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All those opposed? The ayes have it. (Gavel)
The amendment is adopted. Further on the bill as
amended? Further on the bill as amended? If not,
Representative Lopes.

REP. LOPES (24TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be
considered for the Consent Calendar.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

The question before the Chamber is whether or
not to put this item on the Consent Calendar. Is
there objection to placing this item on consent?
Seeing none, so ordered.

The House will stand at ease.

Would the House come back to order? Would the
Clerk please call Calendar 433?

CLERK:

On page 19, Calendar 433, substitute
Senate Bill No. 353 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN
APPRENTICE, JOURNEYMEN AND CONTRACTOR WORKING GROUP;
favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on
General Law.

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ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Representative Baram of the 15th, you have the floor, sir.

REP. BARAM (15TH):

Good evening, Mr. Speaker. I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

The question before the Chamber is acceptance and passage in coordination with the Senate. Please proceed.

REP. BARAM (15TH):

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has Senate "A" Amendment, LCO 6017. I'd ask the Clerk please call the amendment and I be granted leave to summarize.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Will the Clerk please call LCO 6017, previously designated Senate Amendment Schedule "A"?

CLERK:

Senate "A", LCO 6017, offered by Senator Leone,

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Senator Witkos, and Representative Baram.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Representative Baram, on Senate "A"?

REP. BARAM (15TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this bill resulted from a working group that spent much time over the summer and this year putting together an adjustment of the journeymen-apprenticeship ratios. Under this bill, we have decreased the number of journeymen required for supervision of apprenticeships. This bill was agreed to by both the Labor and Nonunion parties, and I personally want to thank Chris Serac [phonetic] from the nonunion, and Cam Champlin from the union side, and all those who participated with them in these negotiations. This bill sets up a working committee that continues to monitor this and make future suggestions to the Legislature through the General Law Committee, and it has a protocol for appointing members to that taskforce.

This is a great bill for everybody, union,

nonunion. It will create greater apprenticeship opportunities for young people and others moving up through the ranks of the trades so that we can make sure that we have a vibrant economy and one that has a current crop of dedicated and qualified people to take these positions. I would move adoption of the amendment.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

The question before the Chamber is adoption of Senate "A". Further on Senate "A"? Further on Senate "A"? If not, I will try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Opposed? The ayes have it. (Gavel) The amendment is adopted. Further on the bill as amended? Representative Smith.

REP. SMITH (108TH):

Mr. Speaker, thank you. I'm so happy to see this bill finally called. You know, having sat in

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the Labor Committee for a number of years now, I've been advocating a bill like this for a number of years. The folks have finally gotten together and worked jointly, union, nonunion, to bring this bill before us here tonight. I commend them, congratulate them, and I urge my colleagues to support this. I hope this would be one that would go on the Consent Calendar as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Thank you, Representative Smith. Further on the bill as amended? Further on the bill as amended? Representative Baram.

REP. BARAM (15TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would request and move that this be -- that this go on the Consent Calendar.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

The motion is to place this on the Consent Calendar. Do I see objection? Do I hear objection? Seeing none. The item is placed on consent. (Gavel)

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just so we have that correct.

REP. SAMPSON (80TH):

The bill no. is 7273.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

(Bill) 7273, Calendar 324.

REP. SAMPSON (80TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Thank you very much. That shall be removed from the Consent Calendar. So ordered. (Gavel) And we'll stand at ease for a minute or two.

Would the House please come back to order?

Would the House please come back to order? We are about to -- I'm about to request that the Clerk -- that he read the bills that are contained upon today's Consent Calendar. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

List of bills from Consent Calendar: Senate Bill 884 with Senate "A"; Senate Bill 826 with Senate "A"; House Bill 7278 with House "A"; Senate Bill 353 with Senate "A"; Senate Bill 968; Senate

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Bill 26; Senate Bill 930 with Senate "A"; Senate
Bill 911 with Senate "A"; Senate Bill 1020; Senate
Bill 983; Senate Bill 914; Senate Bill No. 4 with
Senate "A"; Senate Bill 941; Senate Bill 917 with
Senate "A"; Senate Bill 836 with Senate "A"; Senate
Bill 890; Senate Bill 893; Senate Bill 895 with
Senate "A"; Senate Bill 901 with Senate "A" and "B";
Senate Bill 904 with Senate "A".

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Representative Albis.

REP. ALBIS (99TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move
passage of the bills on today's Consent Calendar.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

The question before the Chamber is passage of
the Consent Calendar. Would you remark on the
motion on the floor? The motion before the Chamber
is passage of the Consent Calendar. The motion
before the Chamber is adoption and passage of the
Consent Calendar. Further on this motion? If not,
staff and guests please retire to the Well of the

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House. Members take your seats. The machine will be opened. (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.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Have all members voted? If all the members have voted, please check the board to make sure your vote is properly cast. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked. Would the Clerk please take a tally? Would the Clerk please announce the tally?

CLERK:

Consent Calendar 1,

Total number Voting	150
Necessary for Passage	76
Those voting Yea	150
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not Voting	1

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ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

The Consent Calendar passes. (Gavel) Thank you
all.

Would the Clerk please call Calendar 324 again?

CLERK:

On page 13, House Calendar 324, substitute
House Bill No. 7273 - AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL
EDUCATION AUTHORITIES; favorable report of the Joint
Standing Committee on Education.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Representative Fleischmann, you have the floor.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

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

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

The question is acceptance and passage. Please
proceed.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I described this bill
before it went on the Consent Calendar. A good

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Thank you. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Leone.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

Yes, Madam President. If there's no objection, I would gladly put this on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 9, Calendar 110, that is Substitute for Senate Bill No. 353. AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN APPRENTICE, JOURNEYMEN AND CONTRACTOR WORKING GROUP.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark sir?

SENATOR WITKOS(8TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. This topic of conversation has been before the General Law Committee for several years, and I think we owe a

lot of credit to both the union and the nonunion tradesmen for coming together and working over the summer to reach some agreement that both parties signed off on. As a result of that hard work, there will be, under this bill, a 10-member working group which will meet at least three times every year to discuss the hiring ratios for apprentices, journeymen, and contractors. The hiring ratio relief and they'll report back it's recommendations to the General Law Committee. Under the certain trades, the bill reduces by two the number required to supervise three or more apprentices in the following trades: Those being electrical plumbing, heating, piping and cooling sprinkler, fitter, and sheet metal work. It retains the 1:1 ratio for the apprenticeship on site and the 2 apprenticeship to 2 journeymen on site as well. I will say that when a working group is formed to 10 members, one chair person must be from a union member, the other chair person from a nonunion member. And, Madam President, I believe the clerk has in his possession LCO 6017. I asked that it be called and that I'd be allowed to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO No. 6017 Senate "A" offered by Senators Leone, Witkos, and Representative Baram.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

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Yes. Thank you, Madam President. To the circle, what this amendment does is it clarifies on two positions on the formation of the working group that one member from the union shall be the business manager or his designee and from the industry trade group, it shall be the president of the group or the president's designee. I urge the chamber's adoption on the amendment as presented. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark on the amendment? Seeing none, I'll try your minds. All those in favor to Senate "A" please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed? Senate "A" is adopted. Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. With the adoption of the amendment, I think this is a great move to allow more people to enter into the trades that we so desperately need in the state of Connecticut while doing so in a safe, supervised manner, and I ask the chamber's passage.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Senator Leone.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I also rise in support of this legislation, and I want to give credit to our house chairman, Representative Baram, who was instrumental in getting the parties together along with Senator Witkos and myself. Because this has been an issue that has been a concern for numerous years and the end result with the task force that was presented in the off session, all of the people did come together to produce a really good piece of legislation, which we have here today. I don't think we could have done it without the support of our chairmen and the support of the Committee. I urge passage and support of the bill. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Witkos.

SENATOR WITKOS (8TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no further debate, I would ask that this be moved to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, I'd like to move it to the Consent Calendar seeing no objection. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 15, Calendar 137, Senate Bill No. 924 AN ACT REQUIRING THAT HEALTH CARRIERS USING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE PAY A MINIMUM COMMISSION TO CERTAIN INSURANCE PRODUCERS.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, can I ask the clerk to call the Consent Calendar for today? But, before we do that, if I can take an item off the Consent Calendar, please? It'd be Calendar No. 181, Substitute for Senate Bill 900 and mark that item PT.

THE CHAIR:

That's calendar 181, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Yes. Calendar 181, page 22. Substitute for Senate Bill 900.

THE CHAIR:

It's been taken off and marked PT.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And, if the clerk could now read the items on the Consent Calendar No. 1 and followed by a vote of the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 1 for today. On page 1, Calendar 251 House Joint Resolution No. 106. Calendar 252, House Joint Resolution No. 107. On page 2, Calendar 252, House Joint Resolution No.

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Bill No. 798. Page 16, Calendar 144, Senate Bill
833. On page 18, Calendar 159, Senate Bill 816.
Page 19, Calendar 163, Senate Bill 839. Page 23,
Calendar 185, Senate Bill 946. Calendar 189, Senate
Bill No. 961. Page 24, Calendar 191, Senate Bill
968.

THE CHAIR:

At this time, seeing no objection, the machine will be open. Mr. Clerk, will you call for a roll call vote on the Consent Calendar?

THE CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 1 for today. Immediate Roll Call ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 1.

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted? All members have voted? The machine shall be closed. Mr. Clerk will you please call a tally.

THE CLERK:

On Consent Calendar No. 1.

Total number voting

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Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar passes. At this time, are there points of personal privilege? Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, for purposes of an announcement.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, ma'am.

SENATOR GERRATANA (6TH):

Thank you, Madam. The Public Health Committee will hold a committee meeting tomorrow, Thursday, April 20th at 10:30 a.m. outside the house chamber. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. Are there any other points of personal privilege or announcements? Any other -- Senator Duff. Senator Duff. Senator Duff. There's no other points of personal privilege.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, that concludes our business for today.

THE CHAIR:

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Testimony of Makayla Haussler
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Legislative Coordinator, Yale College Democrats
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In favor: S.B. 17/H.B. 7000
An Act Assisting Students without Legal Immigration Status with the Cost of
College.

Dear Chairs and Members of the Higher Education and Advancement Committee,

When I was admitted to Yale, my parents were ecstatic. They were proud of the fact that all of my hard work throughout high school had been rewarded by my admission to what has been my dream school since I was twelve. However, as the hours passed, I watched the looks of pride on my parents' faces turn to expressions of fear and uncertainty. They were worried that because of my family's low-income status, I would not be able to afford to come to Yale.

This experience is shared by far too many undocumented families across Connecticut. Undocumented students' restricted access to financial aid turns a college acceptance, which should be cause for celebration, into a major trigger of anxiety and fear. The immense difficulty most families face in paying for college is only exacerbated by the many other concerns that undocumented people struggle with every day.

The passage of S.B. 17, An Act Assisting Students without Legal Immigration Status with the Cost of College, would be a major step to remedying this injustice. Currently, undocumented students' biggest barrier to accessing higher education is not a lack of academic qualifications or determination, but simply the cost of attending a public college or university in this state. Even though part of undocumented students' tuition payments go toward financial aid, they themselves are not eligible to receive any of this financial assistance.

There is no better investment in the future of our state than education. Connecticut is home to undocumented students. They are our state's future doctors, teachers, lawyers, small business owners, and leaders. They are seeking a college education because they want to better themselves and their communities. Simply put, S.B. 17 and H.B. 7000 are smart investments in

the future of our state's economy. The passage of this bill will not cost the state everything, but a college degree increases an individual's tax contribution by \$54,000 over a lifetime.

Luckily, I was able to attend Yale thanks to the university's generous financial aid policy. This is not the case for many undocumented students. For many of my undocumented peers, the growing cost of college remains an insurmountable barrier. Students will not stand by any longer as we watch our undocumented peers get left behind due to their lack of access to financial aid.

In 2015, the Yale College Democrats collected 600 signatures in support of this bill. That number grew to 870 last year. Last Thursday, we collected 1,500 signatures from students who are asking all of you to stand up for the rights of all students by voting S.B. 17 and H.B. 7000 out of committee, and, ultimately, by sending them to Governor Malloy's desk. I stand with these 1,500 students, as well as all those who have testified today, in urging the committee to vote yes on S.B. 17 and H.B. 7000.