



JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

The House of Representatives was called to order at 11:49 o'clock a.m., Representative Mushinsky of the 85th District in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Kerri E. Malloy of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Almighty Creator, look graciously upon this Body today. Help us discern Your divine will in working for the good of the people of Connecticut. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kerri E. Malloy of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR

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

March 2, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-5 through 4-7 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **KAREN E. DUBOIS-WATSON**, of New Haven, to the State Board of Education, to be a member, in succession to Stephen Wright, to serve a term ending February 28, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

Date Received: March 3, 2020

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR

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March 3, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-5 through 4-7 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **BONNIE BURR**, of Brookfield, to the State Board of Education, to be a person with extensive experience in agricultural, in succession to Terry Jones, to serve a term ending February 28, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-5 through 4-7 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **MARTHA PALUCH PROU**, of Bloomfield, to the State Board of Education, to be a person with experience in manufacturing, in succession to Joseph Vrabley, Jr., to serve a term ending February 28, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-5 through 4-7 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **AWILDA REASCO**, of New Britain, to the State Board of Education, to be a member, in succession to Maria Mojica, to serve a term ending February 28, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

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 - Report on the Department of Children and Families' Racial Justice Data, Activities and Strategies - February 15, 2020. (Pursuant to Section 17a-6e of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 24, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Children.

Report - Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations - Compendium of Statutory and Regulatory Mandates on Municipalities in Connecticut, as of January 1, 2020. (Pursuant to Section 2-79a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 24, 2020

Referred to the Committees on Appropriations and Planning and Development.

Report - Department of Administrative Services - Connecticut Commission for Educational Technology - Annual Report for Calendar Year 2019 and the CEN Annual Report. (Pursuant to Section 4d-80(c)(8) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 25, 2020

Referred to the Committees on Appropriations, Education, Higher Education and Employment Advancement and Energy and Technology.

Report - Transfer Act Working Group Report - February 25, 2020. (Pursuant to Section 3(d) of Public Act 19-75 and Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 25, 2020

Referred to the Committees on Commerce and Environment.

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - Office of Governmental Accountability for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2016. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 26, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

Report - Office of Policy and Management - 2020 Annual Report on the Regional Performance Incentive Program. (Pursuant to Section 4-124s(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 26, 2020

Referred to the Committees on Government Administration and Elections and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report - Office of Policy and Management - Report of Adjusted Payments Regarding Connecticut Programs of Tax Relief for Elderly Homeowners and Grants to Elderly Renters for the 2019 - 2020 Fiscal Year. (Pursuant to Section 12-170bb of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 28, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report - University of Connecticut - Rebuilding, Reviewing and Enhancing the University of Connecticut - Forty-Ninth in a Series of Semi-Annual Reports regarding UConn 2000. (Pursuant to Section 10a-109 through 10a-109y of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 28, 2020

Referred to the Committees on Higher Education and Employment Advancement, Finance Revenue and Bonding and Appropriations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS

On motion of Representative Currey of the 11th 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.

BANKING

H.B. No. 5423 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN MORTGAGE LENDERS FROM CHARGING CERTAIN FEES TO BORROWERS AFTER RECEIVING A PAYMENT TO REINSTATE A MORTGAGE', to prohibit certain mortgage lenders from charging certain fees to borrowers after receiving a payment to reinstate a mortgage.

H.B. No. 5424 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING MONEY TRANSMITTERS TO PROVIDE CONSUMERS WITH A MONEY TRANSMISSION FRAUD WARNING', to require money transmitters to provide consumers with a money transmission fraud warning prior to wiring money.

H.B. No. 5425 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MORTGAGE FORBEARANCE FOR OWNERS OF HOMES WITH CRUMBLING FOUNDATIONS', to require certain residential mortgages to include a provision that permits mortgage forbearance if the home requires repairs related to the presence of pyrrhotite in the foundation.

H.B. No. 5426 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIENS FOR UNPAID WAGES AND A REQUIREMENT THAT FISCAL INTERMEDIARIES MEET EMPLOYER TIMELY PAY OBLIGATIONS', to authorize the Labor Commissioner or an employee to seek to establish a lien against the property of an employer for unpaid wages; and to establish requirements relating to the payment of timely wages on fiscal intermediaries that provide payroll services to personal care attendants.

H.B. No. 5427 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUES RELATING TO DEBT COLLECTION', to (1) require financial institutions to leave the lesser of the account balance or one thousand dollars in a judgment debtor's account during a bank execution; (2) increase the amount of the threshold of the aggregate cash price of a repossessed motor vehicle or boat for purposes of the formula for calculating the prima facie fair market value of such motor vehicle or boat; (3) eliminate extension options and establish a firm ten-year statute of limitations for the enforcement of small claims judgments; and (4) clarify that credit card charges for the purchase of goods and services are not to be considered moneys loaned for purposes of post-judgment interest.

H.B. No. 5428 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUES RELATING TO MORTGAGES AND MECHANIC'S LIENS', to: (1) Require a mortgagee to deliver the mortgage release to the town clerk and a certified copy of such release to the mortgagor; (2) require a mortgagee to accept a payment for mortgage releases from an attorney's IOLTA account; (3) require the acceptance of certain payments on mortgage loans issued by Connecticut banks and Connecticut credit unions on and after October 1, 2020; and (4) allow property owners to substitute bonds for mechanic's liens without seeking judicial intervention.

H.B. No. 5429 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE BANKING COMMISSIONER TO ESTABLISH A FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNTS', to require the Banking Commissioner to establish a first-time homebuyer savings account program and establish a tax deduction for contributions to first-time homebuyer savings accounts.

H.B. No. 5430 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMPUTER CRIMES AGAINST FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR CUSTOMERS', to make clear that computer crimes include attacks (1) that involve any computer, computer network or computer software that is owned, leased or licensed by a financial institution, and (2) targeted at the money, property or personal information of customers that is being held by a financial institution in connection with a loan or deposit account, or in a fiduciary, trust or custodial capacity.

PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5431 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN SCHOOLS', to require local and regional boards of education to maintain healthy indoor air quality in their schools.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5432 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NONLETHAL ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPONS', to remove the prohibition on possession of nonlethal electronic defense weapons.

APPROPRIATIONS

H.R. No. 8 REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF

UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE STATE EMPLOYEES BARGAINING AGENT COALITION (SEBAC)'

BANKING

S.B. No. 381 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE STUDENT LOAN BILL OF RIGHTS', to provide additional protections for student loan borrowers and cosigners of private education loans and to create a cause of action against student loan servicers who engage in abusive acts or practices while servicing a student education loan.

S.B. No. 382 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS ACTING AS LEAD GENERATORS AND COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS', to exempt certain persons from licensure as a lead generator and to exempt commercial mortgage loan originators from certain overtime requirements.

S.B. No. 383 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE BANKING STATUTES', to require the Banking Department to submit recommendations for various revisions to the banking statutes to the General Assembly.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 384 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR DISTRACTED DRIVING', to increase the penalties for distracted driving.

S.B. No. 385 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES', to amend various statutes relating to the responsibilities of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with respect to the provision of sexual harassment training, the filing of discriminatory practice complaints and the approval of affirmative action plans.

PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 386 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SUICIDE PREVENTION', to require the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to evaluate suicide prevention programs and training in the state.

S.B. No. 387 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ART THERAPISTS', to allow temporary permits to practice as an art therapist under supervision to be valid for two years.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 388 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEW OF ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS BY THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION', to require the Connecticut Sentencing Commission to review the animal cruelty laws in this state and other states and make recommendations, if any, to the legislature for changes to state laws.

S.B. No. 389 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING SENTENCE REVIEW AND MODIFICATION', to enact the Connecticut Sentencing Commission's recommendation with respect to sentence review and modification.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Currey of the 11th District, the House adjourned at 11:51 o'clock a.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.