The Senate was called to order at 4:00 p.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, Timothy Kehoe of East Hartford, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

May the work that we do benefit all those we serve.

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, March 29, 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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR

The following communications were received from His Excellency, the Governor, read by the Clerk and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations:

March 29, 2019

To The Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-2 and 51-275a, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint THE HONORABLE ANDREW J. MCDONALD of Stamford, to be chairperson of the Criminal Justice Commission, to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 29, 2019

To The Honorable General Assembly:
Pursuant to Sections 4-2 and 51-275a, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint REGINALD D. BETTS of New Haven, to be a member of the Criminal Justice Commission, to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 29, 2019

To The Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-2 and 51-275a, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint MOY N. OGILVIE of Bloomfield, to be member of the Criminal Justice Commission, to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 29, 2019

To The Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-2 and 51-275a, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint THE HONORABLE MELANIE L. CRADLE of Durham, to be a member of the Criminal Justice Commission, to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 29, 2019

To The Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-2 and 54-151-275a, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint ROBERT M. BERKE of Woodbridge, to be a member of the Criminal Justice Commission, to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 29, 2019
To The Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Sections 4-2 and 51-275a, of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint SCOTT J. MURPHY of Farmington, to be a member of the Criminal Justice Commission, to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

REPORTS

The following reports were received, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committees indicated:

Report - Connecticut Innovations - 2019 Connecticut Innovations, Jackson Labs and Bioscience Budget report (Pursuant to Section 31-41y(d)93) in accordance with the provisions of Sections 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes). Date received: March 28, 2019

Referred to the Committees on Commerce, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Appropriations and Higher Education.

Report - Connecticut Innovations - 2020 Connecticut Innovations, Jackson Labs Budget report (Pursuant to Section 31-41y(d)3) in accordance with the provisions of Sections 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes). Date received: March 28, 2019

Referred to the Committees on Commerce, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Appropriations and Higher Education.

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:

APPROPRIATIONS

S.B. No. 1116 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR MUNICIPAL AID', to require a review of expenditures for municipal aid.

S.B. No. 1117 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR FRINGE BENEFITS', to review expenditures for fringe benefits and identify opportunities for cost savings.

S.B. No. 1118 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT', to require a review of expenditures from the community investment account.

S.B. No. 1119 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE TEACHERS'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM', to review expenditures for the state employees retirement system and the teachers' retirement system.

H.B. No. 7403 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET PROCESS', to require a study of the state budget process.

H.B. No. 7404 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES', to require a review of payments in lieu of taxes.

H.B. No. 7405 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE MANDATES', to require a review of state mandates.

H.B. No. 7406 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS', to require a review of expenditures for state employee benefits.

H.B. No. 7407 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID EXPENDITURES', to require a review of Medicaid expenditures.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate at 4:05 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.

BILLS FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH JOINT RULE 15 AS OF THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019, AT 5:00 P.M.

HUMAN SERVICES

S.B. No. 945 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE INNOVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS OF HUMAN SERVICES.

S.B. No. 1051 (RAISED) AN ACT STRENGTHENING HOME CARE SERVICES.

S.B. No. 1052 (RAISED) AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES.

S.B. No. 1053 (RAISED) AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID AND HUSKY B COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN.

S.B. No. 1065 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES.

S.B. No. 1078 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING DOULA CERTIFICATION AND MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOULA SERVICES.

S.B. No. 1079 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME FACILITY MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS.

S.B. No. 1080 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL INITIATIVE.
H.B. No. 7163 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR’S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES.

H.B. No. 7164 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR’S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES.

H.B. No. 7165 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR DONOR BREAST MILK.

H.B. No. 7168 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AUTISM.

H.B. No. 7230 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING INTERPRETER STANDARDS AND IMPROVING ACCESS TO PUBLIC SPACES FOR DEAF, DEAF-BLIND AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS.

H.B. No. 7235 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS BY BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION.

H.B. No. 7338 (RAISED) AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR ELDERLY NUTRITION, ENSURING EQUITABLE RATES FOR PROVIDERS OF MEALS ON WHEELS AND COLLECTING DATA ON MALNUTRITION.

H.B. No. 7339 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A PUBLIC INSURANCE OPTION.

H.B. No. 7358 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MEDICAID-FUNDED PROGRAMS.

H.B. No. 7359 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUEER HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES NETWORK.