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Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 22, Calendar 536, House Bill 5540 -

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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 22, Calendar 537, House Bill 5601 -

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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 23, Calendar 544, House Bill 5484 -

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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 24, Calendar 551, House Bill 5289 -

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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

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THE CHAIR:

All right. Mr. Clerk, will call the Consent Calendar. The machines will be open.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

(Inaudible comment.)

THE CHAIR:

Okay. Just get going. It's getting there. It's getting there. You've got to call for a vote. Okay. She's pulling it up, she's pulling it up.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President, if the Clerk can just read the bill numbers and not the titles, that would be great.

THE CHAIR:

That's right. Okay.

THE CLERK:

House Bill 5470, House Bill [inaudible], 5423,
[inaudible], 5593, 5360, 5311, 5359, 5366, 5317,
5329, [inaudible], 5438, 5637, 5520, 5553, 5510,
5420, 5540, 5484, 5306, 5289, 5639, 5147, 5411,
5055, [inaudible], 5479, 5138, 5189.

(HB5356) (HB5629)

(HB5433) (HB5291)

(HB5601) (HB5051)

(HB5638) (HB5556)

(HB5261) (HB5596)

(HB5259) (HB5444)

THE CHAIR:

Okay.

(Applause.)

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The machine is open.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President, I need to add one more. Calendar 513, page 19, Calendar 513, House bill 5553.

THE CHAIR:

It's already on Consent, sir. May I open the machines to vote.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Yes?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

I need to, does the Clerk have agendas 6 and 7?

THE CHAIR:

Yes, sir.

THE CLERK:

The Clerk has Senate Agenda 6 and 7. They have been printed and on Senators' desks and dated Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President, I move that all items on Senate Agendas 6 and 7, dated Wednesday, May 4, 2016, be

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acted upon as indicated and the Agenda be incorporated by reference in the Senate Journal and transcript and placed immediately on the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.
Immediate roll call is ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Come on, come on, come on. Crisco, Crisco, Crisco.
Where's Crisco? Where is Crisco? Come on Joe.

All members have voted? All members have voted?
The machine will be closed. The Consent Calendar passed.

THE CLERK:

Consent Calendar Number 3 [inaudible].

(Applause.)

THE CHAIR:

I almost [inaudible] holding the clock back. Don't worry about it [inaudible] it. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President, I move that we adjourn Sine Die.

THE CHAIR:

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TESTIMONY BY MAYOR MARCIA LECLERC, TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD

March 4, 2016

House Bill 5484, An Act Concerning The Connecticut City And Town Development Act.

Senator Osten, Representative Miller and the members of the Planning and Development Committee.

Good morning. My name is Marcia Leclerc and I am the Mayor of East Hartford. I am before you today to encourage your support of House Bill 5484, An Act Concerning The Connecticut City And Town Development Act.

The intent of the Connecticut City and Town Development Act is to assist municipalities as they improve their communities through; loans to acquire property, reduce unemployment, alleviate blight, and upgrade building stock. This public act is a tool, which towns like East Hartford use to spur much needed economic development and will provide a substantial benefit to our community. Adoption of this legislation will help East Hartford to restore buildings to productive use, appropriately develop vacant land, preserve historic properties and create good paying jobs.

However, there are a few unintended consequences in the current language. Section 7-485(a)(2) requires a finding that blight and deterioration exist in a municipality. This is too broad a finding for many municipalities including East Hartford. The proposed legislation would fix this issue by broadening the description to include renovation, rehabilitation or construction the municipality would substantially benefit from.

Additionally, the language requiring a referendum in sections 7-485(b) are not consistent with how many towns typically adopt or utilize the various statutory development tools available under the Connecticut General Statutes. For example, a town referendum is not required to create an Enterprise Zone, provide tax benefits or provide tax increment financing. I strongly urge the adoption of the newly proposed language.

Therefore, I would ask that the members of this committee vote in support of the proposed language change which would allow cities and towns like East Hartford to continue to implement the intent of the legislation by improving our communities through development and redevelopment.

Thank you for your time today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia A. Leclerc".

Marcia A. Leclerc

Mayor

Town of East Hartford