are raised on behalf of the department began with Senate Bill 893 AN ACT EXTENDING COST REPORTING DEADLINES FOR LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES. This proposal would extend the time long-term care facilities would have to file cost reports with the state. By allowing long-term care facilities additional time to submit required annual reports, the department is able to streamline and speed up the desk review process because that additional time allows providers to file more accurate cost reports with supporting materials attached. Furthermore, Public Act 1455 now requires additional reporting by long-term care providers regarding related party transactions. We ask for your support for this proposal.

Senate Bill 894 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES. This proposal would amend all statutory references to the lead 4D Agency's present name, Bureau of Child Support Enforcement. This proposal is to change the name to Office of Child Support Services. While there is no federal or state requirement mandating this change, the mission of the lead 4D agency within the Department of Social Services has evolved in recent years to a family-centered approach that includes many services in addition to the traditional enforcement remedies. Although the department still engages in administrative enforcement, employing many advanced techniques to collect tens



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*Testimony before the Human Services Committee
Roderick L. Bremby, Commissioner
February 19, 2015*

Good afternoon, Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie and distinguished members of the Human Services Committee. My name is Roderick Bremby and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services. I am pleased to be before you today to testify on five bills raised on behalf of the Department. In addition, I offer remarks on several other bills on today's agenda that impact the Department.

Bills Raised on Behalf of DSS:

S.B. No. 893 (RAISED) AN ACT EXTENDING COST REPORTING DEADLINES FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

This proposal would extend the time long-term care facilities have to file cost reports with the state.

By allowing long-term care facilities additional time to submit required annual reports, the Department is able to streamline and speed up the desk review process because that additional time allows providers to file more accurate cost reports with supporting materials attached.

Furthermore, Public Act 14-55 now requires additional reporting by long-term care providers regarding related party transactions.

We ask for your support of this proposal.

S.B. No. 894 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

This proposal would amend all statutory references to the lead IV-D agency's present name "Bureau of Child Support Enforcement." The proposal is to change the name to "Office of Child Support Services."

While there is no federal or state requirement mandating this name change, the mission of the lead IV-D agency, located within the Department of Social Services, has evolved in recent years to a family-centered approach that includes many services, in addition to traditional enforcement remedies.

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