The Senate was called to order at 3:21 p.m., the President in the Chair.

The prayer was offered by the Deputy Chaplain, Reverend Bonita Grubbs of New Haven, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Wise and loving God, you have called all of us to the noble task of promoting Connecticut's most promising future.

You have shown us many times how the impossible can become possible. Most recently, astronomers proved Albert Einstein's theory that black holes exist. We could even view the light in them.

Therefore, I beseech you to lead us all - legislators, staff, policy advocates and people in these hallowed halls - to see the light, be the light and show the light in, through the literal and metaphorical black holes around us. Amen

PLEDGE

Senator Cohen of the 12th led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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:

April 24, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 10-1 and 10-2a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint MAKAYLA DAWKINS from New Haven, to be a non-voting student member of the State Board of Education, to serve a term ending June 30, 2019, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,
Ned Lamont  
Governor  

April 24, 2019  

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:  

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 10-1 and 10-2a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint TARINI KRISHNA from Ridgefield, to be a non-voting student member of the State Board of Education, to serve a term ending June 30, 2019, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.  

Sincerely,  

Ned Lamont  
Governor  

April 24, 2019  

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:  

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 31-280a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint MARY FLORIO, from Norwalk, to be a member of the Advisory Board of the Workers’ Compensation Commission, to serve a term ending December 31, 2022, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.  

Sincerely,  

Ned Lamont  
Governor  

April 24, 2019  

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:  

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 31-280a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint KAREN WELCH, from Somers, to be a member of the Advisory Board of the Workers’ Compensation Commission, to serve a term ending December 31, 2022, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.  

Sincerely,  

Ned Lamont  
Governor  

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  

The following communications were received from the President Pro Tempore, read by the Clerk and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations:  

April 23, 2019  

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 13b-212b, it is my pleasure and privilege to nominate and submit to you for your advice and consent, the name of MELISSA KANE of Westport, to be a member of the Connecticut Commuter Rail Council, to serve a term beginning immediately and ending July 31, 2021.

Very truly yours,

Martin M. Looney
Senate President Pro Tempore

REPORT

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


Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Judiciary, Public Health, Public Safety and Security and Joint Committee on Legislative Management

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, 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:

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

S.B. No. 1123 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND IN THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE’, to convey three parcels of state land in the town of Cheshire.

S.B. No. 1124 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS ON SAID PARCEL’, to convey a parcel of state land in the town of East Windsor and any improvements on said parcel.

S.B. No. 1125 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN’, to convey a parcel of state land in the city of New Haven.

S.B. No. 1126 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF A CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND TO THE TOWN OF NORWALK’, to repeal a provision requiring the Commissioner of Transportation to convey a certain parcel to the town of Norwalk.
S.B. No. **1128** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT AMENDING A CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON', to amend a prior conveyance of state land to the town of Farmington.

**FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING**

S.B. No. **1129** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE COMPUTER SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL TALENT IN EDUCATION', to implement various initiatives to develop and promote a technologically trained workforce to meet the needs of the state's employers.

S.B. No. **1130** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS INITIATIVES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT', to require The University of Connecticut to undertake initiatives emphasizing entrepreneurship to assist in the economic development of the state and educating students to meet the state's present and projected future workforce needs.

S.B. No. **1131** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS TAX', to restructure the ambulatory surgical centers tax.

S.B. No. **1132** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF INTRAPRENEURSHIP', to require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to conduct a study of intrapreneurship at companies within and without the state and submit a report to the legislative finance committee.

S.B. No. **1133** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FOREIGN BRANCH CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES', to authorize foreign branch captive insurance companies and establish a tax amnesty program for any foreign captive insurance company that establishes a foreign branch captive insurance company in this state or transfers its domicile to this state.

S.B. No. **1134** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT RESTRUCTURING THE STATE BOND COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING A DEDICATED BONDING SECTION WITHIN THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS', to restructure the State Bond Commission and establish a dedicated bonding unit within the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis.

S.B. No. **1135** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL INTEREST RATE APPLICABLE TO DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES', to allow municipalities to approve a lower interest rate applicable to delinquent property taxes.

S.B. No. **1136** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT AGAINST THE ESTATE TAX, REQUIRING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIAL IMPACT BONDING PROGRAM AND CONCERNING A CAPITAL GAINS SURCHARGE AND THE USE OF THE REVENUE THEREFROM', to (1) establish a credit against the estate tax for amounts invested by a decedent in certain bonds or funds, (2) require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to submit legislative recommendations to establish a social impact bonding program, and (3) impose a one and one-half per cent tax on the net gain from the sale or exchange of capital assets for certain taxpayers and dedicate such tax revenue to certain purposes.

S.B. No. **1137** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DEPOSITS IN LIEU OF TAXES', to use deposits in lieu of taxes to implement certain community restoration and revitalization efforts.
S.B. No. 1138 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY RESTORATION FUNDS', to implement certain community restoration and revitalization efforts through community development corporations, community development credit unions and community impact zones, using tax revenue from the sale of cannabis and cannabis products and deposits in lieu of taxes.

S.B. No. 1139 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING PROPERTY TAX ON CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES AND ADJUSTING THE UNIFORM PROPERTY ASSESSMENT RATE', to eliminate the property tax on certain motor vehicles and adjust the uniform property assessment rate.

S.B. No. 1140 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WINE IMPORTATION', to permit an out-of-state winery shipper's permit holder to ship wine directly to a consumer in the state and establish a maximum number of such permits allowed to be operative at any given time.

S.B. No. 1141 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX REFORM', to implement various initiatives to improve municipal capacity and establish a local sales tax and dedicate the revenue to such initiatives.

S.B. No. 1142 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND THE FINANCING THEREOF', to establish a Strategic Transportation Planning Commission to guide state investment in transportation.

S.B. No. 1143 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PAYROLL TAX', to establish an employer compensation expense tax.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 7417 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE CITY OF WATERBURY', to convey a parcel of state land in the city of Waterbury for a community garden.

H.B. No. 7418 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT AMENDING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND IN THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD', to amend a prior conveyance of two parcels of state land in the town of Mansfield.

H.B. No. 7419 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND IN THE BOROUGH OF NAUGATUCK', to convey two parcels of state land in the borough of Naugatuck.

H.B. No. 7420 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND ON PERCIVAL AVENUE IN THE TOWN OF BERLIN', to require the Commissioner of Transportation to invite bids for the sale of a parcel of state land in the town of Berlin.

H.B. No. 7421 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT OVER A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE TOWN OF NEWINGTON', to require the Commissioner of Administrative Services to convey a conservation and recreation easement over a parcel of state land to the town of Newington.
H.B. No. 7422 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF A STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY ON MILL STREET IN THE TOWN OF BERLIN’, to require the Commissioner of Transportation to invite bids for the sale of a right-of-way over a parcel of land in the town of Berlin.

H.B. No. 7423 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF BEACON FALLS’, to convey a parcel of state property in the town of Beacon Falls.

MATTERS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE
Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee

The following favorable report were received from the Joint Standing Committee indicated, the bills were read the second time and tabled for the calendar and printing.

NO NEW FILES

EDUCATION. S.B. No. 951 (RAISED) (File No. 167) AN ACT CONCERNING VETERAN ENROLLMENT IN CERTAIN ALTERNATE ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. S.B. No. 988 (RAISED) (File No. 379) AN ACT CONCERNING THE WORKFORCE AND THE SAFE DELIVERY OF NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION.

BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE
INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

H.J. No. 163 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE EZEQUIEL SANTIAGO.

BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR
FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES

The following bills were taken from the table, read the third time, the reports of the Committees accepted and the bills placed on the Consent Calendar.

AGING. Substitute for S.B. No. 827 (RAISED) (File No. 41) AN ACT CONCERNING ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA TRAINING AND BEST PRACTICES.

Senator Maroney of the 14th explained the bill, offered Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 7372) and moved adoption.

Remarking were Senators Kelly of the 21st and Anwar of the 3rd

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 3:41 p.m.:

Total Number Voting ................................................................. 32
Necessary for Adoption ............................................................. 17
Those voting Yea ................................................................. 24
On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 7372) was adopted.

The following is the roll call vote:

A  1 JOHN W. FONFARA   Y  19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
Y  2 DOUGLAS MCCRARY   N  20 PAUL M. FORMICA
Y  3 SAUD ANWAR        N  21 KEVIN KELLY
A  4 STEVE CASSANO     Y  22 MARILYN MOORE
Y  5 DEREK SLAP        A  23 DENNIS BRADLEY
N  6 GENNARO BIZZARRO  Y  24 JULIE KUSHNER
Y  7 JOHN A. KISSEL    Y  25 BOB DUFF
Y  8 KEVIN D. WITKOS   Y  26 WILL HASKELL
Y  9 MATTHEW LESSER    Y  27 CARLO LEONE
Y 10 GARY WINFIELD     N  28 TONY HWANG
Y 11 MARTIN M. LOONEY  Y  29 MAE M. FLEXER
Y 12 CHRISTINE COHEN   N  30 CRAIG MINER
Y 13 MARY ABRAMS       N  31 HENRI MARTIN
Y 14 JAMES MARONEY     N  32 ERIC BERTHEL
A 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY   Y  33 NORM NEEDLEMAN
Y 16 ROBERT SAMPSON    N  34 LEONARD FASANO
Y 17 GEORGE LOGAN      Y  35 DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y 18 HEATHER SOMERS    Y  36 ALEX BERGSTEIN

The following is the Amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 20-10b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2020):

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d), (e) and (f) of this section, a licensee applying for license renewal shall earn a minimum of fifty contact hours of continuing medical education within the preceding twenty-four-month period. Such continuing medical education shall (1) be in an area of the physician’s practice; (2) reflect the professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the public; and (3) during the first renewal period in which continuing medical education is required and not less than once every six years thereafter, include at least one contact hour of training or education in each of the following topics: (A) Infectious diseases, including, but not limited to, acquired immune deficiency syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus, (B) risk management, including, but not limited to, for registration periods beginning on or after October 1, 2015, prescribing controlled substances and pain management, (C) sexual assault, (D) domestic violence, (E) cultural competency, and (F) behavioral health, provided further that on and after January 1, 2016, such behavioral health continuing medical education may include, but not be limited to, at least two contact hours of training or education during the first renewal period in which continuing education is required and not less than once every six years thereafter, on [the topic of mental health conditions] diagnosing and treating (i) cognitive conditions, including, but not limited to, Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, delirium, related cognitive impairments and geriatric depression, or (ii) mental health conditions, including, but not limited to, mental health conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans, [I, including (i)] Training for mental health conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans shall include best practices for (I) determining whether a patient is a veteran or family member of a veteran, [(ii) (II) screening for conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide, depression and grief, and [(iii) (III) suicide prevention training. For purposes of this section, qualifying continuing medical education activities include, but are not
limited to, courses offered or approved by the American Medical Association, American Osteopathic Association, Connecticut Hospital Association, Connecticut State Medical Society, Connecticut Osteopathic Medical Society, county medical societies or equivalent organizations in another jurisdiction, educational offerings sponsored by a hospital or other health care institution or courses offered by a regionally accredited academic institution or a state or local health department. The commissioner, or the commissioner’s designee, may grant a waiver for not more than ten contact hours of continuing medical education for a physician who: (i) Engages in activities related to the physician’s service as a member of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board, established pursuant to section 20-8a; (ii) engages in activities related to the physician’s service as a member of a medical hearing panel, pursuant to section 20-8a; or (iii) assists the department with its duties to boards and commissions as described in section 19a-14.

Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 20-94d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2020):

(b) Except as provided in this section, for registration periods beginning on and after October 1, 2014, a licensee applying for license renewal shall earn a minimum of fifty contact hours of continuing education within the preceding twenty-four-month period. Such continuing education shall: (1) Be in an area of the advanced practice registered nurse’s practice; (2) reflect the professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the public; (3) include at least five contact hours of training or education in pharmacotherapeutics; (4) include at least one contact hour of training or education in each of the following topics: (A) Infectious diseases, including, but not limited to, acquired immune deficiency syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus, (B) risk management, (C) sexual assault, (D) domestic violence, (E) cultural competency, and (F) substance abuse, including, but not limited to, prescribing controlled substances and pain management; [and] (5) on and after January 1, 2016, include not less than two contact hours of training or education during the first renewal period in which continuing education is required and not less than once every six years thereafter on the topic of mental health conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans, including (A) determining whether a patient is a veteran or family member of a veteran, (B) screening for conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide, depression and grief, and (C) suicide prevention training; and (6) on and after January 1, 2020, may include not less than two contact hours of training or education during the first renewal period in which continuing education is required and not less than once every six years thereafter in diagnosing and treating cognitive or mental health conditions, including, but not limited to, Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, delirium, related cognitive impairments and geriatric depression. For purposes of this section, qualifying continuing education activities include, but are not limited to, courses, including on-line courses, offered or approved by the American Nurses Association, Connecticut Hospital Association, Connecticut Nurses Association, Connecticut League for Nursing, a specialty nursing society or an equivalent organization in another jurisdiction, an educational offering sponsored by a hospital or other health care institution or a course offered by a regionally accredited academic institution or a state or local health department. The commissioner may grant a waiver of not more than ten contact hours of continuing education for an advanced practice registered nurse who: (i) Engages in activities related to the advanced practice registered nurse’s service as a member of the Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing, established pursuant to section 20-88; or (ii) assists the department with its duties to boards and commissions as described in section 19a-14.

Sec. 3. (Effective from passage) (a) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors shall convene a working group to review the recommendations of the task force established pursuant to section 1 of special act 13-11, determine gaps in implementation of the task force’s recommendations and make recommendations concerning best practices for Alzheimer’s disease and dementia care.

(b) The working group shall be comprised of: (1) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors, or the executive director’s designee, who shall be chairperson of the working group; (2) the executive director of the Connecticut chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, or the executive director’s designee; (3) the Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, or the commissioner’s designee; (4) the executive director of the Connecticut chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, or the executive director's designee; (5) the State Ombudsman, or the State Ombudsman's designee; and (6) a family representative of a person
with Alzheimer’s disease, (B) a family representative of a person with dementia, (C) a person diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia, and (D) a health care professional with expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, all appointed by the executive director of the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors.

(c) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors shall make appointments and convene the working group not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by said executive director.

(d) The administrative staff of the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

(e) Not later than January 30, 2020, the working group shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or December 1, 2020, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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On motion of Senator Maroney of the 14th, the bill as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 7372) was placed on the Consent Calendar.

BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR
FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES
BILLS PASSED

The following favorable reports were taken from the table, read the third time, the reports of the Committees accepted and the bills passed.

ENVIRONMENT. S.B. No. 1001 (RAISED) (File No. 568) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF SMOKE DETECTORS.

Senator Cohen of the 12th explained the bill and moved passage.

Remarking were Senators Miner of the 30th and Sampson of the 16th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 3:53 p.m.:

Total Number Voting ................................................................. 32
Necessary for Adoption .............................................................. 17
Those voting Yea ................................................................. 31
Those voting Nay ................................................................. 1
Those absent and not voting .................................................. 4

On the roll call vote Senate Bill No. 1001 was passed.

The following is the roll call vote:

A 1 JOHN W. FONFARA Y 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
Y 2 DOUGLAS MCCRARY Y 20 PAUL M. FORMICA
Y 3 SAUD ANWAR Y 21 KEVIN KELLY
The following bills were taken from the table, read the third time, the reports of the Committees accepted and the bills placed on the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC HEALTH. S.B. No. 919 (RAISED) (File No. 231) AN ACT REMOVING THE TERM "HOMEMAKER" IN REFERENCE TO HOME HEALTH AIDE AGENCIES AND SERVICES.

Senator Abrams of the 13th explained the bill and moved passage.

On motion of Senator Abrams of the 13th, the bill was placed on the Consent Calendar.

AGING. Substitute for S.B. No. 832 (RAISED) (File No. 59) AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRIES OF PERSONS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSAULTS OR OTHER ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION OR ABANDONMENT OF ELDERLY PERSONS OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Senator Maroney of the 14th explained the bill, offered Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 7379) and moved adoption.

Remarking were Senators Sampson of the 16th and Hwang of the 28th.

On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.

The following is the Amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. (Effective October 1, 2019) (a) For purposes of this section, (1) "publicly available background databases" means (A) the National Sex Offender Public Website maintained by the United States Department of Justice, (B) the Connecticut Sex Offender Registry maintained pursuant to section 54-258 of the general statutes, (C) the list of individuals and entities excluded from federally funded health care programs for reasons that include, but are not limited to, Medicaid or Medicare fraud, maintained by the Office of the Inspector General of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, (D) the Connecticut nurse's aide registry
maintained by the Department of Public Health pursuant to sections 20-102bb and 20-102cc of the general statutes, (E) the criminal and motor vehicle conviction database maintained by the Judicial Branch, (F) the professional licensure verification database maintained by the Department of Public Health, and (G) the database of practitioners and entities suspended or excluded from participation in programs administered by the Department of Social Services maintained by the quality assurance division of the department; (2) "elderly person" means a person sixty years of age or older; and (3) "persons with disabilities" has the same meaning as provided in section 17b-608 of the general statutes and includes a person with an intellectual disability, as defined in section 1-1g of the general statutes.

(b) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors shall (1) provide a portal on the commission's Internet web site with links to publicly available background databases; and (2) convene a working group to develop strategies to raise public awareness of the availability of such databases to persons hiring providers to care for elderly persons, children or persons with disabilities. The executive director shall keep records of the number of times such portal is utilized and file a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, not later than January 1, 2021, on utilization of the program with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging, children, human services and public health.

Sec. 2. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 19a-491c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2019):

(3) "Disqualifying offense" means a conviction of (A) any crime described in 42 USC 1320a-7(a)(1), (2), (3) or (4), [or] (B) a substantiated finding of neglect, abuse or misappropriation of property by a state or federal agency pursuant to an investigation conducted in accordance with 42 USC 1395i-3(g)(1)(C) or 42 USC 1396r(g)(1)(C), or (C) a conviction of any crime described in section 53a-59a, 53a-60b, 53a-60c, 53a-61a, 53a-321, 53a-322 or 53a-323."

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"Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 19a-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(b) For licensing requirement purposes, child care services shall not include such services which are:

1. Administered by a public school system, or (B) administered by a municipal agency or department;
2. Administered by a private school which is in compliance with section 10-188 and is approved by the State Board of Education or is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of Education, provided the provision of such child care services by the private school is only to those children whose ages are covered under such approval or accreditation;
3. Classes in music, dance, drama and art that are no longer than two hours in length; classes that teach a single skill that are no longer than two hours in length; library programs that are no longer than two hours in length; scouting; programs that offer exclusively sports activities; rehearsals; academic tutoring programs; or programs exclusively for children thirteen years of age or older;
4. Informal arrangements among neighbors and formal or informal arrangements among relatives in their own homes, provided the relative is limited to any of the following degrees of kinship by blood, marriage or court order to the child being cared for: Grandparent, great-grandparent, sibling, aunt or uncle;
5. Supplementary child care operations for educational or recreational purposes and the child receives such care infrequently where the parents are on the premises;
6. Supplementary child care operations in retail establishments where the parents remain in the same store as the child for retail shopping, provided the drop-in supplementary child-care operation does not charge a fee and does not refer to itself as a child care center;
7. Administered by a nationally chartered boys' and girls' club that are exclusively for school-age children;
8. Religious educational activities administered by a religious institution exclusively for children whose parents or legal guardians are members of such religious institution;
9. Administered by Solar Youth, Inc., a New Haven-based nonprofit youth development and environmental education organization;
10. Programs administered by organizations under contract with the Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-851a that promote the reduction of teenage pregnancy through the provision of services to persons who are ten to nineteen years of age, inclusive;
11. Administered by the Cardinal Shehan Center, a Bridgeport-based nonprofit organization that is exclusively for school-age children; or
12. Administered by Organized Parents Make a Difference, Inc., a Hartford-based nonprofit organization that is exclusively for school-age children; or

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Remarking was Senator Witkos of the 8th.

On motion of Senator McCrory of the 2nd, the bill as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 7211) was placed on the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR NO. 1
ADOPTED

The chair ordered the vote on business placed on the Consent Calendar be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 5:27 p.m.:
On the roll call vote the Consent Calendar No. 1 was adopted.

The following is the roll call vote:

A 1 JOHN W. FONFARA Y 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
Y 2 DOUGLAS MCCRARY Y 20 PAUL M. FORMICA
Y 3 SAUD ANWAR Y 21 KEVIN KELLY
A 4 STEVE CASSANO Y 22 MARILYN MOORE
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Y 12 CHRISTINE COHEN Y 30 CRAIG MINER
Y 13 MARY ABRAMS Y 31 HENRI MARTIN
Y 14 JAMES MARONEY Y 32 ERIC BERTHEL
A 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY Y 33 NORM NEEDLEMAN
Y 16 ROBERT SAMPSON Y 34 LEONARD FASANO
Y 17 GEORGE LOGAN Y 35 DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y 18 HEATHER SOMERS Y 36 ALEX BERGSTEIN

BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR
FAVORABLE REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL PASSED

The following favorable report was taken from the table, read the third time, the report of the Committee accepted and the bill passed.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. Substitute for S.B. No. 977 (RAISED) (File No. 376) AN ACT CONCERNING EXPLANATIONS OF BENEFITS.

Senator Lesser of the 9th explained the bill, offered Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 7188) and moved adoption.

Senator Lesser of the 9th requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

Remarking were Kelly of the 21st, Miner of the 30th, Sampson of the 16th, Fasano of the 34th, Anwar of the 3rd and Champagne of the 35th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 5:42 p.m.:

Total Number Voting ................................................................. 30
Necessary for Adoption .............................................................. 16
On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 7188) was adopted.

The following is the roll call vote:

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The following is the Amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. Section 38a-477d of the general statutes, as amended by section 11 of public act 18-41, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2021):

(a) Each insurer, health care center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, fraternal benefit society or other entity that delivers, issues for delivery, renews, amends or continues a health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 in this state, shall:

(1) Make available to consumers, in an easily readable, accessible and understandable format:

[(A)](i) Any coverage exclusions;

[(B)](ii) Any restrictions on the use or quantity of a covered benefit, including on prescription drugs or drugs administered in a physician's office or a clinic;

[(C)](iii) A specific description of how prescription drugs are included or excluded from any applicable deductible, including a description of other out-of-pocket expenses that apply to such drugs;

[(D)](iv) The specific dollar amount of any copayment and the percentage of any coinsurance imposed on each covered benefit, including each covered prescription drug; and

[(E)] Information (v) Information regarding any process available to consumers, and all documents necessary, to seek coverage of a noncovered outpatient prescription drug; and

(B) With respect to explanations of benefits issued pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, a statement disclosing that each consumer who is a covered individual and legally capable of consenting to the provision of covered benefits under such policy may specify that such insurer, center, corporation, society or entity, and each third-party administrator, as defined in section 38a-720, providing services to such insurer, center, corporation, society or entity, shall:
(i) Not issue explanations of benefits concerning covered benefits provided to such consumer;

or

(ii) (I) Issue explanations of benefits concerning covered benefits provided to such consumer solely to such consumer; and

(II) Use a method specified by such consumer to issue such explanations of benefits solely to such consumer, and provide sufficient space in the statement for such consumer to specify a mailing address or an electronic mail address for such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity, or third-party administrator to use to contact such consumer concerning covered benefits provided to such consumer.

(2) Make available to consumers a way to determine accurately:

(A) Whether a specific prescription drug is available under such policy's drug formulary;

(B) The coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense applicable to such drug;

(C) Whether such drug is covered when dispensed by a physician or a clinic;

(D) Whether such drug requires prior authorization or the use of step therapy;

(E) Whether specific types of health care specialists are in-network; and

(F) Whether a specific health care provider or hospital is in-network.

(b) (1) Each insurer, health care center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, fraternal benefit society or other entity shall make the information and statement required under subsection (a) of this section available to consumers at the time of enrollment and shall post such information and statement on its Internet web site.

(2) The Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, established pursuant to section 38a-1081, shall post links on its Internet web site to such information and statement for each qualified health plan that is offered or sold through the exchange.

(c) The Insurance Commissioner shall post links on the Insurance Department's Internet web site to any on-line tools or calculators to help consumers compare and evaluate health insurance policies and plans.

(d) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, each insurer, health care center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, fraternal benefit society or other entity that delivers, issues for delivery, renews, amends or continues a health insurance policy described in subsection (a) of this section, and each third-party administrator, as defined in section 38a-720, providing services to such an insurer, center, corporation, society or entity, shall:

(A) Issue explanations of benefits to consumers who are covered individuals under the policy; and

(B) (i) Permit each consumer who is a covered individual under the policy and legally capable of consenting to the provision of covered benefits to specify, in writing, that such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator issue explanations of benefits concerning covered benefits provided to such consumer solely to such consumer, and specify, in writing, which of the following methods such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator shall use to issue such explanations of benefits solely to such consumer:

(1) Mailing such explanations of benefits to such consumer's mailing address or another mailing address specified by such consumer;

(II) Sending such explanations of benefits to such consumer by electronic means, including, but not limited to, electronic mail; or

(III) Making such explanations of benefits available to such consumer by electronic means, provided making such explanations of benefits available solely to such consumer by electronic means complies with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations concerning data security, including, but not limited to, 45 CFR Part 160, as amended from time to time, and 45 CFR Part 164, Subparts A and C, as amended from time to time.

(ii) Each method specified by a consumer, in writing, pursuant to subparagraph (B)(i) of this subdivision shall be valid until the consumer submits a written specification to the insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator for a different method. Such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator shall comply with a written specification under this clause or clause (i) of this subparagraph, as applicable, not later than three
business days after such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator
receives such specification.

(iii) Each insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator that receives
a written specification from a consumer pursuant to subparagraph (B)(i) or (B)(ii) of this
subdivision, as applicable, shall provide the consumer who made such specification with written
confirmation that such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator
received such specification, and advise such consumer, in writing, regarding the status of such
specification if such consumer contacts such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-
party administrator, in writing, regarding such specification.

(2) Each consumer who is a covered individual under a policy described in subsection (a) of
this section and is legally capable of consenting to the provision of covered benefits may specify,
in writing, that the insurer, center, corporation, society or entity that delivered, issued for delivery,
renewed, amended or continued the policy, or a third-party administrator providing services to
such insurer, center, corporation, society or entity, not issue explanations of benefits pursuant to
subdivision (1) of this subsection if such explanations of benefits concern covered benefits that
were provided to such consumer. Such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party
administrator shall not require such consumer to provide any explanation regarding the basis for
such consumer's specification, unless such explanation is required by applicable law or pursuant to
an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(3) Each insurer, center, corporation, society or entity that delivers, issues for delivery,
renews, amends or continues a policy described in subsection (a) of this section, and each third-
party administrator providing services to such insurer, center, corporation, society or entity, shall
disclose to each consumer who is a covered individual under the policy such consumer’s ability to
submit specifications pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection. Such disclosure shall
be in plain language and displayed or printed, as applicable, clearly and conspicuously in all
evidence of coverage documents, privacy communications, explanations of benefits and Internet
web sites that are maintained by such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party
administrator and accessible to consumers in this state.

(4) No insurer, center, corporation, society or entity that is subject to this subsection shall
require a consumer or policyholder to waive any right to limit disclosure under this subsection as a
precondition to delivering, issuing for delivery, renewing, amending or continuing a policy
described in subsection (a) of this section to the consumer or policyholder. Nothing in this
subsection shall be construed to limit a consumer's or policyholder's ability to request review of an
adverse determination.”

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | January 1, 2021 | 38a-477d |

SENATOR LOONEY OF 11TH IN THE CHAIR

Senator Fasano of the 34th explained the bill, offered Senate Amendment Schedule “B” (LCO
7462) and moved adoption.

Remarking were Senator Lesser of the 9th and Miner of the 30th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 6:31 p.m.:

Total Number Voting ............................................................ 30
Necessary for Adoption ..................................................... 16
Those voting Yea ............................................................... 12
Those voting Nay ............................................................... 18
Those absent and not voting ................................................ 6

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule “B” (LCO 7462) was rejected.
The following is the roll call vote:

| A  | JOHN W. FONFARA      | N  | CATHERINE A. Osten   |
| N  | DOUGLAS MCCORNY      | Y  | PAUL M. FORMICA     |
| N  | SAUD ANWAR           | A  | KEVIN KELLY         |
| A  | STEVE CASSANO        | N  | MARILYN MOORE       |
| N  | DEREK SLAP           | A  | DENNIS BRADLEY      |
| Y  | GENNARO BIZZARRO     | N  | JULIE KUSHNER       |
| N  | JOHN A. KISSEL       | N  | BOB DUFF            |
| Y  | KEVIN D. WITKOS      | N  | WILL HASKELL        |
| N  | MATTHEW LESSER       | Y  | CARLO LEONE         |
| N  | GARY WINFIELD        | Y  | TONY HWANG          |
| N  | MARTIN M. LOONEY     | N  | MAE M. FLEXER       |
| N  | CHRISTINE COHEN      | Y  | CRAIG MINER         |
| N  | MARY ABRAMS          | Y  | HENRI MARTIN        |
| N  | JAMES MARONEY        | Y  | ERIC BERTHEL        |
| A  | JOAN V. HARTLEY      | A  | NORM NEEDLEMAN      |
| Y  | ROBERT SAMPSON       | Y  | LEONARD FASANO      |
| Y  | GEORGE LOGAN         | Y  | DAN CHAMPAGNE       |
| Y  | HEATHER SOMERS       | N  | ALEX BERGSTEIN      |

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[(iv) The specific dollar amount of any copayment and the percentage of any coinsurance imposed on each covered benefit, including each covered prescription drug; and
[(v) Information regarding any process available to consumers, and all documents necessary, to seek coverage of a noncovered outpatient prescription drug; and

(B) With respect to explanations of benefits issued pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, a statement disclosing that each consumer who is a covered individual and legally capable of consenting to the provision of covered benefits under such policy, and, if such consumer is younger than eighteen years of age, has received written consent from such consumer's parent or legal guardian, may specify that such insurer, center, corporation, society or entity, and each third-party administrator, as defined in section 38a-720, providing services to such insurer, center, corporation, society or entity, shall:

(i) Not issue explanations of benefits concerning covered benefits provided to such consumer; or

(ii) Provide explanations of benefits concerning covered benefits provided to such consumer solely to such consumer; and


(II) Use a method specified by such consumer to issue such explanations of benefits solely to such consumer, and provide sufficient space in the statement for such consumer to specify a mailing address or an electronic mail address for such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator to use to contact such consumer concerning covered benefits provided to such consumer.

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   (ii) Each method specified by a consumer, in writing, pursuant to subparagraph (B)(i) of this subdivision shall be valid until the consumer submits a written specification to the insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator for a different method. Such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator shall comply with a written specification under this clause or clause (i) of this subparagraph, as applicable, not later than three business days after such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator receives such specification.
(iii) Each insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator that receives a written specification from a consumer pursuant to subparagraph (B)(i) or (B)(ii) of this subdivision, as applicable, shall provide the consumer who made such specification with written confirmation that such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator received such specification, and advise such consumer, in writing, regarding the status of such specification if such consumer contacts such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator, in writing, regarding such specification.

(2) Each consumer who is a covered individual under a policy described in subsection (a) of this section and is legally capable of consenting to the provision of covered benefits, and, if such consumer is younger than eighteen years of age, has received written consent from such consumer's parent or legal guardian, may specify, in writing, that the insurer, center, corporation, society or entity that delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued the policy, or a third-party administrator providing services to such insurer, center, corporation, society or entity, not issue explanations of benefits pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection if such explanations of benefits concern covered benefits that were provided to such consumer. Such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator shall not require such consumer to provide any explanation regarding the basis for such consumer's specification, unless such explanation is required by applicable law or pursuant to an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(3) Each insurer, center, corporation, society or entity that delivers, issues for delivery, renews, amends or continues a policy described in subsection (a) of this section, and each third-party administrator providing services to such insurer, center, corporation, society or entity, shall disclose to each consumer who is a covered individual under the policy such consumer's ability to submit specifications pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection. Such disclosure shall be in plain language and displayed or printed, as applicable, clearly and conspicuously in all evidence of coverage documents, privacy communications, explanations of benefits and Internet web sites that are maintained by such insurer, center, corporation, society, entity or third-party administrator and accessible to consumers in this state.

(4) No insurer, center, corporation, society or entity that is subject to this subsection shall require a consumer or policyholder to waive any right to limit disclosure under this subsection as a precondition to delivering, issuing for delivery, renewing, amending or continuing a policy described in subsection (a) of this section to the consumer or policyholder. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit a consumer's or policyholder's ability to request review of an adverse determination.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | January 1, 2021 | 38a-477d |

Remarking on the bill as amended by Senate Amendment "A" were Senators Sampson of the 16th, Lesser of the 9th and Duff of the 25th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 7:04 p.m.:

Total Number Voting ................................................................. 29
Necessary for Adoption ............................................................. 15
Those voting Yea ................................................................. 18
Those voting Nay ................................................................. 11
Those absent and not voting ................................................... 7

On the roll call vote Senate Bill No. 977 as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 7188) was passed.

The following is the roll call vote:
The following bills were taken from the table, read the third time, the reports of the Committees accepted and the bills placed on the Consent Calendar.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. S.B. No. 5 (COMM) (File No. 437) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKFORCE PIPELINE AND JOB CREATION TASK FORCE.

Senator Kushner of the 24th explained the bill, offered Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 7467) and moved adoption.

On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.

In line 3, after "jobs" insert "and to study the availability and location of apprenticeships"

On motion of Senator Kushner of the 24th, the bill as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 7467) was placed on the Consent Calendar.

S.B. No. 800 (RAISED) (File No. 37) AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MEDAL OF MERIT FOR CIVILIANS.

Senator Maroney of the 14th explained the bill, offered Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 7457) and moved adoption.

On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.

This is the Amendment.

In line 5, after "merit" insert ", within available appropriations,"
On motion of Senator Maroney of the 14th, the bill as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO7457) was placed on the Consent Calendar.

BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR
FAVORABLE REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL PLACED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the following bill which was starred for action was placed on the Consent Calendar in accordance with Senate Rule 31.

ENVIRONMENT. Substitute for S.B. No. 226 (COMM) (File No. 45) AN ACT AUTHORIZING DUAL LANDINGS OF FISH IN THE STATE.

CONSENT CALENDAR NO. 2
ADOPTED

The chair ordered the vote on business placed on the Consent Calendar be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 7:15 p.m.:

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On the roll call vote the Consent Calendar No. 2 was adopted.

The following is the roll call vote:

A  1  JOHN W. FONFARA   Y  19  CATHERINE A. OSTEN
Y  2  DOUGLAS MCCRARY  Y  20  PAUL M. FORMICA
Y  3  SAUD ANWAR       A  21  KEVIN KELLY
A  4  STEVE CASSANO    Y  22  MARILYN MOORE
Y  5  DEREK SLAP       A  23  DENNIS BRADLEY
Y  6  GENNARO BIZZARRO Y  24  JULIE KUSHNER
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Y  9  MATTHEW LESSER   Y  27  CARLO LEONE
Y 10  GARY WINFIELD    Y  28  TONY HWANG
Y 11  MARTIN M. LOONEY Y  29  MAE M. FLEXER
Y 12  CHRISTINE COHEN  Y  30  CRAIG MINER
Y 13  MARY ABRAMS      Y  31  HENRI MARTIN
Y 14  JAMES MARONEY    Y  32  ERIC BERTHEL
A 15  JOAN V. HARTLEY  A  33  NORM NEEDLEMAN
A 16  ROBERT SAMPSON   Y  34  LEONARD FASANO
Y 17  GEORGE LOGAN     Y  35  DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y 18  HEATHER SOMERS   Y  36  ALEX BERGSTEN
BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR
MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the following matters were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Insurance and Real Estate Substitute for S.B. No. 134 (COMM) (File No. 361) AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC OPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT.

Labor and Public Employees Substitute for S.B. No. 356 (COMM) (File No. 313) AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT APPRENTICESHIP AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR
MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the following matter was referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

Banking Substitute for S.B. No. 927 (RAISED) (File No. 260) AN ACT CREATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND WITHIN THE CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK.

BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR
MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the following matter was referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Planning and Development Substitute for S.B. No. 140 (COMM) (File No. 587) AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR TAX RELIEF FOR CERTAIN ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS.

BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR
MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the following matters were referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Insurance and Real Estate S.B. No. 42 (COMM) (File No. 308) AN ACT CONCERNING COINSURANCE, COPAYMENTS AND DEDUCTIBLES AND CONTRACTING BY HEALTH CARRIERS.

General Law S.B. No. 48 (COMM) (File No. 438) AN ACT REQUIRING MANUFACTURERS OF BRAND NAME PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO PROVIDE SAMPLES OF SUCH DRUGS TO MANUFACTURERS OF GENERIC PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

Insurance and Real Estate S.B. No. 320 (COMM) (File No. 364) AN ACT CONCERNING REAL ESTATE CLOSINGS AND ATTORNEYS AND LAW FIRMS PREFERRED BY MORTGAGE LENDERS.
General Law S.B. No. 434 (COMM) (File No. 513) AN ACT CONCERNING SPECULATIVE SALES OF EVENT TICKETS.

Public Safety and Security S.B. No. 702 (COMM) (File No. 515) AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY RECORDS BETWEEN AGENCIES.

Environment Substitute for S.B. No. 753 (RAISED) (File No. 56) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE BAN ON FRACKING WASTE.

Planning and Development Substitute for S.B. No. 1070 (RAISED) (File No. 732) AN ACT CONCERNING ABANDONED AND BLIGHTED PROPERTY STEWARDSHIP.

BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR
MATTERS PLACED ON FOOT OF THE CALENDAR

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the following matters were placed on the foot of the calendar:

Public Health Substitute for S.B. No. 372 (COMM) (File No. 657) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF RESOURCES TO GUARDIANS OF ADULT CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.

Public Health Substitute for S.B. No. 393 (COMM) (File No. 658) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' LEVEL OF NEED ASSESSMENT.

Environment S.B. No. 1061 (RAISED) (File No. 660) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESTORATION OF FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

SENATOR(S) ABSENT

The following Senator(s) may have missed some votes due to the following:

Senator Needleman of the 33rd – Legislative Business

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 7:20 p.m. adjourned subject to the call of the chair.