The Senate was called to order at 11:50 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut

The following is the prayer:

Help us to guard with care the things we say. Let us remember that our words have the power to build up or tear down.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(d) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk’s under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Friday, February 22, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

REPORT

The following report was received, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee indicated:


INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), 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:

JUDICIARY
S.B. No. 60 (COMM) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT', to require individuals openly carrying to produce their permit if their firearm is visible and if requested by a law enforcement officer.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

S.B. No. 452 (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STATE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to establish a State Oversight Council on Children and Families in place of the State Advisory Council on Children and Families, and require the State Oversight Council on Children and Families to report annually to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and children.

S.B. No. 929 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL MANDATED REPORTERS, THE DURATION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS AND THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to (1) include as mandated reporters (A) persons who have regular contact with children and provide services to or on behalf of children pursuant to a contract with or credential issued by the Department of Children and Families, (B) victims services supervisors employed by the Judicial Department, and (C) employees of the juvenile justice program operated by or pursuant to a contract with the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Department, (2) require the completion of investigations of child abuse and neglect not later than thirty-three business days after receipt of a report, and (3) repeal (A) reporting requirements concerning certain children and youths in the custody of the Department of Children and Families, and (B) written notification requirements concerning reports of abuse and neglect.

EDUCATION

S.B. No. 930 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN EARLY CHILDHOOD BUSINESS INCUBATOR MODEL', to establish a pilot program that authorizes the Commissioner of Early Childhood to issue a license to a person or group of persons to operate a family child care home or group child care home in a space that is not a private home and which has been provided by an association, organization, corporation, institution or agency.

S.B. No. 931 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS', to require Care4Kids program payments to be at least equal to the seventy-fifth percentile of the market cost of child care; to require that any increase in funding to child care centers and school readiness program providers are to be used for increasing educator salaries; and to reestablish school readiness grant rates in the general statutes and to increase such rates.

S.B. No. 932 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STAFF QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS', to make revisions to and extend the dates of the staff qualifications requirement for early childhood educators.

S.B. No. 933 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN FAMILIES IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM', to expand the eligibility of the Care4Kids program to include families with a gross income of up to seventy-five per cent of the state-wide median income and require advance notice of expanded program eligibility.

S.B. No. 934 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM TO PARENTS ENROLLED IN OTHER TYPES OF SCHOOL', to expand eligibility in the Care4Kids program to parents who are enrolled in school, in addition to high school, and require advance notice of expanded program eligibility.
S.B. No. 935 (RAISED) EDUCATION. ‘AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD TO DEVELOP AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR COMPENSATION SCHEDULE’, to require the Office of Early Childhood to develop an early childhood educator compensation schedule and for early childhood program providers to implement such compensation schedule.

S.B. No. 936 (RAISED) EDUCATION. ‘AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD’, to implement the recommendations of the Office of Early Childhood.

S.B. No. 937 (RAISED) EDUCATION. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS’, to establish a student loan forgiveness program for early childhood educators.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 938 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS’, to require each state agency to follow any order, denial or decree of a Probate Court that is applicable to a determination made by the state agency, and clarify that a state agency has standing to appeal any such order, denial or decree to the Superior Court with respect to such order's applicability to the state agency's determination.

S.B. No. 939 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING PSYCHIATRIC COMMITMENT EVALUATIONS’, to: (1) Reduce the number of physician evaluations required by the Probate Court when a petition for involuntary commitment to a psychiatric hospital is filed; and (2) provide statutory immunity for the court-appointed psychiatrist who conducts such evaluation.

H.B. No. 5227 (COMM) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS BY MUNICIPALITIES', to prohibit the regulation of firearms by municipalities.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. 7214 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING THE PHYSICAL RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION OF STUDENTS BY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES’, to (1) prohibit the physical restraint of a student who cannot be safely restrained because such restraint is medically contraindicated, (2) require school principals to provide verbal and written notification to the parent or guardian of any student placed in physical restraint or seclusion, (3) require continual rather than frequent monitoring of a student placed in involuntary seclusion, and (4) require the presence of a student's assigned school paraprofessional if such student is placed in physical restraint or seclusion.

H.B. No. 7215 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SAFE SCHOOL CLIMATE POLICIES', to (1) require local and regional boards of education to develop safe school climate policies, (2) require schools to assess school climate, (3) require the Department of Education to develop a social and emotional learning assessment instrument, (4) establish the duties of a safe school climate coordinator, (5) require local and regional boards of education to establish a social and emotional learning and school climate council in place of the existing safe school climate committee, (6) require the Department of Education to develop a model safe school climate policy, and (7) require local and regional boards of education to provide training on the prevention of and intervention in discrimination against and targeted harassment of students.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT
H.B. No. 7216 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to increase the age at which youths who are committed to the Department of Children and Families qualify to receive funding for post-secondary education under a program offered by the department.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 7217 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT REPEALING OBSOLETE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION STATUTES', to repeal obsolete statutes concerning the Department of Correction.

H.B. No. 7218 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME', to require the safe storage of all firearms, whether loaded or unloaded, in a home with a minor under eighteen years of age.

H.B. No. 7219 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS', to ban guns without serial numbers and regulate those which are sold in a form requiring the purchaser to finish assembly or that are homemade or 3-D printed.

H.B. No. 7220 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO APPEAL THE DECISION OF A MUNICIPAL ETHICS BOARD TO THE SUPERIOR COURT UNDER THE UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT', to provide a right to appeal the decision of a municipal ethics board to the Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

H.B. No. 7221 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS', to conduct a study of programs offered by Workforce Investment Boards within the state.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate at 11:55 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.