

THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Wednesday, February 26, 2020

(The House of Representatives was called to order at 12:00 o'clock p.m., Representative Aresimowicz of the 30th District in the Chair.)

CLERK:

The House of Representatives will convene immediately, members to the Chamber.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

(Gavel) Will the House please come to order. Will members, staff and guests please rise. Direct your attention to the Dais, where Rabbi Lefkowitz will lead us in prayer?

HOUSE CHAPLAIN RABBI ALAN LEFKOWITZ:

Good afternoon. In all our traditions we are urged to find our authentic selves, dear God, how do we do that? Let us be reminded that the self is a

never-ending flow of sensation: physical, emotional and intellectual, none more authentic than another.

Being authentic isn't a state of being, but a trait of behavior. Different religions and all religions and philosophical systems articulate this trait in many different ways, but the core is always the same. What is hateful to you, do not do to another. What is hateful to you, do not do to another. This is the only authentic self that any of us need. We just don't find it; we live it fully. And we say, Amen.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Amen.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you. Will Representative Brian Smith of the 48th District, please come to the Dais in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REP. SMITH (108TH):

[All] I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Is there any business on the Clerk's desk?

CLERK:

Yes, Mr. Speaker, there's a list of bills, No. 14, dated February 26, 2020 and the daily calendar.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The esteemed Majority Leader of the 1st District, Representative Ritter, you now have the floor, sir.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker, before I do anything, I just found out that perhaps one of my favorite people in the entire Chamber is not feeling well today, behind me. So, we all have to hope that Representative Santiago is feeling better soon, so.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Yes, sir, we will.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker, I move that we waive the reading of the list of bills and the bills be referred to the committees indicated.

Thank you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Without objection, so ordered.

Do you have anything else, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK:

Just the daily calendar, sir.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much. Are there any  
announcements or introductions?

Representative Ryan of the 139th, you have the  
floor, sir.

REP. RYAN (139TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our dear friend, Linda  
Orange, had a tradition each year, and I don't --  
now that she's gone, I don't want this tradition to  
be forgotten. And she would acknowledge the  
birthdate of one of her dearest friends --

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

[Gavel] Go ahead, Representative.

REP. RYAN (139TH):

And we don't want that -- I want to fill that  
vacuum, since she can't be here to do it herself.  
This is somebody I've known for a long time. I

remembered -- you know, entering 1st grade when he was graduating from high school. And she would always want to take a moment to just recognize his birthday. So, we want to wish the former State Rep, former State Senator, Ken Prisby, a happy 75th birthday.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

75 really.

REP. RYAN (139TH):

75, sir.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Oh, yeah.

REP. RYAN (139TH):

Thank you. [Applause]

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, Representative.

Representative Ackert of the 8th District, sir, you have the floor.

REP. ACKERT (8TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, how are you?

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Excellent, sir. How are you?

REP. ACKERT (8TH):

Fantastic. I've got a couple of friends I'd like to introduce to you today.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Please proceed.

REP. ACKERT (8TH):

Liz and Al Koiva started in the home building business over 30 years ago as Nordic Builders of Tolland. I'm gonna talk a little bit more about Liz today than Al, though. Liz's previous career was in the health administration at Mount Sinai Hospital and Kaiser Permanente until she began with Nordic Builders. They have been the members of the Homebuilders and Remodelers Association of Central Connecticut for 23 years and for several years ago they were awarded Builder of the Year. The HBRA of Connecticut, Central Connecticut has close to 400 members and will be producing their 73rd Homebuilders Remodeling show right here in Hartford. So, make a point to go out there. Liz has held several positions within the organization, including their Home Show Chairman, Vice President of their

Charitable Foundation, Vice President of the Board of Directors. And this year, Mr. Speaker, and to the members, Liz has become the 1st female President of the Homebuilders and Remodeler's Association of Connecticut, Mr. Speaker.

Let's give them if you could a well-deserved round of applause. [Applause]

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Congratulations. [Applause]

Representative Conley of the 40th District, Madam, you now have the floor.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know my aide was trying to get Representative France over here to join me to introduce some wonderful women from Ledyard who came to talk about S.B. 140, period equity this morning in the Public Health Committee. So, I am joined with Emily Evans, Devaigh Rose, Isabella Waddell and Samantha Lajoie, who've had a wonderful day so far in the Capitol and appreciate everyone's welcome and warm thoughts and they came and testified for the first time today. [Applause]

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much for coming up today.

Are there any other announcements or introductions?

Representative Cheeseman of the 137th District, Madam, you now have the floor.

REP. CHEESEMAN (37TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And I just wanted this Chamber to note that on Sunday it was the 75th anniversary of the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima. And we are privileged in this state to have our own Iwo Jima Memorial. Actually, built by Veterans, the funds were raised by Veterans. And I wondered if this Chamber could reflect for a moment on the sacrifice of those brave warriors and those warriors who continue to protect us.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Ladies and gentlemen, if we could, we're gonna pause for a moment and just have a moment of reflection. As the Representative said, it was the anniversary of Iwo Jima. I know there was events

all around the state. Many of you posted on Facebook and other social media and I saw you all out there observing. But if we could just have a moment of reflection here in the Chamber. [Gavel]

Thank you very much, Madam.

The esteemed Chair of the Finance Committee, Representative Rojas of the 9th District, sir, you have the floor.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for an introduction.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Please proceed.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today in the Chamber we have some special guests who are here for Art Day. We have some fine folks from Marc, Inc. of Manchester and we want to welcome them to the Chamber along with Representative Doucette, Representative Currey, Representative Luxenberg. They're here to learn about the wheels of government. And they're here to ask tough questions as well. So, don't go too quick about talking with

them because they're gonna put you on the spot. So, please just provide them a warm welcome.

Thank you. [Applause]

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

If we can give them a warm greeting. This group has been here early this morning. They had a breakfast and they've been out talking to legislators. [Applause]

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

[Gavel] We are now back in order. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 15?

CLERK:

On page 4, Calendar No. 15, House Joint Resolution No. 16. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF WILFRED J. BLANCHETTE, JR., OF BALTIMORE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT LOTTERY CORPORATION. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Representative Vargas, you have the floor, sir.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

The question before the Chamber is acceptance on the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

Representative Vargas, you have the floor.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is a part-time unpaid position. He was appointed during the interim. Mr. Blanchett has been serving as a member since September. He studied at Manchester Community College, Eastern Connecticut State University and has a master's degree from the University of Connecticut. Mr. Blanchett has spent his career in law enforcement, the Air Force, National Guard, Criminal Justice and has worked for the State of Connecticut.

His latest position was that of liaison of the Department of Criminal Justice, Chief State's Attorney's Office. He's been involved in many

professional and community organizations. His nomination was passed by unanimous vote in our committee and I urge adoption.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Representative Davis from the 57th, you have the floor, sir.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a member of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee, I stand in support of Mr. Blanchett for this nomination. As the kind Chairman mentioned, you'll be a new member, but he has been serving in this capacity since September, during the interim time period and his strong service in the National Guard and the Air Force and his long career in law enforcement serves him well in this position on the Lottery Board and we look forward to his serving with distinction.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative O'Dea, you have the floor, sir.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I just rise in support of this candidate. I had the distinguished pleasure of serving with Chief Blanchett on post for about almost 10 years. So, I would encourage my colleagues to support his nomination.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you very much, sir.

Would you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor of the resolution, please signify by saying aye?

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Opposed, nay.

The ayes have it. The ayes have it and it will be -- the resolution will be adopted. [Gavel]

Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 16?

CLERK:

On page 4, House Calendar No. 16. House Joint Resolution No. 4. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF VICTORIA CHAVEY OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION. Favorable report of the House Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Representative Vargas, you have the floor, sir.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

The question before you in the chamber is on acceptance on the Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

Representative Vargas, you have the floor.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a part-time position paid on a per diem basis. She has been

serving in the interim. And the -- at the hearing, she explained to us that she has been on the FOI Commission as an interim appointment since October. She studied at Dartmouth and at Boston University Law School. She clerked at the Connecticut Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit. Her practice is focused on civil litigation, primarily employment law. She has practiced extensively at the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, CHRO.

She is qualified both in practice and demeanor to serve on the FOI Commission. And this motion was passed by unanimous support in committee. And I urge my colleagues to adopt the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Representative Yaccarino, you have the floor, sir.

REP. YACCARINO (87TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of Victoria Chavey. I also serve on Legislative Executive Nominations Committee. And Ms. Chavey has a wealth of experience in volunteerism and being

involved in the community and I'm looking forward for her to serve this state in that full capacity. So, I stand in support.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Gilchrest, you have the floor, ma'am.

REP. GILCHREST (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in strong support of Ms. Chavey, a resident of West Hartford and urge my colleagues to do the same.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, ma'am. Representative Smith from the 48th District.

REP. SMITH (48TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also stand in support of Victoria Chavey for this position. I worked with her at Day, Berry & Howard and Day Pitney for many years. And I know firsthand that she is an exceptional lawyer and will be a credit to the commission.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Would you care to remark further? Would you care to remark further on the resolution before us?

If not let me try your minds. All those in favor of the resolution, please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Opposed?

The aye -- the ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. [Gavel]

Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 17?

CLERK:

On page 5, House Calendar 17, House Resolution No. 5. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF STEPHEN FUZESI, JR., OF GREENWICH TO BE APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION. Favorable report of the House Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Representative Vargas, you have the floor, sir.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

Representative Vargas.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a part-time position paid on a per diem basis. Mr. Fuzesi has been appointed during the interim. Attorney Chavey has been serving on the FOI Commission since October. He is a graduate of Princeton University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, and also the Pennsylvania Law School. Began -- began his career as a political reporter at the New Haven Register. And Mr. Fuzesi is also a Vice President -- was Vice

President and Chief Counsel at Newsweek and was instrumental in its international publishing.

And let me just add on a personal note, he's -- he has quite a sense of humor and he entertained us quite a bit in our committee. Very knowledgeable on international affairs, news affairs and just the kind of guy that we need on the Freedom of Information Commission.

So, I urge my colleagues to pass this resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Davis, you have the floor.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of Attorney Fuzesi for this nomination to the Commission on Freedom of Information.

Attorney Fuzesi was a refugee of the Hungarian Revolution. So, through his testimony and reading about him, you realize that he has a strong commitment to civic responsibility and freedom of expression from that experience early on in his

life. So, you have a gentleman here who's looking to advance those through the Freedom of Information Commission. And I stand in support of his nomination here today.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Floren, you have the floor, ma'am.

REP. FLOREN (149TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have known Steve Fuzesi and his wife, Nancy and their children for decades. They are residents of Greenwich. And I've known them through the community organizations, through Greenwich High School and through our church.

Steve has the educational, the career professional and leadership and philanthropic credentials to be a perfect member of the FOI Commission.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, ma'am. Representative Meskers, you have the floor.

REP. MESKERS (150TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also want to stand in support of Steve Fuzesi. I know him through my activities in the Town of Greenwich, where I serve on the RTM. He has sat with me in various public meetings on the Democratic Town Committee. His measured responses and thoughtful consideration of all issues at hand has impressed me.

I personally know him and his -- his wife, Nancy. And his children are neighbors of mine in Old Greenwich. So, I want to strongly endorse this appointment.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir.

Would you care to remark further? Would you care to remark further on the resolution before us? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor if the reconstruction, please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Opposed?

The ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

[Gavel]

Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 18?

CLERK:

On page 5, Calendar No. 18. House Resolution No. 6. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MIGUEL A. CARDONA OF MERIDEN TO BE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION. Favorable report of the House Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Representative Vargas, you have the floor, sir.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

Representative Vargas, you have the floor.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a full-time salaried position. It's the Commissionership of the Department of Education. And I would just like to note that Dr. Miguel Cardona is the first Latino ever to serve as the State Department of Education's Commissioner, indeed the first Puerto Rican ever to serve in this, which is something that fills me with a particular pride.

It's a historic moment for us. Dr. Cardona's education includes a bachelor's degree in Teaching. A Master's Degree in Bilingual and Bicultural Education. A six-year certificate in Educational Leadership. A Doctorate in Educational Leadership as well as a Superintendent's certification.

Dr. Cardona's most recent position was with the Meriden Board of Education as Assistant Superintendent for teaching and learning. He's also

an adjunct at UConn. Our Committee interviewed him and passed the resolution by a unanimous vote in Committee. I urge my colleagues to support Dr. Cardona's appointment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Yaccarino, you have the floor, sir.

REP. YACCARINO (87TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to echo the good words of the good Chairman of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. I was very impressed with Dr. Cardona, mainly because of all of his academic experience, but he also taught the fourth grade, which I've advocated for many years that the next Commissioner of Education should be a classroom teacher to understand what it is to teach and how students at such a diverse society. And I think he has that knowledge with his upbringing and his academic experience and his practical experience.

I would just hope this commissioner will work with us and will work will all school systems for a better job opportunity.

Yesterday quite a few of us met with Eli Whitney School and we really need to have a better coordination between middle school and high school. And I think Dr. Cardona, new Commissioner of Education will do that, and I'm honored to speak on his behalf. And I'm honored that all our members should support him.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Steinberg, you have the floor, sir.

Moving right along. Representative Santiago, you have the floor, ma'am.

REP. SANTIAGO (84TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon to you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Good afternoon to you.

REP. SANTIAGO (84TH):

I stand in full support of Meriden's own, the center of the universe, Dr. Miguel Cardona to be confirmed as the State Commissioner of Education. I just want to see if people are listening.

[Laughter]

Many of have witnessed Dr. Cardona's strong and proven leadership during his professional education career. First, as a dedicated public school teacher and more recently as an assistant superintendent in Meriden.

His passion and unwavering commitment to all our students. He treats all students equally. As a matter of fact, since he took the job, he has been going around to all the districts and having roundtables with students just listening to them and having conversations to them as to what are their needs and what are they looking for in their education.

He has demonstrated his focus for all of them to succeed and reach the maximum potential. I am proud of the work he has already been doing in this

new capacity and know without a doubt that he will continue to work with the same dedication, integrity, passion and commitment to ensure Connecticut students are ready for the unique challenges of the 21st Century.

Dr. Cardona is the best candidate for this important job, and I encourage all my colleagues to support this confirmation.

I also want to mention that when we had the earthquakes in Puerto Rico, the Governor had put a team together and Dr. Cardona was part of that team. And being part of that team, he sent the letter to all the superintendent's around the state to make sure that the kids that were being matriculated in the school systems knew that they were gonna be getting help. And if they went into districts that didn't have bilingual classes, he wanted to know about that to make sure and ensure that these children were getting the services they needed.

And he -- and he took that on without even asking or blinking an eye to -- to make sure that these children were being served.

So, again, I encourage all my colleagues to support Dr. Miguel Cardona from the great City of Meriden.

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, Madam.

Next from the same town of Meriden, Representative Abercrombie, you have the floor, ma'am.

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I also rise in this confirming of Dr. Miguel Cardona as Commissioner of Education. And my roots with him go back a little bit farther. My sons were lucky enough to have him when he first started his career as an elementary school teacher over at Israel Putnam in Meridan. And then we were lucky enough to have him as a principle at Hanover Elementary School in Meriden, which I think also got the designation as a Blue Ribbon School.

So, we at Meriden are very, very proud of the work that he's done. And he's also a champion for

children and I think that the time has come to make sure that the Commissioner's we put in place are so well rounded.

And Mr. Cardona offers so much to this job and I stand in full appreciation of him and the work he's done, and I hope he gets unanimous out of this Chamber.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, Madam. Representative Reyes from the great city of Waterbury, you have the floor, sir.

REP. REYES (75TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in complete support of Dr. Cardona from Meriden. He's been a great friend to the City of Waterbury. We consider Meriden just an extension of Waterbury over the hill. And he has been a champion for -- I'd like to say all students. And I think it's important that we -- when we stand here confirming these nominations that people understand that we have districts that we represent, but we also represent

the great State of Connecticut. And the one thing that I do like about the nomination is the BPRC stands for equality and equity. And we've been advocating for people of color to be on these commissions. And we want the State of Connecticut to know, number one, that there are many people with great talent that just have -- are just -- need a chance, need an opportunity and that's the equity piece.

I think that the State of Connecticut needs to know that there is a bench, that there are many people that are qualified and when folks like Dr. Cardona are given the opportunity, everybody will see what a good -- what a good job they'll do.

So, from the -- from my esteemed colleagues here from the City of Waterbury, State of Connecticut, Dr. Cardona, God bless you continued success. And I move to confirm Dr. Cardona.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Sanchez from the 25th District.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise in full support of Dr. Cardona. Since he's been picked by the Governor of the State of Connecticut, Dr. Cardona has gone throughout the State of Connecticut visiting different school districts, talking with numerous amounts of children and students and faculty. He's doing a great job and he's also -- I've met with him personally on a number of occasions to talk about some really important issues that are forthcoming. And I know that we're gonna have some great support and we're gonna work together with Dr. Cardona. And I think the Education Committee is going to be very surprised with his -- with this nomination of Dr. Cardona.

And I think Representative Santiago said something about Meriden being the center of the universe. I think New Britain is the center of the universe. Sorry. We'll negotiate.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Porter from the 94th District,  
you have the floor, ma'am.

REP. PORTER (94TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good day to you. I  
stand --

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Good day to you.

REP. PORTER (94TH):

I stand in staunch support of this nomination.  
I am very proud to have an educator sitting in this  
position, not only the first Puerto Rican, but an  
educator, sitting as the Commissioner of Education.  
He came before the BPRC. I've had an opportunity to  
speak with him. And I am encouraged and quite  
excited at the work that we are gonna be able to do  
with Commissioner to get things done that will help  
all students in the State of Connecticut, especially  
in urban areas such as the district that I  
represent, New Haven, Bridgeport, Waterbury, where  
we know we have many underserved and underprivileged  
children who are suffering from what I call the  
opportunity and resource gap.

So, I'm very encouraged. I'm very happy. And I am pleased and honored to stand in support of him and with my other colleagues, I hope that this flies through this Chamber unanimously.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, Madam.

Representative McCarty, you have the floor.

REP. MCCARTY (38TH):

Thank -- thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I too stand in very strong support of the nomination of Dr. Miguel Cardona as Commissioner of Education.

I can tell you that Dr. Cardona is, as has been said, an educator. He comes equipped to this job with a full and robust background in education and is well versed on the education issues. But what I was particularly pleased about was his background with our tech ed schools and the -- on -- what we're gonna be doing looking at ongoing collaboration and cooperation with our tech schools and traditional public schools. And he is just a tremendous listener, collaborator and he makes himself

accessible. I know my Chair, Representative Sanchez mentioned that he's already met with us several times. He's interested in a variety of education issues that will be facing us. And it's truly a deep honor and a privilege to stand in support, strong support of his nomination. And I, too, hope it will be unanimous support.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, Madam.

Representative Godfrey from the 110th District that -- that [Inaudible -00:33:50] hat city in the western corner.

REP. GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Danbury, which is, of course, the center of the universe. Let's get that straight. [Laughter]

I certainly rise in very strong support of this particular nomination. Miguel, Dr. Cardona, has been around now in office for the better part of a year. And we have had a particularly difficult problem in Danbury in our school system, completely

different from most of the rest of the state. We have a big overcrowding problem. And when we brought this to Dr. Cardona's attention, boy was he on it quickly, including a visit just last month. He came down to Danbury, spent a good part of an afternoon with us, toured the high school, which is the most overcrowded part. We had 650 new students come into our system this last year. 350 of them were unanticipated. And they literally didn't have enough desks on -- on opening day to teach all the students. And they've actually had to extend the time at the high school between classes because no one could get from one class to another in the shorter period of time that they had. And Dr. Cardona came down, he got it, he understood it. And he's fully committed to helping us out and helping the students, especially the kids in the public school system in Danbury.

And, of course, we also have Vo Tech high school and we have a technical school, which he's in charge of, which is a great magna school before the -- the word magna schools were used that prepares

kids for -- with skills and knowledge for really good career jobs that can't be exported overseas. And he's looking to make sure that those kind of opportunities are also available in public high schools across the state.

I'm really excited about his vision for public education here in the State of Connecticut. And I really urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this nomination.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Johnson, you have the floor, ma'am.

REP. JOHNSON (49TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I, too, raise my voice in strong support of the Commissioner Miguel Cardona to be the next Commissioner of the Department of Education. He has come before the Appropriations Committee. He has talked to me about different issues that face my district, including the tech schools, including early college

opportunity, including students who have a home language that isn't English. He understands all these problems and I'm really excited to have him help us out all throughout the State of Connecticut.

So, I will be voting in strong support of the Commissioner. Thank you so much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, Madam.

Representative Candelaria from the 94th District, you have the floor, sir.

REP. CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I want to stand here in strong support of Dr. Cardona. And I want to align my comments with those of my colleagues.

Dr. Cardona has been instrumental as we worked a couple of years to address bilingual education in the State of Connecticut and how we pass legislation to move it from 30 to 60 months.

So, I'm looking forward to his vision for the state and for all students in -- in -- in our state.

So, thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to stand here in support of Dr. Cardona.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir.

Would you care to remark further? Would you care to remark further on the resolution before us? If not, let me try your minds.

All those in favor of the resolution, please signify by saying, aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Opposed?

The ayes have it. The resolution will be adopted. [Gavel] [Applause]

Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 19?

CLERK:

House Resolution No. 9. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DEIDRE S. GIFFORD OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES. Favorable report of the Joint Standing House Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Representative Vargas, you have the floor, sir.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Mr. Clerk, could you please restate the resolution?

CLERK:

House Resolution No. 7, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DEIDRE S. GIFFORD OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES. Favorable report of the Joint Standing House Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Representative Vargas, you have the floor, sir.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

Representative Vargas, you have the floor.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a full-time salaried position, of course, Commissioner Deidre S. Gifford will be the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, if she's confirmed by our membership.

Dr. Gifford has been the Acting Commissioner since June of 2019. She's a graduate of the University of Connecticut at Los Angeles Cornell Medical -- University of California Los Angeles and of the Cornell Medical School. She holds a bachelor's degree in Public Health, an M.D., specializing in Obstetrics and Gynecology and an M.P.H. in Epidemiology.

Dr. Gifford is a physician/executive, focused on delivery reform and quality improvement of Medicare. Her most recent position was at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in

Washington, DC, as Deputy Director. She has spent much of her career working in healthcare policy and for the State of Rhode Island in several executive capacities to improve Medicaid delivery, quality, provider structure, payment and access.

And I would just like to say that I've had the opportunity to make the acquaintance of Dr. Gifford and she really enjoys her position at DSS. And she really is committed to make the best agency possible.

So, I urge all my colleagues to pass this resolution, adopt it. It was passed by unanimous consent in our committee.

And I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Davis, you have the floor, sir.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of Dr. Gifford for the nomination of Commissioner of Social Services here for the State of Connecticut.

As the kind Chairman mentioned, Dr. Gifford has a -- a resume that is quite impressive dealing with these issues that Social Services deals with, especially with their time down in Washington with the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services in Washington, DC, and then also her time sent -- spent in the executive positions in the State of Rhode Island and similar position as this one here today.

So, Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of her during her nomination hearing, she committed to continue the work and -- and -- on routing out fraud and waste and abuse and working with those providers that are doing the right thing and providing the services that we need, so that individuals that need that access to those services have them and that the money is not being wasted.

So, I stand in support of Dr. Gifford and encourage my colleagues to do so as well.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Sanchez from the 25th District,  
you have the floor, sir.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in full support of Dr. Gifford. About two weeks ago I had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Gifford in regards to an issue with one of my constituents. And she immediately dealt with that issue and within three days, took care of the problem and that's -- that's great. And I do appreciate that, and I look forward to working with her in the years to come.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Gilchrest from the 18th District, you have the floor, ma'am.

REP. GILCHREST (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in strong support of Dr. Gifford as well and echo the remarks of many of my colleagues as a newer member of the MPOC Committee, I've had the pleasure of working with the doctor and she is a resident of West

Hartford and I think she will make a fantastic commissioner.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Would you care to remark further? Would you care to remark further on the resolution before us?

If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor of the resolution, please signify by saying, aye?

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Those opposed, nay?

The ayes have it. The resolution will be adopted. [Gavel]

Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 20?

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 17. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DAVID KOORIS OF STAMFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY. Favorable report of

The Joint Standing Committee on Executive and  
Legislative Nominations.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Representative Vargas, you have the floor, sir.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move acceptance of the Senate Committee's  
favorable report and adoption of the resolution..

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

The question before the Chamber is the  
acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report  
and adoption of the resolution.

Representative Vargas, you have the floor.

REP. VARGAS (6TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a part-time  
position unpaid to serve on the Board of Directors  
of the Connecticut Port Authority.

Mr. David Kooris of Stamford is the only  
appointment that is to be made by the Governor. The  
other appointments made this year are by the  
legislative leadership in the Connecticut General  
Assembly.

He studied at McGill and obtained a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in City and Regional Planning.

He was Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development until January. And he has worked for the State Department of Housing and the City of Bridgeport in economic development.

He is also a lecturer at Yale University. His accomplishments in public policy and regional planning qualify him for this position. The Committee had a near unanimous vote. There was only one name and I urge adoption of Mr. David Kooris of Stamford to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Port Authority.

And thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Davis, you have the floor, sir.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of Mr. Kooris for this position on the Board of Directors on the Connecticut Port Authority.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, the Port Authority has suffered quite a bit of controversy over the last few months about how they were handling things down there, especially financially.

And I've had the opportunity to work with former Deputy Commissioner Kooris at his time in DECD, and I found him to be someone who is capable and able to be able to take over this position on the Port Authority and hopefully right the ship.

Obviously, coming into a very difficult situation for them at the Port Authority and I'm hopeful with his background with the City of Bridgeport, his background with the Master's of City Planning, his background at the Department of Economic Community Development and the Department of Housing, that he will be able to bring those skills to this position and be able to make that Port Authority as effective as we all originally intended it to be and envisioned it to be, which is a driver

of economic development throughout the State of Connecticut at the various different ports that we have.

So, I stand in support of Mr. Kooris and I wish him the very best in this new position. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Thank you, sir.

Would you care to remark further? Would you care to remark further on the resolution before us?

If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor of the resolution, please signify by saying, aye?

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER BUTLER (79TH):

Opposed, nay?

The ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

[Gavel]

The Chamber will stand at ease.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

[Gavel] The house will return to order.

We're about to do a series of judicial nominations, all of which require a roll call vote. Hopefully, we'll put together a Consent Calendar if that's possible.

So, Mr. Clerk, let's start with Calendar No. 3.

CLERK:

On page 2, House Calendar No. 3, House Joint Resolution No. 4. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE FRANK A. IANNOTTI OF NORTH HAVEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Distinguished Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, good afternoon. Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution..

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on acceptance and adoption of the resolution.

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Judge Iannotti has a long and distinguished career on our Superior Court bench. Most particularly in our criminal justice system. He has served as the presiding judge over the criminal courts in several of our cities and particularly in some of our busiest criminal courts, including Bridgeport, Ansonia, Milford and currently Waterbury.

He is a graduate of the Boston College, undergraduate and the University of Baltimore School of Law.

As I indicated, he has been of service on a number of committees, including the Judges Association and the Judicial Review Council.

I urge support for his nomination. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The questions on adoption. Will you remark? The distinguished ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon.  
Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Judge Iannotti.  
Certainly, he is a great asset to the bench. His  
professionalism and experience as well as he's got  
the respect of his colleagues and many of the  
individuals who appear before him.

So, certainly, again, he is an asset. We want  
to maintain that. So, I support his nomination.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am. Representative Yaccarino.

REP. YACCARINO (87TH):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Good afternoon.

REP. YACCARINO (87TH):

I'd like to stand in strong support of Judge  
Iannotti. I've known Judge Iannotti for about 10  
years and he's just a pillar of our community and a  
pillar of the bench and just an amazing jurist.

And somebody with his temperament, I'm just  
honored to be his friend and also somebody that

works with him in our community. So, I just want to stand in strong support and we're fortunate in the State of Connecticut to have somebody like Judge Iannotti on the bench.

So, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Mr. Speaker, I'd move that we create a Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

And place this on it.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

And place this item on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection? Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, Calendar 1, please.

CLERK:

On page 1, House Calendar 1. House Joint Resolution No. 2, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE

NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN F. BLAWIE OF  
GREENWICH TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on  
Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on adoption of the resolution.  
Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Judge  
Blawie was initially appointed to the bench in 2004.  
He's a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and  
the University of Connecticut School of Law. He,  
during his time on the bench, he has served  
predominantly in many of our civil courts, most  
particularly in Danbury, Bridgeport and is currently  
assigned to the Stamford, Norwalk Judicial District.

He also has been invited to sit by designation on the Appellate and Supreme Court as needs have presented itself.

I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Judge Blawie for all of the good reasons that the good chairman had indicated at this time.

And if there's no objection, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to offer him as well to the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, Calendar 2, please.

CLERK:

On page 1, House Calendar -- House Calendar 2, House Joint Resolution No. 3, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ANNA M. FICETO OF WOLCOTT TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The distinguished Vice Chairman of the  
Judiciary Committee, Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Good morning, Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance  
of the Joint Committee's favorable report and  
adoption of the resolution..

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Questions on adoption, Representative  
Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, Judge Ficeto has served honorably  
in our judicial system, particularly as she does  
currently on the -- in the Waterbury Judicial  
District as the Presiding Judge and the  
Administrative Judge for -- or excuse me -- as the  
Administrative Judge and the Presiding Judge for  
Family. She has served in our Family Courts, in our  
Civil Courts.

She received her law degree from the University  
of Connecticut School of Law. And her undergraduate  
degree from Mount Holyoke College. And I think it's

also worthy of note that she had received from the National Association of Italian American Women, the Wise Woman Award for 2018. She was approved unanimously by the Judicial Committee or -- excuse me -- the Judiciary Committee, and I urge adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Judge Ficeto. Certainly, she is fair, thorough and efficient. And who can argue with the Wise Woman Award in that regard.

So, Mr. Speaker, I do offer her for the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Let's hold off on that. We have other people who want to speak.

Representative D'Amelio.

REP. D'AMELIO (71ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon to you.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of Judge Ficeto. She's been a part of the Waterbury community for many years. I know her very well. She's been doing a great job as a judge and I wish her well.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolution be placed on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered.

Calendar No. 4, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK:

On page 2, House Calendar No. 4, House Joint Resolution No. 5. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SOLINE M. OSLENA, ESQUIRE, OF OAKDALE TO BE A WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Conley.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on acceptance and adoption.

Representative Conley.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Commissioner Oslena graduated from New York City Council College of Technology and she got her law degree from Southern New England School of Law.

She's been serving as a Workers' Compensation Commissioner in Norwich and doing a very good fair job. She is also fluent in Haitian-Creole, which is very helpful for the community to have a commissioner that speaks their language.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the nominee before us for the Workers' Compensation Commission.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Conley.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move this to go on consent.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, Calendar 5, please.

CLERK:

On page 2, House Calendar 5. House Joint Resolution No. 6. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE DAN SHABAN OF MIDDLEBURY TO BE A JUDDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Horn.

REP. HORN (64TH):

Good morning, Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on acceptance and adoption.

Representative Horn.

REP. HORN (64TH):

Thank you. I today stand in support of the renomination of Judge Dan Shaban of Middlebury, who has served on -- was first appointed to the bench in 2004 and today is renominated to the Superior Court to serve a third term.

His current position is on the Judicial District of Litchfield, where he is the Assistant Administrative Judge.

He spent a good deal of time in Ohio, for which I commend him, as an Ohio native. He's a graduate of Ohio State and Ohio State University Law School.

He is a member of both the Connecticut and Federal Bars. Has been invited to participate on several Judicial Committees and also has served his town in -- on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Assessment Appeals.

I urge support for the resolution and urge his nomination, renomination.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you.

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Judge Shaban. Certainly, he is a professional and an asset to our branch.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you.

Representative D'Amelio.

REP. D'AMELIO (71ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in strong support of Judge Shaban. It's great to have so many people from the greater Waterbury area being nominated today.

Judge Shaban has done a great job and he'll continue to do so.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Horn.

REP. HORN (64TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolution be placed on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, Calendar 6.

CLERK:

On page 2, House Calendar No. 6. House Joint Resolution No. 7, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE HILLARY B. STRACKBEIN OF BUILFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Palm.

REP. PALM (36TH):

Mr. Speaker, can you hear me? Thank you.

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on acceptance and adoption.

Representative Palm.

REP. PALM (36TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to support the renomination of Judge Hillary Strackbein of Guilford to the Superior Court.

This eminent jurist is the presiding judge in criminal matters in New London County. And she has served with distinction on several commissions, including the Public Defenders Commission, Judicial Review and Sentencing Commission.

And I think it's very notable that she has special insight into the mental health issues of the accused.

So, I urge my colleagues to accept this renomination. Move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the nominee before us for all of the good reasons that the good Representative had just articulated.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Palm.

REP. PALM (36TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move this resolution be put on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question's on placing this on the Consent Calendar. Is there objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, House Calendar 7, please.

CLERK:

On page 2, House Calendar 7. House Joint Resolution No. 8, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE THEODORE R. TYMA OF TRUMBULL TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Horn.

REP. HORN (64TH):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on exception -- acceptance and adoption.

Representative Horn.

REP. HORN (64TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, today, stand in support of Judge Tyma of Trumbull, Connecticut, who was first appointed to the bench in May 2004 and is now renominated to be a Judge of the Superior Court for a third term.

His current assignment is on the Ansonia/Milford Judicial District Civil Docket, where he is the Presiding Judge. His previous assignments included serving in the Fairfield Judicial District and in -- as an Administrative Judge for that district. He is a graduate of Fairfield University with a Law Degree from Suffolk University.

He has served on a number of judicial committees and is a member of both the Connecticut and Federal Bar. He has also served as an Alderman of the Ansonia Board of Alderman and is a Director of the Ansonia Library Board of Directors.

And I urge his reconfirmation and I move adoption. Thank you.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I certainly rise in support of the nominee before us. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Horn.

REP. HORN (64TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolution be placed on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, Calendar 8, please.

CLERK:

On page 3, House Calendar 8. House Joint Resolution No. 9, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE

NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD E. ARNOLD OF  
ORANGE TO BE A STATE REFEREE. Favorable report of  
the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Good morning, Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance  
of the Joint Committee's favorable report and  
adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question's on acceptance and adoption.

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Judge Arnold has ably  
served our state as a judge and now a judge -- or a  
Judge State Referee since 1996, when he was first  
appointed to the bench.

He received his bachelor's degree from the  
University of Connecticut and his Law Degree from  
the University of New England School of Law.

He has served on both our criminal and our  
civil dockets. And he currently serves as a faculty

member on the Orange Citizens Police Academy. I  
urge my colleagues to support the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Good afternoon, again, Mr. Speaker. Mr.  
Speaker, I rise in support of Judge Arnold. He  
certainly had many individuals testify in his  
support. I want to point out at our public hearing  
in this regard. So, certainly, he is an asset and  
we look forward to having him continue.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Ferraro.

REP. FERRARO (117TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of  
the nomination of Judge Arnold. He's been on the  
bench for many, many years and has served with  
distinction, and urge my colleagues to support.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative O'Dea.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just rise briefly in strong support of the nominee. I've known Judge Arnold for over 20 years now about, give or take. I know I don't look that old, Mr. Speaker, but I am. And I think very highly of Judge Arnold. I think he's a strong asset to the bench. And I would encourage my colleagues to support his nomination. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolution be placed on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, House Calendar 9, please.

CLERK:

On page 3, House Calendar 9. House Joint Resolution No. 10, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE

NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE EDWARD J. DOLAN OF  
BRANFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE. Favorable report of  
the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move  
for acceptance of the Joint Committee's report and  
adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on acceptance and adoption.

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Judge  
Dolan was appointed to the bench in May of 2004.  
He's a graduate of Boston College and the University  
of Connecticut School of Law. He has been serving  
for the last decade or so in the New Britain  
Superior Court Family Division.

I urge support and move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Judge Dolan. And again, this is another individual who based on his professionalism and experience is an asset on the bench. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move this item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objections, it's placed on Consent.

Mr. Clerk, Calendar 10, please.

CLERK:

On page 3, House Calendar 10. House Joint Resolution No. 11, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MICHAEL HARTMERE OF MILFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Horn.

REP. HORN (64TH):

Mr. -- thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on acceptance and adoption.

Representative Horn.

REP. HORN (64TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in support of the renomination of Judge Hartmere to be a State Referee. Judge Hartmere has served the state honorably since 1987 in a long and distinguished judicial career. That career has included service in many judicial branches and on many judicial committees. He is also an Army Veteran.

I urge his renomination today to be a State Referee. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am. Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the nominee before us and thank him for his service, not only on the bench, to our country as well.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Horn.

REP. HORN (64TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolution be placed on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, this is placed on the Consent Calendar.

Mr. Clerk, Calendar 11.

CLERK:

On page 3, House Calendar 11. House Joint Resolution No. 12, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE BURTON A. KAPLAN OF EASTON TO BE A STATE REFEREE. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on acceptance and adoption.

Representative.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Judge Kaplan has ably served our state and its citizens since 1996. He's a graduate of Brooklyn Law School and the University of Connecticut.

He has served primarily on the juvenile dockets of our state, during his last term in New Haven, in particular.

He has been the recipient of the Outstanding Jurist Award from the Lower Naugatuck Valley Bar Association. He was unanimously approved by the Judiciary Committee. And I urge my colleagues to support his renomination.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Honorable Kaplan. Again, certainly he is an asset as the State Referee based on his experience and we look forward to having him continue to serve.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you.

Representative Hughes.

REP. HUGHES (135TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support to recommend the esteemed Burton Kaplan from Easton, the 135th District. We are so very proud that he is being recommended to be State Referee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolution be placed on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, this is placed on the  
Consent Calendar.

Mr. Clerk, No. 12.

CLERK:

On page 3, House Calendar 12. House Joint  
Resolution No. 13, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE  
NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE A. SUSAN PECK OF CHESTER  
TO BE A STATE REFEREE. Favorable report of the  
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Palm.

REP. PALM (36TH):

This keeps happening. It keeps flicking back.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

You're live. [Laughter]

REP. PALM (36TH):

Okay. Thank you. I rise in support and I move  
acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report  
and adoption of the resolution..

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question's on acceptance and adoption.

Representative.

REP. PALM (36TH):

Thank you. I would like to support for nomination as a Senior Judge State Referee the eminent jurist, Judge Susan Peck of Chester.

We in Chester are very, very proud of this wonderful judge, who has served with great distinction and the state will benefit from her wisdom and experience.

She has a J.D. from UConn. She has served with distinction as a civil trial judge in the Hartford Superior Court. And I had the pleasure of serving with Judge Peck on both the Bushnell Park Foundation and the Cultural Center Rehabilitation of the [Inaudible -01:10:45] Cultural Center Building. So, I know that here interests and advocacy for women's history of jurists is very, very pronounced and deep. And I can't think of a better jurist to put on as a referee.

I move that this be placed on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

That's a little premature. Other people need to speak.

REP. PALM (36TH):

I move adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you. Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the good Honorable Susan Peck. She certainly was very impressive before the Judiciary Committee and I rise in her support.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you. Now, Representative Palm.

REP. PALM (36TH):

Thank you. I move adoption to put this on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, this is placed on the Consent Calendar.

Mr. Clerk, Calendar 13, please.

CLERK:

On page 4, House Calendar 13. House Joint Resolution No. 14, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE THELMA A. SANTOS OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on acceptance and adoption.

Representative.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Judge Santos has served our state ably since 1988, when she was first appointed to the bench. She received her degree in Law from the University of Connecticut School of Law. Her undergraduate degree from Mount Holyoke College.

She has served our state on the juvenile dockets as well as the civil division, where she currently serves at the Hartford J.D. She's a former member of the Board of Directors of the Learning Disabilities of Connecticut for many years. And she's still works to teach portions of training for volunteer advocates at that organization.

She was approved unanimously by the Judiciary Committee and I urge my colleagues to support her renomination.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Honorable Santos. Certainly, again, someone with a lot of experience on the bench. And we look forward to having her continue.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolution be placed on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, Calendar 14.

CLERK:

On page 4, House Calendar 14. House Joint Resolution No 15, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ELLIOT N. SOLOMON OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on acceptance and adoption.

Representative.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Judge Solomon was initially appointed to the bench in

1996. He's a graduate of Gettysburg College and the Temple University School of Law.

In Judge Solomon's long career on the bench, he has served in some of the highest roles in our state's judicial branch, including as Administrative Judge of the Tolland Judicial District and most recently as the Deputy Chief Court Administrative Judge.

His current assignment as a now semi-retired referee is being assigned to the Hartford Mediation Center, where he is working to mediate and resolve complex disputes, particularly in the family system.

I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Judge Solomon. Certainly, he has worn many different hats. And we're a better -- in a better position as a result of it because of all of his expertise and certainly service in providing the aforethought of how we can improve our judicial

system. And I think he's been certainly an asset in that regard.

So, we look forward to continuing to have him serve in his capacity.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Exum.

REP. EXUM (19TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of Judge Elliot Solomon, a resident of West Hartford. He has a very good reputation and he's a solid judge. And so I just wanted to stand in support of his nomination.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Gonzalez.

REP. GONZALEZ (3RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition of Judge Solomon. I would like to say that Judge Solomon had been a -- a judge for many, many years. He's been in administration and him knowing that we

have a huge problem with the family court and not trying to help to resolve the problem.

I don't -- I don't have -- I don't think that I remember how many times I met with Judge Solomon and other judges. And always, always asking questions about the problems and how can we resolve some ideas, but nothing has been done.

Judge Solomon, he don't have no intention whatsoever to resolve the problem in the family court system and I don't think that we should have a judge that we already know that we have a problem and he's not doing anything to resolve the problem.

So, that's why, Mr. Speaker, I'm -- I'm opposing his nomination. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am. Will you remark further? Will you remark further on the resolution? If not, staff and guests, please 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):

I would warn my colleagues, you might want to stay. I think the Consent Calendar will be called next.

Again, you might want to stay in the Chamber. We're gonna call the Consent Calendar next.

One last reminder, we'll be doing a Consent Calendar right after this one, so you might want to hang out.

Have all the members voted? 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 -- and the Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution 15.

Total number Voting	145
Necessary for Passage	73

Those voting Yea	144
Those voting Nay	1
Those absent and not Voting	6

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The resolution is adopted. [Gavel]

Mr. Clerk, would you please call Consent  
Calendar No. 1. [Gavel]

We'll come back to order. Mr. Clerk, please  
call Consent Calendar No. 1.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 1, House Joint Resolution  
No. 4. House Joint Resolution 2. House Joint  
Resolution 3. House Joint Resolution 5. House  
Joint Resolution 6. House Joint Resolution 7.  
House Joint Resolution 8. House Joint Resolution 9.  
House Joint Resolution 10. House Joint Resolution  
11. House Joint Resolution 12. House Joint  
Resolution 13. House Joint Resolution 14.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Stafstrom. Representative  
Stafstrom if you'd like to move adoption of the  
items on today's Consent Calendar.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question on adoption of the Consent Calendar. Members, staff and guests, please 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:

Consent Calendar No. 1.

Total number Voting	145
Necessary for Passage	73
Those voting Yea	145
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not Voting	6

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The resolutions on the Consent Calendar are adopted. [Gavel]

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the rules and transmit any items needing further action by the Senate to the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Is there objection? Hearing none, the rules are suspended, and the items are immediately transmitted.

Ladies and gentlemen, while we have more business today, we are waiting arrival from the Senate of another series of resolutions.

So, meanwhile, are there any announcements or introductions?

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that we recess, subject to the Call of the Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question on recessing, subject to the Call of the Chair. Is there objection? House stands in recess, subject to the Call of the Chair. [Gavel]

(On motion of Representative Currey of the 11th District, the House recessed at 1:31 o'clock p.m. to meet again at the Call of the Chair.)

(The House reconvened at 2:13 o'clock p.m., Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore Godfrey in the Chair.)

CLERK:

The House of Representatives will reconvene immediately. Members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives will reconvene immediately. Members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

[Gavel] The house will come back to order. I am pleased to note we have received business from the Senate.

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that we suspend the rules to take up Senate Joint Resolutions 4 through 14.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Is there objection? Hearing none, the rules are suspended, and we will begin with Senate Joint 5, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Okay. Senate Joint Resolution No. 5. RCTN OF THE HONORABLE DONNA NELSON HELLEER OF RIVERSIDE TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question's on acceptance and adoption.  
Representative.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Judge Heller has served the state ably since she was first appointed in 2012. She's a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and Bryn Mawr College.

She currently serves in the Judicial District of Stamford, Norwalk and is Presiding Judge for the Family Division there. She has served in a variety of capacities on our juvenile, civil and family dockets throughout the state. She has done so with fairness and with skill.

She is currently a member of the Superior Court Rules Committee and President of the Raymond E. Baldwin Inn of the American Inns of Court.

Her renomination was approved unanimously by the Judiciary Committee.

I move adoption and urge my colleagues to support.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Honorable Heller and certainly support her nomination.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Blumenthal, how about we start a second Consent Calendar.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, I think that's a great idea. I move that we open a Consent Calendar and that we place this reconstruction upon it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, Senate Joint 7.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 7, RESOLUTION  
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE KENNETH

L. SHLUGER OF WATERFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE  
SUPERIOR COURT. Favorable report of the Joint  
Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint  
Committee's favorable report and adoption of the  
resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question's on acceptance and adoption.

Representative.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, Judge Shluger has served the state  
since he was first appointed to the bench in 2004.  
He received by of his law degree and his  
undergraduate degree from the fair University of  
Connecticut. He currently serves in the Norwich,  
New London Judicial District as the Presiding Family  
Judge. He has served in a variety of judicial  
districts throughout our state. He has done so with  
skill and fairness.

He is currently serving on the Hartford Marathon Foundation of the Niantic Bay Yacht Club and the Niantic Bay Sailing Academy. He received unanimous support from the Judiciary Committee. And I urge my colleagues support his renomination.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Judge Shluger, certainly for all of the good reasons that the good Vice Chairman just articulated.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative McCarty of the 38th.

REP. MCCARTY (38TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I too, rise in support of Judge Shluger who is from Waterford. And I was very pleased to look through his resume to see that he does a lot of work with our youth and that he's a graduate of UConn. And

so, I do support him very much. And I hope the Chamber will join me. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolution be placed on a Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Let's hold off, I just -- another name just popped up.

Representative Cheeseman.

REP. CHEESEMAN (37TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my apologies --

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Sorry.

REP. CHEESEMAN (37TH):

-- for being a bit tardy. I, too, would like to rise in support of this nomination. As Representative McCarty said, Judge Shluger lives in Waterford, next door to me. I also know him well as a member of my Yacht Club community and a supporter

of the Children's Museum and I am proud to support his nomination. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Now, Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that this resolution be placed on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, Senate Joint 9.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 9, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF HONORABLE ELPEDIO N. VITALE OF MADISON TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question's on acceptance and adoption.

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, Judge Vitale serves currently on Part A of the Criminal Trial Docket in our New Haven Judicial District. He was first appointed to the bench in 2003 and has served the state ably since that time.

He received his law degree from Western New England College of Law and his undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut.

He has served on the Boards of the Public Defender Services Commission, the Sentence Review Division, the Criminal Jury Instructions Committee, Applications for Investigations into the Commission of Crimes in accordance to a variety of statutes.

For all these reasons, the Judiciary Committee approved his renomination unanimously and I urge my colleagues to support it as well.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the nominee before us.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am. Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolution be placed on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, Senate Joint 10.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 10, RESOLUTION  
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE LEELEND  
J. COLE-CHU OF SALEM TO BE STATE REFEREE. Favorable

report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on acceptance and adoption.

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Judge Cole-Chu is finishing his first term on the bench. He's a graduate of Harvard College and the University of San Francisco School of Law.

He has spent most of his time on the bench down in the Windham and New London Judicial Districts. I will say, Judge Cole-Chu probably is most known on the bench for writing lengthy and thorough decisions, which certainly those of us who practice appreciate in that his decisions are frequently

cited due to their explanations of black letter principles of law. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the nominee before us, certainly for all the good reasons that the good Chairman just articulated.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Cheeseman.

REP. CHEESEMAN (37TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And I, too, would like to support this nomination. I have known Judge Cole-Chu for a great many number of years. He served as the attorney for my husband, late husband's business. He's been a personal attorney. And I know him to be an upstanding individual, who embodies the qualities we would want in a judge, particularly wisdom and compassion.

So, I urge my fellow legislators to support this nomination. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am. Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move this item to the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, Senate Joint 11.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 11, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM HOLDEN OF BRIDGEPORT TO BE A STATE REFEREE. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. -- Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question's on acceptance and adoption.

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, Judge Holden has served this state ably since 1996, when he was first appointed to the state bench. He has done so particularly in our Bridgeport and Norwalk criminal courts.

He received his law degree from the Southern University School of Law at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and that degree was in history and government.

He has received the Living Legend Award from the City of Bridgeport and participates in a variety of boards, including the Bridgeport Library Board, the Bridgeport Caribe Youth League and the Juneteenth Board.

For all these reasons, the Judiciary Committee approved his renomination unanimously and I urge my colleagues to do so as well.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the nominee before us.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolution be placed on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered.

Senate Joint 12, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12, RESOLUTION  
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE EDWARD J.  
MULLARKEY OF ROCKY HILL TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on  
Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on acceptance and adoption.

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Judge Mullarkey has served the State of Connecticut on the bench since 1987. Before that he was a member of the Armed Forces.

He is a graduate of Trinity College and the Harvard Law School. He continues to be an asset to our Superior Court bench, given his years of experience and breath of -- breath of experience. And I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the nominee before us and certainly

concur with everything the good Chairman just articulated.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Mr. Speaker, I'd move this item to the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, Senate Joint 13.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 13, RESOLUTION  
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE KENNETH  
B. POVODATOR OF FAIRFIELD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.  
Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on  
Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question's on adoption and -- the question's on acceptance and adoption.

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Judge Povodator has served this state in the Stamford, Norwalk Division, in the Civil Division since 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Connecticut. And a LOM in tax from Quinnipiac University then the University of Bridgeport. He received his undergraduate degree from Syracuse, a master's from Yale.

He served his state ably, including on the Judicial Branch Education Committee and the Judicial Branch Civil Jury Instructions Committee.

I, in fact, have had the opportunity to try a case in front of him and was personally impressed with his fairness, skill and for all these reasons

the Judiciary Committee has approved his renomination unanimously.

I urge my colleagues to do so as well.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I support the nominee before us. Certainly, he's very professional and his expertise is an asset.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am. Representative Dubitsky.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I recently had the pleasure of trying a case before Judge Provodator and found him to be very fair and thorough. And my understanding is the litigants felt the same way. And I encourage my colleagues to support his renomination.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolution be placed on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. Clerk, Senate Joint 14.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 14, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MICHAEL R. SHELDON OF FARMINGTON TO BE A STATE REFEREE. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question's on acceptance and adoption.

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Judge Sheldon has ably served this state on its Appellate Court since 1991, when he was first appointed to the bench. He received his law degree from Yale Law School and his undergraduate degree from Princeton University.

He's received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Connecticut Law Tribune and also contributed to the Code of Evidence Oversight Committee.

The Judiciary Committee approved his renomination unanimously and I urge this body to do so as well.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the nominee before us.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Blumenthal.

REP. BLUMENTHAL (147TH):

Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolution be placed on the Consent Calendar.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, it's placed on the Consent Calendar.

Mr. Clerk, would you please call Consent Calendar No. 2. Representative Stafstrom.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 2, Senate Joint Resolution No. 5. Senate Joint Resolution 7. Senate Joint Resolution 9. Senate Joint Resolution 10. Senate Joint Resolution 11. Senate Joint Resolution 12. Senate Joint Resolution 13. Senate Joint Resolution 14.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Now, Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move adoption of Consent Calendar No. 2.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question's on the adoption of the items on Consent Calendar No. 2.

Staff and guests, please come to the well of the house. Members take your seats. The machine will be open.

[Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

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

And the Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 2,

Total number Voting	147
Necessary for Passage	74
Those voting Yea	147
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not Voting	4

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The items on the Consent Calendar are adopted on concurrence with the Senate. [Gavel]

Mr. Clerk, Senate Joint 4, please.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Recollection No. 4, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE PATRICK L. CARROLL, III OF SEYMOUR TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Stafstrom. Just a second.

[Gavel]

That's better. Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on acceptance and adoption.

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Judge Carroll was initially appointed to the bench in 1996. He's a graduate of Southern Connecticut State University and the University of New Hampshire School of Law.

Most of us in this building certainly know Judge Carroll as the long-time Chief Court Administrator or Head Administrator Judge of our state's Judicial branch. Prior to becoming Chief Court Administrator, he was the Deputy Chief Court Administrator.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Carroll certainly as in -- as in any policy-making role, we -- we in this building sometimes we don't always agree on every instance of policy. But I will say, Judge Carroll is always upfront. He's always honest. And he is always accessible, certainly to the leadership of the Judiciary Committee as we work through many of the thorny issues that intersect between the legislative role and the judicial branch's role. And for those reasons, I urge support for his nomination and move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Honorable Judge Carroll.

Certainly, you know, this is one of those individuals that has throughout the judicial branch system worn different hats and contributed in many different ways. And his professionalism and certainly his expertise certainly is something that continues to be an asset.

So, I certainly look forward to him continuing to serve. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Will you remark further on the resolution?

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Representative Gonzalez.

REP. GONZALEZ (3RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I rise in opposition of this -- this nomination. I -- I know

Judge Carroll many, many, many years. I think that I got elected in 1996 and that was the same time that he -- he was nominated for the job. But I -- I -- I learned more through the years, while I was involved in the Family Court system, then I learned more about Judge Carroll.

I know a lot of cases that families sent letters and complaint about their cases and the next thing that we knew was that it was a lot of retaliation.

When I start calling Judge Patrick and did -- and did explain a couple of cases, not expecting for him to get involved directly in those cases, but at least to look and to see how he was gonna be able to help and fix the system, the next thing that I heard was a lot of kids, they were removed. And a lot of parents they were calling me saying, please don't mention my name to Judge Carroll because everything was in a better situation until you been talking, trying to help. And the next thing that we heard; it was a lot of retaliation.

Also, I can say that I remember that meeting with Judge Carroll at the State Capitol and at the LOB building. And I did ask him a question. I asked him why, when these parents, they send you letters complaining and saying that their kids, they were sexually abused by the father. I said, you're not doing anything about it. He is turning -- he is turning the right eye together side, and you're not doing anything to fix the problem. And his response, and I was surprised what he said. Well, Representative, what do you want me to do? Who do I'm supposed to call? And when I heard that, I was surprised because being a judge since 1996, he know the process and he know what he's supposed to do.

I -- I -- I look at him and I said, I can't believe that you just said that. So, that means that people can complain left and right and you're not doing anything about it. You're not taking this complaint seriously.

So, at that time, Judge Solomon was there. And he turned around, he said, well, Representative, I think that he didn't mean it that way. And I said,

oh, so you defending him? And what do you mean when he didn't mean it that way? It was very clear when he said, I can't do anything about it. I can't complain. I can't call anybody. What do you want me to do?

So, knowing that this judge is in a good position to do changes, to fix the system, that was his reaction. No intention whatsoever to fix the system.

We have a problem with family court, and I know that some of us really don't believe that we had that kind of problem. But when we have a -- a -- a judge like Judge Carroll, publicly would say, no. We don't have that kind of problem. We should look into the system, but we don't have that kind of problem, but then behind doors, he's very clear that he said, I recognize Representative that we have a bad, bad problem with the family court.

But year after year complaining about the same things. And then we have Judge Carroll watching and listening and not doing anything.

So we need a judge like that? Do we need a person that really is ignoring all the problem that we have here in Connecticut?

I think that he's been getting paid to do the right thing. But on the opposite, he's not helping the system. He don't want to help the system. And I don't think that this judge is supposed to be reappointment again.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Will you remark further on the resolution? If not, staff and guests, please come to the well of the house. Members take your seats. The machine will be open.

[Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

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

And the Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution 4, in concurrence with the Senate,

Total number Voting	147
Necessary for Passage	74
Those voting Yea	146
Those voting Nay	1
Those absent and not Voting	4

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The resolution is adopted in concurrence with the Senate. [Gavel]

Mr. Clerk, Senate Joint 6.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 6, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE SYBIL V. RICHARDS OF ORANGE TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question's on acceptance and adoption.

Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Judge Richards was initially appointed to the bench in November of 2011. She is an undergrad at Suny Albany and attended law school at the Brooklyn Law School.

Her current assignments are in the New Haven Superior Court, Civil Division.

Mr. Speaker, I will note for the record that during the committee process we did receive some testimony that on occasion, Judge Richards has been a little tardy in issuing decisions. We did discuss that with her at the public hearing and was assured

that she is receiving extra help in calendaring and working through her docket load. And with those assurances, and also the support she's receiving from the judicial branch, I do urge that we move this forward and move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the nominee before for all the good reasons that the good Chairman just articulated.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Will you remark further on the resolution?  
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[Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

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:

Senate Joint Resolution 6, in concurrence with the Senate,

Total number Voting	147
Necessary for Passage	74
Those voting Yea	146
Those voting Nay	1
Those absent and not Voting	4

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The resolution is adopted in concurrence with the Senate. [Gavel]

Mr. Clerk, Senate Joint 8.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MARK H.

TAYLOR OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE  
SUPERIOR COURT. Favorable report of the Joint  
Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Representative Luxenberg.

REP. LUXENBERG (12TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Due to a potential  
conflict of interest, I recuse.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Currently the House will stand at ease, while  
Representative Luxenberg exits the Chamber.

The House will come back to order.

Representative Stafstrom, what's your pleasure?

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I  
appreciate the Chamber's indulgence. I believe  
we've -- we're coming to our last reconfirmation for  
today.

So, with that, I will move acceptance of the  
Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of  
the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The question is on acceptance and adoption.  
Representative Stafstrom.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Judge Taylor was initially appointed to the bench in 2003. He is a graduate of Drew University and the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Has served in many leading posts within our civil court system throughout his tenure, most notably as presiding judge for civil matters in Waterbury and also as the administrative judge for some period of time in the Waterbury Judicial District.

He currently is handling civil matters in the Hartford Judicial District, is an asset to our bench. And I move adoption of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Rebimbas, just a second, Representative. [Gavel]

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Honorable Mark Taylor. He certainly is a professional and someone that's looked upon greatly on behalf of his colleagues and all of the individuals who appear before him.

So, he certainly is an asset to our bench, and I rise in strong support.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Representative Cummings of the 74th.

REP. CUMMINGS (74TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Honorable Mark Taylor. As a practitioner in Waterbury, I have often seen how he treats pro se people coming before him, especially in delicate matters like foreclosure. And he's always handled the court with poise and kindness.

So, I do encourage my colleagues to vote in support. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, ma'am.

Will you remark further on the resolution? If not, staff and guests, please come to the well of the House. Members take your seats. The machine will be open.

[Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

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And the Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8, in concurrence with the Senate,

Total number Voting	145
Necessary for Passage	73
Those voting Yea	145
Those voting Nay	0

Those absent and not Voting 6

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

The resolution is adopted in concurrence with  
the Senate. [Gavel]

Announcements, Representative Linehan.

REP. LINEHAN (103RD):

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Proceed.

REP. LINEHAN (103RD):

The Committee on Children will be having a  
Committee meeting tomorrow, February 27th, at 11:30  
a.m. to [Inaudible -02:59:13] have some really great  
bills. And I hope the entire committee will be  
there. Thank you, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

General rejoicing. Thank you, Representative.  
Representative Betts.

REP. BETTS (78TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the purpose of  
journal notations, I'd just like to note that

Representative Piscopo is out of state on  
legislative business.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir.

Representative Reyes.

REP. REYES (75TH):

Mr. Speaker, for purpose of journal notation,  
Representative Wood, Gibson, Rose, Allie-Brennan,  
Arconti and McGee, business in district. Thank you,  
Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Thank you, sir.

Are there any other announcements?

Representative Betts.

REP. BETTS (78TH):

Thank you, I misspoke. It was Representative  
Perillo that's out of state --

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Uh-huh.

REP. BETTS (78TH):

-- on legislative business. Representative  
Piscopo seems to be --

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

That's what I think.

REP. BETTS (78TH):

-- very healthy.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Because he voted every time. I -- I hope we  
don't get -- don't --

REP. BETTS (78TH):

Thank you very much, sir, I'll get -- I'll get  
an appointment with my eye doctor.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

They look so much alike. I understand.

And there being no further business for today,  
Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, there being no further  
business on the Clerk's desk, I move that we adjourn  
subject to the Call of the Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE GODFREY (110TH):

Without objection, the House stands adjourned,  
subject to the Call of the Chair. [Gavel]

(On motion of Representative Currey of the  
11th District, the House adjourned at 3:00  
o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the  
Chair.)

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