



JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Friday, February 7, 2020

The House of Representatives was called to order at 11:35 o'clock a.m., Representative Ryan of the 139th District in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Alexander Castro of Meriden, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Heavenly Creator, as we come together today, we give You thanks for the good gifts You give us. Help us to keep our minds clear and focused on all we need to achieve and guide us as we continue to serve the citizens of this State. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alexander Castro of Meriden, Connecticut.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

The following communication was received from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and ordered printed in the Journal.

February 6, 2020

Mr. Frederick J. Jortner
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 109
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Mr. Jortner:

This letter is to inform you of the following changes to committee assignments:

Representative Geoff Luxenberg is removed from the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Representative Ron Napoli is removed from the Energy and Technology Committee

Representative Jillian Gilchrest is removed from the Commerce Committee

Representative Brian Smith is appointed to the Public Safety and Security Committee, Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, and Internship Committee

Representative Kevin Ryan is appointed to the Joint Committee on Legislative Management

Representative Emmett Riley is appointed to the General Law Committee

Representative Ron Napoli is appointed to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Representative Jillian Gilchrest is appointed to the Energy and Technology Committee

Representative Antonio Felipe is appointed to the Commerce Committee

Joe Aresimowicz
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Date Received: February 7, 2020

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE
SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The following communication was received from the Senate President Pro Tempore, on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations:

February 6, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to the provisions of section 15-31a of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my pleasure and privilege to submit to you for your advice and consent the name of **JUDI SHEIFFELE** of New Haven to be a member of the Connecticut Port Authority Board of Directors, to serve a term beginning immediately and ending June 30th, 2023.

Martin M. Looney
Senate President Pro Tempore

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY,
THE GOVERNOR**

The following communications were received from His Excellency, the Governor, on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and referred to the House Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

February 5, 2020

Corrected Letters

TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Pursuant to Sections 1-205 and 4-1a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **VICTORIA CHAVEY**, of West Hartford, to be a member of the Freedom of Information Commission, to serve a term ending June 30, 2024, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

NED LAMONT
Governor

Date Received: February 7, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Pursuant to Sections 1-205 and 4-1a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **STEPHEN FUZESI, JR.**, of Greenwich, to be a member of the Freedom of Information Commission, to serve a term ending June 30, 2024, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

NED LAMONT
Governor

Date Received: February 7, 2020

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS**

On motion of Representative Michel of the 146th District, 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.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5022 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to exempt senior citizens from payment of the Passport to the Parks motor vehicle registration fee.

Proposed H.B. No. 5023 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to allow senior citizens to park at state parks free of charge.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. 5024 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR HOME HEALTH CARE COSTS', to establish a deduction under the personal income tax for the cost of full-time home health care.

Proposed H.B. No. 5025 REP. TURCO, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENTS', to establish a credit against the personal income tax for long-term care insurance premium payments.

Proposed H.B. No. 5026 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING TREE REMOVAL SERVICES FROM THE SALES TAX', to exempt from the sales tax tree services required to remove dead or dying trees.

Proposed H.B. No. 5027 REP. TURCO, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR CERTAIN FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS', to establish a credit against the personal income tax for certain first-time homebuyers.

Proposed H.B. No. 5028 REP. TURCO, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT', to increase the property tax credit to one thousand dollars for taxes paid on a primary residence or motor vehicle.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5029 REP. TURCO, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR GRADUATES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE STATE', to establish a personal income tax credit for in-state graduates with a bachelor's degree, associate degree or an advanced manufacturing certificate who live in the state.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Proposed H.B. No. 5030 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PROGRAM FEE', to allow veterans to not have to pay the motor vehicle registration fee associated with the Passport to the Parks program.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Michel of the 146th District, the House adjourned at 11:37 o'clock a.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.