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Wednesday, February 27, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:10 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 be honest and true in all that we say and all that we do. Give us the courage to do what is right.

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 Wednesday, February 27, 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:

Report - Legislative Regulation Review Committee - 2018 Report to the General Assembly. (Pursuant to Section 4-170; 4-170b; and 4-171 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 26, 2019
Referral to Connecticut Legislative Leadership

FAVORABLE REPORT OF SENATE COMMITTEE

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following favorable report was received from the Senate Committee indicated, read the second time and tabled for the calendar.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.R. No. 22 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DAVID A. LEHMAN OF GREENWICH TO BE COMMISSIONER OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

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FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES
SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following favorable reports were received from the Joint Standing Committees indicated, read the second time and tabled for the calendar.

JUDICIARY. S.J. No. 22 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF TONI M. FATONE OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A WORKERS’ COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER.

JUDICIARY. S.J. No. 23 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE DONALD R. GREEN OF MERIDEN TO BE A FAMILY SUPPORT MAGISTRATE.

JUDICIARY. S.J. No. 24 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE LUBBIE HARPER, JR. OF NORTH HAVEN TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

JUDICIARY. S.J. No. 25 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ROBIN L. WILSON OF NEW HAVEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

FAVORABLE REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES
SENATE BILLS

The following favorable reports were received from the Joint Standing Committees indicated, read the second time and tabled for the calendar.

PUBLIC HEALTH. S.B. No. 795 (RAISED) (File No. 8) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Substitute for S.B. No. 796 (RAISED) (File No. 9) AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINERS.

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:

NOTE: Due to a drafting error, in List of Bills No. 32 dated February 27, 2019, House Bill No.7224 - "An Act Concerning Paraeducator Pay Equity." - incorrectly listed General Law as the committee of origin. House Bill No. 7224 is a Raised Bill of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. The bill has been properly referred to the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Corrected copies of the affected bill will be made available in the Legislative Bill Room. The correction to House Bill No. 7224 is reflected below.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 2 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE', to provide more economic security to Connecticut families by increasing the minimum fair wage.
PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 4 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to require a study of the public health impact of people not taking their prescription medications, or not taking them as directed, because they cannot afford to pay for them.

S.B. No. 16 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING AN UNAUTHORIZED PELVIC EXAMINATION ON A FEMALE PATIENT WHO IS UNDER DEEP SEDATION OR ANESTHESIA OR UNCONSCIOUS', to prohibit unauthorized pelvic examinations on female patients who have been administered deep sedation or anesthesia or are unconscious.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 64 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CAPTIVE AUDIENCE MEETINGS', 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.

S.B. No. 356 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY CONCERNING APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS', to pursue alternative apprenticeship models to encourage growth in the manufacturing talent pipeline.

PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 394 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL ON PROTECTING WOMEN'S HEALTH', to ensure quality health care for women.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

S.B. No. 533 (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DIAPER CHANGING STATIONS IN PUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS', to amend the State Building Code to require diaper changing tables that are accessible to women and men in all newly constructed or substantially renovated public or commercial buildings that include at least one restroom open to the public.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 764 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING "ON-CALL" SHIFT SCHEDULING', to prohibit the practice of on-call shift scheduling.

HUMAN SERVICES

S.B. No. 943 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID TREATMENT OF AN INACCESSIBLE ASSET', to allow a person to become eligible for Medicaid if he or she otherwise qualifies but for one inaccessible asset that cannot be liquidated in fewer than thirty days.

S.B. No. 944 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO CHILDREN BY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS', to change the Medicaid reimbursement methodology for occupational therapists and to require certain screening tools be used to assess children involved in substantiated cases of abuse and neglect.

S.B. No. 945 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INNOVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS OF HUMAN SERVICES', to provide a financial incentive for nonprofit providers to provide cost-efficient and
innovative state-funded human services by allowing them to keep a percentage of savings from the
contacted cost and reinvest the savings in services.

S.B. No. 946 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING DEADLINES
APPLICABLE TO HEARING DECISIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES’,
to clarify the deadline for the Department of Social Services to issue a final decision on an
administrative appeal and remedies when the department fails to meet the deadline.

S.B. No. 947 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. ‘AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NURSING
HOME PROVIDER USER TAX EXEMPTION FOR MATATUCK HEALTHCARE
FACILITY, INC’, to eliminate the financial burden of the nursing home resident day user fee for
the only operating, free-standing rest home with nursing supervision in the state.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 948 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION WITH
RESPECT TO MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES’, to enact the Connecticut Sentencing
Commission’s recommendations with respect to misdemeanor offenses.

VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

S.B. No. 949 (RAISED) VETERANS’ AFFAIRS. ‘AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF
THE STATE FOR THE HARRY RUFFIN, JR. AMERICAN LEGION POST 206’, to provide
funding for the Harry Ruffin, Jr. American Legion Post 206.

S.B. No. 950 (RAISED) VETERANS’ AFFAIRS. ‘AN ACT ESTABLISHING A
VETERANS’ CEMETERY ACCOUNT’, to establish a veterans’ cemetery account.

S.B. No. 951 (RAISED) VETERANS’ AFFAIRS. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING VETERAN
ENROLLMENT IN CERTAIN ALTERNATE ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS’, to
require fifteen per cent of available seats in certain alternate route to certification programs to be
reserved for veterans.

S.B. No. 952 (RAISED) VETERANS’ AFFAIRS. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A TRAINING MANUAL AND TRAINING PROGRAM ON CERTAIN
HEALTH CONDITIONS COMMON TO VETERANS’, to require the Commissioner of Veterans
Affairs to develop (1) a training manual for employers on certain veterans’ health issues, and (2) a
training program for vocational rehabilitation service providers on such issues.

S.B. No. 953 (RAISED) VETERANS’ AFFAIRS. ‘AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CYBER
TECHNOLOGY COMPETITION FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS’, to establish a cyber technology
competition for certain students.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

S.B. No. 954 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING
SECONDHAND DEALERS, PRECIOUS METALS OR STONES DEALERS AND
PAWNBROKERS’, to (1) allow secondhand dealers and precious metals or stones dealers
previously licensed as pawnbrokers to pay cash for any property received pursuant to such
licenses; and (2) prohibit a pawnbroker from cashing a check, draft or money order issued by the
pawnbroker in an amount in excess of five hundred dollars, instead of one thousand dollars.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
S.B. No. 955 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CLARIFYING EXISTING LAW REGARDING DIRECT SELLERS AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS', to exempt individual direct sellers from unemployment compensation coverage.

**VETERANS’ AFFAIRS**

S.J. No. 3 (COMM) VETERANS’ AFFAIRS. 'RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO RECOGNIZE WOMEN IN THE CADET NURSE CORPS DURING WORLD WAR II AS VETERANS'

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

H.B. No. 5004 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE', to provide more economic security to Connecticut families by increasing the minimum fair wage.

H.B. No. 5053 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS RECOVERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE', to increase employment opportunities for persons recovering from substance abuse.

H.B. No. 7224 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PARAEducATOR PAY EQUITY', to ensure pay equity for paraeducators.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

H.B. No. 5142 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION', to establish the crime of mutilation of female genitalia of minors as a class D felony.

H.B. No. 5145 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACTION ORGANIZATIONS', to establish regional behavioral health action organizations and to study the efficacy of such organizations and make recommendations concerning their services.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

H.B. No. 5149 (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEETINGS OF BOARDS OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS', to prohibit nonstatutory restrictions on meetings of boards of police commissioners.

H.B. No. 5152 (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF MARIJUANA-IMPAIRED DRIVING AND METHODS TO DETECT MARIJUANA-IMPAIRED DRIVING', to require a study of marijuana-impaired driving and methods of detecting if a person’s driving is impaired by marijuana usage.

H.B. No. 5362 (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE INTENTIONAL INJURY OF A POLICE ANIMAL OR DOG IN A VOLUNTEER CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM', to increase the penalty for intentionally injuring a police animal or dog in a volunteer canine search and rescue team.

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**
H.B. No. 6111 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING EMPLOYERS TO ENROLL EMPLOYEES IN DIRECT PAYCHECK DEPOSIT PROGRAMS', to allow employers to control their costs of doing business by allowing them to automatically enroll their employees into direct paycheck deposit programs.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

H.B. No. 6376 (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTORS AS PEACE OFFICERS', to redefine "peace officer" to include a motor vehicle inspector who is certified as a police officer and make conforming changes.

HOUSING

H.B. No. 7225 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING', to allow housing authorities to implement a hybrid waiting list management system in order to streamline the application process.

H.B. No. 7226 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR TEACHERS TO LIVE IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES', to establish a pilot program to provide incentives for teachers to live in certain municipalities.

H.B. No. 7227 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AGING IN PLACE', to direct the Department of Housing to conduct a study of methods to facilitate seniors residing in their homes as long as possible.

H.B. No. 7228 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO WAIVE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FROM A HOUSING AUTHORITY', to require a municipality that received certain state funding in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 to waive payments in lieu of taxes from a housing authority.

H.B. No. 7229 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE SAFETY IN RENTAL UNITS', to modify existing requirements for landlords to provide notice of fire suppression systems to tenants.

HUMAN SERVICES

H.B. No. 7230 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INTERPRETER STANDARDS AND IMPROVING ACCESS TO PUBLIC SPACES FOR DEAF, DEAF-BLIND AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS', to improve interpreter standards and access to public spaces for persons who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing.

H.B. No. 7231 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE ADULT FAMILY LIVING-FOSTER CARE PROGRAM TO PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES', to expand a foster care program currently being offered to elderly persons and persons with certain disabilities to persons with intellectual disabilities.

H.B. No. 7232 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT ENHANCING THE SAFETY OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS WITH VIDEO CAMERAS', to enhance the safety of nursing home residents by requiring nursing homes to install video cameras that may be remotely monitored by a resident's family.

H.B. No. 7233 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT PROMOTING EFFICIENCY IN STATE BENEFIT PROGRAMS', to reduce fraud and inefficiency in state benefit programs by requiring agencies to share information on fraudulent claims and best cost-efficient practices.
H.B. No. 7234 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS BY NURSING HOME RESIDENTS TO COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION', to allow nursing home residents equal access to public transportation services in order to achieve equal and inclusive community participation of such residents and prevent discrimination based on nursing home residency status.

H.B. No. 7235 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS BY BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION', to provide audio access by blind or visually impaired persons to government web sites and public safety notices.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 7236 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY THAT IS EXEMPT FROM A JUDGMENT CREDITOR', to increase the values of the motor vehicle and homestead exemptions.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

H.B. No. 7237 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DISPARITY STUDY', to require the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities to conduct a disparity study.

H.B. No. 7238 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM', to make administrative changes to the municipal employees health insurance program.

H.B. No. 7239 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND', to implement the recommendations of the Employment Security Advisory Board regarding unemployment insurance.

H.B. No. 7240 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT MAKING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO LABOR DEPARTMENT STATUTES', to make minor and technical changes to Labor Department statutes.

H.B. No. 7241 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT', to make minor and technical changes to the Workers' Compensation Act.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

H.B. No. 7242 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE OFFICERS AT INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to allow the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to commission police officers at independent institutions of higher education.

H.B. No. 7243 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SAFETY AND SECURITY POLICIES', to require any transportation network company to adopt a policy to address rider safety and security.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

H.B. No. 7244 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS HAVING DISABILITY RATINGS', to increase the property tax exemption amounts for veterans having a disability rating and require the
filing of a death certificate with the town assessor to continue such exemption for a surviving spouse or minor children after the veteran's death.

H.B. No. 7245 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADVANCE ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS IN CHARTER SCHOOLS AND INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOLS BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES', to allow nonresident members of the armed forces who are the parents or guardians of nonresident students to enroll such students in certain schools in anticipation of moving to and residing in this state.

H.B. No. 7246 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE GUARD', to clarify the Governor's authority with respect to the command and control of the Connecticut State Guard.

H.B. No. 7247 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO VETERANS' RESOURCES INFORMATION', to increase access to information on veterans' resources.

H.B. No. 7248 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IN-STATE STUDENT STATUS FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES', to allow spouses and children of certain members of the armed forces to be deemed in-state students for the purposes of certain tuition charges.

H.B. No. 7249 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING IN HEALTH CONDITIONS COMMON TO FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES', to require emergency medical services personnel to receive training in health conditions common to former members of the armed forces.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate at 11:16 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.