



JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Thursday, February 6, 2020

The Senate was called to order at 11:35 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Please bless us with an inner strength so that our lives and our work may be a blessing on others.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(d) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated February 6, 2020, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

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 6, 2020

Corrected Letter

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 Farmington, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from February 29, 2020.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 6, 2020

Corrected Letter

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 ELLIOT 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

REPORTS

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

Report - Connecticut Innovations - 2021 Connecticut Innovations, Jackson Labs and Bioscience Budget report (Pursuant to Section 31-41y(d)(3) and Sections 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: February 5, 2019.

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

Report – Office of Policy Management - Feasibility Online Lottery Gaming Revenue and Debt-free Community College Program. (Pursuant to section 364 of Public Act 19-117). Date received: February 5, 2020.

Referred to Higher Education and employment Advancement

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), the first reading of the following bills and resolutions was waived, the list of bills and resolutions as prepared by the Clerks was accepted, and the bills and resolutions referred to the Committees as indicated thereon in concurrence:

APPROPRIATIONS

S.B. No. **8** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

COMMERCE

S.B. No. **9** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE JOBSCT TAX REBATE PROGRAM', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

S.B. No. **10** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. **11** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RELIABILITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND ECONOMIC VITALITY OF THE STATE'S WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

S.B. No. **12** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

GENERAL LAW

S.B. No. **13** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN LICENSED OCCUPATIONS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

S.B. No. **14** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING THE USE OF CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS TO OFFSET A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S CHILDCARE COSTS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

S.B. No. **15** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. **16** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADULT USE OF CANNABIS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

S.B. No. **17** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMPLETION OF THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID', to include completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the application for institutional financial aid for undocumented students, or a waiver form as a condition to high school graduation.

S.B. No. **18** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A STUDENT LOAN SUBSIDY PROGRAM', to establish the Student Loan Subsidy Program to provide persons employed and living in the state with low interest student loans.

S.B. No. **19** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES', to (1) establish a Council on Sexual Misconduct Climate Survey to create a sexual misconduct climate survey for use by institutions of higher education in the state, and (2) protect students who report being a victim or witness of sexual assault, stalking or violence from disciplinary action by the institution of higher education.

APPROPRIATIONS

H.B. No. **5005** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT ADJUSTING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2021', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

H.B. No. **5006** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

COMMERCE

H.B. No. **5007** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SMALL BUSINESS EXPRESS PROGRAM', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

H.B. No. **5008** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGH PERFORMANCE GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS FOR VOLUNTARY ADOPTION BY MUNICIPALITIES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. **5009** REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SAFETY APPAREL FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES', to exempt the sale of and the storage, use or other consumption of safety apparel from the sales and use taxes.

H.B. No. **5010** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Proposed H.B. No. **5011** REP. YACCARINO, 87th DIST. 'AN ACT REINSTATING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH A STEM COLLEGE DEGREE', to reinstate a personal income tax credit for certain individuals who receive a science, technology, engineering or math-related degree from an institution of higher education.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. **5012** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPTIMIZATION OF STATE AGENCY OPERATIONS AND SERVICES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. **5013** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY ELIGIBLE COLLEGE STUDENTS', to increase access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by eligible students at institutions of higher education.

H.B. No. **5014** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR PROVIDERS OF CLINICAL NURSING EXPERIENCES', to provide a tax credit to preceptors who provide clinical nursing experiences to nursing students earning a bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree from an institution of higher education in the state.

HUMAN SERVICES

H.B. No. **5015** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Proposed H.B. No. **5016** REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO MEDICAL SPECIALISTS FOR MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT', to ensure adequate access to medical specialists in southeastern Connecticut.

Proposed H.B. No. **5017** REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS', to provide feminine hygiene products to women who otherwise may not be able to afford such products.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

H.B. No. **5018** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE COST GROWTH IN CONNECTICUT', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. **5019** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAIR FUTURES FOLLOWING ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. **5020** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

TRANSPORTATION

H.B. No. **5021** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY STATUTE', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate at 11:36 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.