SENATE List of Bills

Proposed S.B. No. 105 SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DISCOUNT FOR SENIOR CABLE TV SUBSCRIBERS', to ease the financial burden on subscribers of cable television who are senior citizens.

REF. AGING

Proposed S.B. No. 106 SEN. BERGSTEIN, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECALCULATION OR CAPPING OF CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEE PENSIONS', to lower state employee retirement costs by capping or recalculating certain high-cost pensions.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 107 SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNET EXCHANGE TO FACILITATE THE SALE OF BUSINESS TAX CREDITS AND REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE FISCAL IMPACT OF EXPANDING BUSINESS TAX CREDITS TO THE AFFECTED BUSINESS ENTITY TAX', to (1) authorize the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to establish an Internet exchange to facilitate the selling of tax credits by companies, and (2) to require the Commissioner of Revenue Services to study the fiscal impact of expanding business tax credits to the affected business entity tax established pursuant to section 12-699 of the general statutes.

REF. COMMERCE

Proposed <u>S.B. No. 108</u> SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUY CONNECTICUT PROGRAM FOR DEFENSE CONTRACTORS', to create incentives for defense contractors to utilize the services of in-state subcontractors and businesses.

REF. COMMERCE

Proposed S.B. No. 109 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANT PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF UNUSED PROPERTIES IN URBAN AREAS AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING', to create a grant program to encourage the development of unused properties in urban areas as affordable housing.

REF. COMMERCE

Proposed <u>S.B. No. 110</u> SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DUAL ENROLLMENT IN HIGH SCHOOL', to address issues related to high school students who are participating in a dual enrollment program.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed S.B. No. 111 SEN. BERGSTEIN, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT APPROVING THE STATE WATER PLAN', to ensure that water remains a public trust. REF. ENVIRONMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 112 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF MAN-MADE STRUCTURES TO MARK THE COASTAL JURISDICTION LINE', to allow certain man-made structures to mark the coastal jurisdiction line.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 113 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT WAIVING PENALTIES AND INTEREST INCURRED FOR FAILURE TO PAY ESTIMATED QUARTERLY INCOME TAX AMOUNTS IN EQUAL PORTIONS', to provide tax relief to taxpayers with income levels that vary during the year.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 114 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN PENALTIES AND INTEREST INCURRED BY AFFECTED BUSINESS ENTITIES', to provide financial relief to affected business entities.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed <u>S.B. No. 115</u> SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING ALL AIRCRAFT FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES', to exempt from the sales and use taxes the sale of and the storage, use or other consumption of small aircraft.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 116 SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS THAT MAKE PAYMENTS TOWARDS EMPLOYEES' STUDENT LOANS', to establish a tax credit for employers that make payments towards employees' student loans.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 117 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN ABANDONED RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER THE HOP RIVER AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-USE TRAIL IN HOP RIVER STATE PARK IN COLUMBIA', to provide funding for the replacement of an abandoned railroad bridge over the Hop River, including a pedestrian bridge, and the construction of four thousand four hundred feet of a multi-use trail as part of the East Coast Greenway system in Hop River State Park in Columbia.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 118 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CHESTNUT STREET THEATER IN NORWICH', to provide funding for the replacement of windows and other improvements at the Chestnut Street Theater in Norwich.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 119 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT AT THE BALTIC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT', to provide funding for the replacement of aging and unsafe firefighting equipment at the Baltic Volunteer Fire Department.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 120 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER LINE IN BOZRAH WITH A CONNECTION INTO NORWICH', to provide funding for the construction of a sewer line in Bozrah with a connection into Norwich.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 121 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ATHLETIC FIELD AT RHAM HIGH SCHOOL IN HEBRON', to provide funding for improvements to the athletic field at RHAM High School in Hebron.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 122 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS IN STRAWBERRY FIELDS IN LISBON', to provide funding for the construction of sidewalks in Strawberry Fields in Lisbon.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 123 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL BAY TO STORE EQUIPMENT AT THE YANTIC FIRE COMPANY IN NORWICH', to provide funding for an additional bay to store equipment at the Yantic Fire Company in Norwich.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 124 SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A CITIZENS IN NEED ACCOUNT', to establish a citizens in need account to receive charitable contributions to assist residents of this state who have had their benefits from state social services programs administered by the Department of Social Services reduced due to state budgetary constraints, and to provide a state tax deduction at the rate of two hundred per cent of the amount contributed to said account.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 125 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM DELINQUENT TAX PENALTIES AND INTEREST', to eliminate certain hardships faced by members of the armed forces on active duty.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 126 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR SENIORS', to provide tax relief to seniors. REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 127 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE POLICY PREMIUMS', to establish a tax deduction for long-term care insurance policy premiums.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 128 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR PREMIUM PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE POLICIES', to provide an incentive for the purchase of long-term care insurance that provides benefits for health care provided in an insured's home.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 129 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. ROTELLA, 43rd DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR A COMMUNITY WELL, SEPTIC SYSTEM AND PAVED ROAD IN THE PAUCATUCK EASTERN PEQUOT RESERVATION IN NORTH STONINGTON', to provide funding for the construction of a community well, septic system and paved road in the Paucatuck Eastern Pequot reservation in the town of North Stonington.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 130 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT DESIGNATING CONNECTICUT OLDER HORSE WEEK', to spread awareness of the active roles that horses play in farming, sports and entertainment and to show recognition for the retired horses of Connecticut.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 131 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING PERMANENT THE MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PROGRAMS AT INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to permanently allow independent institutions of higher education to create up to twelve new programs of higher learning in any academic year and any program modifications without the approval of the Office of Higher Education.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 132 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFERS FROM HUSKY A TO HUSKY B', to address challenges faced by occupational therapists and other providers when a patient switches from HUSKY A to HUSKY B.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed S.B. No. 133 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR STUDENTS', to reduce health care costs for Medicaid-eligible students.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed S.B. No. 134 SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT OPENING THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN TO SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYEES', to enable small business employees in this state to enroll in the state employee health insurance plan.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed S.B. No. 135 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MEDICAL FOODS FOR PERSONS DIAGNOSED WITH PHENYLKETONURIA', to require health insurance coverage for medical foods for persons diagnosed with phenylketonuria.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed S.B. No. 136 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE-OPERATED REINSURANCE PROGRAM AND REQUIRING THAT THIS STATE APPLY FOR A STATE INNOVATION WAIVER', to establish a state-operated reinsurance program and require this state to apply for a state innovation waiver to fund such program.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed S.B. No. 137 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANDED ACCESS TO RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF A COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY', to provide a unit owner in a common interest community with expanded access to the association's records.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed S.B. No. 138 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST.; REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST.; REP. HADDAD, 54th DIST.; REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT MODERNIZING THE STATE'S COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION STATUTES', to update state statutes concerning food cooperative associations and provide for the expansion of such associations as a resource.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed S.B. No. 139 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR ASSAULTING A COACH', to promote safety of coaches in youth sports, thus promoting the safety of those promoting team sports and sportsmanship.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed S.B. No. 140 SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX RELIEF PROGRAM', to expand the tax relief program under section 12-170aa of the general statutes to include a homeowner whose residential dwelling is held in trust.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 141 SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS', to provide municipalities with greater oversight of noneducational board of education expenses.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 142 SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM', to ensure that people have options when purchasing high-cost prescription drugs by establishing a program to allow for the wholesale importation of prescription drugs from Canada.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed S.B. No. 143 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OF THE STATE TO THE TOWN OF HEBRON FOR REPLACEMENT OF CONTAMINATED WATER LINES IN HEBRON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL', to provide financial assistance to Hebron to replace the contaminated water lines in Hebron Elementary School and bring the level of lead contamination to zero.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed S.B. No. 144 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY CONCERNING THE EFFECTS OF VIOLENT VIDEO GAMES ON CHILD AND ADOLESCENT BEHAVIOR AND DEVELOPMENT', to study the impact of violent video games on children.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed S.B. No. 145 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY TO INCREASE MASS TRANSIT AND RAIL USAGE IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY', to explore methods of increasing and promoting mass transit usage.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

Proposed <u>S.B. No. 146</u> SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST.; SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING CERTAIN VETERANS' ACCESS TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS', to require that pension benefits granted to certain veterans by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs be disregarded when determining income eligibility for certain state Medicare programs, as well as permit the Commissioner of Social Services to pursue exempting such benefits from income eligibility criteria as unreimbursed medical expenses.

REF. VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Proposed S.J. No. 8 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE PASSAGE OF NEW OR INCREASED STATE TAXES', to provide tax relief to taxpayers at the local level when taxes are added or increased at the state level.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING