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DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

The bill, as amended, is passed. [gavel]

[pause]

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

[gavel] Will the Clerk please call Calendar  
No. 558.

CLERK:

On Page 41, House Calendar 558, Favorable  
Report of the Joint Standing Committee on  
Judiciary, Substitute Senate Bill 906, AN ACT  
CREATING THE INCREASED VETERANS REINTEGRATION  
COUNCIL.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Hennessy.

REP. HENNESSY (127<sup>th</sup>):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

The question is acceptance of the Joint  
Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the

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bill. Representative Hennessy, you have the floor,  
sir.

REP. HENNESSY (127<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, what  
this bill does is it adds the Veterans Affairs  
Commissioner or his designee as a member of the  
Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission,  
otherwise known as CJPAC. And this Commission  
meets every month and it's all the Commissioners  
and their designees but I'm told that, for the most  
part, the Commissioners show up for this meeting.  
So it's a very high-powered meeting and it deals  
with reintegration issues facing prison inmates.

And now what we will do is we include the  
Commissioner of Veterans Affairs or his designee to  
be able to sit on this panel to discuss and  
investigate issues involving our veterans to help  
them to gain access to programs that they are  
eligible for and to find ways to help them  
reintegrate back into society. They will - the  
Commissioner will be able to vote on issues  
pertaining to veterans. I urge passage. Thank  
you.

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I adopt Senate Amendment "A." I move  
adoption. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Sir, I believe you have an amendment you may  
want to call?

[pause]

REP. HENNESSY (127<sup>th</sup>):

I ask that the Clerk call LCO No. 6979 and  
that I be given leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 6979, which was  
designated Senate Amendment "A."

CLERK:

Senate Amendment "A," substitute Senate Bill  
906, LCO 6979, introduced by Senator Flexer,  
Representative Hennessy, et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

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

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REP. HENNESSY (127<sup>th</sup>):

Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry for the confusion. What I just did summarize previously is the amendment. The original bill sought to create its own Council and OPM looked at it and saw how that they already had an existing Council that was doing the same thing and that putting the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs on the Commission would just enhance and fulfill the object of this bill. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

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

REP. YACCARINO (87<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you, Mr. Chair. It's great to see you up there. Or Mr. Speaker, rather. It's great to see you up there. I support the amendment but I do have a couple of questions for the proponent of the amendment, which becomes the bill. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

You may proceed, sir.

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REP. YACCARINO (87<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you. For legislative intent, Mr. Speaker, would you hafta - for the service member or woman, would you hafta have a honorable or a general discharge? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Hennessy.

REP. YACCARINO (87<sup>th</sup>):

I'll repeat it. Would you like me?

REP. HENNESSY (127<sup>th</sup>):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. If Representative Yaccarino could say that again.

REP. YACCARINO (87<sup>th</sup>):

Through you, Mr. Speaker -

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Yaccarino, if you could repeat the question, sir.

REP. YACCARINO (87<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For legislative intent, would the service member or veteran hafta have a general or honorable discharge to participate and to - in the reintegration program? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

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Representative Hennessy.

REP. HENNESSY (127<sup>th</sup>):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, what this would allow for is to find ways for veterans. It's really not a matter of eligibility. It's a matter of policy within the judicial system to insure that veterans have access to the programs. But as far as their discharge, I don't think that this really speaks to that. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Yaccarino.

REP. YACCARINO (87<sup>th</sup>):

That's fine. I just wanted to have clarity on that. That's fine. I just - for the Chamber, I think the Chamber should know this. Through you, Mr. Speaker, for the veteran - through the program would eventually seek to have supportive housing through this program? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Hennessy.

REP. HENNESSY (127<sup>th</sup>):

I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. I didn't hear the question. Could you please repeat it?

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:



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Representative Yaccarino, if you could repeat the question, sir.

REP. YACCARINO (87<sup>th</sup>):

Through you, Mr. Speaker - through you, Mr. Speaker, through this program, which I think it's a very good program, but is the intent to have supportive housing for the veteran after they reintegrate into society? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Hennessy.

REP. HENNESSY (127<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through you, Mr. Speaker, well, these are the kind of issues that this Commission looks at. So, absolutely. The Commissioner of Veterans Affairs will be looking at programs for reintegration, which will include housing appointment opportunities and that's why this bill is such a great bill. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Yaccarino.

REP. YACCARINO (87<sup>th</sup>):

I agree with the good Chair of the Committee.

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I just wanna make those points on record so people understand this piece of legislation. I think it's very important for our servicemen and women. They go through so much more than I think people could imagine, and I think these programs are important.

I also believe and I think the Commissioner - the new Commissioner - it's vitally important to have him - in this case, it's a him or whoever - if it's a her in the future - to be a part of this Committee. But it also - the veteran service members - so I support this piece of legislation and the amendment that becomes the bill. And thank you for your good time and thank you to the Chair and the whole Committee as a whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Thank you, sir.

Representative Staneski of the 119<sup>th</sup>.

REP. STANESKI (119<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you, sir. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

How are you?

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Good and you, madam?

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REP. STANESKI (119<sup>th</sup>):

I am fine. I believe I rise to support this as it's amended, but I do have a couple of questions to the good Chairman of the Veterans Committee, please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Frame your question, good lady.

REP. STANESKI (119<sup>th</sup>):

Through you, sir. Through you, I guess I've got a lesson here that I've learned because the title of the bill that I voted on in Veterans is not the language of the bill that - as it sits here. And my question is - I really liked the original intent. And so are we gonna be able to satisfy the original intent of the bill that came out of Veterans was that there would be a Labor Department representative specializing in veterans' workforce development and a Connecticut Veterans Legal Center representative appointed by the Governor, a judicial branch Court support services division representative, and two veteran service officers, one appointed by each Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman.

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The work that they were going to do, I thought, really did center around veterans and specific to veterans and their needs and so I'm just a little concerned that the new language of this bill does not address those needs. So if you could clarify and help me understand that. Through you, Mr. Speaker, please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Hennessy.

REP. HENNESSY (127<sup>th</sup>):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, your question is exactly the reason why I think that this amended bill is so wonderful. Because, since 2002, this CJPAC has been meeting and dealing with reintegration issues at the highest level in the State of Connecticut. And now what we're doing is we're just introducing the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs to this body that is doing, as far as - I looked at a couple of the minutes of previous meetings of this group and they're very much integrated at the highest level to help with reintegration to reduce recidivism and I believe that this is only going to help veterans to move on in their lives and become healthy and well citizens

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of the State of Connecticut. Through you, Mr.  
Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Staneski.

REP. STANESKI (119<sup>th</sup>):

And thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the good  
Chairman for his answer. I still have - I will  
support this but I still have some concerns just  
because the language was so narrow in the original  
bill coming out of Virginia - excuse me, out of  
Veterans, working with Veterans. And I'm gonna  
trust that because this other Commission -  
Committee, the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory  
Commission has been in existence for so long that  
they understand the specific needs related to our  
veterans. So I thank you very much, Mr. Speaker,  
for allowing me the time.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Thank you.

Representative Alberts of the 50<sup>th</sup>.

REP. ALBERTS (50<sup>th</sup>):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Good afternoon almost evening, sir.

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REP. ALBERTS (50<sup>th</sup>):

Almost evening it is. We're havin' a lotta fun here today. I rise in support of the inclusion of the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs or his or her designee as the amendment proposes to be a member of the Commission. But I do have a question or two, if I may, to the proponent of the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

You may frame your question, sir.

REP. ALBERTS (50<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you. In Line 30, there's reference to the reentry needs of incarcerated veterans and I think this is the point that the honorable ranking member was trying to address before. There are several different types of discharges that veterans can receive as - in recognition of their military service. I believe the vast majority of veterans receive honorable discharges but there are also general discharges and there are dishonorable discharges. Is that correct? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Hennessy.

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REP. HENNESSY (127<sup>th</sup>):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, they are already prequalified for these benefits based on their different discharge ratings. So that really isn't a question. The question is making sure that they are availing themselves of these programs and that's what the Commissioner on this PAC will do. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Alberts.

REP. ALBERTS (50<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So I think the proponent is addressing my concern. So there's nothing here that would change the level of services or benefits that might be received by the veteran. But what we're looking to do is to make sure that, as a group, we are doing everything possible regardless of the discharge of the veteran to recognize that these folks have reentry needs that probably have not been fully addressed. Is that correct? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Hennessy.

REP. HENNESSY (127<sup>th</sup>):

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Through you, Mr. Speaker, yes. That's better  
put than I did. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Alberts.

REP. ALBERTS (50<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And with that in  
mind, I do rise in support. You know, there are,  
as I said, varying levels of discharge and I do  
think, while veterans all served our country, there  
are various conditions under which they leave  
military service. The fact that we are going to be  
concentrating by this amendment, if passed, to  
address the reentry needs of all of them, I think,  
is something worthwhile for us. Thank you, Mr.  
Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Aman of the 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through you, I do  
have a question for the proponent of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Frame your question, sir.

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



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Yes. To the Chairman of the Veterans Committee, I'm looking at Line 28 where they're basically - the representative from the Veterans Affairs are to only be involved and deliberate and vote on matters concerning veterans. And I'm a little concerned that so many of the activities this Commission will be doing, while maybe not having a direct veterans impact, would obviously have an impact on veterans. I'm wondering, through you, Mr. Speaker, as to why they are limited to only being involved in deliberating and voting on veterans' issues? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Hennessy.

REP. HENNESSY (127<sup>th</sup>):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, all the members of this Commission have limitations regarding their own Commissions. So it's part of that pact that each one has kind of an expertise that they don't overstep and that's the intent of this language. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Aman.

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

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Through you, Mr. Speaker, are they - even though the various groups may not have a vote on a particular issue, are all of 'em involved in the full attending of the meetings and discussions or are they limited to attending the meetings that directly deal with their area? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Hennessy.

REP. HENNESSY (127<sup>th</sup>):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, that's the reason why I think that this is so wonderful is because there is such robust attendance and focus by all the Commissioners or their designees on all the, you know, the monthly meetings. So it's not a - they don't show up when there's simply something of their concern. They are aware of the whole process and are availed of all the different issues that come before this Commission. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Aman.

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

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I thank the Chairman for his answers. It makes me much more comfortable with the bill, knowing that they're gonna be fully involved in all of the meetings and all of the discussions and that is the legislative intent that's going forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Alexander of the 58<sup>th</sup>.

REP. ALEXANDER (58<sup>th</sup>):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise and I wasn't plannin' on speaking. I rise in support of this bill and the amendment. There was discussion about discharge statuses and I do know a little bit about that in my time - my seven years in the Marine Corps as a Staff Officer. And I would just say that there're different discharge statuses, honorable, other than honorable, general.

And when it comes to this issue, I think no matter what all discharge statuses should be eligible for this. These are veterans that got in trouble with the law and did their time. And this is overall an advisory council to figure how to reintegrate people back into society and I think that is a general theme this legislative session,

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especially in the Governor's office. And I think that's a noble theme and to - working with people to reenter society and become lawful citizens.

So with that being said, I think regardless of the veterans' discharge status, this should be a discussion for all the veterans coming out. They did their time. They went to prison or were incarcerated but we really need to figure out how to get these people back on the right track doing the right thing and I think this bill does address that.

I do have a few issues with discharge statuses with other bills we might be discussing this year for accelerated rehabilitation for veterans and what-have-you since some of these statuses mean you - they lose their VA benefits and what-have-you but that's a separate issue from this bill here. This is a noble bill with a good intention and I think, regardless of any status of discharge, they should be incorporated in this bill to help them reintegrate into society. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Will you remark further on the amendment?  
Will you remark further on the amendment before us?

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If not, I will try your minds. All those in favor,  
signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

All those opposed, nay.

The ayes have it. 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. 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 MORRIS:

[gavel] Have all members voted? Have all  
members voted? Will the members please check the

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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.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 906, as amended by Senate "A," in concurrence with the Senate

Total Number Voting	145
Necessary for Passage	73
Those voting Yea	145
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	6

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

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

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 297.

CLERK:

House Calendar 297, Page 51, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations, House Bill 6796, AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SCHOOL NURSE ADVISORY COUNCIL, with House "A" called but not acted upon.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS:

Representative Riley.

REP. RILEY (46<sup>th</sup>):

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CLERK:

On page 32, Calendar 107, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 906, AN ACT CREATING THE INCARCERATED VETERANS REINTEGRATION COUNCIL, Favorable Report of the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Flexer. Good afternoon, ma'am.

SENATOR FLEXER:

Good afternoon, Madam President. Madam President, I move for 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 FLEXER:

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the Clerk is in possession of an amendment, LCO 6979. I ask the Clerk to please call the amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

LCO No. 6979, Senate "A," offered by Senators Flexer, Gomes, et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER:

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the amendment before us is a strike-all amendment. It is the result of -



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THE CHAIR:

Ma'am, would you like to - ladies and gentleman of the Chamber, it's very difficult to hear the Senator speaking. Can we take our conversations out of the Chamber please? Thank you. Senator Flexer, -

SENATOR FLEXER:

Thank you, Madam President. The -

THE CHAIR:

- would you like to make a motion to -

SENATOR FLEXER:

- amend - I would like to move that we adopt the amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Motion's on adoption. Will you remark, ma'am?

SENATOR FLEXER:

The amendment before us is a strike-all amendment. It is the result of the Veterans Affairs Committee working with the Department of Corrections to add the Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner to the already existing Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission in order to get that group to continue the work they're already doing to study the specific needs of veterans who are leaving the custody of the Department of Corrections and moving back into society. And I would encourage the Chamber to support this amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark on this amendment? Will you remark on this amendment? Senator Martin. Good afternoon, sir.

SENATOR MARTIN:

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Good afternoon, Madam President. I rise to support the amendment and the bill. It's - the, you know, the vets when they're incarcerated and when they try to reenter the - our community, they face a lotta problems, such as housing, food, employment, and untreated mental illnesses, as well as drugs and alcohol addiction and so forth.

With the inclusion of the Veterans Affairs as a member of the Advisory Commission, the hope is that the strategies and the procedures that they implement to how best reintegrate the incarcerated veterans into our community would be beneficial to them, as well as to the community. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? Senator "A" is adopted. We're now back on the bill. Senator Flexer.

SENATOR FLEXER:

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if there's no objection, I move that we place this item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, ma'am. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On page 36, Calendar 181, Senate Bill No. 940, AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSTAINABILITY -

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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]

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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.

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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:

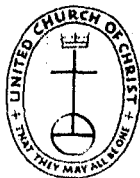
Motion's on acceptance and passage. Will you remark, sir?

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**Testimony in Support of S.B. 906:  
An Act Creating the Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Council  
Submitted by, Michele Mudrick, Legislative Advocate  
Connecticut Conference, United Church of Christ  
February 17, 2015**

Senator Flexer, Representative Hennessy, and distinguished members of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs,

I am Michele Mudrick, Legislative Advocate for the Connecticut Conference, United Church of Christ and I am writing today in support of Senate Bill 906: An Act Creating the Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Council.

I am writing on behalf of the 240 congregations and more than 75,000 people in our state's churches. In fact, the United Church of Christ (UCC) is the largest Protestant denomination in Connecticut. Nationally, the UCC has more than 5,700 congregations with nearly 1 million members.

We are in full support of a Veteran's Council facilitating the reintegration of incarcerated veterans into the community. We understand that establishment of a Reintegration Council will assist Veterans by educating and connecting them to vital services. Veterans need assistance with housing, food, employment, untreated mental illness, as well as drug and alcohol addictions, and issues associated with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Veterans need access to a wide array of resources at the time they are released from incarceration. Support and resources are crucial to achieve consistent, long-term stability. It has been proven that there is a cost savings when there is success in preventing incarceration and reducing recidivism.

The UCC recognizes and honors the significant sacrifices made by veterans on behalf of our members and our nation. We understand that the stress of military service can place some veterans in need of assistance. This bill will protect and promote the interests of veterans who are in greatest need. All of God's veterans' deserve assistance after they have served their time in prison. We therefore, urge the Committee to support S.B. 906 which would establish an Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Council.

Thank you for your work and the opportunity to supply written testimony in support of S.B. 906.

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