JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Friday, February 15, 2019

The House of Representatives was called to order at 3:05 o'clock p.m., Representative Godfrey of the 110th District in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Kimberly B. Grove of Cheshire, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Lord, we thank You for Your goodness, Your mercy and Your grace. Bless us as we work to serve the common good of Your people. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kimberly B. Grove of Cheshire, Connecticut.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY,
THE GOVERNOR

The following communications were received from His Excellency, the Governor, on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

February 15, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for reappointment by you the HONORABLE ALEXANDRA D. DIPENTIMA of South Kent, to be a Judge of the Appellate Court and a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve a term of eight years from May 13, 2019.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 46b-231(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for appointment by you DONALD R. GREEN of Meriden, to be a Family Support Magistrate, in succession to the Honorable John Colella, to serve for a term of five years beginning from the date of confirmation by you.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
Pursuant to Section 46b-231(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for appointment by you J. LAWRENCE PRICE of Avon to be a Family Support Magistrate, in succession to the Honorable Norma Sanchez-Figueroa, to serve for a term of five years beginning from the date of confirmation by you.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 31-276 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent appoint, TONI M. FATONE of West Hartford, to be a Workers’ Compensation Commissioner in succession to Nancy Salerno, who elected to retire, to serve for a term of five years from the date of confirmation by you.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 31-276 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent appoint, PEDRO E. SEGARRA of Hartford, to be a Workers’ Compensation Commissioner in succession to the Honorable Robert D’Andrea, to serve for a term of five years beginning from the date of confirmation by you.

NED LAMONT
Governor

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following House Resolutions were received from the House committees indicated, the resolutions read the second time and tabled for the Calendar:

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. H.R. No. 17 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JOSEPH GIULIETTI OF ROCKY HILL TO BE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. H.R. No. 18 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT T. ROSS OF SALEM TO BE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MILITARY AFFAIRS.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. H.R. No. 19 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THOMAS J. SAADI OF DANBURY TO BE COMMISSIONER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following House Resolutions were received from the House committees indicated, the resolutions read the second time and tabled for the Calendar and printing:

APPROPRIATIONS. H.R. No. 11 (File No. 3) RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
ATTORNEYS AND SUPERVISING ATTORNEYS, LOCAL 381, AFSCME COUNCIL 4, AFL-CIO.

APPROPRIATIONS. H.R. No. 12 (File No. 4) RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT JUDICIAL BRANCH AND THE JUDICIAL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES UNION, JPE/AFT-CT, AFL-CIO.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS

On motion of Representative Currey of the 11th 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. 5898 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS', to provide aid in dying to terminally ill patients.

H.B. No. 7131 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENTITY ESTABLISHED TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM EXPEDITING DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE-WIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE', to allow for expansion of membership of the board of directors of the entity established to implement the program expediting development of the State-wide Health Information Exchange.

H.B. No. 7132 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATES AND MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPIST ASSOCIATES', to require the licensure of professional counselor associates and marital and family therapist associates.

H.B. No. 7133 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BLOOD LEAD LEVEL REQUIREMENTS', to require epidemiological investigations upon receipt of certain confirmed venous blood lead levels.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

H.B. No. 7134 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BUS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CHARGES FOR VETERANS', to allow a passenger who is a veteran, upon presentation of a motor vehicle operator's license or identity card indicating such passenger's status as a veteran, to ride state-owned or state-controlled bus public transportation free of charge.

H.B. No. 7135 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF WRITTEN CERTIFICATIONS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND IDENTIFYING VETERANS WHO HAVE PRESCRIPTIONS THEREFOR', to extend the validity of an initial medical certification for qualifying medical marijuana patients and to provide such patients an opportunity to provide identifying information that he or she is a veteran.

H.B. No. 7136 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PROGRAM FEE', to exempt veterans from payment of the motor vehicle registration fee associated with the Passport to the Parks program.
H.B. No. 7137 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DESIGNATED DRIVERS IN THE OFFICE OF ADVOCACY AND ASSISTANCE DISTRICT OFFICES', to require each district office of the Office of Advocacy and Assistance to have a designated driver for certain veterans' appointments and interviews.

H.B. No. 7138 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF VETERANS' SERVICES OFFERED BY OASIS CENTERS', to study the expansion of OASIS centers programming and services to all veterans, regardless of enrollment at a public institution of higher education in this state at which such center may be established.

PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 94 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ALLowing PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER THE INFLUENZA VACCINE TO CHILDREN TWELVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER', to reduce the costs of and expand access to the administration of the influenza vaccine for minors.

S.B. No. 96 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO ENHANCE PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT IN THE STATE', to determine how to expand access to primary care in the state.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

S.B. No. 781 (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF VITAL RECORDS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES FUND', to allow the waiver of fees charged for certified copies of a vital record sought in connection with a person's application for assistance from the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund.

PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 858 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROPHYLACTIC TREATMENT OF MINORS FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES', to permit prophylactic treatment of minors for sexually transmitted diseases without the consent of a parent or guardian.

S.B. No. 859 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS', to require the establishment of a certification program for community health workers.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

S.B. No. 860 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM ACCOUNT', to establish a law enforcement support office program account.

S.B. No. 861 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF "SERVICE IN TIME OF WAR" AND STATE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN VETERANS' SERVICES', to redefine "service in time of war" and to remove a two-year residency requirement for certain veterans' services.

S.B. No. 862 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN STATE CONTRACTING', 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 veteran-owned contractors.
S.B. No. 863 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL', to prohibit an employer from discriminating against, disciplining or discharging an employee because the employee is a member of the civil air patrol or is absent from work under certain circumstances as a member of the civil air patrol.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Currey of the 11th District, the House adjourned at 3:07 o’clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.

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:

COMMERCE. Proposed S.B. No. 108 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUY CONNECTICUT PROGRAM FOR DEFENSE CONTRACTORS.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.