On Wednesday after the first Monday of February, A.D., 2020, the date by the Constitution of the State of Connecticut for the meeting of the General Assembly, the Senate convened in the Senate Chamber in the Capitol in Hartford at 10:15 a.m. The Senate was called to order by the President.

The prayer was offered by the Deputy Chaplain, Rabbi Philip Lazowski of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Our thought for the day is from Psalm 67:2, “May God make his face to shine upon us.” Let us pray.

Gracious God, as we begin again a new session, we ask Thy blessing upon our senators. Open us to your affection, surround us in Thy safe embrace; give us the tool, the knowledge, and the courage to do what is best for our people and our state.

May Your light shine from the four corners of our state to help our senators see their way forward, so that they may preserve the integrity and honor of our state. Instill in them the love and kindness to conduct the affairs of this Senatorial circle with and understanding. Protect and watch over them. Inspire them to show the courage and conviction to do the right thing at all times. Bless and preserve our senators, who have been called to serve our beloved state, the heartbeat of Connecticut, from now and forever more, and let us say, Amen.

PLEDGE

Senators Anwar of the 3rd and Slap of the 5th led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was sung by Ms. Lexi White of Middlebury.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR

The following communications were received from His Excellency, the Governor, read by the Clerk and ordered printed the Journal.

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
I have the honor to inform you of the following Interim Appointments made by the Governor since the adjournment of the 2019 General Assembly:

Soline M. Oslena – of Oakdale, as a Workers’ Compensation Commissioner, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Wilfred J. Blanchette, Jr. – of Baltic, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Deidre S. Gifford - of West Hartford, as Commissioner of Social Services, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Miguel A. Cardona – of Meriden, as Commissioner of Education, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Bonnie Burr – of Brookfield, as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Martha Paluch Prou – of Bloomfield, as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Awilda Reasco – of New Britain, as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Karen Dubois Walton – of New Haven, as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Milan Chand – of Newtown, as a non-voting student member of the Connecticut State Board of Education, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sophia Chin – of South Windsor, as a non-voting student member of the Connecticut State Board of Education, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Robert Namnoum – of Canton, to be a representative of the interests of exclusive bargaining representatives of certified employees for the Education Arbitration Board, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Daniel D. Toscano – of Darien, appointment as a member and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Andy F. Bessette – of West Hartford, reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.
Charles F. Bunnell – of Waterford, reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Shari G. Cantor – of West Hartford, reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Scott S. Cowen – of New Orleans, appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Andrea B. Dennis-LaVigne – of Simsbury, reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Kevin O’Connor – of Greenwich, appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Owen Eagan – of West Hartford, reappointment as a member and the Chairperson of the Freedom of Information Commission, until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, and until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Stephen Fuzesi, Jr. – of Greenwich, appointment as a member of the Freedom of Information Commission, until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, and until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Victoria Chavey – of West Hartford, appointment as a member of the Freedom of Information Commission, until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, and until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

David Kooris – of Stamford, appointment as a member of the Connecticut Port Authority, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Pamela Elkow, to serve until the serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and qualified.

The Honorable Gladys Idelis Nieves – of New Haven, appointment as a member of the Judicial Review Council, as an Alternate Family Support Magistrate, effective December 1, 2019, and serving until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

The Honorable Anthony P. Fusco – of Brookfield, appointment as a member of the Judicial Review Council, as an Alternate Family Support Magistrate, effective December 1, 2019, and serving until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

The Honorable Michael L. Ferguson – of Meriden, appointment as a member of the Judicial Review Council, as an Alternate Family Support Magistrate, effective December 1, 2019, and serving until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

Attorney Genea Odessa Bell – of Colchester, appointment as a member of the Judicial Review Council, as an alternate attorney-at-law admitted to practice law in the state in succession to Attorney Mark D. Leighton, effective December 1, 2019, and serving until the sixth Wednesday of
the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

**The Honorable John F. Kavanewsky, Jr.** – of East Norwalk, appointment as a member of the Judicial Review Council, as a Superior Court Judge in succession to the Honorable Elizabeth A. Bozzuto, effective immediately and serving until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

**Attorney Mitchell R. Harris** – of Avon, appointment as a member of the Judicial Review Council, as an attorney-at-law admitted to practice law in the state in succession to Attorney Genea Odessa Bell, effective December 1, 2019, and serving until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

**The Honorable Maureen D. Dennis** – of Southport, appointment as a member of the Judicial Review Council, as a Superior Court Judge in succession to the Honorable Hillary Strackbein, effective immediately and serving until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

**Richard T. Meehan** – of Shelton, as an alternate attorney-at-law admitted to practice in the state to the Judicial Review Council, effective immediately and serving until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

**David Kooris** – of Stamford, as member of the board of directors of the Connecticut Port Authority, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Pamela Elkow, to serve until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is later.

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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY**

**THE GOVERNOR**

The following communications were received from His Excellency, the Governor, read by the Clerk and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for reappointment by you the HONORABLE JOHN F. BLAWIE of Greenwich, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve a term of eight years from May 5, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020
TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for reappointment by you the HONORABLE PATRICK L. CARROLL, III, of Seymour, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve a term of eight years from March 8, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for reappointment by you the HONORABLE ANNA M. FICETO of Wolcott, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve a term of eight years, from February 29, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for reappointment by you the HONORABLE DONNA NELSON HELLER of Riverside, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve a term of eight years, from February 29, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for reappointment by you the HONORABLE FRANK A. IANNOTTI of North Haven, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve a term of eight years, from March 8, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for reappointment by you the HONORABLE SYBIL V. RICHARDS of Orange, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve a term of eight years, from February 29, 2020.

Sincerely,
Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for reappointment by you the HONORABLE DAN SHABAN of Middlebury, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve a term of eight years from May 4, 2020.

Sincerely,
Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for reappointment by you the HONORABLE KENNETH L. SHLUGER of Waterford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve a term of eight years from May 5, 2020.

Sincerely,
Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for reappointment by you the HONORABLE HILLARY B. STRACKBEIN of Guilford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve a term of eight years from March 24, 2020.
February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for reappointment by you the HONORABLE MARK H. TAYLOR of West Hartford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve a term of eight years from March 24, 2020.

Sincerely,
Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for reappointment by you the HONORABLE THEODORE R. TYMA of Trumbull, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve a term of eight years from May 5, 2020.

Sincerely,
Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for reappointment by you the HONORABLE ELPEDIO N. VITALE of Madison, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve a term of eight years, from March 24, 2020.

Sincerely,
Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
Pursuant to Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE RICHARD E. ARNOLD of Orange, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from March 8, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE LEELAND J. COLE-CHU of Salem, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from February 29, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE EDWARD J. DOLAN of Branford, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from May 5, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE PAUL M. FOTI of Branford, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from March 9, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
Pursuant to Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE MICHAEL HARTMERE of Milford, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from March 9, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE WILLIAM HOLDEN of Bridgeport, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from May 10, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE BURTON A. KAPLAN of Easton, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from March 8, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE EDWARD J. MULLARKEY of Rocky Hill, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from March 9, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
Pursuant to Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE A. SUSAN PECK of Chester, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from March 8, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE KENNETH B. POVODATOR of Fairfield, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from February 29, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE THELMA A. SANTOS of West Hartford, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from March 9, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE MICHAEL R. SHELDON of Canton, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from February 29, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
Pursuant to Section 52-434(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE ELLIOTT N. SOLOMON of West Hartford, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from March 8, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 31-276 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint SOLINE M. OSLENA of Oakdale, to be a Workers’ Compensation Commissioner in succession to Thomas J. Mullins, for a term of five years from the date of confirmation by you.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR

The following communications were received from His Excellency, the Governor, read by the Clerk and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations:

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 4-19, and 15-31a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint DAVID KOORIS, of Stamford, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Port Authority, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Pamela Elkow, for a term ending June 30, 2021, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 1-205 and 4-1a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint VICTORIA CHAVEY, of West
Hartford, to be a member of the Freedom of Information Commission, to serve a term ending June 30, 2024, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1a and 12-802 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint WILFRED J. BLANCHETTE, JR., of Baltic, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor for a term coterminous with my own or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 1-205 and 4-1a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint STEPHEN FUSEZI, JR., of Greenwich, to be a member of the Freedom of Information Commission, to serve a term ending June 30, 2024, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 1-205 and 4-1a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint OWEN EAGAN, of West Hartford, to be a member of the Freedom of Information Commission, to serve a term ending June 30, 2024, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor
COMMUNICATION FROM
THE SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

The following communication was received from the Senate Republican Leader, read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

January 13, 2020

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to the of the General Statutes section 215-31a and Public Act section 15-5, it is my honor to nominate and submit to you for your advice and consent the Gregg Scully of Redding, Connecticut to be a member of the Connecticut Port Authority, to serve immediately and expiring on June 30, 2021.

Sincerely,

Bob Duff
Majority Leader

COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The following communications were received from the Senate Republican Leader, read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

August 29, 2019

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to the provisions of section 22a-261 of the General Statutes, it is my pleasure and privilege to nominate and submit to you for your advice and consent the Honorable Donald Stein of Barkhamsted, Connecticut to be a member of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority, to serve the remainder of the term ending June 30, 2018 and then to serve a full term ending June 30, 2022.

Sincerely,

Len Fasano
Minority Leader

June 17, 2019

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 15-31a of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my pleasure to nominate, and, with your advice and consent, reappoint Mr. Grant W. Westerson of Old Saybrook, to be a member of the Connecticut Port Authority Board of Directors, for a term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023.

Sincerely,
COMUNICATION FROM
THE HOUSE AND SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADERS

The following communication was received from the House and Senate Republican Leaders, read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

January 22, 2020

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 2-89 of the it is my pleasure to nominate and with your advice and consent, reappoint Mr. Robert J. Kane of Watertown, Connecticut, to be a AN AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, for a term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2023

Sincerely,

Len Fasano
Senate Republican Leader

Themis Klarides
House Republican Leader

COMUNICATION FROM
THE HOUSE MINORITY LEADER

The following communication was received from the House Minority Leader, read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

June 13, 2019

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 46a-52 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my pleasure to nominate and submit to you for your advice and consent the name of Andrew M. Norton of Colchester, Connecticut to be a member of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, to serve a term of three years to expire July 14, 2022.

Sincerely,

Themis Klarides
House Republican Leader

REPORTS

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

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Joint Committee on Legislative Management for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2016 and 2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: June 14, 2019
Referred to the Joint Committee on Legislative Management and Program Review and Investigative Services

Report – Auditors of Public Accounts – Department of Rehabilitation Services for Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2018. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: July 10, 2018
Referred to Committees on Human Services and Public Health

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Annual Report on Heritage Foundation Inc. for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 4-37f(8) of the Connecticut General Statutes). Date received: June 25, 2019
Referred to the Committee on Legislative Management

Referred to the Committee on Legislative Management

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

Referred to Committees on Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology.

Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management

Report - Department of Economic and Community Development - Small Business Express Program as of June 30, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 32-7(g) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: June 30, 2019.
Referred to the Committees on Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report -Judicial Branch - Civil Gideon Pilot Program as of July 1, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 150 and Section 151 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: June 30, 2019.
Referred to Committee Appropriations and Judiciary.

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Government Administration and Elections and Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

Referred to the Committees on the Judiciary and Labor and Public Employees

Report – Department of Rehabilitation Services – Connecticut Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program for Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 17a-417 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: July 3, 2019.

Referred to Committees on Aging and Human Services.


Referred to Committee on Transportation.


Referred to Committees on Human Services, Insurance and Real Estate and Public Health.


Referred to Committees on Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report – Department of Children and Families – Family Assessment Response Program Annual Status Report for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 17a-101g(g)(11) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 16-190.) Date received: July 16, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Children.


Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management.


Referred to Joint Committees on Judiciary, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Appropriations.

Report – Soldiers’, Sailors’ and Marines’ Fund – American Legion, Quarterly Report of Disbursements for Quarter Ending June 2019. (Pursuant to Section 27-140 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: July 24, 2019

Referred to Committees on Veterans’ Affairs

Report – Southern Connecticut State University – NCAA Annual review for Calendar Year ended June 30, 2019 (In compliance with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Bylaw 6.2.3.1) Date received: July 25, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Referral:

Referred to Committees on Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report - Department of Labor-2017 & 2018 Reports Regarding the Application of Military Training or Experience for Service Members. (Pursuant to Section 4-61bb of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: July 30, 2019.

- Referred to the committees on Higher Education and Employment Advancement and Veterans’ Affairs.

  - Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Energy and Technology.

- Department of Labor- Employee Pay Wages Using Payroll Cards 2018 Study (Pursuant to Section 31-71k(s) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: July 30, 2019.
  - Referred to Committee Labor and Public Employees.

- Report – Auditors of Public Accounts – Connecticut Airport Authority for Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2014 and 2015. (Pursuant to Section 1-222 and Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: August 1, 2019.
  - Referred to Committees on Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Transportation.

- Report – Auditors of Public Accounts – Annual Whistleblower Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 4-61dd(g) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: August 2, 2019.
  - Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

  - Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Education.

- Report – Military Department – Military Facility Usage Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 11(a) and 27-39(g) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: August 2, 2019.
  - Referred to Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

  - Referred to Committee on Transportation.

  - Referred to Committee Energy and Technology.

  - Referred to Committee Energy and Technology.
Report – Department of Transportation - Quarterly Status Report on Positive Train Control (PTC) (Pursuant to PA 19-161 Section 13.) Date received: August 13, 2019.
Referred to Committee on Transportation.

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Report – Auditors of Public Accounts – Department of Children And Families Audit Report For Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2014 And 2015. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: August 27, 2019.
Referred to Committee on Children.

Report – Department of Children and Families – Family Assessment Response Program Annual Status Report for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2016. (Pursuant to Section 17a-101g(g)(11) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 16-190.) Date received: August 29, 2019.
Referred to Committee on Children.

Referred to Committee on Children.

Referred to Committee on Children and Housing.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Referred to Committee on Education.

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Government Administration and Elections.
Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Human Services.

Report - Commission on Human Rights & Opportunities - Contract Compliance and Small and Minority Owned Business Utilization with Attachment of State Agency SBE and MBE Attainment FY 18-19 (Pursuant to Section 46a-56-(a)(6).) Date received: August 30, 2019.
Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Human Services.

Report – Chief of Police, Town of Coventry – Annual Report on Human Trafficking Investigations for the Town of Coventry for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 2 of Public Act 16-71.) Date received: September 4, 2019
Referred to Committees on Judiciary and Children.

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, and Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

Report – Department of Developmental Services Annual Mortality Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2018. (Pursuant to Executive Order No. 57) Date received September 13, 2019.
Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report – Department of Public Health - Scope of Practice Requests received by the Department of Public Health (Pursuant to Sections 19a-16d through 19a-16f of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received September 16, 2019.
Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Referred to Committees on Judiciary and Children

Referred to Committees on Judiciary and Children.
Report – Department of Economic and Community Development – First Five Plus Program Job Creation and Economic Impact as of September 2019. (Pursuant to Section 32-4l(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: September 17, 2019.
   Referred to Committees on Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report – Auditors of Public Accounts- Connecticut Housing Finance Authority for the calendar years ended December 31, 2016 and 2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date Received: September 19, 2019.
   Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Housing.

   Referred to the Committee on Education.

   Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

   Referred to Judiciary Committee.

   Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

   Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

   Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Commerce, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Labor and Public Employees.

   Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

   Referred to Committees on Insurance and Real Estate and Public Health.
Referred the Committee on Energy and Technology.

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

Report – Hartford Seminary – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: September 27, 2019.
Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

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

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Referred to Committees on Government Administration and Elections and Planning and Development.

Referred to Committees on Government Administration and Elections and Planning and Development.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Referred to Committees on Government Administration and Elections and Planning and Development.

Referred to Committees on Government Administration and Elections and Planning and Development.

Report – University of Bridgeport – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018 (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: September 30, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report – Western Connecticut State University – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 1, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report – Tunxis Community College – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 1, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report – Southern CT State University – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 1, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report – Quinebaug Valley Community College – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 1, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.


Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report – Middlesex Community College – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 1, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report – Housatonic Community College – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: October 1, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement Gateway Community College.

Report – Gateway Community College – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 1, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement

Report – Asnuntuck Community College – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 1, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report – Central Connecticut State University – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 1, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report – Capital Community College – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 1, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.


Referred to Committees on Government Administration and Elections and Planning and Development.

Report – University of New Haven – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 1, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement


Referred to Committees on Government Administration and Elections and Planning and Development.

Report – Naugatuck Valley Community College – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 1, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.


Referred to Committees on Government Administration and Elections and Planning and Development.
Report – Connecticut College – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 1, 2019.
Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Referred to Committees on Children, Human Services and Public Health.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report – Manchester Community College – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: October 1, 2019.
Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement

Report – Department of Motor Vehicles – Monthly Wait Times by Branch and Internet Transaction Information for July and August 2019. (Pursuant to Section 14-11e(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: October 2, 2019.
Referred to Committee of Transportation.

Report – Norwalk Community College – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: October 1, 2019.
Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

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

Report – Department of Correction – Program Inventory of Correctional Programs (Pursuant to Section 4-68s(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 2, 2019.
Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Children, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Human Services.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Report – Goodwin College – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for Calendar Years Ended
December 31, 2018. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: October 3, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.


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

Report – Auditors of Public Accounts -- Department of Motor Vehicles Connecticut Integrated Vehicle and Licensing System (CIVLS) period ending October 2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: October 4, 2019.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.


Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Human Services.


Referred to Committee on Transportation.


Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Environment.


Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Children.


Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Children.


Referred to Committee on Environment and Energy and Technology.


Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management.
      Referred to Committees on Human Services, Insurance and Real Estate and Public Health.

Report – Department of Motor Vehicles – Monthly Wait Times by Branch and Internet Transaction Information for July and August 2019 (Complete). (Pursuant to Section 14-11e(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 15, 2019.
      Referred to Committee of Transportation.

      Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate.

      Referred to Committees on Human Services and Public Health.

      Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

      Referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs.

      Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Commerce, and Transportation.

Report – Auditors of Public Accounts – Bradley Enterprise Fund Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the Connecticut Airport Authority (Formerly Within the Department of Transportation) for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2016 and 2017. (Pursuant to Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 23, 2019.
      Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Public Safety and Security and Transportation.

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

      Referred to Committee on Higher Education.
Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Children.

Report – Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy, Central Connecticut State University – Results First Benefit-Cost Analyses of Adult Criminal and Juvenile Justice Evidence-Based Programs as of Fiscal year 2019. (Pursuant to Sections 4-68s (c) and 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 23, 2019.
Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Judiciary.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Transportation.

Report – Judicial Branch – Court Support Services Division Program Inventory for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 4-68s of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: October 31, 2019.
Referred to Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Children, Human Services, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Judiciary.

Referred to Committees on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Referred to Committees on Children and Education.

Referred to Committees on Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

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

Referred to Committee on Transportation.
Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Public Health.

Referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report - University of Connecticut Foundation, Incorporated annual report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 (Pursuant to section 4-37f of the Connecticut General Statues.) Date Received: November 8, 2019.
Referred to the Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report – Office of Policy and Management – CT Advisory Commission for Intergovernmental Relations’ (ACIR’s) 2017-2019 Municipal Budget Adoption Experiences report. (Pursuant to Section 2-32c of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: November 8, 2019
Referred to Committees on Government Administration and Elections and Planning and Development.

Report – Office of Policy and Management – 2018 and 2019 editions of the CT Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations’ (ACIR’s) annual legislative session mandates report.) Date received: November 8, 2019.
Referred to Committees on Government Administration and Elections and Planning and Development.

Report – Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy, Central Connecticut State University – Results First Benefit-Cost Analyses of Evidence-Based Programs as of November 2019. (Pursuant to Sections 4-68r and 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: November 11, 2019.
Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Judiciary.

Communication – Teachers’ Retirement Board – Certification of State Contributions Necessary to Maintain Teachers’ Retirement Fund for Fiscal Year 2020-21. (Pursuant to Section 10-183z of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: November 13, 2019.
Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Education and Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

Report - Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services - Triennial State Substance Use Plan with Opioid Appendix, (Pursuant to Section to Connecticut General Statute Sec. 17a-451(j) of the Connecticut General Statues) Date received: November 13, 2019
Referred to Committee on Human Services.

Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

Report – Department of Motor Vehicles – Monthly Wait Times by Branch and Internet Transaction Information for September 2019 and October 2019. (Pursuant to Section 14-11e(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: November 19, 2019.
Referred to Committee of Transportation.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report - Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection - Complaints re Hunting in Proximity to Certain Areas. (Pursuant to 26-67c of the Connecticut General Statues.) Date Received: November 29, 2019.
Referred to Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection.

Referred to Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection.

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Commerce, Public Safety and Security and Veterans’ Affairs.

Referred to Committee on Commerce.

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, and Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report – Department of Motor Vehicles – Monthly Wait Times by Branch and Internet Transaction Information for October and November 2019 (Pursuant to Section 14-11e(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: December 9, 2019.
Referred to Committee of Transportation.
   Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

   Referred to Committee on Transportation.

   Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report – Office of the Auditors - The Department of Motor Vehicles Background Check Process for Student Transportation Employees (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: December 12, 2019.
   Referred to Committee on Transportation

   Referred to Committees on Judiciary and Children.

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


Report – University of Connecticut – Next Generation Connecticut (NextGenCT) (Pursuant to Section 10a-109x(c) and 10a-109nn of the Connecticut General Statues.) Date Received: December 20, 2019.
   Referred to Committees on Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report - Department of Administrative Services – Regulations Adopted by DAS – (Pursuant to 4-170b of the Connecticut General Statues.) Date received: December 23, 2019.
   Referred to the Committee on Regulations Review.

   Referred to Committees on Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Veterans’ Affairs.

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology.

Communication – Connecticut Green Bank – Annual Certificate Regarding Deposits to Restore the Special Capital Reserve Fund. (Pursuant to Section 16-245mm(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: December 31, 2019.
Referred to Committees on Energy and Technology and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Referred to Committees on Children and Education.

Report – Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and the Department of Social Services – Community Ombudsman, (Pursuant to Special 19-18.) Date received: December 31, 2019.
Referred to Committees Aging and Human Services.

Referred to Committee on Government, Accountability and Elections.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Referred to the Committees on Finance Revenue, and Boning and Public Health.

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Human Services, Insurance and Real Estate and Public Health.

Report – Office of Policy and Management – Long-Term Care Planning Committee’s Annual Report For SFY 2019. (Pursuant to Section 17b-337(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: January 1, 2020.
Referred to the Committees on Aging and Human Services.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology.

Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

Report - Department of Economic and Community Development - Small Business Express Program as of December 31, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 32-7(g) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: January 3, 2020.
Referred to the Committees on Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Report – Department of Economic and Community Development – Strategic Plan To Market And Promote CT As A Destination For Leisure And Business Travelers. (Pursuant to Section 10-392b (8) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: January 3, 2020.
Referred to Committees on Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Education.

Referred to Committee Public Safety and Security.

Referred to Committee and Public Safety and Security.

Referred to Committees on Education and Public Safety and Security.

Referred to Committee and Public Safety and Security.

Report – University of Connecticut - Administrative Compensation and The Ratio of Administrators To Students And Faculty At The University Of Connecticut. (Pursuant to Section 10a-158 of the Connecticut General Statues and Public Act 13-143.) Date Received: January 6, 2020.

Referred to the Committees on Higher Education and Employment Advancement and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education.


Referred to Committee of Transportation.


Referred to Committee on Judiciary.


Referred to Committees on Banking, Housing and Human Services.


Referred to Committee on Transportation.


Referred to Committees on Education and Higher Education and Employment Advancement.


Referred to Committee on Transportation.


Referred to Committees on Human Services, Insurance and Real Estate and Public Health.


Referred to Committees on Human Services, Insurance and Real Estate and Public Health.


Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Commerce.

Report - Department of Public Health - Reports Regarding the Application 2019 Licensing Report on Substituting Military Training or Experience for Service Members. (Pursuant to Section 4-61bb of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: January 17, 2020
Referred to the committees on Higher Education and Employment Advancement, Public Health and Veterans’ Affairs.

Referred to the Committees on Energy and Technology, Environment Committee and Government Administration and Elections.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Commerce, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Labor and Public Employees.

Referred to the Committee on Environment.

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Commerce, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Labor and Public Employees.

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology.
   Referred to Committees on Veterans’ Affairs

Report – Department of Labor - Recommendations Regarding Optimal Methods for Obtaining Information Related to Employees Receiving Gratuities. (pursuant to PA 19-4.) Date received: January 22, 2020.
   Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees.

   Referred to Committees on Veterans’ Affairs.

   Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

   Referred to Committees on Children, Human Services, Judiciary and Public Safety and Security.

   Referred to Committees on Appropriations and Education.

   Referred to Committee on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Government Administration and Elections and Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

Report – Department of Economic and Community Development – Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 20119. (Pursuant to Section 10-416c of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: January 29, 2020.
   Referred to Committee on Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

   Referred to Committees on Judiciary and Public Safety and Security.

   Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Transportation.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Referred to Committees on Judiciary and Public Safety and Security.

Referred to Committees on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, and Labor and Public Employees.

Referred to Committees on Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Referred to Committee on Education.

Referred to Committee on Education.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Report – Department of Transportation -Inventory Of All Parcels Located In The City Of New Haven Under The Control Of The Department Of Transportation In Connection With The Interstate Route 95 New Haven Harbor Crossing Corridor Improvement Program. (Pursuant to PA 19-61 sec. 12.) Date received: February 4, 2020.
Referred to Transportation.

Referred to the Committees on Appropriations and Public Safety.
INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, 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:

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed S.B. No. 1 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. FONFARA, 1st DIST.; SEN. HARTLEY, 15th DIST.; SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST.; SEN. MCCORY, 2nd DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. SLAP, 5th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. AN ACT CONCERNING THE MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF INSULIN. To require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services and the Insurance Commissioner, to impose a fee on the manufacture and distribution of insulin.

JUDICIARY

Proposed S.B. No. 2 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST.; SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. FONFARA, 1st DIST.; SEN. HARTLEY, 15th DIST.; SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST.; SEN. MCCORY, 2nd DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. AN ACT CONCERNING ATTORNEY DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES. To strengthen oversight of debt collection practices in the state.

COMMERCE

Proposed S.B. No. 3 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. FONFARA, 1st DIST.; SEN. HARTLEY, 15th DIST.; SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST.; SEN. MCCORY, 2nd DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. SLAP, 5th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. AN ACT CONCERNING TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY JOBS. To incentivize the creation of new jobs and increase employment in the state.

HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed S.B. No. 4 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. FONFARA, 1st DIST.; SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. SLAP, 5th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED FUNDING TO PLANNED
PARENTHOOD AND OTHER FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS. To provide additional funding to certain Title X family planning clinics in anticipation of a reduction in federal funding.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Proposed S.B. No. 5 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. SLAP, 5th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 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.

JUDICIARY

Proposed S.B. No. 6 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. MCCORORY, 2nd DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGALIZATION AND TAXATION OF THE RETAIL SALE OF MARIJUANA. To legalize and tax the retail sale of marijuana.

Proposed S.B. No. 7 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. FONFARA, 1st DIST.; SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST.; SEN. MCCORORY, 2nd DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST.; SEN. SLAP, 5th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. AN ACT INCREASING FUNDS FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. To provide victims of domestic violence greater protection through increased access to legal representation.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. 5001 REP. ALTOBELLO, 82nd DIST. AN ACT EXEMPTING ALL AIRCRAFT FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES. To provide a uniform sales and use taxes exemption to all aircraft.

Proposed H.B. No. 5002 REP. WINKLER, 56th DIST. AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENSION AND ANNUITY INCOME DEDUCTION FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX AND THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLD FOR MARRIED INDIVIDUALS FILING JOINTLY. To increase the qualifying income threshold for the pension and annuity income deduction from the personal income tax for married individuals filing jointly, to twice the amount of the qualifying income threshold for an unmarried individual.

Proposed H.B. No. 5003 REP. WINKLER, 56th DIST. AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION THRESHOLD AND THE GIFT TAX CAP. To maintain the estate tax exemption threshold at its current level and to eliminate the gift tax cap.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
Proposed H.B. No. 5004 REP. WINKLER, 56th DIST. AN ACT DECREASING FEES FOR COPYING PUBLIC RECORDS. To reduce to reasonable levels the fees paid by the public for copies of public records.

INTRODUCTION OF
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The following resolution was introduced, read, and adopted

S.J. No. 1 RESOLUTION CONCERNING PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN, PRINTING OF BILLS AND EXPENSES.

Senator Duff of the 25th explained the resolution and moved adoption.

On a voice vote the resolution was adopted.

The following is the resolution:

Resolved by this Assembly:

That the clerk of the House and the clerk of the Senate shall cause to be published, from time to time, as they find suitable, notices of caucuses, committee hearings, meetings and announcements of interest to members of the General Assembly, following the plan of the Legislative Bulletin published at previous sessions; and

That the joint committee on legislative management is authorized to pay the cost of printing of bills for the 2020 session of the General Assembly; and other necessary expenses of the 2020 session of the General Assembly.

IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO THE HOUSE

Senator Duff of the 25th moved immediate transmittal to the House of Senate Joint Resolution No.1.

INTRODUCTION OF
SENATE RESOLUTIONS
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

The following resolutions were introduced, read and adopted.

S.R. No. 1 RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PRINTING OF THE SENATE JOURNAL.

Senator Duff of the 25th explained the resolution and moved adoption.

On a voice vote the resolution was adopted.

The following is the resolution:

Resolved by the Senate:
That the Clerk of the Senate is authorized and directed to cause to be printed and distributed daily such number of copies of the Journal of the Senate, as the clerk deems necessary, and such number of copies at the close of the session as may be provided by law.

S.R. No. 2 RESOLUTION CONCERNING ROLL CALL AND READING OF THE SENATE JOURNAL.

Senator Duff of the 25th explained the resolution and moved adoption.

On a voice vote the resolution was adopted.

The following is the resolution:

Resolved by the Senate:

That the daily roll call and reading of the Journal be dispensed with during the February 2020 session.

S.R. No. 3 RESOLUTION RAISING A COMMITTEE TO INFORM THE HOUSE THAT THE SENATE IS READY TO MEET IN JOINT CONVENTION.

Senator Duff of the 25th explained the resolution and moved adoption.

On a voice vote the resolution was adopted.

The following is the resolution:

Resolved by the Senate:

That a committee of three Senators be appointed to wait upon the House of Representatives and inform that body that the Senate is ready to meet with the House in joint convention.

The President appointed Senators Cassano of the 4th, Moore of the 22nd and Bizzarro of the 6th.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee appointed by the President to inform the House that the Senate was ready to meet in Joint Convention for the purpose of the final adjournment reported that they had discharge the duties assigned to them and that the Senate would meet the House in Joint Convention forthwith:

The report was accepted and the committee was discharged.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate adjourned at 10:52 a.m. subject to the call of the chair.
JOINT CONVENTION

The Honorable Senate preceded by the Honorable Lieutenant Governor and the Clerks of the Senate entered the House of Representative and met the House in Joint Convention.

The President called the Joint convention to order at 12:01 p.m.

The prayer was offered by the Deputy Chaplain, Rabbi Philip Lazowski of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 145 Verse 18: " The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth."

Let us pray:

Almighty God, as we begin this new session, we ask Thy blessings upon our Governor, Ned Lamont, Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz, the Senate and House of Representatives.

Grant them untiring conviction, unrestrained energy to all work in both houses for the good of our beloved State of Connecticut. May they accomplish what they are charged to do.

Help us to see beyond the obstruction and differences that divide us. Keep us mindful of the deep values that unite us.

Remove pridefulness from our lives, show us the path to humility and true service. Grant us the spirit of compromise; may we be determined and resolute in our willingness to find a way forward together.

Keep us mindful that we are dependent on one another; where there is unity there is strength. O gracious God, give these people your wisdom integrity and your blessing.

Keep us mindful of our shared responsibility to govern wisely and effectively.

Cause us to work together, Democrats and Republicans for the good of all the people in our State.

Bless our nation and our state. Provide our President and our Governor and all who lead with wisdom and strength.

Keep our defenders of freedom under your protecting care.

Hear us as we pray and let us all say, "Amen."

PLEDGE

The Speaker of the House Rep. Aresimowicz of the 30th led the Joint Convention in the Pledge of Allegiance.
INTRODUCTION OF
JOINT CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The following resolutions were introduced, read and adopted.

S.J. No. 2 RESOLUTION RAISING A COMMITTEE TO INFORM THE GOVERNOR
THAT THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ARE MET IN JOINT
CONVENTION TO RECEIVE HIS BUDGET MESSAGE.

Senator Duff of the 25th explained the resolution and moved adoption.

On a voice vote the resolution was adopted.

The following is the resolution:

Resolved by this Assembly:

That a committee of two Senators and two Representatives be appointed to inform His
Excellency, the Governor, that the Senate and the House of Representatives are met in Joint
Convention for the purpose of receiving his message concerning the budget.

The president appointed Senators Duff of the 25th, Fasano of the 34th, and Representatives
Ritter of the 1st and Klarides of the 114th

S.J. No. 3 RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PRINTING OF THE GOVERNOR’S
BUDGET MESSAGE.

Senator Duff of the 25th explained the resolution and moved adoption.

On a voice vote the resolution was adopted.

The following is the resolution:

Resolved by this Assembly:

That the message of the Governor be printed in the journals of the Senate and the House of
Representatives and that a sufficient number of copies be printed for general distribution.

BENEDICTION

House Deputy Chaplain, Imam Refai Arefin of Berlin, Connecticut offered the following
benediction:

Let us pray. May we leave this gathering in peace, blessed, unified, humbled by the task
ahead and resolved to govern with wisdom and grace. Amen.
ADJOURNMENT

After the Governor read his message, Senator Duff of the 25th moved for dissolution of the Joint Convention.

The President thereupon dissolved the Joint Convention at 12:55 p.m., and the Senate withdrew.

REPORT OF THE JOINT CONVENTION

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate:

It is my duty to report to you the proceedings of the Joint Convention.

Upon the invitation of the House, the Senate met the House in Joint Convention for the purpose of receiving any communications that the Governor might choose to make.

Her Honor, Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, presided over the Joint Convention.

Prayer was offered by the Senate Deputy Chaplain, Rabbi Philip Lazowski of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

The Speaker of the House led the Joint Convention in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Duff of the 25th offered a resolution raising a committee of two Senators and two Representatives to inform the Governor that the Senate and House of Representatives were in Joint Convention for the purpose of receiving any communications the Governor might choose to make.

The Resolution was adopted and Senators Duff of the 25th and Fasano of the 34th, Representatives Ritter of the 1st and Klarides of the 114th were appointed as such Committee.

The Committee soon reported that they had performed the duties assigned to them and had been informed that the Governor would soon come into the Convention.

The Governor thereupon appeared in the House of Representatives and addressed the Joint Convention.

His Excellency read to the Convention his message, a copy of which he left in my hands for the use of the General Assembly.

Senator Duff of the 25th offered a resolution concerning the printing of the Governor's message.

The resolution was adopted.

The benediction was offered by the House Deputy Chaplain, Imam Refai Arefin of Berlin.

The President thereupon dissolved the Convention and the Senate withdrew.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin M. Looney
President Pro Tempore
Thanks to our partnership, the state of our state is strong and getting stronger—but we still have a long way to go.

A year ago, I promised we would work together to ensure Connecticut’s future would no longer be defined by fiscal crisis.

We made a down payment on that promise by passing an on-time, honestly balanced budget that showed we could live within our means and hold the line on taxes.

We also boosted our state’s Rainy Day Fund to a record level that will protect key services, protect our most vulnerable residents, and protect our taxpayers through the next economic storm.

Our successful efforts have resonated on Main Street. Our budget provided predictability to those counting on it most; I have heard from school principals, city and town leaders, small businesses and families—all saying—“finally, we can now plan for our future.”

Three years ago, credit rating agencies downgraded our state with headlines like the Wall Street Journal that asked “What’s the matter with Connecticut?”

Today, the Wall Street Journal has changed its tone. “The state has dug a deep hole—maybe it has now stopped digging.”

Rating agencies and investors have upgraded their outlook for Connecticut for the first time in 18 years, from neutral to positive—saving the state and its taxpayers tens of millions in borrowing costs.

Economic growth picked up last year. That means businesses and young families are now giving Connecticut a second look.

They’re talking about Connecticut—and we’re responding.

For a while in Connecticut, it wasn’t just Democrats and Republicans who were not talking to each other, it was that state government that was not connecting with business leaders, labor leaders, educators and the hospitals—we had a failure to communicate.

First of all, we need to reset our state’s relationship with the business community.

In the last year, I have personally visited nearly one-hundred businesses—from our state’s largest employers like Electric Boat—which is boasting over 12,000 Connecticut employees—the most in 30 years—and will be hiring 18,000 over the next decade.

We’ve also visited smaller start-ups like the Little House Brewery in Chester, one of 100 local craft breweries launched in Connecticut.

Coming out of business myself, I enjoy moving from the boardroom, to the shop floor, to the brew pub. I love getting to know these businesses, know their employees, what they proudly build every day and what they need in order to keep calling Connecticut home.

Our commissioners are also reaching out every day to ask: what can we do to help?

I am very proud of our cabinet, not only is it the most diverse in terms of gender and race, our commissioners combine the expertise of leaders from the private as well as the public sector, from Hartford to Washington, D.C. to Washington State.

My motto has always been: hire great people and give them the freedom to make it happen.
David Lehman and the Department of Economic and Community Development brought together more than 400 investors, developers, and municipal leaders to launch ctopportunityzones.com, where thousands of people have taken a look at areas of the state that have been left behind for too long.

Katie Dykes and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection are making it easier to take a brownfield site and transform it into an exciting new business – with 95 percent of those complex decisions now happening in less than three months, all while maintaining the highest environmental standards.

And there’s Vanessa Dorantes, our Commissioner over at the Department of Children and Families, who rose through the ranks, has dedicated her entire career to our state’s children and she is working to guide DCF out from under the Juan F. decree.

Josh Geballe at the Department of Administrative Services will soon roll out a one-stop process for businesses that otherwise would have had to individually visit the Secretary of the State’s Office, DRS, DOL, DECD and the rest of the alphabet soup just to do business with the state.

I promised last year that you would be spending more time online, not in line, and we are just getting started.

Josh is also planning for the tsunami of state employee retirements over the next few years, which he sees as an opportunity for government to show that we can do more with less. For example, based on my second executive order, we are already centralizing IT and personnel to provide better services at about 20 percent less cost.

Talk about changing perceptions – Bloomberg News recognized Connecticut as the 4th most innovative economy in the country--and I never stop at 4th best.

Here in Hartford, the capital region is home to companies that constantly innovate like Infosys, a global digital services company that has already hired nearly 600 Connecticut employees.

How about GalaxE Solutions, a pioneer in IT analytics that just announced it is bringing hundreds of jobs to Hartford and helping jumpstart Cigna’s next-gen personalized medicine?

Here today is Tim Bryan, GalaxE’s CEO. Thank you for sharing our conviction that Connecticut is a great place to innovate and do business.

Now a short train ride away is New Haven. Yale-New Haven Hospital is breaking ground on a state-of-the-art neuroscience center and commercial developers are connecting the downtown with new buildings that will offer modern lab and incubator space at a fraction of what it would cost in Boston or New York so our STEM students, our PhDs and our emerging companies can achieve their dreams right here. New Haven is exploding with growth, building permits have more than doubled – and 2020 will be the city’s biggest year yet!

Over in Guilford, serial entrepreneur Jonathan Rothberg and the ButterflyiQ have the FDA approvals to turn your smartphone into a professional-grade ultrasound imaging device, increasing access to affordable healthcare diagnostics in Connecticut and beyond. Jonathan, thank you for innovating right here in Connecticut.

Remember those headlines from Stamford about the world’s largest finance trading floor sitting vacant? No longer! World Wrestling Entertainment has taken it over and will be turning it into one of the world’s largest digital production studios. Citywide, there’s more than $6 billion in development underway – just in Stamford, alone!
Yes Connecticut, we got our mojo back, but that only matters if we have an economy that works for everybody, starting with a vibrant and growing middle class.

Neither Connecticut nor the middle class can grow unless we are preparing every member of the next generation to get the job done.

The revamped Governor’s Workforce Council has assembled one of the most talented and ambitious state workforce boards in the nation. Led by Garrett Moran, our state’s biggest employers are sitting down with our educators, our nonprofits, our state agencies, and our unions to make sure that Connecticut maintains the highest quality education and training pipeline in the nation.

I’ve said it before, Connecticut has always had the best-trained, best educated, most productive workforce in the world, and that starts with the best teachers in the world. Our budget made Connecticut’s largest-ever investment in K-12 education.

That takes some of the burden off of property taxes, and it provides our teachers the resources they need to teach everything, including computer coding, laser welding and the arts.

To ensure that all kids get their opportunity at the starting line of life, we worked with local philanthropists to establish the Partnership for Connecticut and focus on disengaged and disconnected kids and young adults, doing everything we can to get them back on track.

Look, I come out of the entrepreneurial world, where you can often raise money to turn a good idea into a business. The Partnership will provide funding for teachers and non-profits to turn their best ideas into more hope for their students. We’ve already had hundreds of responses to our first request for information.

With half our students being children of color, Education Commissioner Miguel Cardona and I have prioritized recruiting black and Hispanic teachers and developing courses that showcase the important contributions those communities have made to American history.

It doesn’t stop in high school. More and more jobs require post-secondary training, and we are doing more to make higher education more affordable so no student gives up his or her dreams because they cannot afford the cost.

Starting this year, UConn will eliminate tuition for all students of families earning less than $50,000 a year, and community college will be debt-free for recent high school grads.

More and more of our Connecticut employers are paying down student loans if you take a job with them – one more reason, Connecticut graduates, for you to stay right here in Connecticut!

Reducing the cost of education is just one way we are trying to make Connecticut more affordable for middle-class families.

We have made it easier for seniors to stay in the state they love by reducing taxes on social security and pension income, and we’ve provided veterans and volunteer first responders with property tax relief. To help small businesses, we removed the business entity tax. We held the line on fees to make it easier to be a plumber, electrician, or any of the trades, which are so desperately needed here in Connecticut.

We adopted America’s best $15 minimum wage law, which has already helped lift thousands of families out of poverty. Right now, working families have seen a $35/week raise that lets them spend time with their child instead of picking up another work shift. In the next five years, that
law will help more than half a million Connecticut workers – especially women and people of color – receive their fair share of a growing economy.

Do you know there are now more women than men in the U.S. workforce? We have to make sure our workforce works for them. That starts in the executive ranks, where Lieutenant Governor Bysiewicz has worked with dozens of our major employers who have pledged that half of their senior leaders and corporate board members will be women – in ten years or less.

That’s why together we adopted a bold new paid family and medical leave program that means no one in Connecticut will have to choose between their family’s financial security and caring for family – all of which makes it easier for parents to work.

It’s also why we maintained access and expanded eligibility to Care 4 Kids, so more middle-income families can afford quality childcare. That means money back in the pockets of hard-working families – like Jennifer and Richard Rodriguez from New Haven, who previously had to forgo overtime pay and decline a salary increase, because even a $50 increase per year would result in them losing over thousands of dollars in benefits.

We’ve done a lot and can do more.

Having the best workforce and the best workplaces doesn’t matter unless people can actually get to work. Too many people are wasting time on their commutes that they should be enjoying at home with their families.

Almost all of us here understand that if we do not speed up, our economy will slow down.

Republicans and Democrats alike agree on the scope of the job and the new money needed to do the work.

And I know the choices to fund these improvements are between the Democrats’ plan to levy a small user fee on the heavy trucks that do the most of damage to our bridges and the Republicans’ proposal to divert money from the Rainy Day Fund.

You are in the room where it happens, so let’s vote to get this state moving again.

I’m also proposing we work together to redesign the state’s economic incentives to focus on new, good paying jobs in growth sectors, with a special emphasis on distressed communities that have been left behind. Some of the best investments we can make as a state are in companies that are already here.

Rather than rely on risky up-front grants to lure out-of-state companies we’re introducing performance-based incentives and rewarding companies that create good-paying jobs here in Connecticut – all at less risk to taxpayers.

People who are finding new jobs in Connecticut also need to be able to find a home they can afford. My administration will support those communities that choose to welcome the transit-oriented development that provides families access to good homes near good jobs and good schools.

Let’s make sure that our teachers, police officers, fire fighters, and childcare providers can afford to live in the communities they serve.

Families need to be able to afford healthcare.
Connecticut has some of the very best doctors, hospitals and payers. Connecticut will take the lead on increasing access to world-class, affordable healthcare by shining a light on costs and quality.

I’m proposing legislation that will curb annual cost increases so doctors’ visits and prescription drugs stop consuming more and more of our paychecks year after year. Similar measures have saved patients and businesses billions of dollars in Massachusetts.

Meanwhile, the White House is cutting funding for programs like Planned Parenthood that keep the full range of reproductive options available and affordable. Our budget will start making up the difference.

With infectious viruses threatening our nation and state from overseas, now more than ever, a thoughtful vaccination program is vital to keep our families safe. At the same time we can hold down prescription drug prices by joining other states in purchasing pharma from Canada at much less cost to you.

A special shout out to Comptroller Kevin Lembo. He’s saving money in healthcare in innovative ways by getting better care for our state employees at less cost to the taxpayer.

Without leadership from Washington, it’s up to us and neighboring states to solve problems. Here in New England, we know that economic growth goes hand-in-hand with protecting our environment against pollution and climate change.

The White House may not believe in climate change, but the Navy does, and the admiral who oversees our nation’s submarine fleet told me one of the big selling points of our submarine base in Groton is our higher elevation. New construction is moving up the hill and they’re moving their utilities from the basement to the top floor.

Look, if the submarine fleet worries about rising tides, so should we.

Early in my administration, the Millstone Nuclear Power Plant contacted us to say that they were thinking of closing a plant that provides almost all of our zero-carbon power.

We helped negotiate in good faith a fair deal that keeps Millstone open for another decade, providing clean power to the entire regional market and 1,500 good paying jobs in southeast Connecticut.

We made the largest purchase of wind power in our state’s history, at the nation’s lowest prices on record.

See what that means for ports like New London and Bridgeport. We are jumpstarting those cities with the creation of thousands of new green jobs.

Connecticut will continue to take the lead in New England and set a firm timeline for a carbon free, energy efficient future. No more diverting from our energy efficiency programs and Green Bank. We are delivering on our promises.

We are also working with our neighboring states as we consider regulating marijuana for adult use. Like it or not, legalized marijuana is a short drive away in Massachusetts and New York is soon to follow.

Coordinated regional regulation is our best chance to protect public health by displacing illicit sellers with trusted providers. And it’s an opportunity to right the wrongs of a war on drugs that has disproportionately impacted our minority communities.
Right now, what you can buy legally in Massachusetts could land you in prison for up to a year in Connecticut. We just marked the 100th anniversary of prohibition. How did that work out? The patchwork of cannabis and vaping laws are impossible to enforce.

During the last session we raised the legal age for tobacco and vaping to 21. We will work with our neighboring states to make our laws safe, uniform, and enforceable.

In similar fashion, I want to work with you to ensure we stand up a responsible sports betting platform that promotes economic growth for our state and is fair to our tribal partners.

Together, let’s work to ensure Connecticut isn’t left behind as our neighboring states continue to move forward on gaming while also avoiding endless litigation.

Before I close, I want to tackle one more thing head on.

No more badmouthing the great state of Connecticut. The rest of the country is looking at our state in a new light, and so should its leaders. Optimism can be contagious. No more rose-colored glasses.

We have a way to go, but we are making significant progress on your behalf every day.

It starts with little things.

Weren’t you sick and tired of waiting in endless lines over at the DMV? Well so was our new commissioner, Bongi Magubane. She used operations research to cut wait times in half. By the way, Bongi is one of the many immigrants whose success is Connecticut’s success: she moved here from South Africa fleeing Apartheid, speaking only Zulu, graduated from UConn, rose to the top tech position at Aetna, and is making DMV work for you. Thank you, Bongi.

Next up, license renewal on an iPad!

Last mention of transportation – I promise. Have you heard about the smart technology stoplights we will be installing as part of CT2030? We’ve all been headed home late at night and had our car get stuck at a red light with no other traffic as far as the eye can see--waiting and waiting.

These new lights will automatically turn green when there’s no oncoming traffic; stay green a little longer to make your commute a little shorter, speeding up highways, exit ramps and bus service.

Or remember on Election Day over a year ago, when voters spent three or more hours in line, in the rain, to cast their ballot in New Haven? This year, Secretary of the State Denise Merrill is streamlining automatic and same-day voter registration – reducing the long lines and headaches on Election Day. Faith in government starts with integrity in voting. If Iowa can’t get it done right, Connecticut will.

Over the years, our government has had a bad case of the slows, but we are speeding things up.

We’re also fixing some of the larger problems that have been festering for years.

Speaking of never ending lawsuits, we had an old lawsuit with the state’s many hospitals which was not good for either party.

The hospital association was a good partner in reaching a reasonable compromise that saves taxpayers from paying $300 million a year and raises Medicaid rates so community hospitals can
continue to serve those most in need. We also increased eligibility for Medicaid in our budget so more families can access health care, helping us reach the lowest uninsured rate in the history of our state.

A special thanks to OPM Secretary Melissa McCaw and my General Counsel, Bob Clark, who devoted countless hours to see those negotiations through.

Results matter. We’ve shown government can work for the people. I’m proud of what we’ve achieved together.

What I love about Connecticut is not only what we achieve, but also what we value.

We celebrated the birthday of Martin Luther King a few weeks ago. I was particularly moved reading his letters home from Simsbury, Connecticut, where he was working for a summer on a tobacco farm as a very young man.

He wrote home to his dad that he loved Connecticut because he felt so welcome – at the restaurants, the plays, and in church. He realized the contrast with his home in Georgia, especially as he traveled back there in a train car where blacks and whites sat together from Hartford until they got to D.C., where he was forced to move to a segregated car.

He wrote that experience in Connecticut was key to inspiring him to take up the ministry and the cause of racial and economic justice.

I’m not saying for a second that we are that good. But I am saying that we should try every day to be that good.

We see the dysfunction in our nation’s capital. We were shocked by the hate speech from the march in Charlottesville. And I don’t want to see that poison leaking closer and closer to home. I’ve met with rabbis who fear the attacks on synagogues and Jewish communities, wondering what happened to the America they love and fearing for their future.

An attack on your synagogue or mosque is like an attack on my church. Connecticut is a family and we stand together against such attacks.

As some communities ask for more police protection, I’ve met with many African American ministers who speak of the fear in their communities, fear of gun violence and sometimes of the police who are there to protect them.

Law enforcement will continue to work to rebuild trust in minority communities.

And during those trying months when our TVs were filled with pictures of immigrant kids being separated from their families on the Rio Grande, I met with Hispanic kids who were afraid just to go to school or soccer practice.

Connecticut knows immigrants and refugees enrich the communities that offer them shelter.

Those are Connecticut values and we’re a Connecticut family.

As your governor for a little over a year, I celebrate so much good in our state which can serve as a shining example for Martin Luther King and for communities around the country.

We are proud that you call Connecticut home and every day we will work to earn your faith in our great state.

We are just getting started and we are much better off when we work together.
God bless you and the great State of Connecticut.