JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

The House of Representatives was called to order at 11:38 o'clock a.m., Representative Horn of the 64th 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, thank you for the gifts, abilities and opportunities You have given us. Be with us as we strive to serve the common good of all Your people. Amen.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS

On motion of Representative Michel of the 146th 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.

PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5444 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT REQUIRING LICENSURE OF ART THERAPISTS', to require the licensure of art therapists.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. 5575 (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS FOR FIRE STARTING BEHAVIOR TREATMENT', to permit the court to suspend a delinquency proceeding for certain fire starting offenses and order a child to participate in a fire starting behavior treatment program.

H.B. No. 5779 (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE REPORTING DEADLINE OF THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY VOLUNTARY ADMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to extend the reporting deadline of the Task Force to Study Voluntary Admission to the Department of Children and Families.

PUBLIC HEALTH
H.B. No. 6365 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ALLOWING PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AND THEIR FAMILIES TO ACCESS THE REGISTRY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES EMPLOYEES WHO WERE TERMINATED OR SEPARATED FROM EMPLOYMENT AS A RESULT OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT', to allow persons with intellectual disability and their families to access the abuse and neglect registry of former Department of Developmental Services employees.

AGING

H.B. No. 7071 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT PROVIDING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR INDIVIDUALS CARING FOR ELDERLY PERSONS, CHILDREN OR DISABLED PERSONS', to provide financial relief for caregivers.

H.B. No. 7072 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR ELDERLY NUTRITION SERVICES', to increase funding for meals on wheels in the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly by ten per cent from fiscal 2018 rates.

H.B. No. 7073 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY', to allow more senior citizens to age in place at home by expanding income eligibility and reducing the cost share for the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly.

APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed H.B. No. 7074 REP. CUMMINGS, 74th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING PENSIONS FOR LEGISLATORS WHOSE BENEFITS HAVE NOT VESTED', to eliminate pensions for legislators.

AGING

S.B. No. 804 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE OMBUDSMAN TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS CONCERNING RECIPIENTS OF HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES', to expand the investigatory oversight of the State Ombudsman to include home and community-based services.

S.B. No. 805 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO ASSIST ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS', to assist financially distressed elderly homeowners.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

S.B. No. 806 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING A FINDING OF NEGLECT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES', to prohibit a finding of neglect if the allegation of neglect is based solely on a child's participation in independent activities and such child is of sufficient maturity, physical condition and mental ability to avoid engaging in conduct that carries a substantial risk of physical harm.

PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 807 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES', to make technical revisions to the public health statutes.

HOUSING
S.B. No. 808 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE HOUSING', to require the Department of Housing to conduct a study of methods to increase housing options for municipal employees.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Michel of the 146th District, the House adjourned at 11:40 o’clock a.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.

CHANGES OF REFERENCE

HOUSE BILLS

The following reports on the House Bills, recommending a change of reference were received from the committees indicated, the reports of the committees accepted, and the bills referred as recommended:

CHILDREN. Proposed H.B. No. 5358 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEAMLESS TRANSITION OF CHILDREN AMONG BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Insurance and Real Estate.

GENERAL LAW. Proposed H.B. No. 5414 AN ACT CONCERNING PYRRHOTITE TESTING AT QUARRIES.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Planning and Development.

HUMAN SERVICES. Proposed H.B. No. 5546 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH AUTISM AND ALLOWING A BUSINESS TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT UTILIZE SUCH PROGRAM.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed H.B. No. 5652 AN ACT REQUIRING THE LABELING OF CERTAIN ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on General Law.

GENERAL LAW. Proposed H.B. No. 5702 AN ACT CONCERNING QUARRY STANDARDS AND TESTING.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Planning and Development.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed H.B. No. 5753 AN ACT REQUIRING THE LABELING OF CERTAIN ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on General Law.

CHILDREN. Proposed H.B. No. 5780 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF EDUCATING NONRESIDENT STUDENTS.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Planning and Development.

GENERAL LAW. Proposed H.B. No. 6040 AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFERS OF TITLE TO CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS SITUATED IN MUNICIPALITIES IMPACTED BY CRUMBLING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Planning and Development.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed H.B. No. 6140 AN ACT ALLOWING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS THE ABILITY TO CERTIFY A PATIENT FOR THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on General Law.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed H.B. No. 6152 AN ACT REQUIRING THE INCLUSION OF METHADONE IN THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on General Law.

CHILDREN. Proposed H.B. No. 6182 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN NONRESIDENT STUDENTS.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Planning and Development.

CHILDREN. Proposed H.B. No. 6183 AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION TO ESTABLISH A REGISTRY OF PERPETRATORS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HOUSING. Proposed H.B. No. 6292 AN ACT CONCERNING PROOF THAT A LANDLORD IS NOT RESIDING AT A RENTAL PROPERTY.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Planning and Development.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed H.B. No. 6363 AN ACT REQUIRING DROP BOXES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AT STATE POLICE BARRACKS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on General Law.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed H.B. No. 6370 AN ACT AMENDING THE COTTAGE FOOD OPERATION STATUTES AS THEY RELATE TO MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCTION.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on General Law.

HOUSING. Proposed H.B. No. 6477 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT MEDIATION PROGRAM FOR THE RESOLUTION OF CONDOMINIUM-RELATED DISPUTES.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed H.B. No. 6512 AN ACT PERMITTING A LANDLORD TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM SMOKING MARIJUANA IN THE LANDLORD'S RENTAL UNIT.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed H.B. No. 6513 AN ACT CONCERNING MAMMOGRAMS AND ULTRASOUNDS FOR BREAST CANCER SCREENING.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Insurance and Real Estate.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed H.B. No. 6521 AN ACT CONCERNING TOBACCO BARS.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on General Law.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed H.B. No. 6534 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE QUALITY HEALTH CARE.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Human Services.

CHILDREN. Proposed H.B. No. 6599 AN ACT CONCERNING UNAUTHORIZED PHOTOGRAPHY OF A MINOR BY A REGISTERED SEXUAL OFFENDER.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
HOUSING. Proposed H.B. No. 6678 AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL LIABILITY OF LANDLORDS FOR CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HUMAN SERVICES. Proposed H.B. No. 6682 AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT PARITY FOR STATE-FUNDED BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Public Health.

HUMAN SERVICES. Proposed H.B. No. 6899 AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Public Health.

BUSINESS FROM THE SENATE
CHANGE OF REFERENCE
SENATE BILL

The following report recommending a change of reference was received from the committee indicated, the report of the committee accepted in concurrence, and the bill referred as recommended:

GENERAL LAW. Proposed S.B. No. 78 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES IN FOOD PACKAGING AND FIREFIGHTER FOAM.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Public Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed S.B. No. 142 AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on General Law.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed S.B. No. 143 AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OF THE STATE TO THE TOWN OF HEBRON FOR REPLACEMENT OF CONTAMINATED WATER LINES IN HEBRON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Education.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed S.B. No. 160 AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OF THE STATE TO THE TOWN OF GROTON FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER AT MARY MORRISON SCHOOL.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed S.B. No. 370 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRESCRIPTION DRUG REVIEW BOARD.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Insurance and Real Estate.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed S.B. No. 371 AN ACT ESTABLISHING RATIONAL HOSPITAL PRICING.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Human Services.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed S.B. No. 446 AN ACT REQUIRING PHARMACIES TO DISPENSE OPIOID MEDICATION IN BLISTER PACKS.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on General Law.
GENERAL LAW. Proposed S.B. No. 478 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF VENDORS AT PARKVILLE MARKET.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Planning and Development.

HUMAN SERVICES. Proposed S.B. No. 491 AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO QUALITY HUMAN SERVICES.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Public Health.

GENERAL LAW. Proposed S.B. No. 605 AN ACT PROHIBITING INQUIRIES REGARDING THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF PERSONS OF ASIAN DESCENT.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Education.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed S.B. No. 616 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN HOSPITALS.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Human Services.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed S.B. No. 661 AN ACT ALLOWING FARM BREWERY AND BREW PUB RETAIL CUSTOMERS TO BRING THEIR DOGS ON-PREMISE.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on General Law.