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"B" please indicate by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Opposed? The ayes have it. (Gavel) Senate "B"
is adopted. Further on the bill as amended?

Further on the bill as amended? Further on Senate
Bill 901 as amended? Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that this item
be offered for the Consent Calendar.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

The motion before the Chamber is to place this
item on the Consent Calendar. Is there objection to
placement on the Consent Calendar? Is there
objection? Seeing none, so ordered. Thank you.

(Gavel)

Would the Clerk please call Calendar 642?

CLERK:

On page 40, Calendar 642, Senate Bill No. 904 -
AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S

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RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FACILITIES GUIDELINES FOR
TECHNICAL REVIEW OF FACILITY CONSTRUCTION AND
RENOVATION; favorable report of the Joint Standing
Committee on Public Health.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Representative Steinberg, you have the floor.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Good to see you again, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Nice to be here.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

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 concurrence. Please proceed.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill relates to
the circumstances in which a public health
institution is to undergo construction or

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renovations. As you can imagine, we have special rules for that, and this does require them to comply with DPH-approved nationally-established facility guidelines, and basically make sure that the safety and quality of the patient is protected when these renovations take place. Bear with me one moment, Mr. Chair -- Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Clerk is in possession of an amendment, LCO 7641. I know that. I would ask the Clerk to please call the amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Representative Steinberg, would you kindly repeat the LCO No.?

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

That would be 7641.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

We may have disagreeing documents here. One moment, please.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Mr. Speaker, I stand corrected. The LCO I'm

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looking for is 7627. Okay, I ask the Clerk to call the amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Thank you. Would the Clerk please call LCO 7627, previously designated Senate "A"?

CLERK:

Senate "A", LCO 7627, offered by Representative Steinberg, Representative Srinivasan, et al.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said, this dictates the rules by which DPH is to identify and approve specific national facility guidelines for health care institution construction. But it also specifies that project plans are not required to include matters outside the scope and applicability of these guidelines. So in other words, if it isn't explicitly involved with the health care institution, these rules may not apply. I move for adoption.

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ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

The question before is adoption of Senate "A".
Representative Srinivasan, do you need some more
time to examine the document?

REP. SRINIVASAN (31ST):

No, I'm good, yeah.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Please proceed, sir. you have the floor.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we did have the
amendment. We just didn't have it in our hands at
the time. So, thank you for giving me that extra
time. I appreciate that. Through you, Mr. Speaker.
So just for clarification, as we look in lines 99-
101 of the amendment, so it only applies to those
institutions that are within the scope that have to
apply to DPH?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

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REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through you. Yes, indeed, that's a very important distinction and only applied where it applies.

Through you.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Representative Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31ST):

And through you, Mr. Speaker. Is there any dollar amount that -- at what point -- is there a threshold at which it is necessary to go through DPH? Or it does not matter what the dollar amount is for the construction?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Another good question. Yes, there is a threshold. The threshold is for projects costing less \$1 million dollars and one-quarter of one percent of the total construction costs. So, there is a distinction in terms of the

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fee that will be paid, depending upon the size of the project, which is logical. If it's a small project, under \$1 million dollars, the charge is less. Through you.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Representative Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and no more questions.
Thank you.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Thank you, sir. The question before the Chamber is adoption of Senate "A". Further comment on Senate "A"? Further comment? If not, I'll try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Opposed? (Gavel) Senate "A" is adopted.
Further on this bill as amended? Is there comment on Senate Bill 904 as amended? Further comment?

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Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for inclusion
of this item on the Consent Calendar.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

The motion before the Chamber is inclusion of
Senate Bill 904 on the Consent Calendar. Is there
objection to that? Is there objection to moving
this item to consent? If not, so ordered. Thank
you. (Gavel)

We are about to review the Consent Calendar.
Would we be entertaining any changes at this time?
Would be entertaining changes of the Consent
Calendar? Representative Sampson, for what purpose
do you rise, sir?

REP. SAMPSON (80TH):

Good evening, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to
request that we remove Calendar No. 324 from the
Consent Calendar when it's taken?

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ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER ALTOBELLO (82ND):

Calendar 324. And what's the bill no. on that,

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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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THE CHAIR:

It will be PT'd.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you Madam President. Madam President, I move that the clerk could please call the next bill please.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On page 12, calendar 294, S.B. No. 904, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FACILITIES GUIDELINES FOR TECHNICAL REVIEW OF FACILITY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION. There are amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Gerrantana, when you get a chance [laughter]. Good evening ma'am.

SENATOR GERRANTANA (6TH):

[Laughter] thank you, good evening Madam President. Madam President, could the Senate stand at ease for just a minute? I have to get my paperwork.

THE CHAIR:

Absolutely.

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SENATOR GERRANTANA (6TH):

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease. The Senate will come back to order. Senator Gerrantana.

SENATOR GERRANTANA (6TH):

Thank you Madam President. 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 ma'am.

SENATOR GERRANTANA (6TH):

Thank you Madam President. Madam President, the bill before us requires a healthcare institution planning construction to get the project plan approved through the Department of Public Health. There was much discussion in our committee with the Connecticut Hospital Association, Nursing Home Association on the term renovation, so they did meet with the Department of Public Health, and Madam President I have an amendment that will address their concerns. If the clerk would please call LCO No. 7627.

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Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

LCO No. 7627, Senate A offered by Senators
Gerratana, Somers, et al.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRANTANA (6TH):

I move adoption Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on adoption. Will you remark ma'am.

SENATOR GERRANTANA (6TH):

Yes, Madam President the finding in the statutes are the same. The changes come in line 91 to 101 in the amendment. This is the agreed upon language with the concerned parties, the project would be for construction or building alterations, the term renovation was taken out, and subsequent language has been signed off by all parties. So, I urge the chamber to please adopt this amendment, thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Will remark further on the amendment. Will remark further on the amendment, and if not I'll try your minds. All those in favor, please say Aye.

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Aye.

THE CHAIR:

All opposed? I guess not. I guess it's been adopted. Senator Gerrantana, any further on the bill?

SENATOR GERRANTANA (6TH):

Well, if there's no objections, Madam President, I would ask that this be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

See no objections. So ordered ma'am. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On page 3, calendar 127, substitute for S.B. No. 893, AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN STATUTES REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Good evening Madam President. I hope it's not because I'm a little shorter today.

THE CHAIR:

(Laughter) We talk about vertically challenged people.

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Those Voting Nay	0
Absent and Not Voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The bill passes. (Gavel) Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you Madam President. I ask for suspension to immediately transmit to the House of Representatives please.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you Madam President. If the clerk can now call the items on the consent calendar followed by a vote.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1 calendar 67, S.B. No. 754 page 3, calendar 127, S.B. No. 893 page 6, calendar 186, S.B. No. 317, also on page 6, calendar 177, S.B. No. 890, on page 9. Calendar 250, S.B. No. 903, page 12. Calendar 294, S.B. No. 904, on page 17. Calendar 357, S.B. No. 981, also on page 17. Calendar 347, H.B. No. 5452. On page 31, calendar 464, S.B. No.

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1051. On page 45, calendar 109, S.B. No. 895, and
on page 48, calendar 290, S.B. No. 602.

THE CHAIR:

At this time Mr. Clerk, will you call for a roll
call vote on consent calendar 2. The machine is
open.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate
on consent calendar No. 2. Immediate roll call has
been ordered in the Senate.

CHAIR:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted?
The machine will be called. Mr. Clerk will call the
tally please.

CLERK:

On consent calendar No. 2:

Total Number Voting	36
Those Voting Yea	36
Those Voting Nay	0
Absent and Not Voting	0

THE CHAIR:

Consent calendar passed. Senator Duff. Do you have
any good news for us sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):