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On page 27, Calendar 246, Substitute H.B. No. 5440, AN ACT CONCERNING BUSINESSES REGISTRATION, LICENSING, AND PERMITTING THROUGH THE STATE'S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS PORTAL, favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Commerce.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER (73RD):

Representative Simmons.

REP. SIMMONS (144TH):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER (73RD):

Question before the Chamber is acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Representative Simmons, you have the floor.

REP. SIMMONS (144TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill is a pro-business bill that aims to make it easier for businesses to start up in our state by improving and streamlining the permitting and licensing process. Oftentimes, we hear from businesses that they have

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to access multiple permits from multiple different agencies and go through different processes and carry out different reporting requirements for each license and this bill aims to make a one stop shop portal for licensing and permitting.

Other states are moving in this direction and we want to make sure we are doing everything we can to make it as easy as possible for businesses to get the license and permits they need so that they can focus on growing and creating jobs in our state.

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has Amendment LCO 4452. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.  
DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER (73RD):

Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 4452 which we designated as House Amendment Schedule A.

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule A, LCO No. 4452, offered by Representative Simmons, Representative Yaccarino, Senator Hartley, Senator Frantz.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER (73RD):

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Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection to summarization? Is there objection to summarization? Hearing none. Representative Simmons, you may proceed with your summarization, please.

REP. SIMMONS (144TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a friendly Amendment that simply changes the lead for focusing on this business portal expansion to the information in Telecommunication Systems Executive Steering Committee which is currently being co-led by the Department of Administrative Services and OPM.

After consulting with the agencies, we felt that this group would be most appropriate to lead the expansion since they're already working on a number of E-government initiatives including the rollout of CT.gov and I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER (73RD):

Question before the Chamber is adoption of Amendment. Will you comment further on House Amendment A? Representative Yaccarino.

REP. YACCARINO (87TH):

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon. A couple questions to the good Chair of Commerce.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER (73RD):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. YACCARINO (87TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment strikes out --. On my goodness, I can't find the bill. The Secretary of State adds OPM and DAS. Could you explain why?

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER (73RD):

Representative Simmons.

REP. SIMANSKI (62ND):

Through you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank my good REP. for the question. Essentially what the Amendment does is replaces the Secretary of State's office in DCED with this more broad working group, the Information and Telecommunication Systems Executive Steering Committee which includes DAS, OPM, the Secretary of State's office, DCED, and other agencies. Since there's so many different state agencies involved in the permitting process, we thought it would make sense for all these

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agencies to collaborate instead of operating in silos as they look to rollout this one stop shop permitting process.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER (73RD):

Representative Yaccarino.

REP. YACCARINO (87TH):

Thank you for that answer. In 2013, this Chamber passed the Steering Committee to task for upgrading our telecommunications and to lead businesses to job sites. I think it's an important Amendment. I do support it. I would personally like to see this actually implemented. It's going to be technically a study. If you listen to businesses, many times it is hard to find certain portals. In 2018, this should be very, very simple, so I support it. I think we should do more for our telecommunications, our communications, and really streamline. You can go to your phone now and pretty much find anything, but if you go to DRS website and DAS or other sites, it's very difficult, so I'd like to see this go forward, but eventually actually

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implemented, so I support the Amendment and I support the underlying bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you Representative Simmons.  
DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER (73RD):

Thank you. Thank you, Representative. Will you comment further on the Amendment before us? Will you comment further? If not, I'll try your minds. Those in favor, signify by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER (73RD):

All those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Amendment passed. Will you comment further on the bill as amended? Will you comment further on the bill as amended? Representative Cheeseman of the 37th. Ma'am, you have the floor.

REP. CHEESEMAM (37TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I just have a comment. I want to applaud the good Chair of the Commerce Committee for proposing this and the Ranking Member. It is very important that we make it as easy and seamless as possible for those who

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wish to start businesses and invest in Connecticut to do so. Ohio has a portal called Ohio Business Central. Seventy-five percent of all the new businesses started in Ohio are started through this portal. One-hundred percent of the filings are available online and I would urge those who are serving on this taskforce to look at best practices from other states. We don't need to reinvent the wheel. If we can steal someone else's wheel and copy it, all to the good because the sooner we make this state as business friendly as possible, the better, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER (73RD):

Thank you, madam. Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Will you remark further on the bill as amended? If not, will staff and guests please come to the well of the House? Will Members please take your seats? The machine will be open.  
[Ringing].

CLERK:

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Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER (73RD):

Representative Sampson. Do you want to ask him  
if he wants to vote? Hey, Andy, do you want to see  
if Representative Sampson wants to vote? Okay.  
That's good. Have all the Members voted? Have all  
the Members voted? Members, please check the board  
and see if your vote has been properly cast. Have  
all the Members voted? The machine will be locked.  
Clerk will take a tally. Clerk, please announce the  
count.

CLERK:

H.B. 5440 as amended by House A.

Total Number Voting	144
Necessary for Passage	73
Those Voting Yea	144
Those Voting Nay	0
Absent and not Voting	6

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER (73RD):

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The bill as amended passed. [Gavel].

Representative Albis.

REP. ALBIS (99TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As many of you know, we are now going to have a Democratic Caucus in Room 207A immediately upon recess, and if there are no further announcements, then I move that we recess until the call of the Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER (73RD):

Thank you, Representative Albis. Are there objections? Seeing none. Chamber will be in recess. [Gavel].

(On motion of Representative Albis of the 99th District, the House adjourned at 12:24 o'clock p.m., sine die.)

(The House reconvened at 3:02 o'clock p.m., Deputy Speaker Berger in the Chair.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER BERGER (73RD):

Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 119?

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Yes, please proceed, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. on Calendar page 25,  
Calendar 376, Senate Bill -- I'm sorry. House Bill  
5439. I'd like to place that on the Consent  
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, without objection.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 30, Calendar 433, House Bill 5438.  
I'd like to place that item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, without objection.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 34, Calendar 471, House Bill 5440.  
I'd like to place that item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, without objection.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

On Calendar page 18, Calendar 309, House Bill 5335.  
I'd like to place that item on our Consent Calendar.

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.

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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.

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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