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The House of Representatives was called to order at 11:29 o'clock a.m., Representative Godfrey of the 110th District in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Kyle J. Fishbein of Wolcott, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Lord, we ask for the grace of Your guidance. Help us to truly represent the people of this great State and to pass legislation that will benefit the common good of all our citizens. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kyle J. Fishbein of Wolcott, Connecticut.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS

On motion of Representative Arnone of the 58th 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. 5031 REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to exempt senior citizens from paying the Passport to the Parks program motor vehicle registration fee.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. 5032 REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE THOMASTON OPERA HOUSE', to provide a grant of funds to the town of Thomaston for the renovation of the Thomaston Opera House.

Proposed H.B. No. 5033 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT HIRE RECENT HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GRADUATES', to establish a tax credit for businesses that hire recent high school or college graduates.

Proposed H.B. No. 5034 REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE ESTATE TAX', to eliminate the estate tax.
Proposed H.B. No. 5035 REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX ON PENSION INCOME OF TAXPAYERS SIXTY-SEVEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER', to eliminate personal income tax on the pension income of any taxpayer who is sixty-seven years of age or older.

Proposed H.B. No. 5036 REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO FOREST ROAD IN NEW HAVEN', to provide funding to the city of New Haven to reduce flooding on Forest Road.

Proposed H.B. No. 5037 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE ESTATE TAX', to eliminate the estate tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5038 REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ON WHALLEY AVENUE IN NEW HAVEN', to provide funds to the city of New Haven to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists on Whalley Avenue.

Proposed H.B. No. 5039 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT REPEALING COMBINED REPORTING FOR BUSINESSES' CORPORATE TAX LIABILITY', to repeal combined reporting for businesses’ corporate tax liability.

Proposed H.B. No. 5040 REP. GILCHREST, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION', to establish an excise tax on ammunition to increase funding for gun violence prevention and reduction efforts.

Proposed H.B. No. 5041 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR ABLE ACCOUNT DEPOSITS', to establish a deduction under the personal income tax for deposits made by a taxpayer to an achieving a better life experience account.

Proposed H.B. No. 5042 REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON ELLA GRASSO BOULEVARD IN NEW HAVEN', to provide funding to the city of New Haven to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists on Ella Grasso Boulevard.

PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5043 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN IMMUNIZATION CONSULTATIONS', to require health insurance coverage for at least a twenty-minute consultation between a health care provider and a covered individual concerning the immunizations that are recommended for such individual by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

H.B. No. 5044 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS', to protect the public health by ensuring adequate and appropriate immunizations of children.

COMMERCE

Proposed S.B. No. 20 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT HIRE FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS', to establish a tax credit for businesses that hire formerly incarcerated individuals.
PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Proposed S.B. No. 21 SEN. Osten, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPORTS WAGERING, ONLINE GAMING, ONLINE LOTTERY TICKET SALES AND ONLINE KENO AND PROVIDING REVENUE TO THE STATE FROM SUCH GAMING', to create jobs in the gaming industry and increase revenue to the state.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Arnone of the 58th District, the House adjourned at 11:30 o’clock a.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.