

# Legislative History for Connecticut Act

## PA 16-172

SB311

Senate 454, 509-510 3

General Law 320-323, 445-447 7

House Transcripts have not been received. They are available on CGA website, but are not the Official copy. Contact House Clerk for assistance (860) 240-0400 **10**

**Transcripts from the Joint Standing Committee Public  
Hearing(s) and/or Senate and House of Representatives  
Proceedings**

**Connecticut State Library  
Compiled 2017**

**S - 692**

**CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
SENATE**

**PROCEEDINGS  
2016**

**VOL. 59  
PART 2  
356 - 678**

je/mc  
SENATE

29  
April 13, 2016

On Calendar page 15, Calendar 246, Senate Bill 88,  
I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 37, Calendar 160, Senate Bill 311,  
I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 9, Calendar 163, Senate Bill 160,  
I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 13, Calendar 231, Senate Bill 251,  
I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 15, Calendar 248, Senate Bill 121,  
I'd like to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

je/mc  
SENATE

84  
April 13, 2016

page 6, Calendar 114, Senate Bill 191. On page 7, Calendar 128, Senate Bill Number 201. On page 8, Calendar 141, Senate Bill Number 70. On page 9, Calendar 163, Senate Bill Number 160. On page 10, Calendar 177, Senate Bill Number 213. On page 13, Calendar 231, Senate Bill 251. On page 15, Calendar 246, Senate Bill 88. Also on page 15, Calendar 248, Senate Bill 121. On page 37, Calendar 160, Senate Bill 311.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, will you call for -- hold on. Okay. We're going to stand at ease for one second.

(Senate at Ease.)

Mr. Clerk, will you call for a roll call vote on the Consent Calendar. The machine is open.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.  
Immediate roll call on the first Consent Calendar for today.

THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

On the first Consent Calendar for today,

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Total Number Voting | 36 |
| Those voting Yea    | 36 |

je/mc  
SENATE

85  
April 13, 2016

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Those voting Nay      | 0 |
| Absent and not voting | 0 |

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar passes. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If I could change a marking please. On Calendar page 14, Calendar 237, Senate Bill 298, if we could mark that passed retaining please.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and if we could not return to our list, and Calendar page 38, Calendar 173, Senate Bill 152, as the next item.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 38, Calendar 173, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 152, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION AND FAIR HOUSING LAWS.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, Senator Winfield.

**JOINT  
STANDING  
COMMITTEE  
HEARINGS**

**GENERAL  
LAW  
PART 1  
1 – 412**

**2016  
INDEX**

31  
kbc/cw

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

March 3, 2016  
1:00 P.M.

SHENA LANDY: I'm Shena. I'll be speaking on behalf of Senator Duff today.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH): Shena, if you could just state your full name please.

SHENA LANDY: Shena Landy.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH): Thank you.

SHENA LANDY: Senator Leone, Representative Baram, Senator Witkos, Representative Carter and distinguished members of the General Law Committee, I'm submitting testimony today in favor of Senate Bill 311, AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD ENRICHMENT REQUIREMENTS.

The need for this legislation was brought to our attention by Gus Sclafani Importers of Norwalk, a highly respected and successful family business in my community.

This legislation will provide flexible to food importing and manufacturing establishments across the Connecticut allowing them to import and manufacture products in compliance with (indiscernible) Federal and State food standards.

It clarifies Connecticut law and removes requirements that certain products, such as flower, bread and pasta, be enriched with certain vitamins and minerals. The federal government no longer requires and it no longer done when these items are made.

If passed, the bill will allow Gus Sclafani Importers and similar businesses in Connecticut to

produce in and import to Connecticut delicious food products from around the world.

I thank the General Law Committee for raising this bill and I ask that it be given a favorable report for Connecticut can compete and succeed in an every changing global market place.

I thank the Committee for raising this concept and ask that you give the bill a favorable report. I look forward to working with you as this bill moves forward and happy to answer any questions the committee might have.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH): Thank you, Shena. Are you associated with Mr. Gus Sclafani Importers or are you working on behalf of Senator Duff?

SHENA LANDY: I am working on behalf of Senator Duff.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH): Okay. Thank you. And do -- okay. And what is your knowledge on this particular product other than reading the testimony for Senator Duff.

SHENA LANDY: Well, I -- I am aware of it a little bit --

SENATOR LEONE (27TH): -- Okay --

SHENA LANDY: -- and I will do my best to answer any questions that you have but if you have any question that I cannot answer, I can forward them on to Senator Duff and get back to you.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH): Sure. And I think, just to be clear, this is to articulate foods that are enriched or potentially could be enriched to be sold for what they are versus what they are not or at



least to have the public -- the general public -- be aware of how the foods may or may not have been enriched. Is that correct?

SHENA LANDY: I believe so but I can get back to you on that.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH): Okay. Great. If you can pass that along that would be helpful. Are there any other questions? Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS: Thank you and if you can just investigate for me -- I'm concerned if the Federal government no longer requires it -- why the state of Connecticut would try to not only require it but expand and how would that impact food products here in the state of Connecticut. Because usually the -- everything falls under the jurisdiction of the FDA and if they don't have a sense of concern for it I guess. Is it a labeling issue we are trying to get at versus not allowing the products. Those are kind of the areas I'd like to focus on. Thank you.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH): thank you Senator Witkos. It is a very appropriate question. So, if possible Shena, you -- not only Senator Duff but also the Mr. Sclafani, if he could -- if it's not in here -- I haven't seen it. Not that it's not. If he could also provide information to some of the questions to the committee that would be helpful going forward.

SHENA LANDY: Certainly.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH): Thank you.

SHENA LANDY: Thank you.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH): Any other questions? Not.  
Thank you very much.

SHENA LANDY: Thank you.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH): Okay, we will move on to the  
public. First up is Chris Grimm then followed by  
Sarah Coach (sic) or Kock. Sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (indiscernible - of the  
microphone).

SENATOR LEONE (27TH): My understanding you're both  
gonna speak -- on the same topic at the same time,  
correct?

CHRIS GRIMM: Correct. We thought it'd be easier for  
--

SENATOR LEONE (27TH): --Yes--.

CHRIS GRIMM: --those questions (indiscernible -  
overlapping)

SENATOR LEONE (27TH): Thank you.

CHRIS GRIMM: Chairman Leone, Chairman Baram,  
Ranking Member Witkos, Ranking Member Carter,  
members of the committee. My name is Chris Grimm  
and I am here today on behalf of Draft Kings Fan  
Dual and the Fantasy Sports Trade Association to  
support S.B. No. 192.

The Fantasy Sports Trade Association represents more  
than 350 companies nationally including NBC, Fox  
Sports, CBS, NFL.com and yahoo sports as well as a  
number of Connecticut companies including ESPN,

**JOINT  
STANDING  
COMMITTEE  
HEARINGS**

**GENERAL  
LAW  
PART 2  
413 – 724**

**2016**

A 2

**SENATOR BOB DUFF**  
MAJORITY LEADER

Twenty-fifth District  
*Norwalk & Darien*



**State of Connecticut**  
SENATE

State Capitol  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1591

Capitol: 860-240-8600  
Home: 203-840-1333  
Bob.Duff@cga.ct.gov

[www.SenatorDuff.cga.ct.gov](http://www.SenatorDuff.cga.ct.gov)

**Testimony of Senate Majority Leader Bob Duff in Support of Senate Bill 311  
AAC Food Enrichment Requirements  
General Law Committee  
March 3, 2016**

Senator Leone, Representative Baram, Senator Witkos, Representative Carter and distinguished members of the General Law Committee, I am submitting testimony today in favor of Senate Bill 311, An Act Concerning Food Enrichment Requirements.

The need for this legislation was brought to our attention by Gus Sclafani Importers of Norwalk, a highly respected and successful family business in my community.

This legislation will provide flexibility to food importing and manufacturing establishments across Connecticut – allowing them to import and manufacture products in compliance with current federal and state food standards. It clarifies Connecticut law and removes requirements that certain products, such as flour, bread and pasta, be enriched with certain vitamins and minerals. The federal government no longer requires this and it is no longer done when these items are made. If passed, the bill will allow Gus Sclafani Importers, and similar businesses in Connecticut to produce in and import to Connecticut delicious food products from around the world.

I thank the General Law Committee for raising this bill and I ask that it be given a favorable report so that Connecticut businesses can compete and succeed in an ever-changing global marketplace.

I thank the committee for raising this concept and ask that you give the bill a favorable report. I look forward to working with you as this bill moves forward and am happy to answer any questions the committee may have.

## GUS SCLAFANI CORP.

22-24 BUTLER STREET, NORWALK, CT 06850-4233 • PHONE: 203-838-4441 FAX: 203-838-4442



BRAND  
Importers  
Of  
Fine Quality Food Products  
Since 1911

Senate Bill 311  
General Law Committee  
Public Hearing: 3/3/16

**PLEASE SUPPORT SB 311 –  
AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD ENRICHMENT REQUIREMENTS.**

Senate Bill 311 amends Connecticut law under Section 21a-28 to delete the potentially confusing mandate which states that it is *unlawful* to sell flour, bread, corn meal, grits, rice or macaroni in Connecticut unless those foods have been “enriched” (“enrichment” means adding certain vitamins, minerals). The fact is, in this day and age, these food items are not enriched when they are made and they are not required to be enriched. Some minerals – like iron – are not necessarily healthy in certain foods for some people.

Our company imports the highest quality foods from Europe, particularly from Italy where enrichment is not often done.

Senate Bill 311 clarifies the law to ensure that the food standards should comply with Connecticut Section 21a-100, which in turn references and requires compliance with federal food standards under the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Section 301 *et seq.* The text of Section 21a-100 is attached at the end of this document for your reference.

If enacted, Senate Bill 311 will clarify the law to allow Gus Sclafani Importers and other Connecticut food businesses to manufacture, import and/or sell certain food items that may not be enriched. But, these food items must absolutely comply with federal and state standards as stated under Connecticut Section 21a-100.

**Thanks very much for your support of Senate Bill 311.**

Contact: Attorney Robert Shea, 860-989-5567; [shea@shealawinc.com](mailto:shea@shealawinc.com)

TEXT OF CONNECTICUT SECTION 21a-100 FOR YOUR REFERENCE →

|  |
|--|
| Connecticut General Statutes Annotated |
|--|

|   |
|---|
| Title 21a. Consumer Protection (Refs & Annos) |
|---|

|   |
|---|
| Chapter 418. Uniform Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (Refs & Annos) |
|---|

C.G.S.A. § 21a-100

## § 21a-100. Definitions and standards for food

Definitions and standards of identity, quality and fill of container and their amendments, now or hereafter adopted under authority of the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act,<sup>1</sup> shall be the definitions of standards of identity, quality and fill of containers in this state. Whenever the commissioner and director agree that such action will promote honesty and fair dealing in the interest of consumers, they, acting jointly may promulgate regulations establishing definitions and standards of identity, quality and fill of container for foods where no federal regulations exist. Temporary permits granted by federal authority for interstate shipment of experimental packs of food varying from the requirements of federal definitions and standards of identity shall be effective in this state under the conditions provided in such permits. In prescribing a definition and standard of identity for any food or class of food in which optional ingredients are permitted, the commissioner and director, acting jointly, shall, for the purpose of promoting honesty and fair dealing in the interest of consumers, designate the optional ingredients which shall be named on the label. The definitions and standards so promulgated shall conform, so far as practicable, to the definitions and standards promulgated under authority of the federal act, the federal Meat Inspection Act<sup>2</sup> or the federal Poultry Inspection Act.<sup>3</sup>

**Credits**

(1949 Rev., § 3938; 1958 Rev., § 19-220; 1971, P.A. 169.)

**Footnotes**

1

21 U.S.C.A. § 301 et seq.

2

21 U.S.C.A. § 601 et seq.

3

21 U.S.C.A. § 451 et seq.

C. G. S. A. § 21a-100, CT ST § 21a-100

The statutes and Constitution are current with enactments from the 2015 Regular Session and the June Special Session.

End of Document

© 2016 Thomson Reuters. No claim to original U.S. Government Works.