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The House of Representatives was called to order at 11:49 o'clock a.m., Representative Currey of the 11th 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. Lord, bless this beautiful day You have set before us as we gather to do the business of the State. Be with us as we work to do what is best for our constituents. Amen.

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

BUSINESS FROM THE SENATE
FAVORABLE REPORTS OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES
CHANGES OF REFERENCE
SENATE BILLS

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

EDUCATION. S.B. No. 814 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT TESTING OF WATER SUPPLIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE PRESENCE OF LEAD.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Public Health.

EDUCATION. Substitute for S.B. No. 852 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHING OF A PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

COMMERCE. S.B. No. 856 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER MANUFACTURERS' WORKFORCE NEEDS WHEN EVALUATING PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Education.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS

On motion of Representative Morin of the 28th 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.
ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5312 (COMM) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WITHIN UTILITY PROTECTION ZONES', to improve the notification requirements and process by which customers are informed for tree and shrub cutting work in a utility protection zone property that is located on private property.

H.B. No. 5395 (COMM) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING AN EVALUATION OF THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE LAW', to revise the environmental justice law in order to better serve the municipalities and communities that it is intended to benefit.

H.B. No. 5999 (COMM) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PESTICIDE REGULATION IN THE STATE', to implement recommendations of the Council on Environmental Quality for properly enforcing pesticide restrictions.

H.B. No. 6429 (COMM) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPALITIES COMBATING GYPSY MOTH AND EMERALD ASH BORER INFESTATIONS', to assist municipalities with the costs associated with tree removal and suppression programs resulting from gypsy moth and emerald ash borer infestations.

PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 6522 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION IN SCREENING FOR INFLAMMATORY BREAST CANCER AND GASTROINTESTINAL CANCERS', to permit continuing medical education in risk management to include screening for inflammatory breast cancer and gastrointestinal cancers, including colon, gastric, pancreatic and neuroendocrine cancers and other rare gastrointestinal tumors.

H.B. No. 6530 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN ALL STATE-OWNED OR LEASED BUILDINGS', to require that all state-owned or leased buildings contain at least one centrally located automatic external defibrillator and one person trained in the use of an automatic external defibrillator available in the event of an emergency.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 6646 (COMM) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK', to utilize the Green Bank model for environmental infrastructure, including water and solid waste management, recycling, climate resiliency and natural resource conservation.

H.B. No. 6647 (COMM) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE PROGRAM', to establish a regenerative agriculture program in the state that will improve soil health, conservation, rainwater absorption, drought resiliency and water quality.

H.B. No. 7345 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT AND COMBATTING INVASIVE PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES', to provide a source of funding to lake authorities for the costs of combatting invasive species.
H.B. No. 7346 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF CERTAIN ORGANOPHOSPHATES', to prohibit the use of the organophosphate pesticide chlorpyrifos.

H.B. No. 7347 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS AND VETERANS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to exempt senior citizens and veterans from the motor vehicle registration fee associated with the Passport to the Parks Program.

H.B. No. 7348 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS FOR CLEAN WATER FUND PROJECTS', to increase bonding authorizations for Clean Water Fund projects.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 7349 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IDENTITY THEFT VICTIM ACCESS TO RECORDS', to enable identity theft victims to access records in the case of identity theft that would otherwise be unavailable to the victim in the case of a defendant accessing accelerated rehabilitation for the purpose of correcting erroneous information concerning the victim's identity.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 76 (COMM) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO RESTRICT THE USE OF PESTICIDES IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR ON CERTAIN TYPES OF PROPERTIES', to enable municipalities to prohibit the application of pesticides on certain properties within such municipality.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 440 (COMM) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT PROTECTING EMPLOYEE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND CONSCIENCE', to prohibit an employer from coercing employees into attending or participating in meetings sponsored by the employer concerning the employer's views on political or religious matters.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 585 (COMM) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AIR QUALITY MONITORING IN TOWNS NEAR THE CRICKET VALLEY ENERGY CENTER', to provide air quality monitoring assistance to towns that may have their air quality affected by the Cricket Valley Energy Center in New York.

S.B. No. 588 (COMM) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING OFF-SHORE DRILLING FOR OIL AND GAS IN CONNECTICUT', to minimize adverse environmental and tourism impacts from off-shore oil and gas drilling.

PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 1057 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOID USE DISORDER', to combat opioid use disorder in the state.

S.B. No. 1058 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF TATTOO TECHNICIANS', to require tattoo technicians to comply with the infection prevention and control plan guidelines prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health
and to require student tattoo technicians to complete minimum educational requirements under a supervising licensed tattoo technician.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 1059 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE PREVENTION OF FALSE LONG-TERM CARE LEGAL PLANNING AND ADVISEMENT', to (1) redefine the unauthorized practice of law, particularly in the area of elder law and Medicaid eligibility law, and (2) enact consumer protections for individuals seeking advice on Medicaid eligibility.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 1060 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF STORMWATER', to require the submission of recommendations concerning the requirements of stormwater regulation pursuant to the MS4 permit and the availability of funding sources for the implementation of best practices concerning the management of stormwater by municipalities.

S.B. No. 1061 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESTORATION OF FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT', to restore recent funds cut from the community investment account.

S.B. No. 1062 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND COASTAL RESILIENCY RESERVE FUNDS', to authorize municipalities to establish climate change and coastal resiliency reserve funds that can be used to fund payments for property losses and land acquisitions due to climate change.

S.B. No. 1063 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE FARMLAND AVAILABILITY FOR BEGINNING FARMERS', to establish a task force to develop recommendations for improving the availability of farmland for first-time farmers.

S.B. No. 1064 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CARBON PRICE FOR FOSSIL FUELS SOLD IN CONNECTICUT', to establish a carbon price for fossil fuels sold in the state.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Morin of the 28th District, the House adjourned at 11:51 o’clock a.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.