

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

The Senate was called to order at 12:56 o'clock p.m., the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Will the Senate please come to order? Members and guests, if you would please rise and direct your attention to our very distinguished Guest Chaplain, Cary S. Shaw who lead us in prayer.

CARY S. SHAW:

Senators and Staff, I want to thank you all for your dedication to service for the people of Connecticut.

May we regard all people as if they were family members that we care about. May we have a mind that reasons, a tongue for truth, an eye for beauty, a heart that loves, and empathy that serves and understands. May we encourage learning. May we safeguard freedom.

May we seek peace, teach love, care for the earth, and use power wisely. May we use our minds to comprehend the world around us, and to apply the fruits of this knowledge to better our lives and the

lives of others. May we be true to our conscience, yet may we allow others to be true to theirs and in doing so, may we prevent harm and suffering. May we respect cultural differences and reap the benefits of diversity.

May we have neither malice nor envy but a true kindness and a noble common sense and at the close of each day may we come together and find contentment and peace.

THE CHAIR:

Amen. Thank you so much, sir. And I'd like to invite our two very distinguished leaders, our Presidents, Senator Looney and Senator Fasano to please come forward and they will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SENATORS LOONEY (11TH) and FASANO (34TH):

[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.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Thank you, both. So thank you both for leading us in the Pledge, Senators Looney and Fasano. Mr. Clerk, would there be any business on your desk?

CLERK:

(Inaudible - 00:21:52).

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

The clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda No. 1, dated Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move all items on Senate Agenda No. 1 dated Wednesday, February 26, 2020 to be acted upon as indicated and that the agenda be incorporated by a reference into the Senate Journal and the Senate transcript.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing no objection, so ordered, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Just for a moment of personal privilege please.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to thank Cary Shaw from the Humanist and Free Thinkers of Fairfield County for coming up and leading us today in our opening prayer and remarks. Cary and many of the folks who are in the gallery today, I see them regularly at the Silver Star Diner at some of their meetings and appreciate the fact that they came up and want to be part of our process and they do testify on some bills from time to time as well. Very engaged group of people and I appreciate them being here and if the Senate can actually give a warm welcome to our visitors in the gallery from that group I would appreciate it. Thank you.
(Applause)

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On our calendar, I would like to mark on Calendar page 1, Calendar 1 a go. Calendar 2 go. On Calendar page 2, Calendar 3 go, Calendar 4 go, Calendar 5 go, Calendar 6, go, Calendar 8 go.

On Calendar page 3, Calendar 9 go, Calendar 10 go, Calendar 11 go, Calendar 12 go. And on Calendar page 4, Calendar 7 go, Calendar 13 go and Calendar 14 go. And, Madam President, if we can go in that order please. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing no objections, so ordered Senator Duff.
And, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar No. 1, Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE PATRICK L. CARROLL, III OF SEYMOUR TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield, good afternoon.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Patrick L. Carroll who is currently the chief court administrator. He served in that position from 2013 forward. Prior to that he was the deputy chief court administrator from 2007 forward.

He is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, formerly the Franklin Pierce Law center. He is also

a graduate of Southern Connecticut State University right here in Connecticut. He comes to us no a unanimous vote of the judiciary committee and I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel, good afternoon to you, sir.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Good afternoon, Madam President, great to see you there this afternoon. I would like to associate myself with the remarks of Senator Winfield and can only say praises for Judge Carroll.

In my opinion, and I have been lucky enough to serve the folks in north central Connecticut here in our state Senate for the last 28 years that Judge Carroll has been the very best chief court administrator that we have been blessed to have.

He is completely involved in the day to day operations of the judicial branch. If anything ever comes up, he is extremely responsive, whether it was difficulties in past years regarding the foreclosure docket, or something gladly not as tragic as it could have seen but the recent shooting at the Bridgeport courthouse. He is completely on top to it. He was there within a few hours speaking to the staff, reassuring them and letting them know that the Judicial Marshalls are extraordinarily well trained to respond to activities that may post a threat to other employees or to the public at large.

I know through working with Judge Carroll over the years that he is incredibly concerned about making sure that the courthouses are open to the public, that everybody has equal access to justice in the state of Connecticut but then when they do avail themselves of that right here in the state of Connecticut, that they are in safe environment and I know that he will continue to be a champion for those causes.

So I am tremendously honored to be able to support Judge Carroll's renomination and look forward to working with him on a variety of issues in the months ahead. Thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further?
Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President I would like to echo the words of Senator Winfield and Senator Kissel. I think that Judge Carroll has done a fantastic job with the, not only just with the Judicial Branch but also with the Legislative Branch.

He has always had open communications; he has talked to both sides of the aisle. He has got input, I'm sure taking care of the herds of judges he take care of is not an easy task, but he does it well and he does it with class, he does it with style.

And the thing is as we all know about this building, to get something done it's about respect, reputation, honesty, understanding and just being able to trust somebody. And all of those qualities is what Judge Carroll brings to this position. So I obviously am in favor and look forward the passage. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Will you remark further? Good afternoon, Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Echoing the remarks of Senator Kissel and Senator Winfield earlier, his responsiveness to not one but two Bridgeport crises that occurred is remarkable. That's a leadership that we need in the state of Connecticut when there, when in charge to be in charge, to be responsive.

He was on the ground the very next day addressing the concerns of safety that exist in our courthouse. He is very responsive when it comes to the needs of attorneys who practice, as much as judges who are on the bench, as much as legislators. I think going above and beyond what maybe might be his official role or his official capacity so it's an honor to be in favor of this and I hope that our great Senate reappoints him.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator Bradley. Will you remark further? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Than you, Madam President, and good afternoon.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Speaking in support of the reconfirmation of Judge Carroll, he is as previous speakers have said has been an extraordinary chief court administrator since his appointment first as deputy in 2007 and then in 2013 as the chief court administrator.

He is problem solver. He is someone who does not take a bureaucratic approach to his position but takes a responsive problem solving approach. He will always act in good faith to try to find a way, a reasonable way, a practical way, a helpful way to deal with situations that come to his attention.

He is exactly the kind of person who need in that position: responsive, hardworking, dedicated to the Judicial Branch but even more so, dedicated to the state of Connecticut and also wanting to assure that the reputation of the Judicial Branch is sterling in our state and that people have confidence in our processes.

He served with distinction for 11 years as a trial judge since his first appointment as a Superior Court judge in 1996. So he is coming up upon 24 years, three full eight year terms. For those first

11 years he had a distinguished record in that capacity and then now for the last 13 years first as deputy and then as chief court administrator. So we are very, very fortunate to have him in that position.

As I said earlier, he is someone who communicates well with everyone and we certainly look forward to having him continue. I think his retirement date is coming up too soon. He has probably got about four years left and I certainly, I know we will benefit from his service as long as he is willing to serve. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I ask that it be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, Senator Winfield.
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar No. 2, Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE DONNA NELSON HELLER OF RIVERSIDE TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield. Oh, pardon me. Senator Bergstein. Good afternoon.

SENATOR BERGSTEIN (36TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I respectfully recuse myself from this vote.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. So noted. And, Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark further?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. This is Judge Donna Nelson Heller who comes to us from the Judiciary Committee with a vote of 34 yay and 1 abstaining.

The judge sits in the family court in the Stanford Norwalk division. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and also of

Bryn Mawr College. She was first appointed in 2012 and I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I wish to be associated with remarks of Senator Winfield. As was stated Judge Heller serves on the family side. It's difficult to get good judges, not that the folks that serve on family aren't good, but quite often, they run into controversies. That was not the case with this particular renomination and I urge my colleagues to support her as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Madam President, when a vote is taken I would ask that it be taken by roll.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. And we will take that vote by roll. If there are no further comments on that nomination, Mr. Clerk, kindly call the vote please.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted? If so, the machine will be locked and Mr. Clerk, kindly announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 5 Consent Calendar.

Total number voting	33
Those voting Yea	33
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

Excuse me. Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 3, 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.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Sybil V. Richards. She sits in the New Haven Superior Court. She was appointed to the bench in 2011. She is a graduate of Solney (phonetic), Albany and the Brooklyn Law School.

She comes to us from the Judiciary Committee on a vote of 34 to -- I'm sorry, I didn't do the formalities. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption, Senator.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Continuing where I left off, she comes to us on a vote of 34 to 1 from the Judiciary Committee and I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on the resolution that is before us? Senator Kissel?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield and urge my colleagues to support this nominee as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further? Will you remark further on the resolution before us? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH): Madam President, if there is no objection, I'd ask this be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections so ordered Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 4. Senator joint resolution No. 7. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE KENNETH L. SHLUGER OF WATERFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yeah, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the adoption of the resolution

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. The question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. The Honorable Kenneth L. Shluger comes to us from the Judiciary Committee with a unanimous vote. Judge Shluger sits currently in Norwich, New London, as a presiding family judge.

He was appointed in 2004. He is a graduate of the UConn School of Law and is also a graduate of UConn with a bachelor's of arts. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Than you, Senator. Will you remark further?
Senator Kissel?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you, very much, Madam President. I'd like to be associated with remarks of Senator Winfield and would urge my colleagues to support this candidate's nomination. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir will you remark further? Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

I too stand in support of this nominee who's served our community for a long time in a distinguished career and I urge adoption. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection I'd ask that this be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 5, 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.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Mark H. Taylor who comes to us through the Judiciary Committee on a vote of 34 to 0.

He sits in a Hartford judicial district, was first appointed to the bench in 2003. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of law and also a graduate of Drew University. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield. Support this candidates nomination and I also would point out that I have been lucky and blessed enough

to represent the good folks of north central Connecticut long enough that I remember Judge Taylors previous life as a member of the Senate Democrat staff, I believe as their counsel before his initial nomination to the bench. Thank you very much, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on the resolution? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Judge Mark Taylor has been a very distinguished Superior Court judge for the last 16 years since his first appointment. He is as we all of us, those of us who know him, to be thoughtful, scholarly, really a model of judicial temperament, and also someone who has an exquisite instinct for the law and for the nuances of law of which we were the great beneficiaries here in the Senate for many years when he was our counsel, in fact our chief counsel for many years before his appointment to the bench.

He is someone who really is a conscientious public servant in so many ways. He appreciates the power invested in him in his position as a judge. Never takes that lightly. Regards every case as an important trust for him to put his best effort into and that's exactly watch we wanted in all of our judges.

And he really views his role both when he was counsel here and as a judge as true vocation that

demands the best of him at every time and inspires all those around him to also be serious minded and committed to the process and with also a great sense of being privileged to have the role that he has. So again, we are very fortunate to have Mark Taylor continuing to serve as a Superior Court judge and I celebrate his reappointment. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator Looney. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection I'd ask this be placed on consent as well.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. And I would just like to say it is nice to see Judge Taylor doing so well on the bench and look forward to seeing his renomination. Senate -- Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 6, Senate Joint Resolution No. 9, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ELPEDIO N. VITALE OF MADISON TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark further?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale. The -- Judge Vitale comes to us through a unanimous vote out of the Judiciary Committee.

The Judge serves in a New Haven judicial district. Was first appointed in 2003, is a graduate of the Western New England College of School of Law and also a graduate of the University of Connecticut with a bachelor's of art. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield and support this candidate's renomination to the bench. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the resolution, Judge Vitale also has had a very distinguished career for his first two full eight year terms on the bench. Again, thoughtful, hardworking.

For the 18 years prior to his appointment as a Superior Court judge, he was a prosecutor and assistant state's attorney in New Haven, handled many major criminal cases during that time, especially in his later years there when he was one of the senior prosecutors in that office.

Came to the bench very experienced in criminal law and as someone who has a very distinguished career, as one of a leading lights in terms of knowledge of the criminal process in his tenure on the bench and he is also been in a position to mentor others who come to the judiciary with less experience in the criminal law than he has had. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you Senator Looney. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Madam President, if there is no objection, I'd ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar No. 8, Senate Joint Resolution No. 10. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE LEELAND J. COLE-CHU OF SALEM TO BE STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Leeland Jerome Cole-Chu who comes to us with a vote of 37 to 0 out of the judiciary committee.

The judge sits in the Wyndham judicial district in the civil division, was appointed to the bench in 2012. He also is a graduate of the University of San Francisco School of Law and is a graduate of Harvard College. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield in support of Judge Cole-Chu's re-nomination to the bench and I urge my colleagues to also vote in favor of this nominee. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I would like also to stand in support of his nominee. Judge Cole-Chu has served the community in many capacities over the years and is more than capable to serve the state of Connecticut going forward in this and I certainly urge adoption of my friend. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on the resolution before us? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. If there I no objection id ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 3, Calendar No. 9, Senator joint resolution No. 11. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM HOLDEN OF BRIDGEPORT TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further, sir?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Madam President, before us is the Honorable William Holden to be a state referee. The Honorable William Holden

currently is assigned to Bridgeport. Was first assigned to the bench in 1996, is a graduate of the Southern University School of Law, that's out of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and is a graduate also of the University of Arkansas. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd again like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield in support of the renomination of this individual to serve the great people of the state of Connecticut and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this nomination as well.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

Judge Holden exemplifies exactly what we need when we look to nominate judges. And I would encourage our great governor and I would encourage the Judicial Branch as they always have to look for people like Judge Holden. He's a Bridgeport guy who when someone comes into his courtroom, not only does he have discernment but he knows who is who and what is what. And with people like that on the bench, we really get a sense of justice and we really get a

sense of equity as people are kind of being processed.

And I have always said that often times people won't come into this great chamber or won't come into the Capitol building but they will go into a court room in some capacity, be it civil or criminally and to have people on the bench who understand people, who know the people goes a long way to make sure that we ensure justice in our great country and our great states. And that's why I'm in favor of this appointment. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further?
Senator Moore. Good afternoon.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Good afternoon, thank you. I rise in support of Judge Holden as a referee. I have known him for, oh my gosh, probably most of my life and everything I know about him is a man of the community, fair and honest and good. A good parent and a good husband and in Bridgeport, we need heroes.

And for us he has been a hero. I believe -- I was surprised when he told me he was at the mandatory age that they had to be no longer be a judge but I think he will be an excellent referee and I stand in support of him.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator. Will you remark further on the resolution? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you again, Madam President, and the comments of the two Senators from Bridgeport is reflexive of the conversation we had in the Judiciary Committee and for those reasons, if there is no objection I'd ask this placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 3, Calendar No. 10, Senate Joint Resolution No. 12. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE EDWARD J. MULLARKEY OF ROCKY HILL TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. And the question is indeed on adoption of the resolution. Will you remark further, sir?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you. Before us is the Honorable Edward J. Mullarkey. He comes to us on a vote of 37 to 0 out of the Judiciary Committee, currently assigned to New Britton, first appointed to the bench in 1987.

The Honorable Edward J. Mullarkey is a graduate of the Harvard school of -- Law School and also a graduate of Trinity College. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further on this resolution? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Again, I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield and stand in strong support of Judge Mullarkey becoming a trial, a state referee and would urge my colleagues here in the circle to vote in favor of him as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Than you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the resolution regarding Judge Mullarkey. Judge

Mullarkey has as the chairman, Senator Winfield, pointed out has served the Connecticut Judiciary since 1986. He was quite young when he was first appointed to the bench in his very early 40's after a significant experience as an assistant state's attorney for a number of years then at what was then GA No. 8 in West Haven where I encountered him back in my early years practicing law.

And he was someone who was very scholarly even then, somebody with a wonderful sense of the both the letter of the law and the implications of the law. He also was someone who had a really an unerring instinct for the difference between those who are predatory criminals and those who are just immature individuals with poor impulse control and clearly knew the difference between the two, continued that during his many years as an active judge.

He is still quite active as a referee and he is someone who is, whose vast experience, especially the criminal law is something that benefits the Judiciary by still having him ready, able and willing to serve. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Will you remark further?
Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 3, Calendar No. 11, Senate Joint Resolution No. 13, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE KENNETH B. POVODATOR OF FAIRFIELD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the honorable Kenneth B. Povadator and he comes to us out of the Judiciary Committee with a vote of 37 to 0, currently assigned to Stanford and Stanford Norwalk.

Was first appointed to the bench in 2012, is a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law, also a graduate of Syracuse University and Yale University. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Again, I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield. I stand in support of this nominee. I urge my colleagues to support his nominee as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Madam President. If there is no objection I asked this place on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page three, Calendar No. 12. Senate Joint Resolution No. 14. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MICHAEL R. SHELDON OF FARMINGTON TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. The Honorable Michael R. Sheldon comes to us through the Judiciary Committee with a favorable vote. Is currently assigned to the appellate court, was first appointed to the bench in 1991, is a graduate of the Yale School of Law and also a graduate of Princeton. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark?
Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Again, I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield, stand in strong support of Judge Sheldon to become a state referee.

Currently I believe he is on the appellate court handling a variety of matters. I have known him personally for a number of years, found him to be an outstanding and affable jurist and urge my colleagues here in the circle to support him as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Than you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further?
Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank, you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the resolution, Judge Sheldon has had a very distinguished career on the bench and for many years as a Superior Court judge and then capping off his career on the appellate court. He is of course highly scholarly both as a trial court judge and then of course bringing that scholarship to bear for a number of years on the appellate court.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a professor and clinical professor at the University of Connecticut School of Law where he operated the clinical, clinic there or the criminal clinic where many UConn law students had the opportunity to learn in a hands on way about the practice of criminal law and advocacy for clients under the tutelage and guidance a mentorship of then Professor Sheldon.

And as we said, he is now active as a referee and his continued service is something I think that we should all celebrate because he is a man of great gifts. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, so much, Senator Looney. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection I'd ask this item b placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 4, Calendar No. 7, SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5,
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE
HONORABLE OWEN EAGAN OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE
REAPPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
COMMISSION.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Good afternoon, Madam President. Pursuant to Senate rule or rule 15, I will be recusing myself from consideration of this nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kelly. Senator Duff, and that will be reflected, sir. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committees favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, this is a reappointment. Owen Eagan serves as a member but also chosen as the chair. He commented in the hearing that he has truly enjoyed his time on the commission and thought that he added quite a lot to the hearing that day.

He is a firm -- a partner in the firm of Owen, Donahue, and Vandyke and he is a probate judge in West Hartford and he serves on many boards and commissions in town. I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? If not, Mr. Clerk, kindly call the roll.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

No, no, no. I'm sorry, I'm sorry, Madam President.
Just put him on consent please if there is no
objection.

THE CHAIR:

There was a recusal.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Oh, a recusal, I apologize.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. No problems. Mr. Clerk?

CLERK:

Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the
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roll call vote in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators
voted? The machine will be locked. Mr. Clerk,
kindly announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Resolution No. 5.

Total number voting	33
Total voting Yea	33
Total voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

And the measure is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 4, Calendar No. 13, Senate Joint Resolution No. 16, RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBERT J. KANE OF WATERTOWN AN AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move adoption of -- I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Rob Kane is somebody who is familiar to this circle, has served as a state Senator for many years. He is already our Republican auditor of public accounts.

We have a fine tradition in this state of having our two auditors, one Democratic and one Republican.

Senator Kane has worked very diligently over the last few years in his new role. I know that he thoroughly enjoys it and he talks about it very openly about really how great it is and all the good work that he gets to do. So, Madam President, I would urge my colleagues to support the resolution. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I want to echo the comments by Senator Duff and as some of you may recall, Bob Ward was the auditor and I believe that Rob Kane took over that position so we ended that term of Bob Ward and this would be his new term going forward.

I think him and John Geragosian have done an excellent job at the auditor's position, one they get along so well and number two, they've been very visible in this building. They've changed some things to make their message get out I think to the legislature in a very meaningful way.

They're accessible. They work together, they work across the aisles. So I would say that this has been a team that has really worked well together and

I look forward to it going forward. Thank you,
Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Will you remark further
on the resolution? Will you remark further on the
resolution? Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no
objection might this be placed on our Consent
Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 4, Calendar No. 14, Senate Joint Resolution No.
17, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF GRANT
W. WESTERSON OF OLD SAYBROOK TO BE REAPPOINTED A
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT
PORT AUTHORITY.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move
adoption of the -- I move acceptance of the joint
favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. And indeed the question is on adoption of the resolution. Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, this is a reappointment for Mr. Westerson of Old Saybrook to be a member of the Board of Directors of Connecticut Port Authority. He is a graduate of UConn and Quinnipiac.

He has a 56 year career in leadership of state, regional and national recreational marine industry groups. He worked in yacht sales and service, a harbor master, marine surveyor and consultant and we believe he is infinitely qualified to take on this role.

He has -- he was a great witness for us in the committee, gave great testimony on the Port Authority and a number of other subjects and how it affects our economy in the state and I would urge my colleagues to support the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on the resolution before us? Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of this nomination. Mr. Westerson has been a long time fixture in southeastern Connecticut on the maritime community and has done a wonderful job in small business and taking that knowledge and passion and representing it on the Connecticut Port Authority as a voice of the smaller business.

And so I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of Mr. Westerson and he really stood apart from a lot of the indiscretion that had happened on that committee over the period of time so I think he deserves reappointment, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on the resolution? Will you remark further on the resolution? Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is objection, might this item be placed on the Consent Calendar please.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I believe that this concludes our calendar for now while we wait for the House to send up their items so if we could have a vote on the Consent Calendar please.

THE CHAIR:

Yes. Please, Mr. Clerk, if you would please call all the items that will appear on the consent Calendar.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call --

THE CHAIR:

And we will call the roll as well.

CLERK:

Immediate --

THE CHAIR:

You have to call the items, sir.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 1, page 1. Senate Joint Resolution No. 4. Page 2, Calendar 3, Senate Joint Resolution No. 6. Page 2, Calendar No. 4, Senate Joint Resolution No. 7. Page 2, Calendar No. 5, Senate Joint Resolution No. 8. Page 2, Calendar 6, Senate Joint Resolution No. 9. Page 2, Calendar 8, Senate Joint Resolution No. 10.

Page 3, Calendar 9, Senate Joint Resolution No. 11.
Page 3, Calendar 10, Senate Joint Resolution 12.
Page 3, Calendar 11, Senate Joint Resolution No. 13.

Page 3, Senate Joint resolution No. 12, I'm sorry,
Calendar 12, Senate Joint Resolution 14.

Page 4, Calendar 13, Senate Joint Resolution No. 16
and page 4, Calendar 14, Senate Joint Resolution No.
17.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I think we are going to
cancel this vote. What we are going to do is we are
going to vote on another Consent Calendar but I'd
like to remove from our Consent Calendar on Calendar
page 4, Calendar No. 13, Senator Joint Resolution
No. 16.

And if the clerk can -- if we can actually have a roll call on that and then we will have a roll call on our Consent Calendar after that.

THE CHAIR:

And for the edification of the chamber, we are removing from the Consent Calendar the nomination of Mr. Kane as auditor and that will be voted on separately. Mr. Clerk.

So we will cancel the vote and Mr. Clerk will now call the roll of all the items that will be on the new Consent Calendar. No? Pardon me.

We will start with Senator Duff and we will consider the nomination of Mr. Kane as auditor. Mr. Clerk. Mr. -- yes.

Mr. Clerk, kindly call the item, the resolution and the roll call vote, sir.

CLERK:

Page 4, Calendar No. 13, Senate Joint Resolution No. 16. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBERT J. KANE OF WATERTOWN AN AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted? If so, the machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, kindly announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 16.

Total number voting	34
Total voting Yea	31
Total voting Nay	3
Absent and not voting	2

THE CHAIR:

And the resolution is adopted. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If the clerk can now call the items on Consent Calendar 1 again and we will vote on that.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar 1, Senate Joint Resolution No. 4.
Page 2, Calendar 3, Senate Joint Resolution No. 6.
Page 2, Calendar 4, Resolution No. 7. Page 2,
Calendar 5, Senate Joint Resolution No. 8. Page 2,

Calendar 6, Senate Joint Resolution No. 9. Page 2,
calendar 8, Senate Joint Resolution No. 10.

Page 3, Calendar 9, Senate Joint Resolution No. 11.
Page 3, Calendar 10, Senate Joint Resolution No. 12.
Page 3, Calendar 11, Senate Joint Resolution No. 13.
Page 3, Calendar 12, Senate Joint resolution 14 and
page 4, calendar 14, Senate Joint resolution No. 17.

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call vote in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators
voted? The machine will be locked. Mr. Clerk,
kindly announce the tally.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 1.

Total number voting	34
Total voting Yea	34

Total voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	2

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Consent Calendar is adopted. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move for immediate transmittal all items that need to be acted upon by the House.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing no objection, so ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I would ask that we stand at ease while we get the other House items (inaudible - 01:24:33). Stand at ease please.

THE CHAIR:

And the Senate will stand at ease.

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel) Will the Senate please come to order?
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, is the Clerk in possession of Senate Agenda No. 2?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk?

CLERK:

The Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda No. 2 dated Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move all items on the Senate Agenda No. 2 dated Wednesday, February 26, 2020 to be acted upon as indicated and that the agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and the Senate transcript.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing no objection, so ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to mark the items on Senate agenda No. 2.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President, for our go list. House Joint Resolution No. 2. House Joint Resolution No. 3, House Joint Resolution No. 4, House Joint Resolution No. 5, House Joint Resolution No. 6, House Joint Resolution No. 7, House Joint Resolution No. 8, House Joint Resolution No. 9, House Joint Resolution No. 10.

And on page 2, House Joint Resolution No. 11, House Joint Resolution No. 12, House Joint Resolution No. 13, House Joint Resolution No. 14, House Joint Resolution No. 15, House Joint Resolution No. 16 and House Joint Resolution No. 17. And if the Clerk could call in that order please.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 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.

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable John F. Blawie coming to us out of the Judiciary Committee, a vote of 35 to 0, currently serving in judicial district of Stanford and Norwalk.

First appointed to the bench in 2004, a graduate of the University of Connecticut Law School and also a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross. I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. And I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield. Urge support of this candidate by my colleagues in the circle. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Will you remark further on this resolution? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I would ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Senate Agenda No. 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.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable reporting and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the honorable Anna M. Ficeto. She is coming to us out of the Judiciary Committee with a vote of 35 to 0.

Currently assigned to the Waterbury judicial district. First appointed to the bench in 2013, Judge Ficeto is a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law and Mount Holy Oak College and I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield in support of Judge Ficeto and urge my colleagues here in the Senate circle to have supportive of this nomination as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I would ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Senate agenda No. 2, 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.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Madam President. If -- I would like to pass this item temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Page 1, Senate Agenda No. 2, House Joint Resolution No. 5, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SOLINE M. OSLENA, ESQUIRE, OF OAKDALE TO BE A WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption of the resolution. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Madam President. Soline M. Oslena is coming before the Judiciary Committee, had a favorable interaction with the Judiciary Committee and was serving in a temporary appointment and has a vote of 35 to 0 coming out of the Judiciary Committee and I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield and urge support for this nominee to be workers compensation commissioner. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Madam President, if there is no objection I'd ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Senate Agenda No. 2, House Joint Resolution No. 6, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE DAN SHABAN OF MIDDLEBURY TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move the acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Madam President. The honorable Dan Shaban comes to us out of the Judiciary Committee with a favorable vote. Is currently assigned as an assistant administrative judge to the judicial district of Litchfield, was first appointed to the

bench in 2004. He is a graduate of the law school at Ohio State University and also a graduate of the undergraduate school there. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield in support of the candidate, Judge Shaban. I urge my colleagues around the circle to support this nominee as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY (15TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And I rise in support also of Judge Shaban. He has served with distinction and honors us on the bench. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Senate Agenda No. 2, House Joint Resolution No. 7. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE HILLARY B. STRACKBEIN OF GUILFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on the adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the honorable Hillary B. Strackbein currently assigned as administrative judge and a presiding judge for, in New London County.

Was first appointed to the bench in an interim capacity in 2003, began a full term in 2004, is a graduate of Crayton University Law School and a graduate of the University of Connecticut as an undergrad. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Again, I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield in support of this nominee and urge my colleagues around the Senate circle to be supportive of this nominee as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Thank you, sir, will you remark further? Senator Winfield?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Madam President, if there is no objection I'd ask this item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Senate Agenda No. 2, 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.

THE CHAIR:

Senate Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. Pursuant to Senate rule 15, I will be recusing myself from consideration of this nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, that will be so noted, sir. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

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

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. The question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Ye, Madam President. The Honorable Theodore R. Tyma comes to us through the Judiciary Committee with a vote, with a unanimous vote. Currently assigned to

the Fairfield judicial district, first appointed to the bench in 2004, the Honorable Judge Tyma is a graduate of the Suffolk University Law School and also a graduate of the Fairfield University. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Would you remark?
Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield in support of the nominee, Judge Tyma. I would urge my colleagues around the Senate circle to be supportive of this nominee as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Madam President, if there is no objection, I'd ask this be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

We did have a request for --

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Oh.

THE CHAIR:

-- a recusal --

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

That's right, I'm sorry.

THE CHAIR:

-- Senator Winfield and so with that, if there is no other remarks, will you remark further? Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Than you, Madam President. Could we stand at ease for a moment?

THE CHAIR:

Senate will stand at ease.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I'm just going to PT this item till later.

THE CHAIR:

So noted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Senate Agenda No. 2, House Joint Resolution No. 9. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD E. ARNOLD OF ORANGE TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Judiciary Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Richard E. Arnold who comes to us out of a unanimous vote in the Judiciary Committee.

Currently assigned to civil matters in the Fairfield judicial district, first appointed to the bench in 1996. The Honorable Richard E. Arnold is a graduate of the New England School of Law and also a graduate of the University of Connecticut. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much Madam President. I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield in support of Judge Arnold.

It's also been brought to the Committees attention that he is battling an illness and we wish him the very best in his courageous battle in fighting that illness. And also during the public hearing it was brought to our attention that he had strong support from the House Minority Leader who spoke very highly of him and I would urge my colleagues around the Senate circle to support Judge Arnold. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Madam President. If there is no objection I'd ask that we place it on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Senate agenda No. 2, House Joint Resolution No. 10. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE EDWARD J. DOLAN OF BRANFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. Madam President, I'm going to PT that item and move on to the next item.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Senate Agenda 2, House Joint Resolution No. 11. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MICHAEL HARTMERE OF MILFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you. Madam President, before us is the Honorable Michael Hartmere who comes to us on a vote of 37 to 0 out of the Judiciary Committee.

Currently serving in the judicial district of Fairfield, the Honorable Michael Hartmere was first appointed to the bench in 1987, is a graduate of the New England School of Law and also a graduate of Bishop's University. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I again would like to be associated with the remarks made by Senator Winfield in favor of the Honorable Richard Hartmere to be a state referee. I would urge my colleagues around the Senate circle to be supportive of this nominee as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask this be placed on consent as well.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. On House Joint Resolution No. 12, if we can PT that item and move to the next item please.

THE CHAIR:

So noted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House -- page 2, Senate Agenda No. 2. House Joint Resolution No. 13, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE A. SUSAN PECK OF CHESTER TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Susan Peck who is a judge in the Hartford Superior Court. First appointed to the bench in 1996, is a graduate of the University of Connecticut Law School and also a graduate of the University of Massachusetts. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I would like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield in support of Judge Beck. I urge my colleagues here in the Senate circle to be supportive of this nomination as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask this item to be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Senate Agenda No. 2. House Joint Resolution No. 14. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE THELMA A. SANTOS OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. And the question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Thelma A. Santos who comes to us on a vote of 37 to 0 out of the Judiciary Committee. Currently serves in the -- in Hartford, was appointed to the bench in 1988. Is a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law and also a graduate of Mount Holy Oak College. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark?
Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I stand to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield in support of the Honorable Thelma Santos to be a state referee. I would urge my colleagues around the Senate circle to be supportive of this nominee as well. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further?
Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Madam President, if there is no objection, I'd ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Senate Agenda No. 2. House Joint Resolution No. 15, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ELLIOT N. SOLOMON OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Before us is the honorable Elliot N. Solomon currently assigned to the Hartford Mediation Center. First appointed to the bench in 1996 as a graduate of Temple University School of Law and also Gettysburg College. I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield in support of the Honorable Judge Solomon. Urge my colleagues in the Senate circle to be supportive of this nominee as well. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Senate Agenda No. 2, 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.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report in adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, many of us know Will Blanchette who has been a fixture here at the state capitol for a number of years. He has been serving as a member of the, of this body since September.

He holds a degree from Eastern Connecticut State University, he is from the U.S. Air Force and his master from UConn. He spent his career in law enforcement, the Air Force National Guard, criminal justice and for the state of Connecticut, that's how many of us know him.

His latest position was the liaison for the Department of Criminal Justice, Chief States Attorney's Office. Madam President, I urge adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

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

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you for the courtesy. I stand in support of Mr. Blanchett. He has served our state in many capacities for a long, long time and would be a perfect voice to add to this particular post and I urge my colleagues to support. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN (19TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, I stand in strong support of Mr. Blanchett. He is one of the finest people that we could ever have and all the work that he has done for the state of Connecticut in his whole career is bar none excellent.

And I can't say enough good things about what he does, not only for his local community but for the state at large and I urge all my colleagues to support Mr. Blanchett.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further on the nomination that is before the chamber? Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, might hit item be placed on a consent calendar please.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Senate Agenda No. 2, 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.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of this Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Would you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President this is a part time, unpaid position. It is a four year term and is the only appointment that is made to the Port Authority by the governor. The others are made by legislators.

Many of us know David Korris from his time as deputy commissioner of DECD, where he was until January. He worked for the State Department of Housing, and the city of Bridgeport in economic development. He is also a lecturer at Yale. He has a masters of -- from University of Pennsylvania in city and regional planning and again many of us know him from his time over at DECD.

And those of us in Fairfield County have known him for a long time as a bright and helpful and smart person who I think will add a good voice to the Connecticut Port Authority. Somebody who is very pragmatic and one who I think will take on the job as he said in his hearing and lead the authority into a direction that will benefit the residents of the state for many years to come.

And also with an understanding that his acknowledgment that the ports of Connecticut, all the ports are important, large ports obviously but also the smaller ports and the economic impact that they have to our economy as a state and as communities in general.

So, Madam President, I would urge my colleagues to support this nominee and support the resolution. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further?
Senator Formica.

SENATOR FORMICA (20TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon. I stand in support of this nomination. Mr. Korris is a bright and capable young man who has worked awful hard. He came in the later stages of the problems that were occurring at the Connecticut Port Authority and he was able to manage a very difficult transition and move the Authority forward in a way that I thought was beneficial.

There still are a number of problems that need to be resolved there and but I think that Mr. Korris is deserving of reappointment and I stand in approval of this particular nomination. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further?
Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I voted no on Mr. Korris in Exec Noms and I plan on voting no here today in the circle and I wanted to state my reasons for doing so.

Madam President, there was an historic contract that was signed and I understand the importance of ports in Connecticut. But as we all know, that the Port Authority has had its share of issues that have risen to a level of concern in this legislature as well as in the press and although I don't blame Mr. Korris for those issues.

But there was a contract put together, and it's an extraordinarily complicated contract. And when asked if we could find out about the contract the night before it was going to be signed, we had a conference call which folks from both sides of the aisle and all the chambers could participate, leadership, staff, et cetera. And I participated in that phone call and the details were not forthwith.

And you can't ask questions unless you see a contract. Now, look. I understand that these negotiations need to be kept private. But there is precedent in this building to bring in leaders and tell them what a deal is. The attorney general brings us in when they settle a lawsuit and leaders keep it confidential.

Governor Malloy when he did the Sakorski (phonetic) deal brought us in a few days before, explained the whole deal to us, had us take time. And trust that we would keep it between us as leaders and even chairs and ranking members until such time as the document is signed so you could ask questions.

This was a complicated deal with a lot of money. And it's good for the district. And I appreciate those folks who support the deal. In concept I support the deal.

But there's an element of transparency you must have when you commit the state of Connecticut to a deal like this. Because the questions I would ask, is the private investment between Orstadt (phonetic) and Eversource is capped. The state investment is not capped. Arguably.

Now one could argue maybe, but I would argue there is a certain point in time when you make an investment and more money has to go in and the private folks say I'm done that the state is either going to lose the private people and the money they put in or they got to put in more money. We should know what those qualifiers are.

We should know where is that level going to be? Are we going to be part of it? I think those are reasonable questions to ask. And as leaders, I think we are obligated to ask those questions.

But when you keep it in the dark, and there might be, I might add, there might be reasonable answers to that but when you're kept in the dark, and not able to read agreement of this magnitude, there are concerns. What's the harm in telling us the day before? What are we going to do? Kill the deal?

The second part that raises a question, we are transferring a major asset. In our statute, if the transfer of property is greater than 10 acres by DOT, there is an environmental impact that has to be done. There is a notice to the public. There is an opportunity for the state of Connecticut folks to weigh in and there is an analysis done.

I can't tell you that this is greater than 10 acres or less than 10 acres. Why? Because although I've asked, I haven't received a map of what they're transferring. What are they transferring? Two acres, three acres? It's gotta be at least 10 acres, I don't think they're just doing the port.

So that provision that requires transparency to the public has completely been overlooked at. And we as a legislature don't know if that contract violates the statute because we don't know if it's greater than 10 acres.

Not to get too in the weeds as lawyers, you can't just transfer property. You have to have a meets and bounds description so you know what you're

transferring. That's what I asked for. We don't have that. And are we violating the law?

These are questions that should be answered. And Mr. Korris put this deal together. And in fact, when we asked some questions, we asked some left stuff with OPM and arguably Dave Korris to get back to us and there has been radio silence. Because they don't need us. The deal is done.

Respect for us as legislators. Respect for us as leaders who have got to defend this. And believe me, this is going to be a topic that's talked about for a variety of reasons because nothing in construction goes smooth. That's just the way life is.

But we should know what we are walking into. And Mr. Korris who led the deal should have the respect for our institution and our body to explain what the deal is. Some of our ranking members, and I can't speak about the chairs, and they may be in the same boat, I just don't know, were part of the negotiations and then all of a sudden nothing. Not a word for three weeks leading up the deal.

They were an integral part of getting it through early on. Republicans and Democrats and I congratulate them because that's a good thing for that district. But what's bad is someone who is in charge felt the requirement, felt it was necessary to keep the deal quiet although tax payers and all of us have a responsibility to the state.

So, Madam President, I know as the nomination for this position is going to be met with a favorable

majority. I understand that. But I think I want to have a message sent that folks in this position should respect our body, should respect the fact that leaders of Republican and Democrat side can meet about a project, talk about it and keep it embargoed as we use the word around this Capitol until such time as its been released.

No one wants to undermine anybody in this building. And by the way, this project should not be undermined. But we have to let people know that we stand for something, we are here for a reason. Just respect that. So that's the reason why I'll be voting no, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Fasano. Will you remark further on this nomination? Will you remark further? Senator Leone.

SENATOR LEONE (27TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of this nomination to say a few words bout David Korris and his background as to why he would be a good re-nomination for the Connecticut Port Authority as a board member.

David Korris has a long history of public service. He is a local elected official, has been a local elected official in Stanford so he has done his public service locally. He has had numerous positions.

He is the deputy director of the DECD agency serving under director, under Commissioner Lehman and he was asked while the Connecticut Port Authority was going through some difficult changes, of which our Transportation Committee had two public forums to ask questions of all the members, and it quickly became a situation where the current members were a little bit in over their heads with not enough services, not enough funding and the issues became bigger than what they were able to deal with.

The governor asked David Korris to become an acting member and an official member to oversee the Port Authority and has subsequently in my purview done a decent and a commendable job given the circumstances.

In our two forums, every time we asked members that came before our committee they're all answers, I mean, all questions were answered professionally with the information available at the time.

And in our second subsequent forum, the information that was presented is that a lot of the corrective measures had been put in place and now it needs time for those measures to actually take effect.

Now, since then, David Korris then accepted a new position in the city of Stanford as downtown services director and so my assumption is that he was going to be leaving but he was holding on to help with the transition.

Low and behold, it seems fit from the governor's perspective to ask him to be re-nominated because he does have some expertise there. So I think from

everything that he was tasked with, and the difficult circumstances that he was thrust into, and based on the answers that were given to us in the Committee from my perspective, there wasn't anything there that would not warrant his re-nomination.

So it's with that that I think he would be a good fit for the Port Authority until such time new members are appointed because of that history, because of that knowledge. And at the same time, this is in a quasi-agency under the Executive Branch that has full time ownership.

We as a legislature are part time and as much as we would like to know the daily workings of every agency, we just can't be able to do that. But that's why we are here then to exist as Committee members to ask those questions when the time is necessary to do so, of which we have done and we continue to do so.

So we already have some issues that are ongoing to deal with the Port Authority. They will be handled I believe in a respectful and professional manner and I look forward to having those questions answered by David Korris upon his re-nomination. So it's with that I would offer my support. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Leone. Will you remark further on this nomination? Will you remark further?
Senator Needleman.

SENATOR NEEDLEMAN (33RD):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of this nomination. Former Deputy Commissioner Korris did a fabulous job trying to work out of some of the problems of that, of the Port Authority and his willingness to continue to serve is a real gift to the state in my opinion.

We need his expertise; we need his experience and his steady hand helping guide us to where we need to go with the Port Authority. So thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Needleman. Will you remark further on this nomination? Will you remark further? If not, Mr. Clerk, would you kindly call the roll and the machine will be opened.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate, House Joint Resolution No. 17. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on House Joint Resolution No. 17. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate. Immediate roll vote in the Senate on House Joint Resolution No. 17.

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THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted? The machine will be locked. Mr. Clerk, kindly announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 17.

Total number voting	34
Those voting Yea	28
Those voting Nay	6
Absent and not voting	2

THE CHAIR:

Measure is adopted. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if we can go back to the items previously marked PT'd, House Joint Resolution No. 4, House Joint Resolution No. 10 and House Joint Resolution No. 12 please.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Senate Agenda No. 2. 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.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committees favorable report of passage of the, and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Frank A. Iannotti, who comes to us with the unanimous vote out of the Judiciary Committee, currently assigned to the judicial district of Waterbury.

The Honorable Frank A. Iannotti was first appointed to the bench in 1996. He is a graduate of the University of Baltimore Law School and is a graduate of Boston University. I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield. Also stand in support of Frank Iannotti to continue to be a judge of the Superior Court and urge my colleagues around the circle to support his re-nomination. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further?
Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the resolution, Judge Iannotti has now completed 24 years, three full eight year terms as a Superior Court judge.

He like Judge Mullarkey, at one time the two of them together were prosecutors at the old GA8 in West Haven. Like Judge Mullarkey or then assistant state's attorney Mullarkey.

He was someone who had a great understanding of the difference between someone who was a serious criminal and a calculated criminal as supposed to somebody whose problems were primarily from lack of maturity and lack of judgment, lack of impulse control.

As the vernacular at the time he said, you know, as a prosecutor he would say you have to know the difference between a bad guy and a mope. And he actually, he knew that difference and it's been the same thing in his years as a judge as well.

He is also an excellent pre-trial judge helping to bring parties together, helping to find common ground, helping to motivate settlements, resolutions and is somebody who really has been one of the great workhorses of the judicial system and we are fortunate to have his continued service. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Will you remark further?
Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Can we stand at ease for a moment?

THE CHAIR:

Senate will stand at ease.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bradley.

SENATOR BRADLEY (23RD):

I'm learning about all the rules and the process here in the circle so I want to apologize to our President Pro Tempe and I tried to stand up to get the Madam President's attention so I apologize that I didn't pop up sooner.

But I would be remiss if I did not have an opportunity to speak about Judge Iannotti. I have seen his fairness and I just, I always harp on people who I have kind of first hand encounters with to see people who understand that what you deal with in criminal court are human lives. Who understand the difference between a bad person and the person who has made a mistake, a person who has that degree of discretion and a person who really, genuinely during a pretrial conference hears both sides and looks at the facts and doesn't simply just go with what one position is or another.

That degree of fairness, that understanding of what it is to be a human being, that understanding of what it is that we are dealing with when we are in criminal court, which is the freedom that we have as human beings, to take that serious, and to hear argument and to really give out something that's fair, it's something which Judge Iannotti exemplifies.

And I said during our judicial proceedings that men like him are the reason why monuments are built or people like him are the reason why monuments are built. People laughed and a lot of people in the courtroom said wow, that's a heck of a compliment to say about somebody. I meant every word of that.

Because to be a leader, to wear that robe, it's not just simply to be called your honor and feel fancy, its understanding that you really, really, really have to preside over justice and give justice to the people and Judge Iannotti does that on a daily basis.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Bradley. Will you remark further on the nomination that is before us? Will you remark further? If not -- ah, Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection I'd ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Senate Agenda No. 2, 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.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Madam President, we are --

THE CHAIR: Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. That, I had not called that, we will call that after because we had a

recusal on that one and we will do that vote at the end. So if the ones we are on the three PT's that I had announced prior.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk please do proceed to the next PT'd item.

CLERK:

Page 1, Senate Agenda No. 2, House Joint Resolution No. 10, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE EDWARD J. DOLAN OF BRANFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and option of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Judge Dolan who comes to us on a vote of 37 to 0 out of the Judiciary Committee currently serving in the New Britain Superior Court.

First appointed to the bench in the year of 2004, a graduate of the University of Connecticut Law School and also a graduate of Boston College. I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Will you remark further?
Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield in support of this nominee and urge my colleagues around the Senate circle to be supportive as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark?
Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Judge Dolan is someone who has had a distinguished career in the law in the state of Connecticut both as a Superior Court judge and also prior to that as an attorney who was one of the leading lights of the family court bar in the state.

Beyond that, Madam President, he has one an extraordinary amount of charitable service work in the community, especially in helping to promote programs for young people, for students at Wilbur

Cross High School in New haven in particular, and has promoted activities to benefit the young people in terms of trips, in terms of preparing them for, you know, for college, in terms of finding ways to raise funds for programs for low income students. He really has been an extraordinary public citizen as well as an outstanding judge. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Will you remark further?
Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, Madam President, if there is no objection I ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Senate Agenda No. 2. House Joint Resolution No. 12, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE BURTON A. KAPLAN OF EASTON TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

And the question is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. And before us is the honorable Burton A. Kaplan who comes to us with a vote of 37 to 0 coming out of the Judiciary Committee.

Currently assigned to the Superior Court for juvenile matters in New Haven, the Honorable Burton A. Kaplan was first appointed to the bench in 1996 as a graduate of the Brooklyn School of Law, Brooklyn Law School and is a graduate also of the University of Connecticut where he received the bachelors of Science. I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Will you remark? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like to be associated with the remarks of Senator Winfield in favor of this nominee and urge my colleagues here in the Senate circle to support this nomination as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further?
Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the resolution, Judge Kaplan like Judge Iannotti and Judge Mullarkey were prosecutors in the greater New Haven area prior to their appointments at the bench. Judge Kaplan has served with distinction for 24 years. Also, in his years as a judge, he has shown a great judgment and commitment to the office he holds.

And prior to that as a prosecutor, he was someone who was both extremely well organized in managing the office in the caseload also like Judge Mullarkey and Judge Iannotti, clearly understood the difference between those who were dangerous to society and those who were their own worst enemies in terms of being flawed human beings. And he has brought that understanding of human nature to his career on the bench as well and would urge his reappointed. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Will you remark further this nomination that is before us? Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection I'd ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if we can just return to House Joint Resolution No. 8 that we had PT'd, I believe the debate was over but we had a recusal so I will yield to, I'll ask the Clerk to call that back up again and we can go to a roll call vote if just for a reminder of the chamber, Senator Kelly had recused himself on that vote.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 1, Senate Agenda No. 2. 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.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I believe the debate is over, unless anybody else wanted to have any other comments. If not, if we could just go to a roll call vote please.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing that there is no other comment, I will open the machines and, Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on House Joint Resolution No. 8. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on House Joint Resolution No. 8. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate, House Joint Resolution No. 8. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate, House Joint Resolution No. 8. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators voted? The machine will be locked. Mr. Clerk, kindly announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 8.

Total number voting	33
Those voting Yea	33
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

And the measure is adopted. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And for our final piece of business today, we just need to vote on the Consent Calendar and if the clerk would call the items on the Consent Calendar please.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 2, House Joint Resolution No. -- this is from Senate Agenda No. 2. House Joint Resolution 2, House Joint Resolution 3, House Joint Resolution 5, House Joint Resolution 6, House Joint Resolution 7, House Joint Resolution 9, House Joint Resolution 11, House Joint Resolution 13, House Joint Resolution 14, House Joint Resolution 15, House Joint Resolution 16, House Joint Resolution 4, House Joint Resolution No. 10 and House Joint Resolution No. 12.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you Mr. Clerk. If you would kindly call the roll and the machine will be opened.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 2. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 2. Immediate roll call vote has been

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Calendar No. 2.

THE CHAIR:

Have all the Senators voted? Have all the Senators
voted? The machine will be locked. Mr. Clerk,
please call the tally.

CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 2.

Total number voting	34
Those voting Yea	34
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	2

THE CHAIR:

And the consent calendar is adopted. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. That concludes our
business for today but before we leave, I just want
to make a journal notation for Senator McCrory.

He lost his dad the other day. They were very close and obviously this is a very difficult time for him and his family and we certainly want to send our thoughts and prayers to the entire McCrory family and let them know that we are thinking of them and I was hoping that we would have a moment of silence in recognition of his father and his family during this difficult time.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff, and we will observe a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Senator McCrory's father. (pause) Thank you all. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. I would now at this point yield to any points of personal privilege or announcements?

THE CHAIR:

Are there any points of personal privilege or announcement? Apparently there are no privileges to be taken at the moment. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And, Madam President, with that I move that we adjourn subject to the call of the chair.

THE CHAIR:

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Thank you so much. We are adjourned. Go forth and govern.

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 3:41 p.m. adjourned subject to the call of the chair.