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Monday, March 9, 2020

The House of Representatives was called to order at 11:44 o'clock a.m., Representative Rotella of the 43rd 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. Lord, we are so thankful for the many blessings that You have bestowed upon Your people. May the presence of Your Holy Spirit rest on our hearts as You guide us to make the right decisions for this State. Amen.

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

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 Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

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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 ERIK M. CLEMONS, of New Haven, to the State Board of Education, to be a person experienced in a trade offered at the Technical High School System, in succession to William P. Davenport, to serve a term ending February 28, 2024, 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 ELWOOD EXLEY, JR., of West Hartford, to the State Board of Education, to be a member in succession to Erik M. Clemons, to serve a term ending February 28, 2024, 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, reappoint MALIA SIEVE, of Waterford, to the State Board of Education, to be a member, to serve a term ending February 28, 2024, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT  
Governor

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS  
HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS

On motion of Representative Napoli of the 73rd 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.

COMMERCE

H.B. No. 5489 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULATORY SANDBOX PROGRAM', to establish a regulatory sandbox program, which allows a person to temporarily test an innovative product or service on a limited basis without otherwise being licensed or authorized to act by the laws of this state.

H.B. No. 5490 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDITS', to (1) allow businesses to utilize accumulated credits against the tax imposed under chapter 208 and chapter 219 of the general statutes in exchange for human capital investment, and (2) require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to conduct a study relating to research and development tax credits.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5491 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO NOTARY PUBLICS, THE ISSUANCE OF TRADE NAME CERTIFICATES AND IMPROVED PUBLIC ACCESS TO BUSINESS RECORDS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE', to: (1) Revise statutory requirements applicable to notary publics, (2) establish a process for the issuance of trade name certificates, and (3) improve public access to business records filed with the Secretary of the State.

H.B. No. 5492 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COST OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES', to provide cost-free telecommunications for incarcerated persons.

H.B. No. 5493 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROMPT PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AGAINST A DECEDENT'S ESTATE', to reduce the time period for a creditor to make a claim against the estate of a decedent.

H.B. No. 5494 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS', to ensure crime victims are permitted to attend and participate in violation of probation or conditional discharge hearings and to provide crime victims access to information about the arrest and conviction of a defendant in the case of identity theft when the defendant participates in accelerated rehabilitation.
S.B. No. 448 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOID ABUSE AND TREATMENT', to require the Department of Correction to provide counseling to inmates who are suffering from opioid use disorder or at risk of developing or relapsing into an opioid use disorder prior to such inmate's release from a correctional facility and to require the Department of Correction, in consultation with the Departments of Public Health and Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish a medication-assisted treatment program for inmates with opioid use disorder.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Napoli of the 73rd District, the House adjourned at 11:45 o’clock a.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

HOUSE BILL

The following report on the House Bill, recommending a change of reference was received from the committee indicated, the report of the committee accepted, and the bill referred as recommended:

HOUSING. H.B. No. 5127 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM PLANNING CONCERNING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Planning and Development.