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The House of Representatives was called to order at 11:41 o'clock a.m., Representative Gilchrest of the 18th District in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Kerri E. Malloy of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, may the spirit of compassion be a significant presence in our land. Guide our people toward tolerance, peace and understanding. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kerri E. Malloy of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

On motion of Representative Borer of the 115th District, the first reading of the following bill(s) and resolutions was waived, the list of bills and resolutions as prepared by the Clerks was accepted, and the bills and resolutions referred to the committees as indicated thereon in concurrence.

EDUCATION

Proposed H.B. No. 5295 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE A COURSE OR PROGRAM ABOUT VETERANS AND THEIR MILITARY SERVICE IN THE EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT', to allow school districts to include a course or program about veterans and their military service to our country as part of the education curriculum for the district.

Proposed H.B. No. 5296 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF MEAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE EDUCATION COST-SHARING GRANT FORMULA', to make revisions to the education cost-sharing grant formula.

Proposed H.B. No. 5297 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANT FORMULA', to provide cost-of-living increases to a town's ECS grant.

Proposed H.B. No. 5298 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FULL FUNDING OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION EXCESS COST GRANT', to fully fund the special education excess cost grant.
Proposed H.B. No. 5299 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR FORMER MAGNET SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ENROLL IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL AFTER OCTOBER FIRST', to provide reimbursement on a pro rata basis to school districts for former magnet school students who enroll in a public school after October first.

Proposed H.B. No. 5300 REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVIEW OF ADMISSIONS POLICIES FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SCHOOLS', to create a review process for the admissions policies for technical education and career schools.

Proposed H.B. No. 5301 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS BY HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS', to provide equal access to interscholastic athletics for students who are homeschooled.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5302 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONS TO CARRY FIREARMS IN STATE PARKS', to allow persons who hold a firearms permit to carry such firearms in state parks.

Proposed H.B. No. 5303 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to exempt senior citizens from the Passport to the Parks fee.

Proposed H.B. No. 5304 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF PINK BLAZE CLOTHING FOR HUNTING', to increase hunter safety by making them more visible during the autumn months.

Proposed H.B. No. 5305 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS AND VETERANS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE STATE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PROGRAM FEE', to allow senior citizens and veterans to not have to pay the motor vehicle registration fee associated with the Passport to the State Parks program.

Proposed H.B. No. 5306 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to allow senior citizens to park at state parks free of charge.

Proposed H.B. No. 5307 REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE SEPARATION OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION', to enable PURA and the Department of Environmental Protection to focus on issues separately in order to be able to prioritize those respective issues.

Proposed H.B. No. 5308 REP. D'AGOSTINO, 91st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION', to require the disclosure of certain information prior to the removal of trees along limited access highways.

Proposed H.B. No. 5309 REP. HAYES, 51st DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE STATE'S THREE HUNTING SEASONS EACH BY ONE WEEK', to allow hunters additional time to participate in each of the three state hunting seasons.
Proposed H.B. No. 5310 REP. HAYES, 51st DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING SUNDAY HUNTING ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS BY SHOTGUN AND RIFLE', to expand authorized Sunday hunting means from just bow and arrow to shotgun and rifle on both public and private lands.

Proposed H.B. No. 5311 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING A CLEAN WATER FUND GRANT TO THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD', to provide a grant through the Clean Water Fund to the town of Brookfield for construction of a sewer line.

Proposed H.B. No. 5312 REP. D'AGOSTINO, 91st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WITHIN UTILITY PROTECTION ZONES', to improve the notification requirements and process by which customers are informed and give consent for tree and shrub cutting work in utility protection zone property that is located on private property.

Proposed H.B. No. 5313 REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS TO UTILIZE LICENSE AND REGISTRATION VERIFICATION SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES', to provide animal control officers with access to motor vehicle license and registration verification services.

Proposed H.B. No. 5314 REP. HAINES, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE RELEASE OF HELIUM BALLOONS INTO THE ATMOSPHERE', to address the environmental harm caused to Long Island Sound and other waterways from the intentional release of helium balloons.

Proposed H.B. No. 5315 REP. MCGORTY, 122nd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING KAYAK, CANOE AND PADDLEBOARD OPERATORS TO WEAR LIFE VESTS', to improve the safety of kayakers, canoeists and paddleboarders.

Proposed H.B. No. 5316 REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF RUNNING BAMBOO', to strengthen the regulation of running bamboo.

Proposed H.B. No. 5317 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS FOR HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE', to permanently prohibit the storage, disposal, handling and use of hydraulic fracturing waste in Connecticut.

Proposed H.B. No. 5318 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING LOCAL REPRESENTATION ON THE CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL FOR PROJECTS', to require local representation for the consideration of projects by the Connecticut Siting Council.

Proposed H.B. No. 5319 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE THE RESIDENTIAL IMPACT OF CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL DECISIONS RELATING TO EVERSOURCE APPLICATIONS', to create a task force to evaluate residential impact of Connecticut Siting Council decisions related to Eversource applications.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. 5320 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE ESTATE TAX', to eliminate the estate tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5321 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR ABLE ACCOUNT DEPOSITS', to establish a deduction
from the personal income tax for deposits made by a taxpayer to an achieving a better life experience account.

Proposed H.B. No. 5322 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT MATCH PAYMENTS FOR EMPLOYEES' STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS', to establish a tax credit for businesses that match payments made by employees toward their student loans.

Proposed H.B. No. 5323 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT HIRE RECENT HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GRADUATES', to establish a tax credit for businesses that hire a recent high school or college graduate.

Proposed H.B. No. 5324 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPECIAL TAX OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE STATE FOR A RAIL STATION IN ENFIELD', to construct a rail station in Enfield.

Proposed H.B. No. 5325 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR MEAT PROCESSORS THAT VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES', to establish a tax credit for meat processors that volunteer their services to process surplus hunting meat for donation to local food banks and similar charitable organizations in the state.

Proposed H.B. No. 5326 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PHASE-IN SCHEDULE FOR THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR PENSION INCOME', to exempt pension income from the personal income tax, effective from passage and in lieu of the current phase-in schedule.

Proposed H.B. No. 5327 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER LINE IN THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD', to construct a sewer line in the town of Brookfield.

Proposed H.B. No. 5328 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL PAID ON STUDENT LOANS', to establish a credit against the personal income tax for interest and principal paid on student loans.

Proposed H.B. No. 5329 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT REPEALING COMBINED REPORTING FOR BUSINESSES' CORPORATE TAX LIABILITY', to repeal combined reporting for businesses' corporate tax liability.

Proposed H.B. No. 5330 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE BUSINESS ENTITY TAX', to eliminate the business entity tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5331 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS EXEMPTION FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX', to exempt from the personal income tax all Social Security benefits for all income levels.

GENERAL LAW

Proposed H.B. No. 5332 REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL ON EASTER SUNDAY', to prohibit the sale of alcohol on Easter Sunday.
Proposed H.B. No. 5333 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING RETAILERS FROM USING FACIAL RECOGNITION SOFTWARE FOR MARKETING PURPOSES', to protect the privacy of retail customers.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed H.B. No. 5334 REP. PALM, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION AND POLITICAL EXPRESSION', to permit the State Elections Enforcement Commission to investigate the placement or removal of forms of political expression on private property without the permission of the owner of such property and impose civil penalties for such conduct.

Proposed H.B. No. 5335 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REMOVAL FROM PARTY ENROLLMENT LISTS', to prohibit the discretionary erasure or exclusion from party enrollment lists by local party officials.

Proposed H.B. No. 5336 REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT RESTRICTING THE TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE TO DRIVERS OF A MOTOR VEHICLE', to restrict mileage reimbursement to legislators who drive to work and prohibit legislators who are passengers from collecting the reimbursement.

HOUSING

Proposed H.B. No. 5337 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXEMPTIONS FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND USE APPEALS PROCEDURE', to reduce the threshold for exempting municipalities from the affordable housing appeals procedure.

Proposed H.B. No. 5338 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND USE APPEALS', to eliminate the affordable housing land use appeals procedure.

Proposed H.B. No. 5339 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING MUNICIPALITIES TO PROHIBIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES', to permit municipalities that have made good faith efforts to develop specific areas in such municipalities the option of prohibiting new affordable housing in those areas.

HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed H.B. No. 5340 REP. CASE, 63rd DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING HEALTH CARE COSTS FOR LEGISLATORS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR HUMAN SERVICES', to generate state cost savings on health care for legislators to provide additional support for human services.

Proposed H.B. No. 5341 REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INEQUITABLE METHADONE MAINTENANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM', to reduce the inequitable methadone maintenance rates under the Medicaid program.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed H.B. No. 5342 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ENCOURAGING INSURERS TO DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY TO PREVENT TEXTING WHILE DRIVING', to encourage insurers doing business in this state to develop technology to prevent
persons from sending or reading text messages with a hand-held mobile telephone or mobile electronic device while operating a motor vehicle.

Proposed H.B. No. 5343 REP. CHEESEMAN, 37th DIST. 'AN ACT REDEFINING "THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR" TO INCLUDE PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS', to redefine "third-party administrator" to include pharmacy benefits managers.

**JUDICIARY**

Proposed H.B. No. 5344 REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANDPARENT'S RIGHT TO VISITATION WITH HIS OR HER GRANDCHILD', to allow a grandparent the right of visitation with his or her grandchild upon demonstrating to the court that clear and convincing circumstances support the granting of such visitation.

Proposed H.B. No. 5345 REP. SCANLON, 98th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SAFE FIREARM STORAGE', to keep children safe from gun violence, ensure greater responsibility by persons storing firearms and increase the opportunity for firearm safety education in public schools.

Proposed H.B. No. 5346 REP. KLRIDES, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING FURLOUGHS FOR INMATES WHO ARE SERIOUS VIOLENT OFFENDERS', to protect the public by prohibiting inmates who are serious violent offenders from taking furloughs.

Proposed H.B. No. 5347 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EVALUATION AND TRACKING OF PROSECUTIONS OF CRIMES COMMITTED WITH THE USE OF A FIREARM', to require the Connecticut Sentencing Commission to evaluate and track outcomes resulting from the prosecution of persons charged with committing a crime with a firearm.

Proposed H.B. No. 5348 REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A CRIME VICTIM'S PARTICIPATORY RIGHTS IN A VIOLATION OF PROBATION HEARING', to ensure that a crime victim has participatory rights in any hearing concerning a violation of probation by the person who committed the criminal act.

Proposed H.B. No. 5349 REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IDENTITY THEFT VICTIM ACCESS TO RECORDS', to grant the right to obtain certain information necessary to correct identity theft matters to victims of identity theft.

Proposed H.B. No. 5350 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE THEFT OF USED COOKING OIL', to combat cooking oil theft.

Proposed H.B. No. 5351 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A MINIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR A CONVICTION FOR INJURY OR RISK OF INJURY OF A CHILD', to protect children by increasing the penalty for injury or risk of injury to a child by requiring that thirty consecutive days of imprisonment may not be suspended or reduced in any manner.

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

Proposed H.B. No. 5352 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT AND GROUP WELFARE BENEFITS FOR CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES', to amend the retirement and group welfare benefits given to certain unclassified state employees at the Connecticut Airport Authority.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**
Proposed H.B. No. 5353 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NATURAL DISASTER RECOVERY MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS', to permit municipalities to assist homeowners associations in natural disaster recovery efforts.

Proposed H.B. No. 5354 REP. PALM, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS', to require that (1) all members of local boards, commissions or bodies be permitted to speak during meetings of such body, and (2) all members of the public and public officials be permitted to testify during public hearings of any such body.

Proposed H.B. No. 5355 REP. HAYES, 51st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN WATER QUALITY IN A LAKE', to permit the approval of a proposal to create a special taxing district to maintain water quality in a lake by a majority vote rather than a vote of two-thirds of voters.

Proposed H.B. No. 5356 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY A BUSINESS FROM PROPERTY TAXATION', to provide tax relief to businesses.

Proposed H.B. No. 5357 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL SEWER ASSESSMENT APPEALS', to require municipalities to permit boards of assessment appeals to hear appeals of municipal sewer system benefit assessments.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed H.B. No. 5358 REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEAMLESS TRANSITION OF CHILDREN AMONG BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS', to ensure a seamless transition of children among behavioral health providers.

Proposed H.B. No. 5359 REP. PALM, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS BY CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS', to reduce the number of trips residents of assisted living facilities take to the emergency department for a non-life-threatening condition that is simple to diagnosis and cure, to save families time, money and distress and to ease the burden on the health care system.

Proposed H.B. No. 5360 REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO CIRCULATE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS CONCERNING BONE MARROW DONATION', to require the Department of Public Health to post on its Internet web site and circulate educational materials concerning bone marrow donation.

Proposed H.B. No. 5361 REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT PREVENTING THE PRACTICE OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION', to prevent the practice of female genital mutilation.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Proposed H.B. No. 5362 REP. POLLETTA, 68th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING PENALTIES FOR THE INJURING OR KILLING OF POLICE ANIMALS', to increase the penalties for the intentional injury or killing of police animals or dogs in volunteer canine search and rescue teams.
Proposed H.B. No. 5363 REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN ONLINE REGISTRY FOR CONVICTED MURDERERS', to protect the public by establishing an online registry of convicted murderers residing in Connecticut.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed H.B. No. 5364 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO RECOGNIZE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES PERSONNEL', to create a special license plate to show support for emergency management services personnel.

Proposed H.B. No. 5365 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST.; REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST.; REP. SIMANSKI, 62nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS BY CERTAIN COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES', to increase public safety by requiring certain commercial motor vehicles to be equipped with global positioning systems capable of providing drivers with adequate warnings of clearance, load and traffic restrictions.

Proposed H.B. No. 5366 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION LAWS', to establish a task force to study and make recommendations regarding the enforcement of motor vehicle registration laws.

Proposed H.B. No. 5367 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT NAMING THE ROUTE 7 BYPASS IN HONOR OF FORMER GOVERNOR M. JODI RELL', to name the Route 7 bypass the "M. Jodi Rell Bypass".

Proposed H.B. No. 5368 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF "SAVE THE LAKES" COMMEMORATIVE NUMBER PLATES', to provide financial assistance to lake authorities in their efforts to combat invasive plant and animal species by requiring the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to issue "Save the Lakes" commemorative license plates.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Proposed H.B. No. 5369 REP. CHEESEMAN, 37th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS FILED BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD', to reduce the process time of workers' compensation claims filed by members of the National Guard and provide assistance in filing such claims.

Proposed H.B. No. 5370 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT PROMOTING VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES', to give veteran-owned businesses a ten per cent price preference on state contracts and set aside five per cent of all such contracts for award to such businesses.

Proposed H.B. No. 5371 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF HARDSHIPS PREVALENT AMONG VETERANS', to study hardships prevalent among veterans in Connecticut.

Proposed H.B. No. 5372 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PROGRAM FEE', to allow veterans to not have to pay the motor vehicle registration fee associated with the Passport to the Parks program.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
Proposed H.J. No. 15 REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING TERM LIMITS FOR LEGISLATORS AND CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS', to establish term limits for legislators and constitutional officers.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed S.B. No. 18 SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; REP. TURCO, 27th DIST.; REP. WOOD, 29th DIST.; REP. LOPES, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A TRAIN STATION IN NEWINGTON', to provide the residents of Newington with access to the Hartford Line.

AGING

Proposed S.B. No. 19 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT RELATIVES RAISING NEEDY CHILDREN', to ease the financial burden on grandparents and other nonparent relatives raising needy children and to improve the lives of such children.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 20 SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. KUPCHICK, 132nd DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORT, SALE AND POSSESSION OF AFRICAN ELEPHANTS, LIONS, LEOPARDS, BLACK RHINOCEROS, WHITE RHINOCEROS AND GIRAFFES', to prohibit the import and trade of the big six African species.

Proposed S.B. No. 21 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS IN MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTERS', to extend the work of the task force on the humane treatment of animals in municipal animal shelters to January 1, 2020.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 22 SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FINES PRIOR TO THE RESTORATION OF ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES', to no longer condition the restoration of electoral privileges on the payment of all fines in conjunction with a disenfranchising conviction.

Proposed S.B. No. 23 SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING ELECTORS TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A BALLOT IN PERSON PRIOR TO THE DAY OF AN ELECTION', to provide for in-person completion and submission of ballots prior to the day of an election, and the casting of such ballots only on the day of such election.

Proposed S.B. No. 24 SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION AT CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES', to establish automatic voter registration at certain state agencies and create a presumption that any removal from a party enrollment list through such automatic voter registration was unintentional.

Proposed S.B. No. 25 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT RESTORING ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES TO FELONY CONVICTS WHO ARE ON PAROLE', to restore the electoral privileges of convicted felons who are on parole.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 26 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING PERMANENT THE MORATORIUM ON APPROVAL OF A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PROGRAMS AT
INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, to permanently allow independent institutions of higher education to create up to twelve new programs of higher learning in any academic year and any program modifications without being subject to the approval of the Office of Higher Education.

HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed S.B. No. 27 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM', to lower health care costs under the Medicaid program.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed S.B. No. 28 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENTS UNDER CERTAIN HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS', to require that health carriers that issue certain high deductible plans directly reimburse participating providers for the cost of covered benefits.

Proposed S.B. No. 29 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BURDEN OF PROOF DURING ADVERSE DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEWS', to require that health carriers bear the burden of proving that certain health care services under adverse determination or utilization review are not medically necessary.

Proposed S.B. No. 30 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING COPAYMENT ACCUMULATOR PROGRAMS', to prohibit copayment accumulator programs.

Proposed S.B. No. 31 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLS FOR LABORATORY SERVICES', to expand the definition of "surprise bill" to include bills for nonemergency health care services rendered by out-of-network clinical laboratories.

Proposed S.B. No. 32 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE OPTION AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE', to establish a public health insurance option available through the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange.

Proposed S.B. No. 33 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to require health insurance policies that provide coverage for prescription drugs to provide coverage for intravenously administered prescription drugs on a basis that is no less favorable than the basis on which such policies provide coverage for orally administered prescription drugs.

Proposed S.B. No. 34 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SHORT-TERM HEALTH INSURANCE', to prohibit the delivery, issuance for delivery or renewal of short-term health insurance policies in this state that do not provide coverage for essential health benefits.

Proposed S.B. No. 35 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE TO ACQUIRE AND MAINTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE', to require residents of this state to acquire and maintain health insurance coverage.

Proposed S.B. No. 36 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING HEALTH CARRIERS FROM REQUIRING THE USE OF STEP THERAPY FOR CERTAIN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to prohibit health carriers that deliver, issue for delivery, renew,
amend or continue certain health insurance policies and contracts in this state from requiring the use of step therapy for a prescription drug if such drug is prescribed for the treatment of a disabling, chronic or life-threatening disease or condition.

Proposed S.B. No. 37 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF PRESCRIBED DRUGS DURING ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEWS AND EXTERNAL REVIEW PROCESSES', to require health insurance coverage of prescribed drugs during adverse determination reviews and external review processes.

Proposed S.B. No. 38 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING THE TIME FRAME FOR URGENT CARE ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEW REQUESTS', to reduce the time frame for urgent care adverse determination review requests from seventy-two to forty-eight hours.

Proposed S.B. No. 39 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING CHANGES TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES DURING THE TERM OF CERTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES', to limit changes to prescription drug formularies during the term of certain health insurance policies.

Proposed S.B. No. 40 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING SITE-NEUTRAL PAYMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES', to require health carriers to include site-neutral payment provisions in provider contracts.

Proposed S.B. No. 41 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRETIONARY CLAUSES IN HEALTH INSURANCE AND DISABILITY INCOME POLICIES', to prohibit each insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation and health care center that delivers, issues for delivery or renews an insurance policy in this state from including in such policy a clause that reserves discretion to such company, society, corporation or center to interpret the terms of such policy in a manner that is, or to provide standards for the interpretation or review of such policy that are, inconsistent with the laws of this state.

Proposed S.B. No. 42 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COST-SHARING UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES', to provide that no health carrier that delivers, issues for delivery, renews, amends or continues a health insurance policy in this state shall charge an insured for a coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for a covered benefit in an amount that exceeds the amount that the insured would have paid for the covered benefit without regard to such policy.

Proposed S.B. No. 43 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING HEALTH CARRIERS FROM DENYING COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN COVERED BENEFITS PROVIDED IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS', to provide that no health carrier that delivers, issues for delivery, renews, amends or continues a health insurance policy in this state shall deny coverage for a covered benefit provided to an insured in a hospital emergency room because the covered benefit could have been provided to the insured in another health care setting.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed S.B. No. 44 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT RAISING THE AGE TO PURCHASE OR USE TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO TWENTY-ONE', to improve public health.

Proposed S.B. No. 45 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT ADDING OPIOID USE DISORDER AND WITHDRAWAL AS A DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITION FOR THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA', to improve public health.
Proposed S.B. No. 46 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING HOSPITALS FROM CHARGING FEES FOR TRAUMA ACTIVATION', to decrease the cost of health care.

Proposed S.B. No. 47 SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OR SALE OF GOODS OR BUILDING MATERIALS CONTAINING ASBESTOS', to protect the public's health by banning asbestos.

Proposed S.B. No. 48 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING MANUFACTURERS OF BRAND NAME PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO PROVIDE SAMPLES OF SUCH DRUGS TO MANUFACTURERS OF GENERIC PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to lower the costs of prescription drugs.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Borer of the 115th District, the House adjourned at 11:42 o’clock a.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.