JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

The House of Representatives was called to order at 2:53 o'clock p.m., Representative Currey of the 11th District in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Alianna I. Agovino of Milford, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Lord, as we join together today, we ask for Your divine guidance in handling the matters placed before us. May the decisions we reach benefit the common good of all our citizens. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alianna I. Agovino of Milford, Connecticut.

REPORTS

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

Report - Department of Children and Families - Licensure of the Alfred J. Solnit Children's Center. (Pursuant to Special Act 19-16 and Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 7, 2020
   Referred to the Committee on Children.

Report - Department of Agriculture - Report on the Pilot Program for Hemp. (Pursuant to Public Act 19-3 and Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 10, 2020
   Referred to the Committee on Environment.

Auditors Monthly Report - Matters Reported Under Section 4-33a - Dated February 10, 2020. (Pursuant to Section 4-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 10, 2020
   Referred to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report - University of Connecticut - Higher Education Coordinating Council 2020 Accountability Report. (Pursuant to Section 10a-6b(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 10, 2020
   Referred to the Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report - Office of the Claims Commissioner - Claims Commissioner's 2020 Annual Report. (Pursuant to Sections 4-159 and 4-159a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 10, 2020
   Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Referred to the Committees on Commerce, Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report - Office of Policy and Management - Report of the Task Force to Promote Municipal Shared Services Prepared by the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations Work Groups. (Pursuant to Section 366 of Public Act 19-117 and Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 11, 2020  
Referred to the Committees on Planning and Development and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors’ Report - Department of Public Health For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 13, 2020  
Referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Report - Office of Legislative Management - Regulations Review Committee - 2019 Report of the Legislative Regulations Review Committee to the Connecticut General Assembly. (Pursuant to Section 4-171, subsection (c) of Section 4-170 and Section 4-170b of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 14, 2020  
Referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following House Resolutions were received from the House committees indicated, the resolutions read the second time and tabled for the Calendar:

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. H.R. No. 4 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF VICTORIA CHAVEY OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. H.R. No. 5 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF STEPHEN FUZESI, JR., OF GREENWICH TO BE APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION.

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following House Joint Resolutions were received from the committees indicated, the resolutions read the second time and tabled for the Calendar:

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 9 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD E. ARNOLD OF ORANGE TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 10 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE EDWARD J. DOLAN OF BRANFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 11 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MICHAEL HARTMERE OF MILFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.
JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 12 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE BURTON A. KAPLAN OF EASTON TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 13 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE A. SUSAN PECK OF CHESTER TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 14 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE THELMA A. SANTOS OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 15 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ELLIOT N. SOLOMON OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.


INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS

On motion of Representative Cook of the 65th 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.

APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed H.B. No. 5160 REP. VARGAS, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF A REWARD TO PATRICIA "PIDGIE" D'ALLESSIO', to compensate Ms. Patricia "Pidgie" D'Allessio for her role in the apprehension of Robert Nelson Malm.

COMMERCE

H.B. No. 5161 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD', to (1) increase State Historic Preservation Review Board members' terms from one year to three years; (2) decrease the notice period required for notification of a municipal preservation board or a municipality's chief executive officer that a property is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places from sixty days to thirty days; (3) eliminate the requirement that the State Historic Preservation Officer attend municipal hearings regarding nominations to the National Register of Historic Places; and (4) change the board's name from the State Historic Preservation Board to the State Historic Preservation Review Board.

H.B. No. 5162 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LEARN HERE, LIVE HERE PROGRAM', to require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to establish the Learn Here, Live Here program to help graduates of any institution of higher education or certain certificate programs of private occupational schools save toward a down payment on their first home in the state by segregating a portion of their state income tax payments for up to ten years after they graduate.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. 5164 REP. ROCHELLE, 104th DIST.; REP. NAPOLI, 73rd DIST.; REP. REYES, 75th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATERBURY RAIL LINE', to authorize bonds of the state to purchase equipment and facilities to increase commuter rail service along the Waterbury Rail Line.

HOUSING

Proposed H.B. No. 5165 REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING AVAILABLE TO HOMEOWNERS THROUGH THE HEALTHY HOMES FUND', to increase grants-in-aid to homeowners in certain areas of New Haven and Woodbridge for repair of structurally damaged homes.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5166 REP. PAOLILLO, 97th DIST.; REP. LEMAR, 96th DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST.; REP. DIAMASSA, 116th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES', to increase the amount of payment in lieu of taxes provided to municipalities and establish a formula by which to calculate adequate reimbursement to municipalities.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

H.B. No. 5167 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STUDIES OF THE EFFECT OF LEGALIZED GAMBLING', to require the next study of the effect of legalized gambling by October 1, 2021.

H.B. No. 5168 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPORTS WAGERING IN THE STATE', to authorize sports wagering in the state.

APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 130 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION ORGANIZATIONS', to provide funding for suicide prevention organizations.

COMMERCE

S.B. No. 131 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONNECTICUT INDUSTRIAL HISTORY TRAIL', to require the Department of Economic and Community Development to establish a Connecticut industrial history trail.

S.B. No. 132 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE ECOTOURISM MAP', to require the Department of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the Departments of Energy and Environmental Protection and Agriculture, to develop and maintain on its Internet web site a "Live Here, Love Here" interactive ecotourism map to identify and promote the agricultural, recreational and other physical and natural resources of this state.
S.B. No. 133 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICTS', to require each regional tourism district to return unexpended tourism funding to the Department of Economic and Community Development for the purpose of supporting state-wide marketing and to eliminate the requirement that the central regional district office be located within the department.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Cook of the 65th District, the House adjourned at 2:55 o’clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.