The Senate was called to order at 11:14 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:

Grant our Legislators the ability to be of reasonable mind, to form a right conscience so that all their judgments will benefit our State’s welfare.

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 11, 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.

NOTE

LCO No. 754 has been deleted from List of Bills No. 5 dated February 11, 2020. The bill was inadvertently delivered to the Clerk of the House. The bill was processed as House Bill No. 5095. House Bill No. 5095 will be reassigned and will be referred at a later date.

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 11, 2020

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to the of the General Statutes section 46a-52, of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my pleasure and privilege to submit to you for your advice and consent the name of Neeta Vatti of Cheshire, Connecticut to be a member of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, to serve a term beginning immediately and expiring on July 13th, 2022.
Very truly yours,

Martin M. Looney
Senate President Pro Tempore

REPORTS

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

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

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report – Office of the Claims Commissioner – Annual Report for Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 4-159 and 4-159(a) of the Connecticut General Assembly.) Date received: February 10, 2020.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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:

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APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 22 SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT RELATIVES RAISING CHILDREN’, to reduce financial burdens on grandparents and other nonparent relatives raising children.

BANKING

S.B. No. 23 (RAISED) BANKING. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING CASH REFUNDS FOR THE BALANCE OF A GIFT CARD’, to increase the minimum balance amount for which a consumer using a gift card may request a cash refund.
S.B. No. 24 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BANKING IN CONNECTICUT', to require the Department of Banking to analyze banking in Connecticut.

S.B. No. 25 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT INFRASTRUCTURE BANK AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR STATE-FUNDED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS', to establish the Connecticut Infrastructure Bank and public-private partnerships for state-funded infrastructure improvement projects.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 26 SEN. BERTHEL, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS TO THE STATE', to exempt from the personal income tax proceeds from the sale of the development rights of any agricultural land to the state.

Proposed S.B. No. 27 SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES', to eliminate the estate and gift taxes.

Proposed S.B. No. 28 SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES', to exempt articles of clothing and footwear costing less than seventy-five dollars from the sales and use taxes.

Proposed S.B. No. 29 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE GIFT TAX', to eliminate the gift tax.

Proposed S.B. No. 30 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR PREMIUM PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE POLICIES', to establish a tax credit for the amount of premiums paid to purchase an individual or group long-term care insurance policy that provides benefits for health care provided in an insured's home.

Proposed S.B. No. 31 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GUN SAFE', to establish a nonrefundable credit against the personal income tax of up to one hundred fifty dollars for the purchase of a gun safe for personal use.

Proposed S.B. No. 32 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE THRESHOLD FOR IMPOSITION OF THE ESTATE TAX ON FARMS', to match the threshold for imposition of the state estate tax on farms with the federal estate tax threshold.

Proposed S.B. No. 33 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE STONINGTON TOWN DOCK', to authorize bonds of the state for fuel tank replacement and an ice machine at the Stonington Town Dock to promote economic development and provide services to maintain the commercial fishing fleet.

Proposed S.B. No. 34 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND PENSION AND ANNuity INCOME FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX', to exempt Social Security benefits and pension and annuity income from the personal income tax.

Proposed S.B. No. 35 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING PARKING IN MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS AND MUNICIPAL PARKING SPACES FROM THE SALES TAX', to exempt parking in municipal parking lots and municipal parking spaces from the sales tax.
Proposed S.B. No. 36 SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALES AND USE TAXES ON MEALS', to delete the term "grocery store" from the sales and use taxes on the sale and acceptance or receipt in this state of meals.

Proposed S.B. No. 37 SEN. MINER, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALES AND USE TAXES ON MEALS', to delete the term "grocery store" from the sales and use taxes on the sale and acceptance or receipt in this state of meals.

Proposed S.B. No. 38 SEN. BIZZARRO, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALES AND USE TAXES ON MEALS', to delete the term "grocery store" from the sales and use taxes on the sale and acceptance or receipt in this state of meals.

Proposed S.B. No. 39 SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING CHILDREN'S CLOTHING FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES', to exempt articles of children's clothing from the sales and use taxes.

Proposed S.B. No. 40 SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING BREASTFEEDING SUPPLIES FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES', to exempt breastfeeding supplies from the sales and use taxes.

Proposed S.B. No. 41 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IMPLEMENTING AND MAINTAINING EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAMS', to establish a tax credit for small businesses that have implemented and maintain employee wellness programs.

Proposed S.B. No. 42 SEN. BIZZARRO, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSIONS TAX FOR NEW BRITAIN STADIUM', to expand the reduced admissions tax for New Britain Stadium from certain athletic events to any event at said stadium.

Proposed S.B. No. 43 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR A NEW SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION IN NORTH STONINGTON', to authorize bonds of the state for a new sewer and water extension in the vicinity of exit 92 of Interstate 95 in North Stonington.

Proposed S.B. No. 44 SEN. MARTIN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT IN PLYMOUTH', to provide funding for the construction of a new police department in Plymouth.

Proposed S.B. No. 45 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE TO REDEVELOP THE SHAKESPEARE THEATER IN STRATFORD', to provide funding for the redevelopment of the Shakespeare Theater in Stratford.

Proposed S.B. No. 46 SEN. BIZZARRO, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR SEWER AND ROADWAY UPGRADES FOR ALLEN STREET IN NEW BRITAIN', to authorize bonds of the state for sewer and roadway upgrades for Allen Street in New Britain.

Proposed S.B. No. 47 SEN. BIZZARRO, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR A PARKING LOT PAVING PROJECT AT NEW BRITAIN STADIUM', to authorize bonds of the state for a parking lot paving project at New Britain Stadium.

Proposed S.B. No. 48 SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE REPAIR OF THE M.L. KEEFE COMMUNITY CENTER IN HAMDEN', to provide funding for repairs to the M.L. Keefe Community Center in Hamden.
Proposed S.B. No. 49 SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR REPAIRS TO HAMDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT’S STATION 2', to authorize funds of the state for repairs to the Hamden Fire Department’s Station 2 at 71 Circular Avenue in Hamden.

Proposed S.B. No. 50 SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR TRAIN CARS FOR USE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NAUGATUCK VALLEY RAILROAD HUB', to provide funding for train cars for use with the development of the Naugatuck Valley Railroad Hub.

Proposed S.B. No. 51 SEN. CHAMPAGNE, 35th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR A DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT THE WINDHAM-TOLLAND 4-H CAMP IN POMFRET', to authorize bonds of the state for a development project at the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp in Pomfret.

Proposed S.B. No. 52 SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE SCHOOL IN BEACON FALLS', to provide funding for the development of the Valley Regional Fire School in Beacon Falls.

Proposed S.B. No. 53 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT', to eliminate the earned income tax credit.

Proposed S.B. No. 54 SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY AND SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING FACILITY LOCATED IN HARTFORD', to authorize bonds of the state for improvements to the resource recovery facility and single stream recycling facility located in Hartford.

Proposed S.B. No. 55 SEN. BIZZARRO, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR REPAIRS TO HIGH-HAZARD DAMS IN NEW BRITAIN', to authorize bonds of the state for repairs to seven high-hazard dams in New Britain.

Proposed S.B. No. 56 SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING TAX CREDITS FOR TAXPAYERS THAT REFRAIN FROM USING GASOLINE-POWERED LAWN AND LANDSCAPING EQUIPMENT', to establish tax credits for individual and commercial taxpayers that refrain from using gasoline-powered lawn and landscaping equipment.

EDUCATION

Proposed S.B. No. 57 SEN. BERTHEL, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION COST SHARING FORMULA BY INCLUDING MAGNET SCHOOLS, CHARTER SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SCHOOLS', to amend the education cost sharing formula to include and provide funding to school districts for those students attending magnet schools, charter schools and technical education and career schools.

Proposed S.B. No. 58 SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST.; SEN. MINER, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTERS', to increase the per student grant for agricultural science and technology education centers.

Proposed S.B. No. 59 SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT REVISING THE EDUCATION COST SHARING FORMULA TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR TOWNS THAT MEET OR EXCEED THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING THRESHOLD', to provide increased education cost sharing funds to those towns that meet or exceed the affordable housing threshold.
Proposed S.B. No. 60 SEN. BIZZARRO, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT GRANT FOR CHAMBERLAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NEW BRITAIN', to provide a school building project grant to the city of New Britain to renovate and expand Chamberlain Elementary School.

Proposed S.B. No. 61 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF MAGNET SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION GRANTS', to appropriate money to the state grant that provides funding to towns for transporting students out-of-district to attend magnet schools.

Proposed S.B. No. 62 SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN NAUGATUCK AND HAMDEN', to allocate increased funding for after school programs in Naugatuck and Hamden.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 63 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ARTWORK FOR STATE BUILDING PROJECTS', to eliminate the requirement that the State Bond Commission allocate one per cent of the state building project cost for the purchase of artwork to reduce state construction costs.

HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed S.B. No. 64 SEN. BIZZARRO, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS', to allow long-term care facility residents who receive medical assistance to keep more of their income for personal needs.

Proposed S.B. No. 65 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY', to avert costly, unnecessary institutionalization of elderly persons by expanding access to the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly.

Proposed S.B. No. 66 SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM', to allow more persons to receive services through the Alzheimer's disease respite care program.

Proposed S.B. No. 67 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM', to expand access to services for persons with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers.

Proposed S.B. No. 68 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING NURSING HOME RATES OF PAYMENT', to increase rates of Medicaid reimbursement for nursing homes to ensure a sufficient number remain open to provide care for elderly persons and others in need of such care.

Proposed S.B. No. 69 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS', to allow long-term care facility residents who receive medical assistance to keep more of their income for personal needs.

Proposed S.B. No. 70 SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVERSAL OF NURSING HOME RATE REDUCTIONS', to reduce the threat of nursing home closures due to rate reductions and avert the adverse impact on elderly residents in need of care in nursing homes.
Proposed S.B. No. 71 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS', to allow long-term care facility residents who receive medical assistance to keep more of their income for personal needs.

Proposed S.B. No. 72 SEN. MINER, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS', to increase the amount long-term care facility residents can keep for personal needs while still qualifying for medical assistance.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 73 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT REPEALING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST RIDICULE OF ANOTHER PERSON ON ACCOUNT OF CREED, RELIGION, COLOR, DENOMINATION, NATIONALITY OR RACE', to repeal section 53-37 of the general statutes concerning ridicule of another person on account of creed, religion, color, denomination, nationality or race.

S.B. No. 74 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION', to establish the crime of mutilation of female genitalia of minors as a class D felony.

PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 75 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT PERMITTING PERSONS SIXTEEN YEARS OLD TO DONATE BLOOD', to permit persons sixteen years old to donate blood.

S.B. No. 76 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FLAVORED CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS', to prohibit the sale of flavored cigarettes, tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products.

S.B. No. 77 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD ALLERGY INFORMATION IN RESTAURANTS', to require the display of food allergy information in the kitchen and designated staff area of restaurants.

S.B. No. 78 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT', to implement the Department of Public Health's recommendations regarding the Clean Indoor Air Act.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Proposed S.B. No. 79 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL MARIJUANA FOR VETERANS', to exempt veterans from the fees for registration and written certification for medical marijuana and to establish a process to identify veterans who qualify as patients for medical marijuana.

Proposed S.B. No. 80 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING ALL ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS FROM FEES FOR OPERATOR LICENSES OR REGISTRATIONS', to exempt active duty service members who were not residents of Connecticut at the time of induction from fees for motor vehicle operator's licenses or registrations.

APPROPRIATIONS
Proposed H.B. No. 5045 REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION FOR POLICE TRAINING STAFF', to increase the appropriation to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for the purpose of hiring additional staff to conduct police training courses, expand opportunities for municipal police officer trainees and reduce costs to municipalities for such training.

BANKING

H.B. No. 5046 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BANKING ISSUES', to require the Department of Banking to study banking issues.

H.B. No. 5047 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESUMPTION OF OWNERSHIP IN JOINT BANK ACCOUNTS', to protect the interests of elderly or deceased depositors and their heirs from inappropriate use of joint accounts.

H.B. No. 5048 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT PRESERVING THE INTERESTS OF PRIOR TITLE HOLDERS', to protect the interests of prior title holders by requiring the state of Connecticut to record certain liens against real property on the land records of the municipality or municipalities in which the real property is situated.

H.B. No. 5049 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BANKING', to implement the recommendations of the Department of Banking.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5050 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DURATION AND RELEASE OF ESTATE AND PROBATE FEE LIENS AND THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 216 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES', to clarify statutory provisions relating to the duration and release of estate and probate fee liens and to repeal statutory provisions relating to the succession tax which is no longer imposed in the state.

H.B. No. 5051 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON STATE PARKWAYS', to promote public safety and compliance with the ban of certain motor vehicles on parkways in this state.

H.B. No. 5052 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE THEFT OF WASTE VEGETABLE OIL OR ANIMAL FATS', to establish the theft of waste vegetable oil or animal fats as larceny in the fourth degree.

H.B. No. 5053 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF ECONOMIC DAMAGES IN A PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL DEATH ACTION FOR COLLATERAL SOURCE PAYMENTS MADE ON BEHALF OF A CLAIMANT', to permit a post-verdict collateral source reduction in damages in certain personal injury or wrongful death matters involving a right of subrogation.

H.B. No. 5054 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND ITS EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS AND AGENTS', to clarify the meaning of "all the relevant circumstances" as used in subdivision (8) of subsection (b) of section 52-557n of the general statutes.

H.B. No. 5055 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PROPERTY OWNER'S LIABILITY FOR THE EXPENSES OF REMOVING A FALLEN TREE OR LIMB',
to impose liability on certain owners of real property for the expenses of removing a tree or limb that falls on an adjoining owner's private real property.

H.B. No. 5056 (RAISED) JUDICIARY, 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF INTIMATE IMAGES', to elevate the penalty for dissemination of intimate images in the case of dissemination to multiple persons by certain electronic means.

Proposed H.B. No. 5057 REP. NOLAN, 39th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE STATE'S AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE A LIEN AGAINST THE PROCEEDS OF A CAUSE OF ACTION OF PERSONS WHO WERE INCARCERATED', to repeal the provisions authorizing the state to impose a lien against the proceeds of a cause of action of persons who were incarcerated.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. 5058 REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLDS FOR THE PENSION AND ANNUITY INCOME DEDUCTION FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX', to increase the qualifying income thresholds for the pension and annuity income tax deduction by twenty-five thousand dollars.

Proposed H.B. No. 5059 REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT EMPLOY INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to establish a tax credit for businesses that employ individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Proposed H.B. No. 5060 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT PHASING OUT THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX ON CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT INCOME', to phase out the personal income tax on certain individual retirement account income.

Proposed H.B. No. 5061 REP. ALLIE-BRENNAN, 2nd DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE CAP ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CREDITS', to increase the cap on research and development credits that a taxpayer may take for an income year.

Proposed H.B. No. 5062 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING THE RATES OF THE ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX', to reduce the rates of the room occupancy tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5063 REP. Klarides, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST.; REP. ZUKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING CERTAIN BUSINESS FILING FEE INCREASES', to eliminate the business filing fee increases enacted by public act 19-117.

Proposed H.B. No. 5064 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING THE RATE OF THE ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX FOR PRIVATE HOME RENTALS', to reduce the rate of the room occupancy tax for private home rentals.

Proposed H.B. No. 5065 REP. SIMMONS, 144th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN CHILDREN'S CLOTHING FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES', to exempt articles of children's clothing for children under ten years of age from the sales and use taxes.

Proposed H.B. No. 5066 REP. Klarides, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. O'Dea, 125th DIST.; REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALES AND USE TAXES ON MEALS', to delete the term "grocery store" from the sales and use taxes on the sale and acceptance or receipt in this state of meals.

Proposed H.B. No. 5067 REP. CANDELORA, 95th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR FACILITY RENOVATIONS OR PURCHASE OR
CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUILDING FOR JUNTA FOR PROGRESSIVE ACTION IN NEW HAVEN', to provide funding for facility renovations, or purchase or construction of a new building, for Junta for Progressive Action in New Haven.

Proposed H.B. No. 5068 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING HEALTH AND ATHLETIC CLUB SERVICES FROM THE SALES TAX', to exempt health and athletic club services from the sales tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5069 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE GIFT TAX', to eliminate the gift tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5070 REP. DOUCETTE, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE AFFECTED BUSINESS ENTITY TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN INCOME', to increase, for the first one million dollars of income subject to the affected business entity tax, the amount of the credit against such tax to ninety-three and one-hundredths per cent.

Proposed H.B. No. 5071 REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SKATE PARK AT CRISCUOLO PARK IN NEW HAVEN', to provide a grant of funds to the city of New Haven to construct a skate park at Criscuolo Park.

Proposed H.B. No. 5072 REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE BARBELL CLUB IN NEW HAVEN', to authorize bonds of the state for renovations to the Barbell Club building in New Haven to serve as a community and youth center.

Proposed H.B. No. 5073 REP. DOUCETTE, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT', to increase the amount of the state earned income tax credit from twenty-three per cent to thirty per cent of the federal earned income tax credit.

Proposed H.B. No. 5074 REP. DAVIS, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE AFFECTED BUSINESS ENTITY TAX CREDIT', to increase the amount of the affected business entity tax credit to ninety-three and one-hundredths per cent.

Proposed H.B. No. 5075 REP. GODFREY, 110th DIST. 'AN ACT RESTRUCTURING CERTAIN TAXES', to restructure certain taxes to aid working families.

Proposed H.B. No. 5076 REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE STATE ADMISSIONS TAX', to eliminate the state admissions tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5077 REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE AFFECTED BUSINESS ENTITY TAX CREDIT', to increase the amount of the affected business entity tax credit to ninety-three and one-hundredths per cent.

Proposed H.B. No. 5078 REP. YACCARINO, 87th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT INCOME FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX', to exempt income from individual retirement accounts from the personal income tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5079 REP. ROCHELLE, 104th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR A DEMOLITION PROJECT IN ANSONIA', to authorize bonds of the state for a demolition project in Ansonia.

Proposed H.B. No. 5080 REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING STATE FUNDING FOR THE XL CENTER', to eliminate any current state funding for the XL Center.
Proposed H.B. No. **5081** REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING ESCAPE ROOMS FROM THE ADMISSIONS TAX', to exempt escape room venues from the admissions tax.

**HUMAN SERVICES**

Proposed H.B. No. **5082** REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELIMINATING STATE RECOVERY OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXCEPT AS REQUIRED UNDER FEDERAL LAW', to end the cycle of poverty by eliminating recovery of past public assistance payments from beneficiaries except as required under federal law.

Proposed H.B. No. **5083** REP. GILCHREST, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PROVIDER RATES AND ACCESS TO CARE', to require the Commissioner of Social Services to pay Medicaid providers enough to ensure that Medicaid recipients have access to quality care.

Proposed H.B. No. **5084** REP. GODFREY, 110th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT RATES', to provide sufficient Medicaid reimbursement to providers to ensure adequate access to care.

Proposed H.B. No. **5085** REP. HALL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING STATE RECOVERY OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS', to reduce the financial burden on public assistance beneficiaries by eliminating the requirement they reimburse the state, except as required under federal law.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Proposed H.B. No. **5086** REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT ENCOURAGING REGIONALIZATION OF 9-1-1 DISPATCH CENTERS', to increase transition grants and other financial incentives to encourage municipalities to share 9-1-1 dispatch services and increase taxpayer savings.

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

Proposed H.B. No. **5087** REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th 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.

**EDUCATION**

Proposed H.B. No. **5088** REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST. 'AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION', to provide additional educational resources to a growing bilingual student population in the state of Connecticut.

Proposed H.B. No. **5089** REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AMOUNT A TOWN MAY RECEIVE IN EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANT FUNDS', to protect towns against reductions in education cost sharing grant funds.

**FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING**

Proposed H.B. No. **5090** REP. DOUCETTE, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SURCHARGE ON CAPITAL GAINS AND A REDUCTION OF THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX RATES ON CERTAIN INCOME', to establish a surcharge on the net gain from the sale or
exchange of capital assets for certain taxpayers and reduce the rates of tax imposed on Connecticut adjusted income up to certain amounts.

Proposed H.B. No. 5091 REP. SIMMONS, 144th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INITIATIVES IN STAMFORD', to authorize bonds of the state for pedestrian safety initiatives in Stamford, including improvements to crosswalks along High Ridge Road.

Proposed H.B. No. 5092 REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF GAYLORD SPECIALTY HEALTHCARE IN WALLINGFORD', to authorize bonds of the state for the renovation and expansion of Gaylord Specialty Healthcare in Wallingford to better serve patients and improve patient and staff safety.

PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5093 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD ALLERGY INFORMATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS', to require the display of food allergy information in the kitchen and designated staff area of food establishments.

H.B. No. 5094 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES', to allow medical assistants to administer vaccines.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate at 11:15 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.