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The House of Representatives was called to order at 11:34 o'clock a.m., Representative Comey of the 102nd District in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Jessie L. Black of Hartford, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, may the spirit of compassion be a significant presence in our land. Guide our people toward tolerance, peace and understanding. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Maya E. Buggy of Ridgefield, Connecticut.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS

On motion of Representative Wilson Pheanious of the 53rd 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.

NOTE: Due to a drafting error, LCO No. 1721, H.B. No. 5259 - 'AN ACT CONCERNING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT CROSSWALKS, SPEED LIMITS IN MUNICIPALITIES, FINES AND CHARGES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS AND THE GREENWAYS COMMEMORATIVE ACCOUNT,' has been eliminated from List of Bills No. 10 dated February 20, 2020. The matter was incorrectly drafted, as filed with the Office of the House Clerk. H.B. No. 5259 will be reassigned, and that bill will be referred at a later date.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

H.B. No. 5087 (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to exempt veterans from payment of the Passport to the Parks fee.

AGING

H.B. No. 5200 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME SERVICES', to study the sufficiency of nursing home services in the state.

H.B. No. 5203 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL FOR ELDERLY PERSONS', to help alleviate financial burdens on elderly homeowners by permitting municipalities to defer property taxes for those who qualify for such tax deferrals.

H.B. No. 5204 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION FOR NONAMBULATORY NURSING HOME RESIDENTS', to increase the opportunity for nonambulatory residents of nursing homes to visit the homes of family members.

H.B. No. 5205 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MEDICAID-FUNDED PROGRAMS', to study the efficacy of Medicaid-funded programs in serving senior citizens and others.

H.B. No. 5206 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RENTERS' REBATE PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to remove impediments to timely financial relief for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

H.B. No. 5207 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE "PASSPORT TO THE PARKS FEE"', to exempt senior citizens age sixty-five and older from the "Passport to the Parks Fee".

H.B. No. 5208 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT DETERRING ABUSE IN NURSING HOMES', to allow nursing home residents or their representatives to install electronic monitoring devices in their rooms, provided any roommates agree in writing to the use of such devices and liability for any breach of privacy related to the resident's use of such device is waived for nursing homes.

H.B. No. 5209 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT', to allow senior citizens and others to transfer real property at death to avert costly, time-consuming probate proceedings.

COMMERCE

H.B. No. 5210 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NONCOMPETE AGREEMENTS IN THE BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY', to prohibit the use of noncompete agreements in the blockchain technology industry.

H.B. No. 5211 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO RECRUIT BUSINESSES TO CONNECTICUT', to implement the recommendations of the working group on a public-private partnership to recruit businesses to the state.

H.B. No. 5212 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE MANUFACTURING APPRENTICESHIP TAX CREDIT TO PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES', to allow certain business entities to claim the manufacturing apprenticeship tax credit against the personal income tax.

EDUCATION

H.B. No. 5213 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN EARLY CHILDHOOD BUSINESS INCUBATOR MODEL', to establish a pilot program that authorizes the Commissioner of Early Childhood to issue a license to a person or group of persons to operate a family child care home in a space that is not a private home and that has been provided by an association, organization, corporation, institution or agency.

H.B. No. 5214 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SCHOOLS',

to repeal the provision permitting the referral of a special education student enrolled in a technical education and career school to the school district in which such student resides.

H.B. No. 5215 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF CLIMATE CHANGE INSTRUCTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM', to include climate change instruction in the public school curriculum of the state.

H.B. No. 5216 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE LICENSURE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING CHILD CARE SERVICES', to remove the licensure exemption for certain organizations that provide child care services.

H.B. No. 5217 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO SCHOOL START TIMES', to require the Department of Education to establish a working group to study issues relating to school start times.

H.B. No. 5218 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD', to implement the recommendations of the Office of Early Childhood.

H.B. No. 5219 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH CAMPS', to require licensed youth camp employees who are eighteen years of age or older to submit to a comprehensive background check.

H.B. No. 5220 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM TO PARENTS PARTICIPATING IN AN EVEN START PROGRAM OR ENROLLED IN CERTAIN SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS', to expand eligibility in the Care4Kids program to parents who are participating in a local Even Start program or enrolled in certain secondary education programs.

H.B. No. 5221 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CONNECTICUT', to require the Department of Education to conduct a study of public education in Connecticut.

H.B. No. 5222 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES', to expand eligibility in the Care4Kids program to include homeless families.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

H.B. No. 5223 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOLTAGE STANDARDS', to require electric distribution companies to comply with the most current voltage variation standards of the American National Standards Institute when rendering service to commercial or residential properties, unless otherwise granted an exemption.

H.B. No. 5224 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE STUDY OF THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE STATE', to require the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to conduct a study to determine whether policy and procedural changes within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection may increase the effectiveness of the use of technology in the state.

H.B. No. 5225 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTIONS FOR CUSTOMERS OF ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS', to (1) define "telesales call", "record" and "recording", (2) add requirements for electric suppliers regarding telesales calls and face-to-face marketing, to (3) permit the Public Utilities Regulatory

Authority to order fines, restitution to customers or a combination of fines and restitution, and (4) prohibit the assignment or transfer of customers without prior approval of the authority.

H.B. No. 5226 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS', to (1) make void and unenforceable any covenant, restriction or condition in any deed, contract, security instrument or other instrument affecting the transfer or sale of property which prohibits or unreasonably restricts the installation or use of an electric vehicle charging station, (2) establish conditions to which a unit owner must agree in order to obtain approval for installation of an electric vehicle charging station, and (3) permit tenants to request installation of electric vehicle charging stations, subject to compliance with a landlord's requirements.

H.B. No. 5227 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS', to authorize the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to perform joint or concurrent evaluations of grid-side system enhancement proposals, and to provide the department authority to procure renewable natural gas from anaerobic digestion facilities for injection into the natural gas distribution system.

H.B. No. 5228 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM', to expand the definition of energy improvements to include zero-emission vehicle refueling infrastructure and resiliency measures and to exempt these expansions from the savings-to-investments ratio and to permit direct assignment of liens to third-party capital providers.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. 5229 REP. WOOD, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLDS FOR THE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS DEDUCTION UNDER THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX', to eliminate the qualifying income thresholds for the Social Security benefits deduction under the personal income tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5230 REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES', to eliminate the estate and gift taxes.

Proposed H.B. No. 5231 REP. WOOD, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING COIN-OPERATED CAR WASHES FROM THE SALES TAX', to exclude coin-operated car washes from the sales tax.

HUMAN SERVICES

H.B. No. 5232 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A MINIMUM BASE RATE FOR METHADONE MAINTENANCE TREATMENT', to eliminate requirements that payment rates be tied to performance measures.

H.B. No. 5233 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL SERVICES', to ensure adequate payment to providers of social services to ensure access to quality care and integrate peer support services for behavioral health into the Medicaid program.

H.B. No. 5234 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ADVISORY COUNCIL', to add persons with autism spectrum disorder or their parents as chairpersons of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council.

H.B. No. 5235 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING FACILITY REIMBURSEMENT', to implement an acuity-based payment reimbursement system under the medical assistance program for nursing facilities.

H.B. No. 5236 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSITION TO A MEDICAID NURSING HOME FACILITY CASE MIX PAYMENT SYSTEM', to ensure the transition to a new Medicaid payment system for nursing home facilities is equitable, efficient and adequately funded.

HOUSING

H.B. No. 5237 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING', to make a technical change to a provision concerning the Department of Housing.

H.B. No. 5238 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEOWNERS WHO OBTAIN A LOAN FROM THE CONNECTICUT HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY', to authorize municipalities to abate up to five hundred dollars per assessment year of property taxes for certain first-time homebuyers obtaining a loan from the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority.

H.B. No. 5239 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTIES', to provide municipalities with payment in lieu of taxes for state housing authority properties.

H.B. No. 5240 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING', to require new construction of affordable housing developments to comply with additional accessibility, lighting and renewable energy requirements.

H.B. No. 5241 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES', to improve enforcement of code requirements in rental properties by restoring the prohibition on rent collection without a certificate of occupancy.

H.B. No. 5242 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RISK OF HOMELESSNESS FOR THOSE RELEASED FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION', to require the Department of Correction to assess the risk of homelessness for incarcerated persons released from its custody and to create a program to address such homelessness and to require additional reports to measure the extent of such homelessness.

H.B. No. 5243 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BONDS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE CONNECTICUT HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY', to permit the board members and other employees of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to obtain an equivalent insurance product in lieu of a surety bond.

H.B. No. 5244 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL HOUSING PROTECTIONS FOR A VICTIM OF FAMILY VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT', to allow a person who has a valid order of protection to request that such person's landlord change the locks to the person's dwelling unit.

H.B. No. 5245 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PERMISSIBLE AMOUNT OF SECURITY DEPOSIT A LANDLORD MAY CHARGE', to permit a landlord to require a tenant pay a security deposit of up to three months' rent.

H.B. No. 5246 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF FAIR SHARE HOUSING', to require the Commissioner of Housing to study the New Jersey Fair Housing Act to determine the feasibility of implementing provisions of said act in the state.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

H.B. No. 5247 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPLANATIONS OF BENEFITS', to require health insurers that deliver, issue for delivery, renew, amend or continue certain health insurance policies in this state to issue explanations of benefits to consumers in certain circumstances, disclose information concerning explanations of benefits to consumers, and require that explanations of benefits be maintained as confidential in certain circumstances.

H.B. No. 5248 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PEER SUPPORT SERVICES IN THIS STATE', to establish a task force to study health insurance coverage for peer support services in this state.

H.B. No. 5249 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, STEPCHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN', to allow children, stepchildren and other dependent children to retain dental insurance coverage under their parents' insurance policies until they attain the age of twenty-six or obtain substitute coverage through an employer.

H.B. No. 5250 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCRIBING CLINICALLY INAPPROPRIATE QUANTITIES OF OUTPATIENT PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS', to prohibit health insurance policies providing coverage for outpatient prescription drugs, and mental health care benefits provided under state law, with state funds or to state employees, from requiring a prescribing health care provider to prescribe an outpatient psychotropic drug in a quantity that such provider deems clinically inappropriate.

H.B. No. 5251 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS IN THIS STATE', to establish a task force to study health insurance coverage for undocumented immigrants in this state.

H.B. No. 5252 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN VEHICLE STORAGE AGREEMENTS AS A PRECONDITION TO VEHICLE TOWING', to prohibit a wrecker from requiring a vehicle owner to contract for more than twenty-four hours of vehicle storage as a precondition to towing the owner's vehicle.

H.B. No. 5253 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, STEPCHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN', to allow children, stepchildren and other dependent children to retain dental and vision insurance coverage under their parents' insurance policies until they attain the age of twenty-six or obtain substitute coverage through an employer.

H.B. No. 5254 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER', to require health insurance coverage for medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder.

H.B. No. 5255 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIVING ORGAN DONOR INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION', to (1) prohibit certain insurers from discriminating against any individual solely because such individual is a living organ donor, and (2) provide that such discrimination constitutes a violation of the Connecticut Unfair Insurance Practices Act.

H.B. No. 5256 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DETOXIFICATION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES', to modify required health insurance coverage for detoxification and substance abuse services.

H.B. No. 5257 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES FOR COVERED DEPENDENT CHILDREN WHO ARE YOUNGER THAN NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE', to require health insurance coverage for (1) at least one pair of prescription eyeglasses during each policy year for each covered dependent child who is younger than nineteen years of age, and (2) not more than one additional pair of prescription eyeglasses for such child during such policy year if the pair of covered prescription eyeglasses that such child previously received during such policy year is lost during such policy year.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5258 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE RECEIVERSHIP ACT', to adopt the Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act.

TRANSPORTATION

H.B. No. 5260 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DEALERSHIP FRANCHISES', to create a task force to recommend legislation concerning agreements between motor vehicle manufacturers or distributors and motor vehicle dealers.

H.B. No. 5261 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT REQUIRING ENGINEERS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSPECT CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS', to require engineers employed by the Department of Transportation on a full-time basis to inspect highway and bridge construction projects.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

H.B. No. 5262 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL REGISTRATION MARKER PLATES FOR VETERANS WHO SERVED IN PERIODS OF WAR', to create special registration marker plates available to veterans who served during certain periods of war.

H.B. No. 5263 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SERVICE RIBBON FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES PROVIDING HONOR GUARD DETAIL', to authorize the Adjutant General to issue a service ribbon to each member of the armed forces providing honor guard detail at funerals of veterans.

H.B. No. 5264 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF BENEFITS TO VETERANS', to extend the deadline for the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs to compile data and submit the report of benefits to veterans to the Military Department and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to military and veterans' affairs.

H.B. No. 5265 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE GUARD', to allow the Governor to raise, organize, maintain and govern the Connecticut State Guard.

H.B. No. 5266 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREEN ALERT SYSTEM FOR MISSING VETERANS', to establish a Green Alert system for missing veterans.

H.B. No. 5267 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A VETERANS' CEMETERY ACCOUNT', to establish a veterans' cemetery account.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

H.B. No. 5268 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION', to require the Workers' Compensation Commission to adopt regulations regarding the fair compensation of injured workers.

H.B. No. 5269 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKING CONDITIONS', to require the Labor Commissioner to adopt regulations regarding fair and safe working conditions.

H.B. No. 5270 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE TO JOIN OR SUPPORT A UNION', to protect the rights of public employees to join or support unions.

H.B. No. 5271 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BREASTFEEDING IN THE WORKPLACE', to specify certain parameters for a room or other location in the workplace that accommodates employee breastfeeding.

H.B. No. 5272 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF STUDENT INTERNS AND STUDENT TEACHERS IN COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTS', to require the Labor Commissioner to conduct a study regarding student interns and student teachers in college environments.

H.B. No. 5273 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CALL CENTERS AND NOTICE OF CLOSURES', to discourage employers from closing call centers in this state.

H.B. No. 5274 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PROBATE COURT SYSTEM', to allow Probate Court employees to be recognized as state employees for the purpose of collective bargaining.

H.B. No. 5275 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A FAIR WORK WEEK SCHEDULE', to prohibit the practice of on-call shift scheduling.

H.B. No. 5276 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DOMESTIC WORKERS', to expand the application of various labor laws to domestic workers.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

S.B. No. 5 (COMM) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AND NET NEUTRALITY PRINCIPLES', to require Internet service providers to register and pay registration fees and to require the Public Utilities

Regulatory Authority to apply net neutrality principles to Internet service providers and enforce such principles with civil penalties.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

S.B. No. 21 (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPORTS WAGERING, INTERNET GAMING, A CASINO GAMING FACILITY IN BRIDGEPORT, ENTERTAINMENT ZONE FACILITIES, INTERNET LOTTERY AND INTERNET KENO', to create jobs in the gaming industry and increase revenue to the state.

AGING

S.B. No. 160 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKING IN NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES AND OTHER HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY', to protect the health of elderly residents by ensuring that smoking is not allowed in nursing home facilities and state or federally subsidized housing designated for elderly persons.

S.B. No. 161 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVES', to appropriate a sufficient amount of funds to expand aging in place initiatives.

S.B. No. 162 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR CENTERS', to (1) include senior center staff members among persons municipalities can name as municipal agents for the elderly, (2) authorize the establishment of multipurpose senior centers, (3) authorize additional resources for senior centers, and (4) establish a working group to study the needs of senior centers.

S.B. No. 163 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES', to study the efficacy of state programs providing long-term care services.

S.B. No. 164 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT LOWERING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS', to increase the number of elderly residents who may be eligible for property tax relief and allow municipalities to exempt from taxation one motor vehicle belonging to a person age seventy-one or older who has resided in the municipality not less than forty years.

COMMERCE

S.B. No. 165 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENT REMEDIATION GRANTS', to make various revisions to the eligibility requirements and application procedures for dry cleaning establishment remediation grants.

S.B. No. 166 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY', to require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to study issues relating to the state's bioscience industry.

S.B. No. 167 (RAISED) COMMERCE. '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.

S.B. No. 168 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MANUFACTURER NEEDS IN THE STATE', to require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to study the needs of manufacturers in the state.

S.B. No. 169 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS, INCORPORATED AND PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENT', to require Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated to study private equity investment in the state.

S.B. No. 170 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AFFECTING THE STATE', to require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to conduct a study of economic development issues affecting the state.

EDUCATION

S.B. No. 171 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD STATUTES', to make technical revisions to the education and early childhood statutes.

S.B. No. 172 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION', to implement the recommendations of the Department of Education.

S.B. No. 173 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FRAMEWORK FOR ASSESSING THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CONNECTICUT', to require the Department of Education to develop a framework for evaluating the effectiveness of school district programs and policies that are intended to address disparities in academic achievement among racial and socio-economic lines.

S.B. No. 174 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION ISSUES', to require the Department of Education to study education issues.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

S.B. No. 175 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRICITY SHUTOFF NOTIFICATIONS', to (1) broaden the notice requirements prior to termination of utility service to include electronic mail, text message, and phone calls, (2) require gas and electric distribution companies to report the aggregate number of utility service terminations, disconnections and reconnections, and (3) require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to examine the termination practices of the gas and electric distribution companies and report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy.

S.B. No. 176 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF A FEE PAID BY MULTICHANNEL VIDEO PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTORS TO COMPANIES OR ORGANIZATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAMMING', to (1) define "subscriber" and "video streaming", (2) require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to establish a fee paid by subscribers of video streaming, Internet access and cable television, and (3) limit the applicable fee to one household per purchased service.

S.B. No. 177 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY CONSUMPTION DATA AND LABELING', to require (1) nonresidential property owners of buildings greater than or equal to fifty thousand gross square feet, or two or more buildings on the same parcel that are greater than or equal to one hundred thousand gross square feet, report the previous calendar year's energy consumption data to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and (2) residential property owners to disclose, upon request at the time the property is publicly listed for sale or rent, the previous calendar year's energy bills.

S.B. No. 178 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS', to establish and update state appliance and equipment energy and water efficiency standards.

S.B. No. 179 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK', to enable the Connecticut Green Bank to be considered as a potential borrower of funds from the United States Department of Agriculture and to fix technical changes concerning the appointed term length of a board of directors member.

S.B. No. 180 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CALL BEFORE YOU DIG PROGRAM VIOLATIONS', to require that civil penalties for the failure of a public utility to properly or timely mark the approximate location of an underground facility be paid by the person, public agency or public utility to whom the notice of failure to comply is addressed.

S.B. No. 181 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE STUDY OF ENERGY SOURCES', to require the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to conduct a study to determine whether policy and procedural changes within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection may increase the effectiveness of energy sources utilized by the state.

GENERAL LAW

S.B. No. 182 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS', to protect consumers by effectively regulating new home construction contractors and home improvement contractors.

HOUSING

S.B. No. 183 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COST OF 2-1-1 FOR LIFELINE PROGRAM CELLULAR TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS', to require any provider of lifeline cellular telephone service to not charge any minutes for calls to 2-1-1 and to require the state reimburse the provider for such cost.

S.B. No. 184 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE', to establish the workforce housing development program in opportunity zones and to create additional opportunities for workforce housing development in other parts of the state using tax credits, fee waivers and property tax abatement.

S.B. No. 185 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING CERTAIN FACILITIES FROM THE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY RESIDENCES FOR ZONING PURPOSES', to define community residence to exclude commercial medical facilities or facilities requiring a certificate of need.

S.B. No. 186 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR HOUSING AUTHORITIES', to provide municipalities in which a housing authority is located with payments in lieu of taxes.

S.B. No. 187 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF APPRENTICE AND OTHER WORKFORCE HOUSING', to require the Department of Housing to conduct a study of methods to increase options for apprentices and other newly hired employees to reside in the municipality where they are employed.

S.B. No. 188 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HEALTHY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM', to establish a pilot program to provide rental assistance certificates to assist families who have children with persistent asthma to move to healthier environments.

S.B. No. 189 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FIRST RESPONDER AFFORDABLE HOUSING', to permit municipalities to establish first responder affordable housing for active members of a volunteer fire department or volunteer ambulance service.

S.B. No. 190 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING', to make technical changes to a statute concerning housing.

HUMAN SERVICES

S.B. No. 191 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE HUSKY B PROGRAM', to cap copayments to the HUSKY B health program and repeal a program offering intensive services that are offered under a related program.

S.B. No. 192 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A LIST OF THE ONE HUNDRED MOST DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGORS', to end the publication of the names of delinquent child support obligors.

S.B. No. 193 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING METHADONE MAINTENANCE', to set a new time table for development of performance measures for methadone maintenance providers.

S.B. No. 194 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OBSOLETE REFERENCES RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE GENERAL STATUTES', to revise certain provisions in the general statutes containing obsolete references to the Department of Social Services.

S.B. No. 195 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to clarify that persons eligible to receive Medicaid-funded services are not eligible to receive services under the Connecticut home-care program for persons with disabilities.

S.B. No. 196 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS', to add a representative of the Department of Social Services to the State-wide Health Information Exchange board of directors.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

S.B. No. 197 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN EPINEPHRINE CARTRIDGE INJECTORS', to prohibit certain health insurers from denying, or making any distinction or discrimination in, coverage for an epinephrine cartridge injector administered to an insured by a third party who provided or administered the injector to the insured to provide an emergency first aid response for an allergic reaction, regardless of whether the insured held a valid prescription for such injector.

S.B. No. 198 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE PREMIUM BILLING NOTICE PERIOD FOR RENEWAL OF CERTAIN PERSONAL AND COMMERCIAL RISK INSURANCE POLICIES', to extend the premium billing notice period for renewal of certain personal and commercial risk insurance policies.

S.B. No. 199 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR LOW PROTEIN MODIFIED FOOD PRODUCTS, AMINO ACID MODIFIED PREPARATIONS AND SPECIALIZED FORMULAS', to require health insurance coverage for specialized formulas for individuals twelve years of age and older.

S.B. No. 200 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC ADJUSTERS', to authorize the Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations establishing continuing education requirements for public adjusters.

S.B. No. 201 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HEALTH INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE INEQUITY IN THIS STATE', to establish a task force to study health insurance and health care inequity in this state.

S.B. No. 202 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE SMALL GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET IN THIS STATE', to establish a task force to study the small group health insurance market in this state.

S.B. No. 203 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS', to require health insurance coverage for motorized wheelchairs, including, but not limited to, used motorized wheelchairs, repairs to motorized wheelchairs and replacement batteries for motorized wheelchairs.

S.B. No. 204 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN SURGICAL PROCEDURES PERFORMED TO TREAT SEVERE OBESITY', to require health insurance coverage for certain surgical procedures performed to treat severe obesity.

S.B. No. 205 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRAVEL INSURANCE AND SUICIDE', to prohibit insurance companies that issue travel insurance policies in this state from excluding coverage because the insured or the insured's spouse, child, dependent relative who resides in the insured's household or traveling companion commits suicide.

S.B. No. 206 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN HEALTH INSURERS TO OFFER AND SELL A QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN THROUGH THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE', to require certain health insurers that deliver, issue for delivery, renew, amend or continue certain group health insurance policies in this state to offer and sell through the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange at least one qualified health plan providing coverage to qualified employers.

S.B. No. 207 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SURETY BAIL BOND AGENTS', to (1) restrict how frequently the Insurance Commissioner may examine a surety bail bond agent's books and records, (2) automatically cancel a surety bail bond agent's license if the agent does not pay an annual examination fee, (3) reschedule an annual transfer to the General Fund from the surety bail bond agent examination account, and (4) authorize the commissioner to adopt regulations concerning continuing education requirements for surety bail bond agents.

S.B. No. 208 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GENETIC TESTING', to: (1) Restrict the manner in which certain insurers may use, and obtain the results of, genetic testing; and (2) provide that certain uses of genetic testing shall constitute a violation of the Connecticut Unfair Insurance Practices Act.

S.B. No. 209 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE SHARING MINISTRIES TO COMPLY WITH THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT', to require health care sharing ministries to comply with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S.B. No. 210 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE, CREDIT LIFE INSURANCE, CREDIT ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE AND INSURANCE PRODUCERS', to (1) specify the manner in which certain insurers must cancel certain homeowners insurance policies, (2) require the Insurance Commissioner to disapprove certain credit life insurance and credit accident and health insurance forms if the loss ratios contained in such forms do not satisfy certain criteria, and (3) reduce the total number of hours of study that an applicant for an insurance producer license must successfully complete for each line of insurance for which such applicant is seeking such license.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 211 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL', to clarify the Attorney General's authority to (1) investigate allegations that an individual's civil rights are being violated, and (2) initiate legal proceedings in response to such allegations.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

S.B. No. 212 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING A CASINO GAMING FACILITY IN BRIDGEPORT, SPORTS WAGERING, ENTERTAINMENT ZONES, ONLINE GAMING, ONLINE LOTTERY TICKET SALES AND ONLINE KENO', to authorize a casino gaming facility in Bridgeport, sports wagering, entertainment zones, online gaming, online lottery ticket sales and online keno.

TRANSPORTATION

S.B. No. 213 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CT2030 AND CONNECTICUT INFRASTRUCTURE', to require the Department of Transportation to develop an infrastructure improvement plan.

S.B. No. 214 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A TASK FORCE REPORT ON FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES', to extend the date by which a task force shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation.

S.B. No. 215 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY', to make a minor change to a statute concerning the Connecticut Port Authority.

S.B. No. 216 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF PEER-TO-PEER CAR-SHARING SERVICES', to require the Department of Motor Vehicles to study peer-to-peer car-sharing services.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

S.B. No. 217 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EQUINE THERAPY FOR VETERANS', to require health insurance coverage for equine therapy for veterans.

S.B. No. 218 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN VETERANS' BENEFITS', to include initial active duty for training purposes to be counted as qualifying service for veterans' benefits eligibility for operators' licenses, veteran designation on license plates and college credit for military training.

S.B. No. 219 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONNECTICUT WING CIVIL AIR PATROL', to appropriate three hundred forty-one thousand dollars to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a grant to the Connecticut Wing Civil Air Patrol.

S.B. No. 220 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT EXPANDING CERTAIN VETERANS' ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS', to exclude all veterans' pension benefits from income when determining eligibility for public assistance programs.

S.B. No. 221 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A MILITARY PERMIT FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR', to expand the military permit under the Liquor Control Act to the sale of alcoholic liquor.

S.B. No. 222 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE PROGRAM ACCOUNT', to establish a law enforcement support office program account.

S.B. No. 223 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING ALL ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS FROM FEES FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSES OR REGISTRATIONS', to exempt active duty service members who were not residents of Connecticut at the time of induction from fees for motor vehicle operator's licenses or registrations.

S.B. No. 224 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF VETERANS' TAX ABATEMENTS', to study tax abatements available to veterans in this state.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 225 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PER DIEM EQUITY FOR STATE BOARD OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION ARBITRATORS', to ensure per diem compensation equity for State Board of Mediation and Arbitration arbitrators.

S.B. No. 226 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BASIC LABOR STANDARDS FOR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY DRIVERS', to provide basic labor standards for transportation network company drivers.

S.B. No. 227 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A FAIR WORK WEEK SCHEDULE', to prohibit the practice of on-call shift scheduling.

S.B. No. 228 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE TO JOIN OR SUPPORT A UNION', to protect the rights of public employees to join or support unions.

S.B. No. 229 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' RIGHTS', to require the Labor Commissioner to adopt regulations regarding workers' rights.

S.B. No. 230 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR', to require the Labor Commissioner to adopt regulations regarding the efficient operation of the Labor Department.

S.B. No. 231 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS SUFFERED BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION EMPLOYEES AND DISPATCHERS', to extend workers' compensation benefits for certain mental or emotional impairments to emergency medical services personnel, Department of Correction employees and dispatchers.

S.B. No. 232 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL WORKERS', to authorize certain agricultural workers to engage in collective bargaining.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Wilson Pheanious of the 53rd District, the House adjourned at 11:36 o'clock a.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.