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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The below list reflects bills that have been introduced before the Connecticut General Assembly and are being tracked by the Connecticut AFL-CIO. These bills will have an impact on working men and women around the state and we will keep you advised as to their progress through the legislative process. Any questions, please do not hesitate to call or visit www.ctaflcio.org.

Fraternally, **John W. Olsen, Pres.** **Lori Pelletier, Secretary-Treasurer**

HOUSE BILLS

H.B. No. 5033 REP. MAZUREK, 80th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING APPRENTICE TO JOURNEYMAN RATIOS FOR PLUMBERS', to authorize a licensed plumbing contractor to employ one apprentice for each journeyman employed by the contractor. - 02/01/07 PUBLIC HEARING 0215 02/01/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/15

H.B. No. 5063 REP. SERRA, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSETS UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACT', to allow unemployed individuals to collect full unemployment compensation benefits while receiving Social Security pension benefits. - 01/03/07 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB

H.B. No. 5064 REP. WITKOS, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS NOT ENTITLED TO LAWFUL RESIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES', to amend the existing fine for employers who employ illegal aliens. - 01/03/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 1/11/07 RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER PUBLIC HEARING 02/16/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/20 2/22/07 COMBINED INTO SB-931

H.B. No. 5067 REP. MILLER, 122nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES AND PERMANENT PAID FIREFIGHTERS', to prohibit municipal firefighter contracts from barring permanent paid firefighters from serving as volunteer firefighters in other municipalities. - 01/03/07 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD

H.B. No. 5080 REP. SERRA, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AND MUNICIPAL POLICE QUALIFICATIONS', to expand the minimum qualifications of police officers in order to develop a more diverse and broad-based local and state police force. - 01/03/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Public Safety and Security Committee 1/18/07 RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER PUBLIC HEARING 01/26/07 PUBLIC HEARING 01/30

H.B. No. 5116 REP. WITKOS, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATION TIME FOR TEACHERS' CONTRACTS', to allow an additional three months of negotiations on teachers' contracts before mandatory arbitration. - 01/04/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Education Committee

H.B. No. 5131 REP. MILLER, 122nd DIST.; REP. HARKINS, 120th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCOME TAX ON PENSIONS', to eliminate the income tax on pensions. - 01/04/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

H.B. No. 5153 REP. HAMZY, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN MILITARY SPOUSES', to provide unemployment compensation benefits to individuals who leave their jobs to accompany a relocated military spouse. - 01/04/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 01/11/07 RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER PUBLIC HEARING 02/16/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/20 02/22/07 COMBINED INTO HB-6680

H.B. No. 5156 REP. BELDEN, 113th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE THRESHOLD FOR APPLICATION OF THE PREVAILING WAGE TO MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS', to increase the prevailing wage threshold for municipal public works projects. 01/04/07 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB

H.B. No. 5157 REP. BELDEN, 113th DIST. 'AN ACT SUSPENDING THE PREVAILING WAGE FOR MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS', to provide towns with relief from application of the state prevailing wage during a three-year period beginning July 1, 2007. 01/04/07 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB

H.B. No. 5158 REP. WILLIAMS, 68th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF LABOR ORGANIZATION DUES FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES', to prohibit labor organizations from using membership dues for political purposes without the consent of the members. 01/04/07 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB

H.B. No. 5175 REP. WITKOS, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FACTORS CONSIDERED BY AN ARBITRATION PANEL IN MUNICIPAL BINDING ARBITRATION', to require arbitrators to disregard municipal fund balances in calculating a town's ability to pay during binding arbitration. 01/04/07 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD

H.B. No. 5323 REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT JOBS', to retain jobs in Connecticut. - 01/11/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Commerce Committee 01/23/07 CHANGE OF REFERENCE Government Administration and Elections Committee 01/24/07 CHANGE OF REFERENCE, HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON Government Administration and Elections Committee 01/24/07 CHANGE OF REFERENCE, SENATE TO COMMITTEE ON Government Administration and Elections Committee

H.B. No. 5543 REP. BARTLETT, 2nd DIST.; REP. HURLBURT, 53rd DIST.; REP. RITTER, 38th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST. 'AN ACT ENSURING FUNDS FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE FOR ALL CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS', to establish a trust account with the State Treasurer to ensure funding for universal health insurance for all Connecticut residents and quality health care for such residents. - 01/17/07 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP

H.B. No. 5545 REP. TABORSKAK, 109th DIST.; REP. GODFREY, 110th DIST.; REP. BARTLETT, 2nd DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING FUNDING FOR THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND FROM GENERAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES', to require

funding for the teachers' retirement system to be treated as debt and exempt from the state spending cap. - 01/17/07
REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP

H.B. No. 5694 REP. MALONE, 47th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HAZARDOUS DUTY ASSIGNMENTS AND THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION WORKERS', to clarify both the assignment of hazardous duty and the calculation of retirement credit for Department of Correction workers. - 01/17/07
REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 02/08/07 RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER
PUBLIC HEARING 02/16/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/20

H.B. No. 5697 REP. CHRIST, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL TREATMENT DECISIONS OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONERS', to ensure that workers' compensation claimants get prompt medical treatment. - 01/26/07 PUBLIC HEARING 01/30

H.B. No. 5699 REP. PANARONI, 102nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED PAY RATES FOR HOME HEALTH AIDES', to ensure that home health aides receive adequate compensation for the health care services which they provide. - 01/17/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 01/18/07 RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER PUBLIC HEARING 02/16/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/20

H.B. No. 5703 REP. URBAN, 43rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SURVIVING SPOUSES OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND', to benefit the surviving spouse if a member of the Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund dies before retiring. - 01/17/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 01/18/07 RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER PUBLIC HEARING 02/16/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/20 02/22/07 VOTE TO DRAFT

H.B. No. 6074 REP. OLSON, 46th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 38th DIST.; REP. O'BRIEN, 24th DIST.; REP. LEWIS, 8th DIST.; REP. NARDELLO, 89th DIST.; REP. WILLIS, 64th DIST.; REP. ZALASKI, 81st DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. FONTANA, 87th DIST.; REP. URBAN, 43rd DIST.; REP. PERONE, 137th DIST.; REP. FLEISCHMANN, 18th DIST.; REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST.; REP. PAWELKIEWICZ, 49th DIST.; REP. GERAGOSIAN, 25th DIST.; REP. MCCLUSKEY, 20th DIST.; REP. MERRILL, 54th DIST.; REP. NAFIS, 27th DIST.; REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST.; REP. MALONE, 47th DIST.; REP. TALLARITA, 58th DIST.; REP. GODFREY, 110th DIST.; REP. THOMPSON, 13th DIST.; REP. O'ROURKE, 32nd DIST.; REP. GONZALEZ, 3rd DIST.; REP. LAWLOR, 99th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. MEGNA, 97th DIST.; REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST.; REP. GENGA, 10th DIST.; REP. BYE, 19th DIST.; REP. KEHOE, 31st DIST.; REP. VILLANO, 91st DIST.; REP. FAWCETT, 133rd DIST.; REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST.; REP. REINOSO, 130th DIST.; REP. WRIGHT, 41st DIST.; REP. HEINRICH, 101st DIST.; REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; REP. HENNESSY, 127th DIST.; REP. HURLBURT, 53rd DIST.; REP. ALDARONDO, 75th DIST.; REP. HEWETT, 39th DIST.; REP. CLEMONS, 124th DIST.; REP. MCMAHON, 15th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN', to establish a state health pool to ensure quality, affordable healthcare for all Connecticut residents. - 01/18/07 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB

H.B. No. 6144 REP. FLEISCHMANN, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON STATE SPENDING', to reduce long-term growth of state expenditures and promote policies that will increase the efficiency and efficacy of state programs. - 01/19/07 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP

H.B. No. 6239 REP. FLEISCHMANN, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO REVIEW STATE TAX EXPENDITURES', to promote economic efficiency in the state tax code, eliminate wasteful tax loopholes and establish proper oversight of state tax breaks. - 01/19/07 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN

H.B. No. 6281 REP. BARTLETT, 2nd DIST.; REP. HURLBURT, 53rd DIST.; REP. RITTER, 38th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. MORRIS, 140th DIST. 'AN ACT ENSURING FUNDS FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE FOR ALL CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS', to establish a trust account with the State Treasurer to ensure funding for universal health insurance for all Connecticut residents and quality health care for such residents. - 02/02/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/08 02/22/07 NO ACTION

H.B. No. 6304 REP. GREEN, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING SESSIONAL AND INTERIM CLERKS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES PERMANENT EMPLOYEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY', to provide for greater expertise and continuity of the service provided by clerks to General Assembly committees. - 02/06/07 CHG. REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APP

H.B. No. 6333 REP. OLSON, 46th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 38th DIST.; REP. O'BRIEN, 24th DIST.; REP. LEWIS, 8th DIST.; REP. NARDELLO, 89th DIST.; REP. WILLIS, 64th DIST.; REP. ZALASKI, 81st DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. FONTANA, 87th DIST.; REP. URBAN, 43rd DIST.; REP. PERONE, 137th DIST.; REP. FLEISCHMANN, 18th DIST.; REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST.; REP. PAWELKIEWICZ, 49th DIST.; REP. GERAGOSIAN, 25th DIST.; REP. MCCLUSKEY, 20th DIST.; REP. MERRILL, 54th DIST.; REP. NAFIS, 27th DIST.; REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST.; REP. MALONE, 47th DIST.; REP. TALLARITA, 58th DIST.; REP. GODFREY, 110th DIST.; REP. THOMPSON, 13th DIST.; REP. O'ROURKE, 32nd DIST.; REP. GONZALEZ, 3rd DIST.; REP. LAWLOR, 99th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. MEGNA, 97th DIST.; REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST.; REP. GENGA, 10th DIST.; REP. BYE, 19th DIST.; REP. KEHOE, 31st DIST.; REP. VILLANO, 91st DIST.; REP. FAWCETT, 133rd DIST.; REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST.; REP. REINOSO, 130th DIST.; REP. WRIGHT, 41st DIST.; REP. HEINRICH, 101st DIST.; REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; REP. HENNESSY, 127th DIST.; REP. HURLBURT, 53rd DIST.; REP. ALDARONDO, 75th DIST.; REP. HEWETT, 39th DIST.; REP. CLEMONS, 124th DIST.; REP. MCMAHON, 15th DIST.; REP. AYALA, 128th DIST.; REP. CARUSO, 126th DIST.; REP. HAMM, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN', to establish a state health pool to ensure quality, affordable healthcare for all Connecticut residents. - 02/08/07 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing 02/16/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/20

H.B. No. 6338 REP. AMANN, 118th DIST.; REP. DARGAN, 115th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED FUNDING FOR FIRE SERVICE TRAINING', to provide sufficient funds so that fire service personnel may receive training to become certified at no charge to municipalities and fire departments. - 01/19/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Public Safety and Security Committee 01/25/07 RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER PUBLIC HEARING 01/26/07 PUBLIC HEARING 01/30 02/08/07 VOTE TO DRAFT 02/13/07 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE 02/14/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Public Safety and Security Committee

H.B. No. 6652 REP. O'CONNOR, 35th DIST.; REP. CHRIST, 11th DIST.; REP. HEINRICH, 101st DIST.; REP. SCHOFIELD, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING HEALTH CARE INSURANCE MORE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS', to make health care insurance more affordable and accessible to Connecticut residents. - 01/30/07 Vote to Draft 02/26/07 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE 02/27/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Insurance and Real Estate Committee

H.B. No. 6655 REP. CARUSO, 126th DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE FOR CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS', to make health care available for all residents of the state. - 02/02/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/08 02/22/07 NO ACTION

H.B. No. 6661 REP. DONOVAN, 84th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE INSURANCE IN CONNECTICUT', to establish universal health care insurance in Connecticut in accordance with the five principles to guide reform set forth by the Institute of Medicine. - 02/02/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/08 02/22/07 NO ACTION

H.B. No. 6678 REP. MCCLUSKEY, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH CARE FOR CONNECTICUT WORKERS', to increase the availability of health care for all public and private sector employees. - 01/22/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 01/23/07 RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER PUBLIC HEARING 02/16/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/20 02/22/07 VOTE TO DRAFT

H.B. No. 6693 REP. OLSON, 46th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 38th DIST.; REP. O'BRIEN, 24th DIST.; REP. LEWIS, 8th DIST.; REP. NARDELLO, 89th DIST.; REP. WILLIS, 64th DIST.; REP. ZALASKI, 81st DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. FONTANA, 87th DIST.; REP. PERONE, 137th DIST.; REP. FLEISCHMANN, 18th DIST.; REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST.; REP. PAWELKIEWICZ, 49th DIST.; REP. GERAGOSIAN, 25th DIST.; REP. MCCLUSKEY, 20th DIST.; REP. MERRILL, 54th DIST.; REP. NAFIS, 27th DIST.; REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST.; REP. URBAN, 43rd DIST.; REP. MALONE, 47th DIST.; REP. TALLARITA, 58th DIST.; REP. GODFREY, 110th DIST.; REP. THOMPSON, 13th DIST.; REP. O'ROURKE, 32nd DIST.; REP. GONZALEZ, 3rd DIST.; REP. LAWLOR, 99th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. MEGNA, 97th DIST.; REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST.; REP. GENGA, 10th DIST.; REP. BYE, 19th DIST.; REP. KEHOE, 31st DIST.; REP. VILLANO, 91st DIST.; REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST.; REP. REINOSO, 130th DIST.; REP. WRIGHT, 41st DIST.; REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; REP. HENNESSY, 127th DIST.; REP. MCMAHON, 15th DIST.; REP. ALDARONDO, 75th DIST.; REP. HEWETT, 39th DIST.; REP. CLEMONS, 124th DIST.; REP. AYALA, 128th DIST.; REP. CARUSO, 126th DIST.; REP. HAMM, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CREATION OF A STATE HEALTH CARE PLAN', to create a state health care plan to provide quality, affordable health care coverage to all Connecticut residents. 02/02/07 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing 02/21/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/26

H.B. No. 6881 REP. O'ROURKE, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RESTRICTED MAILING REGISTRY', to allow consumers to join a "no-junk mail registry" to reduce unwanted mail solicitations and waste. - 01/24/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON General Law Committee

H.B. No. 6967 REP. FREY, 111th DIST. 'AN ACT EXTENDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE TO PUBLIC SAFETY WORKERS INJURED DURING OFF-DUTY EMERGENCIES', to permit police officers, firefighters and emergency services personnel to collect workers' compensation for injuries sustained while responding to off-duty emergencies. - 01/25/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 02/08/07 RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER PUBLIC HEARING 02/16/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/20

H.B. No. 6989 LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NONCOMPETE AGREEMENTS', to prohibit an employer from requiring an employee to sign a noncompete agreement preventing an employee from working in the same or similar job in the same location. - 01/29/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 02/16/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/20

H.B. No. 7035 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ERGONOMICS AND WORKPLACE SAFETY', to require each employer, through its health and safety committee or existing health and safety program, to develop a written ergonomics policy for the workplace. - 02/01/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 02/23/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/27

H.B. No. 7036 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE STANDARD WAGE CONTRACT THRESHOLD', to eliminate the contract threshold for payment of the standard wage by providers of services under certain state contracts. - 02/01/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 02/23/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/27

H.B. No. 7264 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT GRANTING GRADUATE ASSISTANTS AT STATE UNIVERSITIES THE RIGHT TO BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY', to grant graduate assistants at state universities the same right as state employees have to bargain collectively. - 02/22/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 02/23/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/27

SENATE BILLS

S.B. No. 1 SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. HANDLEY, 4th DIST.; SEN. COLAPIETRO, 31st DIST.; SEN. COLEMAN, 2nd DIST.; SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST.; SEN. DAILY, 33rd DIST.; SEN. DEFRONZO, 6th DIST.; SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. FINCH, 22nd DIST.; SEN. FONFARA, 1st DIST.; SEN. GAFFEY, 13th DIST.; SEN. GOMES, 23rd DIST.; SEN. HARP, 10th DIST.; SEN. HARRIS, 5th DIST.; SEN. HARTLEY, 15th DIST.; SEN. LEBEAU, 3rd DIST.; SEN. MAYNARD, 18th DIST.; SEN. MCDONALD, 27th DIST.; SEN. MEYER, 12th DIST.; SEN. PRAGUE, 19th DIST.; SEN. SLOSSBERG, 14th DIST.; SEN. STILLMAN, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HEALTH CARE', to ensure that all Connecticut residents have access to affordable, quality health care. - 01/26/07 PUBLIC HEARING 01/31

S.B. No. 2 SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST.; SEN. COLAPIETRO, 31st DIST.; SEN. COLEMAN, 2nd DIST.; SEN. DAILY, 33rd DIST.; SEN. DEFRONZO, 6th DIST.; SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. FINCH, 22nd DIST.; SEN. FONFARA, 1st DIST.; SEN. GAFFEY, 13th DIST.; SEN. GOMES, 23rd DIST.; SEN. HANDLEY, 4th DIST.; SEN. HARP, 10th DIST.; SEN. HARRIS, 5th DIST.; SEN. HARTLEY, 15th DIST.; SEN. LEBEAU, 3rd DIST.; SEN. MAYNARD, 18th DIST.; SEN. MCDONALD, 27th DIST.; SEN. MEYER, 12th DIST.; SEN. PRAGUE, 19th DIST.; SEN. SLOSSBERG, 14th DIST.; SEN. STILLMAN, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE INSURANCE REFORM', to maximize the benefits of Connecticut's reinsurance program. - 02/02/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/08 02/22/07 NO ACTION

S.B. No. 32 SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT ON THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX', to reduce the property tax burden for individuals. - 01/03/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

S.B. No. 41 SEN. DEFRONZO, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAN CONTRACTING STANDARDS', to establish uniform standards for contracting by state agencies. - 01/03/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Government Administration and Elections Committee 01/29/07 VOTE TO DRAFT 02/13/07 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE 02/14/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Government Administration and Elections Committee 02/16/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/21

S.B. No. 43 SEN. PRAGUE, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVOCATION OF STATE PENSIONS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES CONVICTED OF CRIMES RELATING TO STATE SERVICE', to prohibit state employees who are convicted of crimes relating to their state service from continuing to receive state pension payments. - 01/31/07 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GAE

S.B. No. 45 SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING ACCOUNT', to allow Connecticut to maintain economic competitiveness. 01/26/07 PUBLIC HEARING 01/30

S.B. No. 47 SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHORTAGE OF NURSES', to address the state's nursing shortage. 01/03/07 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HED

S.B. No. 70 SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NUTMEG HEALTH PARTNERSHIP INSURANCE PLAN', to increase access to health care. - 02/02/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/08 02/15/07 VOTE TO DRAFT

S.B. No. 72 SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN', to increase access to health insurance for individuals and small businesses. - 02/02/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/08 02/22/07 NO ACTION

S.B. No. 78 SEN. PRAGUE, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES COMMITTING CRIMES ASSOCIATED WITH EMPLOYMENT', to penalize a state employee who commits a crime related to his or her state employment. - 01/29/07 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB

S.B. No. 105 SEN. DELUCA, 32nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; SEN. CALIGIURI, 16th DIST.; SEN. CAPIELLO, 24th DIST.; SEN. DEBICELLA, 21st DIST.; SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST.; SEN. FREEDMAN, 26th DIST.; SEN. GUGLIEMO, 35th DIST.; SEN. HERLIHY, 8th DIST.; SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST.; SEN. NICKERSON, 36th DIST.; SEN. RORABACK, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY RELIEF FOR CONNECTICUT RATEPAYERS', to help offset recent increases in electricity rates for Connecticut ratepayers. - 01/04/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Energy and Technology Committee - 01/30/07 CHANGE OF REFERENCE Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee 01/31/07 CHANGE OF REFERENCE, SENATE TO COMMITTEE ON Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee 01/31/07 CHANGE OF REFERENCE, HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

S.B. No. 113 SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE SUBSIDY FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR CERTAIN RETIRED TEACHERS', to provide increased health insurance subsidies for certain retired teachers. - 01/19/07 PUBLIC HEARING 01/23 02/22/07 NO ACTION

S.B. No. 477 SEN. FINCH, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS OF THE STATE FOR A JOB FUNNEL PROGRAM IN BRIDGEPORT', to provide funds for a job funnel program in Bridgeport, thereby supporting coordinated community efforts to provide opportunities for residents of the city to receive job training and education related to the construction industry and to enable industry to benefit, train and retain qualified workers to meet their needs. - 01/18/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Commerce Committee 01/30/07 CHANGE OF REFERENCE Labor and Public Employees Committee 01/31/07 CHANGE OF REFERENCE, SENATE TO COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 01/31/07 CHANGE OF REFERENCE, HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 02/08/07 RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER PUBLIC HEARING 02/16/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/20 02/22/07 VOTE TO DRAFT

S.B. No. 601 SEN. HANDLEY, 4th DIST. 'AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES', to require employers of fifteen or more employees to provide paid sick leave to their employees. - 01/18/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 01/23/07 RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER PUBLIC HEARING 02/16/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/20 02/22/07 VOTE TO DRAFT

S.B. No. 602 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYER-SPONSORED MEETINGS', to preserve the fundamental dignity of workers. - 01/18/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 01/23/07 RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER PUBLIC HEARING 02/16/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/20 02/22/07 VOTE TO DRAFT

S.B. No. 931 SEN. CAPIELLO, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE HIRING OF UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS BY CONTRACTORS', to hold contractors criminally liable for the hiring of undocumented workers. - 01/22/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 01/23/07 RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER PUBLIC HEARING 02/16/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/20 02/22/07 VOTE TO DRAFT

S.B. No. 1004 SEN. FINCH, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DO NOT SEND JUNK MAIL REGISTRY', to greatly reduce unsolicited junk mail and reduce the waste generated by the printing of materials unwanted by recipients. - 01/23/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON General Law Committee 02/01/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/13

S.B. No. 1290 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCOUNTABILITY IN CONTRACTING WITH STATE AGENCIES', to lower the threshold on the dollar value of certain state contracts that are subject to the Freedom of Information Act, provide that salary information relating to employees performing work under such contracts shall be subject to disclosure and require disclosure of certain information by nonprofit agencies who have contracts with the state. - 02/22/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 02/23/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/27

S.B. No. 1294 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAIR WAGES FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS CONTRACTING WITH THE STATE', to establish fair wages for providers of important health and community services for the state. - 02/22/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Labor and Public Employees Committee 02/23/07 PUBLIC HEARING 02/27

S.B. No. 1303 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT ENHANCING PREAPPRENTICESHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES', to provide meaningful work experience for technical high school students. - 02/22/07 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON General Law Committee 02/23/07 PUBLIC HEARING 03/01