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Connecticut. Are there any announcements or introductions? Will the clerk please call House Calendar 538?

CLERK:

State of Connecticut House of Representatives Calendar; Thursday, May 25, 2017. On Page 40, House Calendar 538 Substitute Senate Bill No. 916, AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO STATUTES CONCERNING VETERANS. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The representative from the great city of Bridgeport and a veteran himself, Representative Hennessy you have the floor.

REP. HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Good morning, sir.

REP. HENNESSY (127TH):

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Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance as a Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Representative Hennessy, please proceed.

REP. HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a, as the title of the bill indicates, it's a technical change, minor in conforming changes to state statute. I urge the House to support the bill and vote for it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The question before the Chamber is on adoption of the bill. Will you remark? My very good friend, Representative Candelora of the 86th. You have the floor, sir.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning. Mr. Speaker, if I may, just to question the proponent.

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Hennessy, you are about to get a question so please prepare yourself. Representative Candelora please proceed.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Under this bill, I was looking at it and it is mostly technical in nature, but under the summary it does talk about requiring each veteran service officer to complete a course in veteran's benefits no later than one year after commencing employment. Is that provision still in this bill and could the good gentleman just explain that if it is?

Through you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Hennessy.

REP. HENNESSY (127TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, through you Mr. Speaker, yes that still is in the bill and it appears to be just more of a semantic change than actual change.

Through you Mr. Speaker.

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Candelora.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, yes after what I see here is we are changing the language just from within one year to not later than one year, so it's just sort of clarifying in its existing law. I appreciate the answer.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Will you remark further on the bill before us? Representative Ferraro of the 117th, you now have the floor sir.

REP. FERRARO (117TH):

Good morning Mr. Speaker, you really beat us to the punch today.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Every once in a while, sir.

REP. FERRARO (117TH):

Alright, I do rise in support of the bill, as the Chairman has said it is basically technical. I urge that the members of the House vote for the bill. Thank you very much.

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Will you remark further on the bill before us? Will you remark further on the bill before us? If not, staff and guests please come to the well of the House.

Members take your seats. The machine be open.

(Ringing)

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll.

Members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by roll, members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS (140TH):

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Will the members please check the board to determine whether their vote has been properly cast? If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked and the clerk will take a tally. The clerk will please announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 916 in concurrence with the Senate.

Total number Voting

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Necessary for Passage	67
Those voting Yea	133
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not Voting	18

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS (140TH):

The bill as amended is passed. (Gavel) Are there any announcements or introductions? Any announcements or introductions? Representative Linehan of the 103rd. For what cause do you rise, madam?

REP. LINEHAN (103RD):

Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I rise for the purpose of an announcement.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORRIS (140TH):

You may proceed.

REP. LINEHAN (103RD):

Thank you, sir. On behalf of the Chair of the Veteran's Committee, Representative Hennessy as well as our ranking member Ferraro and myself as the Vice Chair, we are honored to ask you all to participate in the 10th Anniversary Ceremony for the Wall of Honor in our Concourse. Happily, we have no new

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veteran, a surviving spouse of a veteran, or a current member of the armed forces.

THE CHAIR:

Are there any comments? Senator Logan, do you stand for a comment? Thank you. Senator Martin.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

Madam President, if there's no objection I move this Bill be place on a Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Are there any objections? Seeing none, so ordered.
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On page 6, calendar 123, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 916, AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO STATUTES CONCERNING VETERANS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Martin.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

Madam President, thank you. Madam President, I rise -- I move the acceptance of the Committee's Joint Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Please continue.

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SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

The Bill requires each veteran service officer to complete a course in veterans' benefits for no later than a year after commencing employment instead of within the one year and also the Bill makes technical and clarifying changes to the Department of Veteran Affairs Statutes.

THE CHAIR:

Are there any comments? Are there any comments?
Senator Cassano.

SENATOR CASSANO (4TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'm just wondering if you could describe some of those changes. I understand it might allow minors and others in --

THE CHAIR:

Excuse me, I believe that's a different Bill, Senator Cassano. This is minor and technical changes but it is not the technical cha -- is not allowing minors into Veterans. Thank you. Are there any other comments? Are there any other comments? Seeing none, Senator Martin.

SENATOR MARTIN (31ST):

Madam President, if there's no objection I would move this Bill be moved to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

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Are there any objections? Seeing none, so ordered.
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if I
can mark two more items please.

THE CHAIR:

Please continue.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. The first will be calendar page 23,
calendar 276, Senate Bill 912, taken out by the
Democratic Co-Chair, followed by calendar page 10,
calendar 167, Senate Bill 911, taken out by the
Republican Co-Chair of the Education Committees.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On page 23, calendar 276, Substitute for Senate Bill
No. 912, AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STAFF
QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATORS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG (14TH):

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CLERK:

On page 2, calendar 49, Senate Bill No. 755. Page 3, calendar 91, Senate Bill 136. Page 6, calendar 123, Senate Bill 916. Page 9, calendar 145, Senate Bill 24. On page 10, calendar 160, Senate Bill 723. Also on page 10, calendar 167, Senate Bill 911. Page 10, calendar 170, Senate Bill 928. Page 13, calendar 199, Senate Bill 948. On page 14, 204, Senate Bill 41, and calendar 202, Senate Bill 923. On page 17, calendar 229, Senate Bill No. 962. On page 18, calendar 230, Senate Bill 963. On page 23, calendar 280, Senate Bill 954. On page 24, calendar 285, Senate Bill 983. Page 25, calendar 292, Senate Bill 377, and calendar 293, Senate Bill 922. On page 28, calendar 319, Senate Bill 887. Also on page 28, calendar 317, Senate Bill 1030. On page 33, calendar 354, Senate Bill 817. On page 34, calendar 362, Senate Bill 1045. On page 38, calendar 389, Senate Bill 980. On page 45, calendar 429, House Bill 6520. On page 51, calendar 75, Senate Bill 811. Also on page 51, calendar 111, Senate Bill 485. On page 55, calendar 154, Senate Joint Resolution No. 38, and on page 55, calendar 99, Senate Joint Resolution No. 25.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, will you please call for a roll call vote on the first Consent -- Consent Calendar?

CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.
Immediate roll call on today's first Consent Calendar 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. Excuse me. Hold on.
It's the Consent Calendar. I'm sorry, the machine
is closed.

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. There was a Bill
mistakenly put on the Consent Calendar and if we can
have a re-vote of the Consent Calendar --

THE CHAIR:

You want to reconsider your vote, sir? Since you
were on the --

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

I was on the prevailing side.

THE CHAIR:

Prevailing side, right.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Though not a mistake of any of the -- any of the
Senators, a vote -- a Bill was put on the Consent
Calendar so we need to re-vote the Consent Calendar,
please.

THE CHAIR:

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First --

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Reconsider --

THE CHAIR:

Reconsider. So I can ask for a voice vote on reconsidering the Consent Calendar. All those in favor? [Ayes voiced]. Opposed? Motion carries. At this time --

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President?

THE CHAIR:

Yes.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

I probably should mention which Bill that was we're taking off.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, that would be a great idea, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Senate, stand at ease for a moment.

THE CHAIR:

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Senate will stand at ease.

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. The offending Bill was calendar page 13, calendar 199, Senate Bill 948.

THE CHAIR:

At this time that Bill will be removed without objection. Seeing no objection, at this time, Mr. Clerk, will you call for a roll call vote on the first Consent Calendar again? Machine is open.

CLERK:

~~Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.~~
Immediate roll call on the real Consent Calendar No. 1 for today.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Suzio. Senator Suzio. Senator Kennedy. Senator Kennedy. Vote please. Thank you. Senator Fasano. We haven't gotten them all yet, sorry. Thank you, Senator Miner.

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

CLERK:

On the real Consent Calendar No. 1 for today.

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Total number voting	36
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

And this time it passes. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, for some referrals please and other markings?

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On calendar page 4, calendar 105, Senate Bill 769, I'd like to refer that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On calendar page 7, calendar 124, Senate Bill 917, I'd like to refer that item to the Judiciary Committee.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.