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CLERK:

House Bill 5555.

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ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

The bill passes. [Gavel] Will the Clerk please
call calendar No. 134?

CLERK:

On page 13, Calendar 134, Substitute House Bill
No. 5220, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THIRD PARTY
FINGERPRINTING SERVICES. Favorable Report of the
Joint Standing Committee on Public Safety and
Security.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Representative Verrengia.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

Good evening, Mr. Speaker. I move for
acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report
and passage of the bill.

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ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much, Representative Verrengia.
The question is acceptance of the Joint Committee's
Favorable Report and passage of the bill.
Representative Verrengia, you still have the floor,
sir.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

Mr. Speaker, just a couple of days ago this
body passed legislation that would allow for
security officers to work supervised while their
background check was underway. The issue was the
backlog that the Connecticut State Police has when
it comes to fingerprinting, and I believe it was
Representative Ackert that pointed it out and asked
the question, how do we get to the core of the
problem with regard to this fingerprinting issue.
What this bill does, it allows DESPP to enter into a
contract with a private vendor to do fingerprinting.
The bill also permits the contractor to charge a
convenience fee not to exceed \$15 dollars. There
are many benefits to this bill. Just to name a few,
I would submit that it's a better use of police

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personnel being out on the road policing, keeping their communities safe rather than having to come off the road to come in to headquarters to fingerprint someone. It would also be more convenient for the consumer if you will that would have the option of going to possibly a location that is closer to them, but I think most important, it would help solve the backlog. Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment, LCO 5014. I would ask the Clerk to please call the amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 5014, which will be designated House Amendment Schedule A?

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule A, LCO No. 5014, offered by Representative Verrengia, Representative Orange, et al.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

The representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the amendment. Is there objection to summarization? Is there objection? Hearing none,

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Representative Verrengia, you may proceed with summarization.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

Mr. Speaker, what I'm about to describe in a moment is actually work that has been done over the course of approximately two years and oftentimes when we talk about studies, we all get a chuckle, but I can submit to you this evening that what I'm about to describe is the work that came out of a task force. This task force was made up of various stakeholders and at first it was very difficult to even get them in the room, let alone to agree on anything. Tonight I'm happy to report on some of the progress that is included in this task force and again, I would submit to you that this was the work of all the stakeholders including police chiefs, town managers, representatives from the unions, and also most importantly, POST, Police Officers Standard and Training Council. Mr. Speaker, what this amendment does, it actually establishes POST or directs POST to create minimum standards in police training. Also included in this section, it

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develops a pursuit form that would have to be filled out by police officers when they engage in a police pursuit and finally, POST would have to report their findings and their information from those forms to the Public Safety Committee. When we talk about police pursuits, it's not something that you read about often. So for example, if a police officer was involved in a shooting or a police officer was involved in a shooting that accidentally injured or killed someone, that would get our attention and our concerns. However, when a police officer is involved in a police pursuit and when someone gets seriously injured if not killed, it's not something you really read about. It's not something that gets a lot of attention and as many of you, prior to coming here, I was a police officer for 25 years. I can tell you first-hand about the inherent dangers of police pursuits, but I can also tell you over the course of those many years that we've come a long way as far as addressing when or when not police officers can get involved in police chases. But what really struck me was this past holiday season

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between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve and it was during that time that I read about an accident involving police pursuits, and I'm certainly not being critical of the police, I'm certainly not passing judgement on any of these incidents because I don't know all the details. But I know of an incident where police were involved in a pursuit. It was an evading accident. Come to find out the person was intoxicated and that person hit a couple of cars, went down the road and struck a 52-year-old male in his vehicle innocently, and that individual was killed. That could've been someone's father, someone's loved one, who was just in the wrong place at the wrong time. Shortly thereafter, I was aware of an incident in which someone took off from the police. I'm not sure exactly if the police engaged in pursuit or all the details, but I do know this, that the police could have legally chased this vehicle, maybe they did, maybe they didn't, I don't know, but I know that person who took off drove up off the sidewalk, knocked a telephone pole down. The telephone pole falls down, strikes a baby in a

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carriage, kills the baby and injures the mother. If this doesn't get your attention to at the very least look at police pursuits, then I don't know what will. So what we're saying when it comes to police pursuit is, and these are only incidents that I'm familiar with. Up to this point we have no tracking system so I'm talking to you kind of anecdotally, so what I'm saying is okay, before we decide whether or not down the road we should restrict police chases, let's look at it. Let's develop a form, let's have the police officers fill it out and over the course of the year we're going to track it. But we're going to actually take it a step further because not only are we going to track it, and maybe while we're tracking it we could say okay, in the State of Connecticut you had 100 police chases, 50 of them resulted in accidents and there were three deaths. Well, there's some value to that information, but we want to look a little further. We want to know why they were chasing. Were the police officers chasing for motor vehicle violations or whatever the case may be. [Gavel]

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ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Excuse me for interrupting Representative, but people are signaling and coming up and saying they're unable to hear you and they would like to. If we can come to order. Thank you very much, Representative. Please continue. I apologize for interrupting.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

So we want to look at this and not only are we gonna get the statistics, but POST is going to partner possibly with a college or higher institution to analyze this information, so the goal here is in a year or so to come back, have the data and see if we need to look into this matter further. Mr. Speaker, I move for adoption. [Cheering]

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much, Representative. The question before the Chamber is adoption of House Amendment Schedule A. Will you remark on the amendment? Representative Sredzinski of the 112th please.

REP. SREDZINKSI (112TH):

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Good evening Mr. Speaker and I know yesterday was Polish Day, dzien' dobre.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Dzien' dobre.

REP. SREDZINKSI (112TH):

Mr. Speaker, I know that we're on the amendment; however, I just wanted to quickly mention how supportive I was of the original bill which achieved convenience, efficiency, was a common sense bill that had been worked on by the Public Safety Committee, was supported by DESPP, supported by CCM, Connecticut school Transportation Associations. It's a very good bill that allows the State of Connecticut to become more efficient. It increases public safety and I was looking forward to support the bill in a very quick, good bill, oughta pass kind of way. However, since we're on the amendment and that's where we are, I wanted to briefly ask a few questions to the proponent of the amendment. He did mention that the amendment was supported by the Police Chief's Association of Connecticut and if I could just confirm that because the information I

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have is that they were not supportive of the amendment. I just wanna make sure that I'm clear. The Police Chief's Association does support the amendment before us?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much, Representative.
Representative Verrengia, please.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

The answer to that is yes.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Representative Sredzinksi.

REP. SREDZINKSI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I thank the good chairman of the Public Safety Committee for that answer. Part of the amendment deals with standards that would be created, adopted and proposed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and POST together and so my question to the proponent of the amendment, are there any standards for police departments and the State Police today in statute?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

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ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you, Representative. Representative
Verrengia, please.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

I'm sorry, could you repeat the question? I
couldn't hear you.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

[Gavel] Thank you, one and all. The good
representative from the 112th, I apologize, could
you please repeat your question?

REP. SREDZINKSI (112TH):

Not a problem, Mr. Speaker. Are there police
standards for law enforcement today?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you, Representative. Representative
Verrengia, please.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

Yes.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you, representative. Representative
Sredzinki, please.

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REP. SREDZINKSI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and since we have standards that exist today, but the amendment is asking for new standards to be created, how would the standards that we're asking POST and DESPP to create, how would they be different than the standards that exist today?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Verrengia, please.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

Yes, through you, Mr. Speaker, that's a good question. The POST Council legally has the authority to adopt new standards right now, so they have that authority.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Representative?

REP. SREDZINKSI (112TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure that answered the question, but I do understand that POST

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has the authority to create standards as a council today and I also understand that this bill is asking them to create new ones or additional ones to the ones that exist. In the amendment starting in line 9 it says that the minimum standards and practices shall be based upon internationally recognized standards of excellence in law enforcement, through you, Mr. Speaker, what types of international standards exist and which ones was the author of this referring to?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Representative Verrengia please.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

I'm not familiar with the international standards that exist today. That's why in this language, we're leaving it up to POST to do that.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Representative?

REP. SREDZINKSI (112TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker and moving on through

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the bill, the amendment shortly after there, starting at line 12, it discusses the standards that we're asking POST and DESPP to create, and that they'll include fair and impartial policing, use of force, response to crimes of family violence, use of body worn recording equipment, complaints that allege misconduct by police officers, use of electronic defense weapons and on. Are those standards currently in the standards that exist today?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Representative Verrengia, to you please.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

They are currently in legislation. Through you, Mr. Speaker. What this attempts to do is you oftentimes, we legislate things. So for example, we legislated police complaints and police had to follow or come up with a policy that allowed for people to file police complaints, but what we don't know is if they actually follow those standards or

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that legislation so in many ways, POST establishes the standards, we make laws and what we're doing here is, we're saying to make sure that the police departments are following these standards, that they're following these laws and we're going to, if you will, hold them accountable so that we make sure they're in compliance with the very things that we legislate and quite frankly, I'd like to believe that all departments are in compliance with the things that we've talked about, but I am aware of some that are not.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you, Representative. Back to you Representative Sredzinski.

REP. SREDZINKSI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the answer and the explanation. It's very helpful as I go through this. Now going to line 26, it states that on and after January 1, 2019, each law enforcement unit shall adopt and maintain minimum standards developed in the amendment that we're

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discussing or higher level of accreditation or an accreditation from CALEA, which is the Commission on Accreditation for Law enforcement agencies. Now my question to the proponent is, what happens if a law enforcement agency decides not to or because of limited funding is unable to meet these standards? What happens then?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. To you, Representative Verrengia.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

Right, through you, Mr. Speaker, and that is an excellent question. With respect to all the language in here, if someone does not comply to these standards, there is no penalty of any kind whether financial or otherwise.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you, sir. Back to you Representative.

REP. SREDZINKSI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I'm pleased to hear that there's no penalty for police departments that

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do not meet these standards that we're asking to be created, so just to make sure that I'm crystal clear, would there be any threat of removal of state funding if they do not meet these standards?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much. Representative Verrengia, back to you please.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

The answer to that is absolutely not.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

That was short and sweet. Representative Sredzinski.

REP. SREDZINKSI (112TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. My other concern about the terms shall adopt and maintain is that if a police department again, chooses not to or is unable to because of financial struggles keep up to these standards, and as we know, we all come from municipalities, some of them have financial struggles and they boil down to the operations of

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many town and city departments, if there is an inability to maintain these standards and a town or city has a police department operating below these standards, does the proponent of the amendment feel that they would open themselves up to wrongful litigation or difficulty in court under the enforcement of their laws?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much. Back to the Chair of the Public Safety Committee please.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

The answer to that question, through you, Mr. Speaker, that is a possibility, but I just wanna point out here that the standards that we're talking about, I would say that most police departments are already meeting these standards.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you very much. Back to you Representative.

REP. SREDZINKSI (112TH):

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I thank the gentleman for his answer and it does give me concern that, you know by establishing a set of standards, a new set of standards that a police department may not reach would open themselves up to some possible liability is very concerning and gives me reason to consider my support for the amendment, but moving on to the other section of the amendment that deals with the police pursuit study, I do know that the proponent of the amendment spent a lot of time and effort on the task force working in trying to improve police responses, police practices and policies and I do thank him for that. I do appreciate that time. In the amendment under line 76, it talks about not later than December 1, 2018, that POST will develop and promulgate a standardized form for reporting pursuits, and through you, Mr. Speaker, does the proponent of the amendment feel that this is enough time for this to get done?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Representative Verrengia.

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REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. In my conversations with the POST representatives, they don't see that as an issue.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you, sir. Back to you, sir.

REP. SREDZINKSI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I appreciate that. There are other issues I have with the amendment specific to some of the costs that result in to municipalities. I know that the fiscal note on the amendment says no fiscal impact; however, I did go back to the House bill that was voted out of our Public Safety Committee, House Bill 5030 and the fiscal note on the standards and police pursuits bill showed a fiscal note of less than \$50,000 to DESPP and it also showed a state mandate to towns and cities, mostly I believe because of the concerns that this would place a necessary, or I guess a shall and maintain need to maintain these standards, so through you, Mr. Speaker, does the proponent of

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the amendment believe this is an unfunded mandate
from the State of Connecticut?

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Representative Verrengia.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

The answer to that is no. In fact, there are
some police departments that actually hire an
outside consultant to look at police department
policies. In this case actually, we're gonna do it
for the police departments so there's not gonna be
any charge. There will be someone from the POST
Council that will go to the police department to
make sure that they're in compliance with these
standards.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Thank you. Back to you Representative
Sredzinski.

REP. SREDZINKSI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I thank the
gentleman for his answers. One of the issues that
we talked about earlier was the accreditation and

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that a lot of police departments already maintain these standards. I have an LOR report from 2014 that talks about the accreditation done by POST and CALEA and there were 28 law enforcement agencies including the state police and our own very special State Capitol Police as well as some universities that have accreditation reached from POST so of the 106 police departments and law enforcement agencies across the state, only about a quarter have that accreditation which leads me to believe that there is cost associated or work involved with that accreditation and because of that, I have to believe that there are expenses that would be incurred by municipalities and since those costs would exist as a result of the shall in the amendment, I do believe, in my personal opinion, that there would be a mandate to towns. At the very least, there's a strong message to the towns that these standards shall be maintained and shall exist, and this might be something that our towns and cities find themselves forced to do because of the aforementioned liability that we discussed earlier

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and wanting to make sure that in court their arrests and their criminal justice proceedings were effective and not challenged.

Mr. Speaker, through the debate, we've heard a few challenges.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Excuse me for interrupting, Representative. Will the Chamber please stand at ease for a moment? The Chamber will please come back to order. The majority leader, Representative Ritter, for what purpose do you rise sir?

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker, and I hope it's okay, if the representative doesn't mind yielding to me if that's okay? I want to be respectful.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER TERCYAK (26TH):

Any objection Representative? None? Thank you very much.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

He's not there so that did help. I move that we pass this item temporarily. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative D'Agostino, that was a hint.

REP. D'AGOSTINO (91ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, taking the ranking member's suggestion, I will move this to go on the consent agenda absent objection.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Is there objection? Hearing none, this item will be placed on the consent calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Mr. Clerk, 134.

CLERK:

On page 8, Calendar 134, Substitute House Bill 5220, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THIRD PARTY FINGERPRINTING SERVICES. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Public Safety and Security.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Verrengia.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

Mr. Speaker, we had previously PT'd this bill. We already adopted House A.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Verrengia, just to be particular, could you move acceptance and passage again please?

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on passage.

Representative Verrengia.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

Mr. Speaker, this bill permits DESPP to enter into a third party contract for the purposes of fingerprinting and as part of that permitting process, the third party may charge a service fee not to exceed \$15 dollars. Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an amendment LCO 5566. I would ask that the Clerk please call the amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize. Mr. Speaker, before I do that, I would like to withdraw the

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previously adopted House A Amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

So Representative Verrengia, you're withdrawing House A, and then we're going to call House B, correct?

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

That's correct, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Very good. House A is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, please call LCO No. 5566 which will be designated House Amendment Schedule B.

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule B, LCO 5566, offered by Representative Verrengia, Representative Orange, et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Verrengia, what's your pleasure?

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. In line 53, it strikes the word may and inserts the word shall. Mr. Speaker, this amendment creates minimum standards within the

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available appropriations for police training. It gives municipalities immunity in the event that a department fails to adopt or maintain standards. It also develops a pursuit policy form that a policy officer would be required to fill out and the chiefs and the commissioner of DESPP shall submit a report at the end of the year for POST and POST shall report to the Public Safety Committee of the results on police chiefs. Mr. Speaker, I wanna point out that the Police Chiefs Association as well as the POST Council are in support of this measure. Mr. Speaker, I move for adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Question is no adoption. Representative Sredzinski.

REP. SREDZINSKI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and for those of you that remember, this bill came up and was passed temporarily a few days ago. We have sent met with the Chiefs of Police Organization with other organizations and with several of the other

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colleagues in the room. I want to thank the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee for his diligence in taking all of our suggestions including incorporating within available appropriations, changing it to the International Association of the Chiefs of Police, providing an immunity clause, and other minor technical changes. I am assured that the agencies and groups that were a part of this are supporting of it, and I encourage my colleagues to support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Are you ready to vote on House Amendment B? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Opposed, nay. The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. [Gavel] Representative Verrengia.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

Mr. Speaker, if there is no objection, I'd like

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to move this to the consent calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection? Without objection, this is placed on the consent calendar. Oh, wait. There is an objection, in which case, staff and guests come to the well of the House, members take your seats? The machine will 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 PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked. The Clerk will take a tally. And the Clerk will announce the tally?

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Bill is amended as passed. [Gavel] 406 please

Mr. Clerk. Excuse me, Mr. Clerk. Representative
Wood for what purpose do you rise?

REP. WOOD (141ST):

I would like to change my vote, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

I'm sorry, the, if you'd like to make a
transcript notation, please do so.

REP. WOOD (141ST):

I would like to do that, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

And that would be.

REP. WOOD (141ST):

From the affirmative to the negative.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you very much, Representative Wood. 406.

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SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On Calendar page 12, Calendar 270, House Bill 5375. I'd like to place that item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Followed by Calendar page 37, Calendar 519, House Bill 5274. I'd like to place that item on our Consent Calendar. Followed by Calendar page 30, Calendar 450, House Bill 5258. I'd like to place that item on our Consent Calendar. Followed by Calendar page 36, Calendar 514, House Bill 5557. I'd like to place that item on our Consent Calendar. Followed by -- followed by Calendar page 37, Calendar 520, House Bill 5447. I'd like to place that item on our Consent Calendar. Followed by Calendar page 41, Calendar 548, House Bill 5220, followed by Calendar page 40, Calendar 546, House Bill 5247. I'd like to place those items on our Consent Calendar, please.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, will the Clerk now please call the items on our Consent - I think our fourth Consent Calendar? Three? Something. Consent Calendar No. 3, and then followed by a vote on our Consent Calendar, please.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk?

CLERK:

From today's Agenda, Senate Bill 483, House Bill 5348, House Joint Resolution N. 13, House Bill 5206, House Bill 5509, House Joint Resolution No. 13, House Bill 5313, House Bill 5155. On page 12, Calendar 269, House Bill 5304; page 12, Calendar 270, House Bill 5375; page 13, Calendar 272, House Bill 5253; page 16, Calendar 306, House Bill 364; Calendar 304, House Bill 5177; on page 17, Calendar 309, House Bill 5335; page 23, Calendar 376, House Bill 5439; page 23, Calendar 375, House Bill 5455; page 23, Calendar 373, House Bill 5383; page 24, Calendar 382, House Bill 5419; page 27, Calendar 433, House Bill 5438; page 28, Calendar 439, 5254; 29, 5445, House Bill 5129; page 29, Calendar 444, House Bill 5241; page 29, 443, House Bill 5354; page 30, Calendar 472, House Bill 5257; 471, 5440; page 30, Calendar 450, House Bill 5258; page 31, Calendar 474, House Bill 5203; Calendar 476, House Bill 5239; Calendar 475, House Bill 5332.

Also on page 31, Calendar 485, House Bill 4233; page 32, Calendar 480, House Bill 5477; page 32, Calendar 490, House Bill 5563; page 32, Calendar 489, House

Bill ~~5478~~. On page 33, Calendar 496, House Bill 5175; page 33, 497, House Bill 5293. Also on page 33, Calendar 495, House Bill 5204; page 34, Calendar 500, House Bill 5503; Calendar 502, House Bill 5228; page 35, Calendar 508, House Bill 5555; page 35, Calendar 508 -- I'm sorry, 507, House Bill 5424.

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Page 35, Calendar 512, House Bill 5481; page 35, Calendar 410, House Bill 5234; page 36, Calendar 568, House Bill 5208, Calendar 514, House Bill 5557; page 37, Calendar 521, House Bill 5426; Calendar 519, House Bill 5274; Calendar 520, House Bill 5447.

On page 38, Calendar 534, House Bill 5490; page 39, Calendar 540, House Bill 5534; Calendar 537, House Bill 5452. On page 40, Calendar 543, House Bill 5149; Calendar 546, House Bill 5247. On page 41, Calendar 550, House Bill 5190; 547, House Bill 5575; also 548, House Bill 5220. On page 42, Calendar 553, House Bill 5191; Calendar 555, House Bill 5360. On page 43, Calendar 557, House Bill 5309.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, will you call for a roll call vote on the Consent Calendar.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar 3. Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, we're gonna get you an auctioneer's job. Great job. Great job, Mr. Clerk. That was fast.

If all members have voted, all members have voted,
the machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk will you call
a tally?

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 3,

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

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar 3 has now been adopted. (Gavel)
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. A great way to finish
strong. I would just -- we can give each other --
give ourselves a hand for such a strong finish.

THE CHAIR:

Yes! (Applause) Will you remark further? Senator
Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to rise
because we -- to remind folks that we have a
convention at 12:01 down in the House Chamber. And
I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank
everyone for all their hard work during this