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The Senate was called to order at 11:30 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, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be happy with the things we have.

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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 Tuesday, March 19, 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.

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FAVORABLE REPORTS 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 and printing.

GENERAL LAW. S.B. No. 848 (RAISED) (File No. 76) AN ACT CONCERNING FUNERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS AND CEMETERIES.

GENERAL LAW. S.B. No. 849 (RAISED) (File No. 77) AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGE ORDERS IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.

EDUCATION. Substitute for S.B. No. 853 (RAISED) (File No. 78) AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE REAL ESTATE LICENSING CURRICULUM FOR USE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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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:

GENERAL LAW

S.B. No. 9 (COMM) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY REGARDING THE ADJUSTMENT OF FEES FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS', to require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to conduct a study regarding the reduction of all existing fees for initial occupational licenses, certifications and registrations by seventy-five per cent and the increasing of existing renewal fees for such licenses, certifications and registrations to account for lost revenue.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 359 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT EXTENDING WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS TO EMPLOYEES OF BUSINESSES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE', to extend whistleblower protections to employees of businesses who receive economic development financial assistance from the state.

GENERAL LAW

S.B. No. 434 (COMM) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SPECULATIVE SALES OF EVENT TICKETS', to prohibit certain speculative ticket sales practices by resellers of event tickets.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 504 (COMM) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS FOR TREATMENT OR OTHER SERVICES IN MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT OR MISUSE CASES AND CONCERNING DETENTION OF JUVENILES', to divert children in motor vehicle theft or misuse delinquency cases to treatment or other programs and to modify the grounds under which a child may be detained.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 549 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FIREFIGHTER WORK WEEKS', to eliminate the fifty-six-hour average work week cap for certain firefighters.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

S.B. No. 643 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF ELECTION RESULTS', to supplement the submission of the moderator's return to the Secretary of the State after an election with a tabulator tape or a digital image thereof.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 660 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY AND PENSION OFFSETS', to prevent the classification of permanent partial disability settlements as wages for the purpose of workers' compensation benefits.

JUDICIARY
S.B. No. 689 (COMM) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF EX PARTE RESTRAINING ORDERS', to permit the court to issue ex parte restraining orders when the respondent could pose a physical danger to the applicant prior to the opportunity for a hearing.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 765 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT ENSURING FAIR AND EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK', to ensure all employees receive fair and equal pay for equal work.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

S.B. No. 1090 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TAX ADMINISTRATION', to implement the Department of Revenue Services' recommendations for tax administration.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

S.B. No. 1091 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND WEEKS', to designate various days and weeks in order to honor or recognize certain groups or raise awareness regarding certain diseases and to create a Centennial Commission on Women's Suffrage account.

GENERAL LAW

H.B. No. 5139 (COMM) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TOBACCO BARS', to allow for the expansion, change in location and establishment of tobacco bars.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 5504 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NET ECONOMIC VALUE OF CONTRACTS', to require the Departments of Administrative Services and Transportation and the constituent units of higher education to create a methodology for evaluating the net economic value of contracts.

GENERAL LAW

H.B. No. 5703 (COMM) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF CURRENCY AS PAYMENT IN LOCAL BUSINESSES', to prohibit persons who offer consumer goods and services to the public from refusing to accept cash as a form of payment.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 5823 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPAIGN CONSULTANTS AND USE OF FUNDS UNDER THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM', to require consultants for candidates participating in the Citizens' Election Program to register with the State Elections Enforcement Commission and sign an affidavit agreeing to abide by said program's expenditure limits if such candidate is paid more than fifteen per cent of the amount of such candidate's grant under said program.

H.B. No. 6283 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UTILIZATION OF BUILDINGS OCCUPIED BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES', to require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to
include in the annual inventories of state real property the number of state employees per square foot in buildings occupied by executive branch agencies.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

H.B. No. 6508 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INVESTMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION JOB WORKFORCE FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS', to create a construction job career path for low-income residents and ensure successful employment through state hiring requirements in state construction contracts.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 6671 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REMOVAL FROM VOTER REGISTRY LISTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES', to prohibit changes in address processed at the Department of Motor Vehicles from being transmitted to registrars of voters for the purpose of removing electors from town registry lists.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

H.B. No. 6913 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COVENANTS NOT TO COMPETE', to prohibit employers from requiring certain employees from signing unfair covenants not to compete.

H.B. No. 6916 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT EXPANDING REMEDIES AND POTENTIAL LIABILITY FOR UNREASONABLY CONTESTED OR DELAYED WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS', to clarify the law regarding bad faith handling of workers' compensation claims.

H.B. No. 6921 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION BASED SOLELY ON A PERSON'S CRIMINAL HISTORY', to prohibit discrimination based on a person's criminal history.

H.B. No. 6923 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PER DIEM EQUITY FOR STATE BOARD OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION ARBITRATORS', to ensure per diem compensation equity for state board of mediation and arbitration arbitrators.

H.B. No. 6933 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF THE SALARY RANGE OF A VACANT EMPLOYMENT POSITION', to require the Labor Commissioner to study whether employers in this state should be required to disclose to job applicants the salary ranges for advertised vacant employment positions.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

H.B. No. 7373 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MINOR REVISIONS TO THE TAX AND RELATED STATUTES', to implement the Department of Revenue Services' recommendations for minor revisions to the tax and related statutes.

H.B. No. 7374 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AND AVIATION ACCOUNT AND REDUCING THE RATE OF SALES AND USE TAXES ON DYED DIESEL FUEL USED FOR MARINE PURPOSES', to require the Commissioner of Revenue Services to transfer moneys in the Connecticut airport and aviation account and authorize the Connecticut Airport Authority to
expend such moneys for airport and aviation-related purposes, and to reduce the rate of the sales and use taxes on marine dyed diesel fuel.

H.B. No. 7375 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE TAX AND RELATED STATUTES', to make technical and conforming changes to the tax and related statutes.

H.B. No. 7376 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NEXUS PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN DISASTER-RELATED OR EMERGENCY-RELATED WORK PERFORMED IN THE STATE', to specify that out-of-state businesses and out-of-state employees with no connection to the state other than performing disaster-related or emergency-related work in the state shall not be deemed to have established presence or residency in the state by virtue of performing such work.

H.B. No. 7377 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE MANUFACTURING APPRENTICESHIP TAX CREDIT TO AFFECTED BUSINESS ENTITIES', to allow affected business entities to claim the manufacturing apprenticeship tax credit against the personal income tax or the affected business entity tax.

**JUDICIARY**

H.B. No. 7378 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE AND ILLEGAL RACING', to increase the penalties associated with negligent homicide with a motor vehicle and illegal racing.

H.B. No. 7379 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ISSUANCE OF A STOP WORK ORDER', to increase the penalties associated with the issuance of a stop work order.

H.B. No. 7380 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO MEDICAL RECORDS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT', to establish requirements relating to the use of a subpoena to gain access to medical records that are protected under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

H.B. No. 7381 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE PURSUITS OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES BEING OPERATED BY OR INVOLVING A PASSENGER WHO IS A JUVENILE', to require standards that govern a police pursuit of a stolen motor vehicle being operated by or involving a passenger who is a juvenile.

H.B. No. 7382 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CIVIL ACTIONS BROUGHT BY ELDERLY VICTIMS OF ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION OR ABANDONMENT', to permit elderly victims of abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment to sue for treble damages.

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

H.J. No. 33 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS'

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate at 11:35 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.