



JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Friday, February 7, 2020

The Senate was called to order at 10:19 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, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Please grant our hearts grace as we come together for our deliberations. As we face many needs and challenges, give us the ability to be judicious.

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 Friday February 07, 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

The following communication was 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

Corrected Letter

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

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 the HONORABLE 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 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The following communication was received from the President Pro Tempore, read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

February 6, 2020

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to the provisions of section 15-31a of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my pleasure and privilege to submit to you of your advice and consent the name of Judi Sheiffelle of New Haven to be a member of the Connecticut Port Authority Board of Directors, to serve a term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2023.

Very truly yours,

Martin M. Looney

**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:

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. **5022** REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to exempt senior citizens from payment of the Passport to the Parks motor vehicle registration fee.

Proposed H.B. No. **5023** REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to allow senior citizens to park at state parks free of charge.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. **5024** REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR HOME HEALTH CARE COSTS', to establish a deduction under the personal income tax for the cost of full-time home health care.

Proposed H.B. No. **5025** REP. TURCO, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENTS', to establish a credit against the personal income tax for long-term care insurance premium payments.

Proposed H.B. No. **5026** REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING TREE REMOVAL SERVICES FROM THE SALES TAX', to exempt from the sales tax tree services required to remove dead or dying trees.

Proposed H.B. No. **5027** REP. TURCO, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR CERTAIN FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS', to establish a credit against the personal income tax for certain first-time homebuyers.

Proposed H.B. No. **5028** REP. TURCO, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT', to increase the property tax credit to one thousand dollars for taxes paid on a primary residence or motor vehicle.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Proposed H.B. No. **5029** REP. TURCO, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR GRADUATES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE STATE', to establish a personal income tax credit for in-state graduates with a bachelor's degree, associate degree or an advanced manufacturing certificate who live in the state.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Proposed H.B. No. **5030** REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PROGRAM FEE', to allow veterans to not have to pay the motor vehicle registration fee associated with the Passport to the Parks program.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate at 10:20 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.