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THE CHAIR:

I'm sorry, can you say that page again, I'm sorry.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 12, Calendar 456, House Bill 5277,
I'd like to place that item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 11, Calendar 445, House Bill 5328,
I'd like to place that item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 16, Calendar 494, House Bill 5496,
I'd like to place that item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 37, Calendar 397, House Joint
Resolution Number 25, I'd like to place that item on
our Consent Calendar.

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I'm ready.

THE CHAIR:

Would you please call off the Consent Calendar, sir.

THE CLERK:

On page 6, Calendar 389, House Bill 5177; page 8, Calendar 419, House Bill 5606; page 11, Calendar 448, House Bill 5546; page 11, Calendar 445, House Bill 5328; page 12, Calendar 456, House Bill 5277; page 13, Calendar 474, House Bill 5383; page 14, Calendar 483, House Bill 5279; page 16, Calendar 494, House Bill 5496; page 17, Calendar 495, House Bill 5324; page 19, Calendar 514, House Bill 5583; page 21, Calendar 529, House Bill 5466; page 23, Calendar 543, House Bill 5587; page 23, Calendar 542, House Bill 5437; page 25, Calendar 554, House Bill 5642; page 25, Calendar 556, House Bill 5245; page 26, Calendar 561, House Bill 5340; page 26, Calendar 562, House Bill 5247; page 30, Calendar 589, House bill 5469; page 31, Calendar 592, House Bill 5636; page 37, Calendar 397, House Joint Resolution Number 25.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk. Will you please call for a roll call vote on Consent Calendar 1. The machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.
Immediate roll call on Consent Calendar Number 1 has been ordered in the Senate.

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THE CHAIR:

All members have voted? All members have voted?
The machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you
please call the tally on Consent Calendar 1.

THE CLERK:

On Consent Calendar 1,

Total Number Voting	36
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The bill passes. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. For some markings,
please.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If I could mark three
items Go. Calendar page 23, Calendar 541, House
Bill 5376; followed by Calendar page 2, Calendar
538, House Bill 5233; followed by Calendar page 3,
Calendar 272, Senate Bill 388.

THE CHAIR:

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SENATOR LARSON (3RD): Bob, my condolences. I'm glad you don't admit that publically. Thank you very much for your testimony gentleman. Have a great day.

FRANK RICCI: Thank you.

ROBERT DOYLE: Thank you.

SENATOR LARSON (3RD): Next up we have David Martin from Colchester and Ted Scroll from Wethersfield, after David Martin.

DAVE MARTIN: Thank you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee. My name is David Martin. I am the past President of Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Company and I'm before you today to speak on support of RAISED BILL NUMBER 5277, AN ACT EXTENDING THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TO RETIRED VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.

Many small communities, as you know, around the nation and Connecticut are finding it difficult to recruit new volunteers into the field of emergency services. This bill would go a long way in the area of retention of emergency service responders. It would allow communities to finally have a way of thanking volunteers who give 20 plus years of dedication to their towns residents and visitors at a very affordable cost. It would give new recruits a reason to stick around in a particular community a little longer and reduce the number of turnovers; something not uncommon today.

I would just offer for the recorded record that RAISED BILL 5277 be amended to include in addition to volunteer firefighters, the included disciplines of emergency medical technicians and fire police

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officers. And I will submit written documentation to that verbiage very soon. I thank you for the opportunity to speak in front of you today and will answer any of your questions.

REP. DARGAN (115TH): Thank you very much David. Representative Orange?

REP. ORANGE (48TH): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Past President, it's good to see you here today. And when I asked the Public Safety Committee to bring this bill up I omitted EMS and fire and police officers, so as we move the bill forward perhaps we can amend that to do so. And if I'm not mistaken, the fire department went before the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Colchester to be able to offer this to retirees of volunteer service in Colchester. And it seemed to me that there was a gratefulness from the board and as they looked into it with the town attorney, the town attorney is the one that advised them that the statute needed to be changed in order for them to do that.

And I also would like to make it clear to everyone that this is not a mandate that this bill reflects certainly the ability of a municipality to be able to do this. It's not that they have to do it, they shall do it, it's that they may do it if that particular municipality feels it can afford to do so, correct?

DAVE MARTIN: Thank you Representative Orange. That is absolutely correct and I think it would be -- it goes to a -- certainly a starting foundation for communities to build something that they will be able to extend to their longtime volunteers in their communities.

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REP. DARGAN (115TH): Any further questions from Committee Members? Thank you very much for your testimony.

DAVE MARTIN: Thank you.

REP. DARGAN (115TH): Next presenter is Ted Troll. I don't know. I don't see Ted. Kevin Kowalski?

KEVIN KOWALSKI: Representative Dargan, is it possible to have my colleague here also join us? He's the next one on the list.

REP. DARGAN (115TH): Sure, Keith Flood, yes, please.

KEVIN KOWALSKI: Good afternoon Public Safety Subcommittee, thank you very much for this opportunity to speak before you today. I have several bills I'd like to touch upon from the Connecticut Fire Marshal's Association. My name is Kevin Kowalski. I serve as a Fire Marshal in Simsbury and I'm also part of the Legislative Committee for the Connecticut Fire Marshal's Association representing all the fire marshals and deputies.

The first bill I'd like to speak about is SENATE BILL 120, AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL AND INSPECTORS. You've heard a lot of testimony today. We are certainly in favor of this as it will allow the deputies and fire inspectors to sign the citation of the very violations that we can do it with, but they don't have to go and get the fire marshal, bring them back, and sign the citations directly. They'll be able to do it by themselves. One minor change that

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Senator Timothy Larson, Co-Chair Public Safety & Security Committee
 Representative Stephen Dargan, Co-Chair Public Safety & Security Committee
 Senator Tony Guglielmo, Ranking Member Public Safety & Security Committee
 Representative Lezlye Zupkus, Ranking Member Public Safety & Security Committee

Members of the Public Safety & Security Committee,

My name is Ted Schroll, Legislative Representative for the Connecticut State Firefighters Association. Our Association represents more than 26,000 paid and volunteer firefighters in Connecticut. We support the listed bills.

Raised Senate Bill #120, AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF DEPUTY FIRE MARSHALS AND FIRE INSPECTORS

Raised Senate Bill #238, AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES REGARDING AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS IN NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

Raised House Bill #5272, AN ACT CONCERNING CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT IN BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

Raised House Bill #5276, AN ACT REQUIRING INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIALING 9-1-1 ON OR ADJACENT TO CERTAIN MULTILINE TELEPHONES

Raised House Bill #5277, AN ACT EXTENDING THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TO RETIRED VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Raised House Bill #5278, AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS DESIGNED TO BE OCCUPIED BY TWO FAMILIES

Respectfully,

Ted Schroll Jr.

Ted Schroll Jr., Legislative Representative
 Connecticut State Firefighters Association

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Dear Representative Orange,

Please accept this as written testimony on Raised Bill No. 5277, AN ACT EXTENDING THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TO RETIRED VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS. This is provided as a follow up on my oral testimony given today, March 1, 2016, LOB Room 2E.

I am writing to support Raised Bill No. 5277 that would allow municipalities to extend tax relief to retired volunteer firefighters. Recruitment and retention is a dilemma facing many communities across the nation and Connecticut. This bill would allow towns a foundation for showing appreciation to first responders who give many years of service to their citizens and visitors. This bill is NOT a mandate, rather an opportunity.

Please amend Raised Bill No. 5277 to include *Emergency Medical Technicians and Fire Police Officers*.

Thank you for your time and considerations.

*Dave Martin, Past President
Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Co.*