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The House of Representatives was called to order at 11:32 o'clock a.m., Representative Rotella of the 43rd District in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Mary Alice Hughes of Haddam, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Lord, help us to sort out the needs of our State and her people. You have placed a great responsibility upon us. We seek Your guidance in resolving these issues. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mary Alice Hughes of Haddam, Connecticut.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL
HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS

On motion of Representative Altobello of the 82nd District, the first reading of the following bills 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.

APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed H.B. No. 5571 REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST.; REP. MASTROFRANCESCO, 80th DIST.; REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST.; REP. DAUPHINAIS, 44th DIST.; REP. WILSON, 66th DIST.; REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST.; REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST.; REP. HAYES, 51st DIST.; REP. VAIL, 52nd DIST.; REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST.; REP. FUSCO, 81st DIST. 'AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE', to provide funding to the state-wide firearms trafficking task force and prevent deaths from illegally trafficked firearms.

Proposed H.B. No. 5572 REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVOCATION OF PENSIONS OF STATE EMPLOYEES WHO INTENTIONALLY CAUSE PHYSICAL HARM TO OTHERS', to prohibit state employees from receiving their pension if they have intentionally harmed another person within the course of their work.

Proposed H.B. No. 5573 REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT DECREASING LEGISLATIVE POSTAL COSTS', to decrease the amount of state funds used for legislators to send mail.

Proposed H.B. No. 5574 REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATE EMPLOYEES FOR MILEAGE AND PAYMENTS FOR
OVERTIME FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME', to eliminate mileage and overtime benefit pay from being included in pension calculations for state employees.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed H.B. No. 5575 REP. BOYD, 50th DIST.; REP. LINEHAN, 103rd DIST.; REP. MCGORTY, 122nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS FOR FIRE-STARTING BEHAVIOR TREATMENT', to permit children charged with certain delinquency offenses involving acts of fire starting to undergo evaluation and treatment in a fire-starting behavior treatment program.

COMMERCE

Proposed H.B. No. 5576 REP. CHEESEMAN, 37th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A JOB CREATION INITIATIVE', to create a jobs initiative to attract and retain a quality workforce.

EDUCATION

Proposed H.B. No. 5577 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS', to expand the number of eligible educators who can work in early childhood education programs in the state.

Proposed H.B. No. 5578 REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST.; REP. MASTROFRANCESCO, 80th DIST.; REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST.; REP. DAUPHINAIS, 44th DIST.; REP. WILSON, 66th DIST.; SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST.; REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST.; REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST.; REP. HAYES, 51st DIST.; REP. VAIL, 52nd DIST.; REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST.; REP. FUSCO, 81st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAMS', to authorize boards of education to establish a school voucher program.

Proposed H.B. No. 5579 REP. MCGEE, 5th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A TRANSFERRING STUDENT'S ACCESS TO SCHOOL', to ensure that students have access to school regardless of whether their education records have been transferred by their former school district.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Proposed H.B. No. 5580 REP. D'AGOSTINO, 91st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES TO OFFER CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SALE TO CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES', to require electric distribution companies to offer for sale to any municipality an electric distribution company serves the streetlights and lighting infrastructure located in such municipality.

Proposed H.B. No. 5581 REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY RATES FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS', to require public service companies to propose rates for nonprofit organizations.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5582 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING INFORMATIONAL BROCHURES CONCERNING THE STATE'S PAINT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM', to make consumers more aware about the paint stewardship program and its benefits.
Proposed H.B. No. 5583 REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST. 'AN ACT RESTRICTING BOW AND ARROW HUNTING OF DEER ON SUNDAYS TO DEER MANAGEMENT ZONES IN THE STATE', to reinstate the requirement that Sunday bow and arrow hunting of deer only be authorized in deer management zones designated by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Proposed H.B. No. 5584 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE HARTFORD REGIONAL REFUSE ENERGY PLANT', to investigate the failure of the Hartford Regional Trash-to-Energy Facility.

Proposed H.B. No. 5585 REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SERVICE DOGS FROM DOG LICENSING FEES', to exempt service dogs from dog licensing fees.

Proposed H.B. No. 5586 REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST.; REP. ELLIOTT, 88th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF GREYHOUND RACING IN THE STATE', to prohibit greyhound racing in the state.

Proposed H.B. No. 5587 REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING NIP BOTTLES TO BE SUBJECT TO THE BOTTLE BILL REQUIREMENTS', to decrease the number of bottles improperly disposed of in the environment.

Proposed H.B. No. 5588 REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF PLASTIC, SINGLE-USE BAGS AT RETAIL STORES', to prohibit retail stores from using plastic, single-use bags.

Proposed H.B. No. 5589 REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF ANIMALS BY PERSONS PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF ANIMAL ABUSE', to provide that no person previously convicted of animal abuse may adopt another animal.

Proposed H.B. No. 5590 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT PERMANENTLY PROHIBITING THE STORAGE, DISPOSAL, HANDLING AND USE OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN THE STATE', to permanently prohibit the storage, disposal, handling and use of hydraulic fracturing waste in the state.

Proposed H.B. No. 5591 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN SENIOR CITIZENS AND VETERANS FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PASSPORT TO THE STATE PARKS PROGRAM', to exempt certain senior citizens and veterans from the Passport to the State Parks motor vehicle registration fee.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. 5592 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REFUNDABLE CREDIT AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHERS', to address the shortage of qualified early childhood teachers by establishing a refundable tax credit for individuals who receive degrees in early childhood or a related field and teach in an early childhood program.

Proposed H.B. No. 5593 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING LIQUID ASPHALT FROM THE GROSS EARNINGS TAX ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS', to exempt liquid asphalt used exclusively for asphalt pavement from the gross earnings tax on petroleum products.
Proposed H.B. No. 5594 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT RESTRUCTURING THE AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS TAX', to provide tax relief by restructuring the ambulatory surgical centers tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5595 REP. HALL, 7th DIST.; REP. ARNONE, 58th DIST.; REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST.; REP. CURREY, 11th DIST.; REP. D'AGOSTINO, 91st DIST.; REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST.; REP. DOUCETTE, 13th DIST.; REP. ELLIOTT, 88th DIST.; REP. GILCHREST, 18th DIST.; REP. GODFREY, 110th DIST.; REP. GONZALEZ, 3rd DIST.; REP. GUCKER, 138th DIST.; REP. HADDA, 54th DIST.; REP. HENNESSY, 127th DIST.; REP. HUGHES, 135th DIST.; REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST.; REP. LEMAR, 96th DIST.; REP. LOPES, 24th DIST.; REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST.; REP. MCGEE, 5th DIST.; REP. MESKERS, 150th DIST.; REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST.; REP. MORIN, 28th DIST.; REP. PALM, 36th DIST.; REP. PHIPPS, 100th DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; REP. ROCHELLE, 104th DIST.; REP. ROJAS, 9th DIST.; REP. ROSARIO, 128th DIST.; REP. ROSE, 118th DIST.; REP. SANTIAGO, 84th DIST.; REP. SANTIAGO, 130th DIST.; REP. STAFSTROM, 129th DIST.; REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST.; REP. TURCO, 27th DIST.; REP. VARGAS, 6th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. WILSON PHEANIOUS, 53rd DIST.; REP. WINKLER, 56th DIST.; REP. YOUNG, 120th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING THE RETAIL SALE OF MARIJUANA', to authorize and regulate the sale and adult use of marijuana in this state.

Proposed H.B. No. 5596 REP. TURCO, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT', to increase the property tax credit for taxes paid on a primary residence or motor vehicle to one thousand dollars.

Proposed H.B. No. 5597 REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REFUND OF SALES TAX ON A PURCHASE', to eliminate the requirement that property be returned within ninety days from the date of purchase for purposes of a refund of sales tax on such purchase.

Proposed H.B. No. 5598 REP. DAVIS, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEDUCTION AND WITHHOLDING OF PERSONAL INCOME TAX FROM NONPAYROLL DISTRIBUTIONS', to eliminate the requirement that payers of distributions of nonpayroll amounts deduct and withhold personal income tax from such distributions.

Proposed H.B. No. 5599 REP. DAVIS, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING AN AFFECTED BUSINESS ENTITY TO CHOOSE ITS GOVERNING TAX LAWS', to provide affected business entities the choice to be taxed under the affected business entity tax provisions or the applicable tax laws that existed prior to the enactment of said tax provisions.

Proposed H.B. No. 5600 REP. DAVIS, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE TAX IMPLICATIONS OF ALLOWING BENEFIT LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES UNDER STATE LAW', to require the chairs and ranking members of the finance committee to study and evaluate the potential tax implications of allowing companies to organize as benefit limited liability companies under state law.

Proposed H.B. No. 5601 REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING THE CORPORATION BUSINESS TAX RATE', to reduce the tax burden on businesses by reducing the corporation business tax rate by fifty per cent.

Proposed H.B. No. 5602 REP. SERRA, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX ON SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS', to eliminate the personal income tax on Social Security benefits.
Proposed H.B. No. 5603 REP. SERRA, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM THE SALES TAX THE COST OF PARTS AND LABOR FOR THE REPAIR OF CERTAIN TRUCKS AND VEHICLES', to exempt from the sales tax parts and labor for repairs to trucks and motor vehicles weighing over twenty-six thousand pounds.

Proposed H.B. No. 5604 REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; SEN. OSENT, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABLE DATE OF THE BONUS DEPRECIATION TAX DEDUCTION', to require the bonus depreciation tax deduction enacted pursuant to section 11 of public act 18-49 be applicable to property placed in service after June 30, 2018, rather than September 27, 2017.

Proposed H.B. No. 5605 REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; SEN. OSENT, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE AFFECTED BUSINESS ENTITY DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SOLE PROPRIETERS AND SINGLE-MEMBER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES', to include sole proprietors and single-member limited liability companies as affected business entities for purposes of section 12-699 of the general statutes.

Proposed H.B. No. 5606 REP. LAVILLE, 143rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS EXEMPTION FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX', to eliminate the limits on taxpayers' federal adjusted gross income for Social Security benefits to be exempted from the personal income tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5607 REP. LAVILLE, 143rd DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES', to eliminate the estate and gift taxes.

Proposed H.B. No. 5608 REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE SCHOOL IN MIDDLETOWN', to provide funding for the construction of a new Middlesex County fire school in the city of Middletown.

GENERAL LAW

Proposed H.B. No. 5609 REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNSUBSCRIBING FROM ELECTRONIC MAIL', to prohibit any person who sends electronic mail to a person in the state from requiring more than one action to unsubscribe from future electronic mail.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed H.B. No. 5610 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REPLACEMENT OF A CANDIDATE ON A BALLOT', to ensure that absentee and overseas ballots accurately reflect the candidates for nomination or election.

Proposed H.B. No. 5611 REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COUNTING OF INCARCERATED PERSONS FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS', to provide for the adjustment of population data so as to count incarcerated persons as residents of their last town of residence rather than as residents of the town in which the correctional facility is located.

Proposed H.B. No. 5612 REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST.; REP. MASTROFRANCESCO, 80th DIST.; REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST.; REP. DAUPHINAIS, 44th DIST.; REP. WILSON, 66th DIST.; SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST.; REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST.; REP. CANDELORE, 86th DIST.; REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST.; REP. HAYES, 51st DIST.; REP. VAIL, 52nd DIST.; REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST.; REP. FUSCO, 81st DIST. 'AN ACT WITHDRAWING CONNECTICUT FROM THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE
INTERSTATE COMPACT’, to withdraw the state from the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

Proposed H.B. No. 5613 REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST.; REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST. 
'AN ACT CONCERNING CITIZENS’ ELECTION PROGRAM GRANTS FOR UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES’, to prohibit payment of Citizens’ Election Program grants to candidates unopposed in the general election campaign.

Proposed H.B. No. 5614 REP. MCGEE, 5th DIST.  'AN ACT CONCERNING BASELESS, VEXATIOUS OR SERIAL COMPLAINTS MADE WITH STATE AGENCIES’, to provide a consequence for baseless, vexations or serial complaints made with state agencies.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5615 REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST.  'AN ACT CONCERNING A REPORT ON THE STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION’, to require a report detailing the standards and policies concerning the admission of students at institutions or campuses within the jurisdiction of the Connecticut State University System and The University of Connecticut.

HOUSING

Proposed H.B. No. 5616 REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST.  'AN ACT CONCERNING DEED RESTRICTIONS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN SET-ASIDE DEVELOPMENTS’, to help municipalities meet the affordable housing requirements under section 8-30g of the general statutes.

Proposed H.B. No. 5617 REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST.  'AN ACT CONCERNING EXEMPTIONS FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND USE APPEALS PROCEDURE’, to exempt from the affordable housing appeals procedure municipalities that demonstrate substantial progress towards the affordable housing threshold.

HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed H.B. No. 5618 REP. COOK, 65th DIST.  'AN ACT RAISING REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR HOME HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS’, to maintain or increase the one hundred three million dollars the state saves annually on averted institutionalization costs by adequately reimbursing home health care providers.

Proposed H.B. No. 5619 REP. COOK, 65th DIST.  'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF IN-HOME COUNSELING PROVIDED BY A HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCY’, to reduce barriers to outpatient behavioral health and other counseling facing persons who lack transportation or who have conditions preventing travel by providing Medicaid reimbursement for in-home counseling provided by social workers employed by home health agencies.

Proposed H.B. No. 5620 REP. COOK, 65th DIST.  'AN ACT CONCERNING CUTTING COSTS AND IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES BY PROVIDING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOME HEALTH TELEMONITORING’, to improve health outcomes and reduce state costs by expanding Medicaid coverage to include home health telemonitoring.

Proposed H.B. No. 5621 REP. COOK, 65th DIST.; REP. HORN, 64th DIST.; REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.  'AN ACT INCREASING
FUNDING FOR ELDERLY NUTRITION', to provide sufficient state reimbursement to cover the costs of providing meals to the elderly.

Proposed H.B. No. 5622 REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA, 105th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS', to establish a program to foster volunteerism and employment among able-bodied Medicaid recipients in Connecticut.

Proposed H.B. No. 5623 REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EQUITABLE RATE OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR METHADONE MAINTENANCE', to alter the inequitable rates of reimbursement for methadone maintenance under the Medicaid program.

Proposed H.B. No. 5624 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT LOWERING THE AGE FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY PERSONS', to increase the number of senior citizens eligible for property tax relief.

Proposed H.B. No. 5625 REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING ABLE-BODIED RECIPIENTS OF STATE ASSISTANCE TO WORK OR VOLUNTEER', to encourage employment among those who get state assistance.

Proposed H.B. No. 5626 REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST.; REP. MASTROFRANCESCO, 80th DIST.; REP. FISHEIN, 90th DIST.; REP. DAUPHINAI, 44th DIST.; REP. WILSON, 66th DIST.; SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST.; REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST.; REP. CANDELORE, 86th DIST.; REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST.; REP. FUSCO, 81st DIST.; REP. HAYES, 51st DIST.; REP. VAIL, 52nd DIST.; REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A WORK REQUIREMENT FOR RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE', to promote work among recipients of public assistance to improve their life prospects.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed H.B. No. 5627 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD CHILDREN MAY RETAIN DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER THEIR PARENTS' INSURANCE POLICIES', to allow children to retain dental insurance coverage under their parents' insurance policies until they attain the age of twenty-six.

Proposed H.B. No. 5628 REP. COOK, 65th DIST.; REP. HORN, 64th DIST.; SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COPAYMENTS FOR ULTRASOUND BREAST CANCER SCREENINGS', to prohibit certain health insurance policies delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state from imposing copayments for ultrasound breast cancer screenings of dense breast tissue.

Proposed H.B. No. 5629 REP. DELENCeki, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE', to add two members to the board of directors of the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange and exempt such members from certain conflict of interest provisions.

Proposed H.B. No. 5630 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE AND INSURANCE BROKERS', to prohibit health carriers offering qualified health plans through the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange from appointing, or paying commissions to, insurance brokers employed by, or in a contractual relationship with, such exchange, limit the circumstances in which an insurance broker may be removed from any account maintained by such exchange and impose a penalty of not less than five thousand dollars or one year of commission payments, whichever is greater, for each improper appointment, payment or removal.
Proposed H.B. No. 5631 REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF STEP THERAPY FOR CERTAIN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PRESCRIBED TO TREAT CANCER', to prohibit the use of step therapy for certain covered prescription drugs prescribed to treat cancer.

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Proposed H.B. No. 5632 REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST.; REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST.; REP. DAUPHINAIS, 44th DIST.; REP. WILSON, 66th DIST.; SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST.; REP. ACKERT, 8th Dist.; REP. DUBITSKY, 47th Dist.; REP. HAYES, 51st Dist.; REP. VAIL, 52nd Dist.; REP. PISCOPO, 76th Dist.; REP. MASTROFRANCESCO, 80th Dist.; REP. FUSCO, 81st Dist.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th Dist. 'AN ACT RESTORING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT', to restore the death penalty in Connecticut.

Proposed H.B. No. 5633 REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONS WHO MAY SERVE AS THE DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS OF A NONSTOCK CORPORATION', to prohibit persons who have been convicted of a felony from serving as directors or officers of a nonstock corporation.

Proposed H.B. No. 5634 REP. VARGAS, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WAITING PERIOD FOR A FORMER MEMBER OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BECOME A JUDGE', to avoid a revolving door between the legislative and judicial branches of state government.

Proposed H.B. No. 5635 REP. VARGAS, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROSECUTORIAL IMMUNITY', to ensure that prosecutors do not abuse their immunity.

Proposed H.B. No. 5636 REP. MCGEE, 5th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING RIGHTS INFORMATION PROVIDED TO INMATES UPON RELEASE', to ensure released inmates are informed of their right to vote upon reentry into the community.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed H.B. No. 5637 REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST.; REP. MASTROFRANCESCO, 80th Dist.; REP. FUSCO, 81st Dist.; REP. FISHBEIN, 90th Dist.; REP. DAUPHINAIS, 44th Dist.; REP. WILSON, 66th Dist.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th Dist.; SEN. SAMPSON, 16th Dist.; REP. ACKERT, 8th Dist.; REP. DUBITSKY, 47th Dist.; REP. HAYES, 51st Dist.; REP. VAIL, 52nd Dist.; REP. PISCOPO, 76th Dist. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAR AND CONSPICUOUS STATEMENTS REGARDING STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RIGHT TO OPT OUT OF UNION MEMBERSHIP', to provide clear notice of a state or municipal employee's right to choose not to be a member of a union.

REP. REYES, 75th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; REP. ROCHELLE, 104th DIST.; REP. ROJAS, 9th DIST.; REP. ROSARIO, 128th DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. ROSE, 118th DIST.; REP. SANCHEZ, 25th DIST.; REP. SANTIAGO, 130th DIST.; REP. SANTIAGO, 84th DIST.; REP. SCANLON, 98th DIST.; REP. SIMMONS, 144th DIST.; REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST.; REP. STAFSTROM, 129th DIST.; REP. TURCO, 27th DIST.; REP. VARGAS, 6th DIST.; REP. WILSON PHEANIOUS, 53rd DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. WINKLER, 56th DIST.; REP. YOUNG, 120th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A PAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT', to implement a paid family medical leave program in the State of Connecticut.

Proposed H.B. No. 5639 REP. HALL, 7th DIST.; REP. ALLIE-BRENNAN, 2nd DIST.; REP. ARNONE, 58th DIST.; REP. BUTLER, 72nd DIST.; REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST.; REP. CURREY, 11th DIST.; REP. D'AGOSTINO, 91st DIST.; REP. DE LA CRUZ, 41st DIST.; REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST.; REP. ELLIOTT, 88th DIST.; REP. GIBSON, 15th DIST.; REP. GILCHREST, 18th DIST.; REP. GODFREY, 110th DIST.; REP. GONZALEZ, 3rd DIST.; REP. GUCKER, 138th DIST.; REP. HADDAD, 54th DIST.; REP. HENNESSY, 127th DIST.; REP. HUGHES, 135th DIST.; REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST.; REP. LEMAR, 96th DIST.; REP. LOPES, 24th DIST.; REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST.; REP. MCgee, 5th DIST.; REP. MESKERS, 150th DIST.; REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST.; REP. MORIN, 28th DIST.; REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST.; REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST.; REP. PALM, 36th DIST.; REP. Phipps, 100th DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST.; REP. REYES, 75th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; REP. ROCHELLE, 104th DIST.; REP. ROSARIO, 128th DIST.; REP. ROSE, 118th DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. SANCHEZ, 25th DIST.; REP. SANTIAGO, 84th DIST.; REP. SANTIAGO, 130th DIST.; REP. SIMMONS, 144th DIST.; REP. STAFSTROM, 129th DIST.; REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST.; REP. TURCO, 27th DIST.; REP. VARGAS, 6th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. WILSON PHEANIOUS, 53rd DIST.; REP. WINKLER, 56th DIST.; REP. YOUNG, 120th DIST.; REP. ZIOGAS, 79th DIST. 'AN ACT RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE IN CONNECTICUT', to raise the minimum wage in Connecticut.

Proposed H.B. No. 5640 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE VOTING RIGHTS', to protect public employees' rights to elect a union of their choice to represent their interests.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5641 REP. REBMAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL PARTICIPATION IN THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX RELIEF PROGRAM', to provide for municipal relief by allowing a municipality to elect not to participate in the tax relief program under section 12-170aa of the general statutes following a reduction in reimbursement or a lack of funds for grants payable to municipalities under said section.

Proposed H.B. No. 5642 REP. RYAN, 139th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE A STATE FUNDING AND SERVICE DISPARITY IN NORTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT', to establish a task force to study and make recommendations regarding state funding and service in northeastern Connecticut compared to other regions.

Proposed H.B. No. 5643 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE OBSTACLES TO MERGING OR CONSOLIDATING FIRE DEPARTMENTS FROM MULTIPLE TOWNS', to study obstacles to merging or consolidating multiple fire districts or fire departments from multiple towns.
Proposed H.B. No. 5644 REP. HAINES, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE FOR COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT', to revise the depreciation schedule for commercial construction equipment.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed H.B. No. 5645 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A PRESCRIBING PRACTITIONER TO INFORM ANY PATIENT RECEIVING A PRESCRIPTION FOR A BENZODIAZEPINE DRUG OF THE SIDE EFFECTS OF SUCH DRUG', to ensure that those persons who are prescribed a benzodiazepine drug are informed about the side effects of such drug.

Proposed H.B. No. 5646 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS', to expand the scope of naturopathic physicians.

Proposed H.B. No. 5647 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS BY MEDICAL ASSISTANTS AT FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS', to enhance the administration of medications at federally qualified health centers.

Proposed H.B. No. 5648 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE', to require a study of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Proposed H.B. No. 5649 REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST. 'AN ACT ADDING FIBROMYALGIA AS A DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITION FOR THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA BY QUALIFYING PATIENTS', to include fibromyalgia as a debilitating medical condition for the palliative use of marijuana by qualifying patients.

Proposed H.B. No. 5650 REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST.; REP. ROSE, 118th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS', to improve access to and efficiencies in the health care system through a collaborative arrangement between physicians and physician assistants.

Proposed H.B. No. 5651 REP. MCGEE, 5th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING PHARMACIES TO PROVIDE FREE LANGUAGE TRANSLATION SERVICES TO PATIENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY', to require pharmacies to provide free language translation services to patients with limited English proficiency.

Proposed H.B. No. 5652 REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE LABELING OF CERTAIN ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS', to require the labeling of certain electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products.

Proposed H.B. No. 5653 REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE DOGS USED BY INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS', to ensure that individuals with mental health needs may have their service dogs certified and afford such individuals the same rights and protections afforded to individuals with other health-related needs who use a service dog.

Proposed H.B. No. 5654 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING DENTISTS TO PERFORM CERTAIN FACIAL THERAPIES AS PART OF THEIR DENTAL PRACTICE', to allow dentists to perform certain facial therapies as part of their dental practice.
Proposed H.B. No. 5655 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT FACILITIES’, to expand access to substance use disorder treatment facilities.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Proposed H.B. No. 5656 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE CRANE INSPECTORS’, to require the Department of Administrative Services to hire an additional crane inspector.

Proposed H.B. No. 5657 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION, STORAGE AND ANALYSIS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS’, to establish accountability in the criminal justice system with respect to the collection, storage and analysis of sexual assault evidence kits.

Proposed H.B. No. 5658 REP. MCGORTY, 122nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIGHTS ON POLICE VEHICLES’, to restrict the use of steady illuminated red and blue lights to police vehicles only.

Proposed H.B. No. 5659 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT DEDICATING REVENUE FROM NEW TYPES OF GAMING TO THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND’, to require all revenue collected from new types of gaming established in the state be dedicated to the Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Proposed H.B. No. 5660 REP. MCGORTY, 122nd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING IDENTIFICATION OF BUILDINGS USING TRUSS TYPE CONSTRUCTION’, to provide safety information to firefighters and other emergency personnel concerning building with truss type construction.

Proposed H.B. No. 5661 REP. MCGORTY, 122nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF A CASINO GAMING FACILITY IN THE STATE’, to require a request for proposals for a possible casino gaming facility in the state and repeal the authority of MMCT Venture, LLC, to operate a casino gaming facility in the state.

Proposed H.B. No. 5662 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER’, to specify uniform criteria for an application for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed H.B. No. 5663 REP. CUMMINGS, 74th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION', to enforce motor vehicle registration in the state.

Proposed H.B. No. 5664 REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE VISIBILITY OF HIGHWAY MARKINGS’, to improve the visibility of markings on state highways and increase safety.

Proposed H.B. No. 5665 REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTS ON GAS TAX REVENUE’, to provide information concerning the expected decrease of gas tax revenues and to use such information to evaluate the anticipated resources of the Special Transportation Fund.
Proposed H.B. No. 5666 REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA, 105th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPLAY OF NUMBER PLATES ON MOTOR VEHICLES', to provide for certain exceptions when the number plate of a motor vehicle is partially obstructed.

Proposed H.B. No. 5667 REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA, 105th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GPS DEVICES ON SCHOOL BUSES', to establish a pilot program that assists school bus drivers in navigating bus routes more efficiently and effectively.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Proposed H.B. No. 5668 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING VETERANS BENEFITS', to grant eligibility for state benefits to all veterans, regardless of any service during war time.

Proposed H.B. No. 5669 REP. SERRA, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR HOMES AND MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED BY DISABLED VETERANS', to increase the property tax exemptions for homes and motor vehicles owned by disabled veterans.

Proposed H.B. No. 5670 REP. NAPOLI, 73rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CERTAIN GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBERS', to provide free tuition at state public institutions of higher education for certain family members of men and women killed while serving in the military.

Proposed H.B. No. 5671 REP. NAPOLI, 73rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR GOLD STAR PARENTS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES', to require municipalities to provide a property tax exemption to eligible Gold Star parents and surviving spouses.

Proposed H.B. No. 5672 REP. NAPOLI, 73rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' DAY', to prohibit public school sessions on Veterans' Day.

Proposed H.B. No. 5673 REP. NAPOLI, 73rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A "GOLD STAR CITY OF FALLEN HEROES"', to recognize fallen service members from the city of Waterbury.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed H.J. No. 19 REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION ALLOWING FOR EARLY VOTING', to permit early voting.

Proposed H.J. No. 20 REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ALLOWING FOR NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING', to eliminate the requirement that an elector satisfy a particular reason, specified by law, in order to cast an absentee ballot.

Proposed H.J. No. 21 REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING', to eliminate the requirement that an elector satisfy a particular reason specified by law in order to cast an absentee ballot.
Proposed H.J. No. 22 REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW EARLY VOTING', to permit early voting.

Proposed H.J. No. 23 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR DIRECT INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM', to permit direct initiative and referendum.

Proposed H.J. No. 24 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING TWELVE-YEAR TERM LIMITS FOR LEGISLATORS AND CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS', to establish term limits for legislators and constitutional officers.

Proposed H.J. No. 25 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE TERM OF OFFICE', to increase the term of members of the General Assembly to four years.

AGING

Proposed S.B. No. 105 SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DISCOUNT FOR SENIOR CABLE TV SUBSCRIBERS', to ease the financial burden on subscribers of cable television who are senior citizens.

APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 106 SEN. BERGSTEIN, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECALCULATION OR CAPPING OF CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEE PENSIONS', to lower state employee retirement costs by capping or recalculating certain high-cost pensions.

COMMERCE

Proposed S.B. No. 107 SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNET EXCHANGE TO FACILITATE THE SALE OF BUSINESS TAX CREDITS AND REQUIRE A STUDY OF THE FISCAL IMPACT OF EXPANDING BUSINESS TAX CREDITS TO THE AFFECTED BUSINESS ENTITY TAX', to (1) authorize the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to establish an Internet exchange to facilitate the selling of tax credits by companies, and (2) to require the Commissioner of Revenue Services to study the fiscal impact of expanding business tax credits to the affected business entity tax established pursuant to section 12-699 of the general statutes.

Proposed S.B. No. 108 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUY CONNECTICUT PROGRAM FOR DEFENSE CONTRACTORS', to create incentives for defense contractors to utilize the services of in-state subcontractors and businesses.

Proposed S.B. No. 109 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANT PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF UNUSED PROPERTIES IN URBAN AREAS AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING', to create a grant program to encourage the development of unused properties in urban areas as affordable housing.

EDUCATION

Proposed S.B. No. 110 SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DUAL ENROLLMENT IN HIGH SCHOOL', to address issues related to high school students who are participating in a dual enrollment program.

ENVIRONMENT
Proposed S.B. No. 111 SEN. BERGSTEIN, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT APPROVING THE STATE WATER PLAN', to ensure that water remains a public trust.

Proposed S.B. No. 112 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF MAN-MADE STRUCTURES TO MARK THE COASTAL JURISDICTION LINE', to allow certain man-made structures to mark the coastal jurisdiction line.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 113 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT WAIVING PENALTIES AND INTEREST INCURRED FOR FAILURE TO PAY ESTIMATED QUARTERLY INCOME TAX AMOUNTS IN EQUAL PORTIONS', to provide tax relief to taxpayers with income levels that vary during the year.

Proposed S.B. No. 114 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN PENALTIES AND INTEREST INCURRED BY AFFECTED BUSINESS ENTITIES', to provide financial relief to affected business entities.

Proposed S.B. No. 115 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING ALL AIRCRAFT FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES', to exempt from the sales and use taxes the sale of and the storage, use or other consumption of small aircraft.

Proposed S.B. No. 116 SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS THAT MAKE PAYMENTS TOWARDS EMPLOYEES' STUDENT LOANS', to establish a tax credit for employers that make payments towards employees' student loans.

Proposed S.B. No. 117 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN ABANDONED RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER THE HOP RIVER AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-USE TRAIL IN HOP RIVER STATE PARK IN COLUMBIA', to provide funding for the replacement of an abandoned railroad bridge over the Hop River, including a pedestrian bridge, and the construction of four thousand four hundred feet of a multi-use trail as part of the East Coast Greenway system in Hop River State Park in Columbia.

Proposed S.B. No. 118 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CHESTNUT STREET THEATER IN NORWICH', to provide funding for the replacement of windows and other improvements at the Chestnut Street Theater in Norwich.

Proposed S.B. No. 119 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT AT THE BALTIC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT', to provide funding for the replacement of aging and unsafe firefighting equipment at the Baltic Volunteer Fire Department.

Proposed S.B. No. 120 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER LINE IN BOZRAH WITH A CONNECTION INTO NORWICH', to provide funding for the construction of a sewer line in Bozrah with a connection into Norwich.

Proposed S.B. No. 121 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ATHLETIC
FIELD AT RHAM HIGH SCHOOL IN HEBRON', to provide funding for improvements to the athletic field at RHAM High School in Hebron.

Proposed S.B. No. 122 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS IN STRAWBERRY FIELDS IN LISBON', to provide funding for the construction of sidewalks in Strawberry Fields in Lisbon.

Proposed S.B. No. 123 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL BAY TO STORE EQUIPMENT AT THE YANTIC FIRE COMPANY IN NORWICH', to provide funding for an additional bay to store equipment at the Yantic Fire Company in Norwich.

Proposed S.B. No. 124 SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A CITIZENS IN NEED ACCOUNT', to establish a citizens in need account to receive charitable contributions to assist residents of this state who have had their benefits from state social services programs administered by the Department of Social Services reduced due to state budgetary constraints, and to provide a state tax deduction at the rate of two hundred per cent of the amount contributed to said account.

Proposed S.B. No. 125 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM DELINQUENT TAX PENALTIES AND INTEREST', to eliminate certain hardships faced by members of the armed forces on active duty.

Proposed S.B. No. 126 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR SENIORS', to provide tax relief to seniors.

Proposed S.B. No. 127 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE POLICY PREMIUMS', to establish a tax deduction for long-term care insurance policy premiums.

Proposed S.B. No. 128 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR PREMIUM PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE POLICIES', to provide an incentive for the purchase of long-term care insurance that provides benefits for health care provided in an insured's home.

Proposed S.B. No. 129 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. ROTELLA, 43rd DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR A COMMUNITY WELL, SEPTIC SYSTEM AND PAVED ROAD IN THE PAUCATUCK EASTERN PEQUOT RESERVATION IN NORTH STONINGTON', to provide funding for the construction of a community well, septic system and paved road in the Paucatuck Eastern Pequot reservation in the town of North Stonington.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 130 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT DESIGNATING CONNECTICUT OLDER HORSE WEEK', to spread awareness of the active roles that horses play in farming, sports and entertainment and to show recognition for the retired horses of Connecticut.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 131 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING PERMANENT THE MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE OF
HIGHER EDUCATION FOR 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 the approval of the Office of Higher Education.

HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed S.B. No. 132 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFERS FROM HUSKY A TO HUSKY B', to address challenges faced by occupational therapists and other providers when a patient switches from HUSKY A to HUSKY B.

Proposed S.B. No. 133 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR STUDENTS', to reduce health care costs for Medicaid-eligible students.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed S.B. No. 134 SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT OPENING THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN TO SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYEES', to enable small business employees in this state to enroll in the state employee health insurance plan.

Proposed S.B. No. 135 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MEDICAL FOODS FOR PERSONS DIAGNOSED WITH PHENYLKETONURIA', to require health insurance coverage for medical foods for persons diagnosed with phenylketonuria.

Proposed S.B. No. 136 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE-OPERATED REINSURANCE PROGRAM AND REQUIRING THAT THIS STATE APPLY FOR A STATE INNOVATION WAIVER', to establish a state-operated reinsurance program and require this state to apply for a state innovation waiver to fund such program.

Proposed S.B. No. 137 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANDED ACCESS TO RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF A COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY', to provide a unit owner in a common interest community with expanded access to the association's records.

JUDICIARY

Proposed S.B. No. 138 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST.; REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST.; REP. HADDAD, 54th DIST.; REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT MODERNIZING THE STATE'S COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION STATUTES', to update state statutes concerning food cooperative associations and provide for the expansion of such associations as a resource.

Proposed S.B. No. 139 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR ASSAULTING A COACH', to promote safety of coaches in youth sports, thus promoting the safety of those promoting team sports and sportsmanship.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 140 SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX RELIEF PROGRAM', to expand the tax relief program under section 12-170aa of the general statutes to include a homeowner whose residential dwelling is held in trust.
Proposed S.B. No. 141 SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS', to provide municipalities with greater oversight of noneducational board of education expenses.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed S.B. No. 142 SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM', to ensure that people have options when purchasing high-cost prescription drugs by establishing a program to allow for the wholesale importation of prescription drugs from Canada.

Proposed S.B. No. 143 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OF THE STATE TO THE TOWN OF HEBRON FOR REPLACEMENT OF CONTAMINATED WATER LINES IN HEBRON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL', to provide financial assistance to Hebron to replace the contaminated water lines in Hebron Elementary School and bring the level of lead contamination to zero.

Proposed S.B. No. 144 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY CONCERNING THE EFFECTS OF VIOLENT VIDEO GAMES ON CHILD AND ADOLESCENT BEHAVIOR AND DEVELOPMENT', to study the impact of violent video games on children.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed S.B. No. 145 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY TO INCREASE MASS TRANSIT AND RAIL USAGE IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY', to explore methods of increasing and promoting mass transit usage.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Proposed S.B. No. 146 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST.; SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING CERTAIN VETERANS' ACCESS TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS', to require that pension benefits granted to certain veterans by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs be disregarded when determining income eligibility for certain state Medicare programs, as well as permit the Commissioner of Social Services to pursue exempting such benefits from income eligibility criteria as unreimbursed medical expenses.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.J. No. 8 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE PASSAGE OF NEW OR INCREASED STATE TAXES', to provide tax relief to taxpayers at the local level when taxes are added or increased at the state level.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Altobello of the 82nd District, the House adjourned at 11:33 o’clock a.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.