



JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Thursday, February 13, 2020

The Senate was called to order at 11:31 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:

We pray for continued blessings and watchfulness over the concerns of this State. Continue to uphold its officials as well as its citizens in the weeks ahead.

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 13, 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 Executive and Legislative Nominations:

February 11, 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, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

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 Judiciary:

February 11, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint ATTORNEY GENE ODESSA BELL, of Colchester, to be an alternate member of the Judicial Review Council, as an attorney-at-law licensed to practice in the state, to serve a term ending February 10, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Attorney Mark D. Leighton, whose term expired.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 11, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint the HONORABLE MAUREEN D. DENNIS from Southport, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as a Superior Court Judge, to serve a term ending February 10, 2024, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to the Honorable Hillary Strackbein, whose term expired.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 11, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint the HONORABLE MICHAEL L. FERGUSON from Meriden, as an alternate member of the Judicial Review Council, as a Family Support Magistrate, to serve a term ending February 10, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont

Governor

February 11, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint the HONORABLE ANTHONY P. FUSCO, of Brookfield, to be an alternate member of the Judicial Review Council, as a Family Support Magistrate, to serve a term ending February 10, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 11, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint MITCHELL R. HARRIS, of Avon, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as an attorney-at-law licensed to practice in this state, to serve a term ending February 10, 2024, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to Attorney Mark D. Phillips, whose term expired.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 11, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint the HONORABLE JOHN F. KAVANEWSKY, JR. from Norwalk, to be a member of the Judicial Review Council, as a Superior Court Judge, to serve a term ending February 10, 2024, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, in succession to the Honorable Elizabeth A. Bozzuto, whose term expired.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 11, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint RICHARD T. MEEHAN, of Shelton, to be an alternate member of the Judicial Review Council, as an attorney-at-law admitted to practice in the state, to serve a term ending February 10, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

February 11, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint the HONORABLE GLADYS I. NIEVES from New Haven, to be an alternate member of the Judicial Review Council, as a Family Support Magistrate, to serve a term ending February.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

REPORTS

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

Report – Connecticut Innovations – Business Plan and Projected Operations for Years 2018-2020. (Pursuant to Section 32-47a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: February 11, 2020.

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

Report – Office of Policy Management, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations - Final Report Task Force to Promote Municipal Shared Services. (Pursuant to Public Act 19-117 Section 366.) Date received: February 11, 2020.

Referred to Committees on Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Planning and Development.

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:

AGING

S.B. No. **81** (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT PERMITTING THE COMMUNITY SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED MEDICAID RECIPIENT TO RETAIN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ALLOWABLE ASSETS', to reduce the financial burden on spouses of nursing home residents whose care is being funded under the Medicaid program.

S.B. No. **82** (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW VOLUNTARISM NEEDS OF THE STATE OMBUDSMAN', to study ways to increase the number of volunteers to assist the State Ombudsman's Office and expand services to community-based residents.

S.B. No. **83** (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT REDUCING PARTICIPANT COSTS AND EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY', to reduce costs and expand eligibility for the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly.

S.B. No. **84** (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETROACTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME CARE SERVICES', to allow Medicaid beneficiaries who are receiving home care the same right to retroactive Medicaid coverage as beneficiaries who are in nursing homes.

S.B. No. **85** (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT DETERRING AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS', to prevent the use of initial employment applications to discriminate against potential employees based on age.

S.B. No. **86** (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO ASSIST ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS', to provide assistance to elderly homeowners who have fallen behind on real estate tax payments.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

S.B. No. **87** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD'S CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE', to allow a victim of domestic violence to access the child care subsidy program established by the Office of Early Childhood.

S.B. No. **88** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENUS', to require restaurants to include certain beverages on children's menus and in children's meals.

S.B. No. **89** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL LUNCH DEBT', to prohibit disciplinary action against public school children for unpaid school lunch charges and to allow any public or private parties to donate to payoff such debt.

S.B. No. **90** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to conduct a study to evaluate the efficacy of the programs administered by the Department of Children and Families.

S.B. No. **91** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FREE SWIMMING LESSONS TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN', to require the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to establish and administer a program to provide free swimming lessons to individuals under the age of eighteen.

S.B. No. **92** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SERVICES', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to conduct a study to determine whether policy and procedural changes in the Department of Children and Families may increase the effectiveness of services provided to children.

S.B. No. **93** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR CHANGES TO THE STATUTES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to make minor revisions to the statutes of the Department of Children and Families and to consolidate the reporting requirements of the department.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed S.B. No. **94** SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FUND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN TRIBAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS', to provide services and maintain tribal lands under the control of the state.

S.B. No. **95** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S SHELLFISH RESTORATION PROGRAM AND THE CONNECTICUT SEAFOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL', to enhance the state's shellfish restoration program through certain contracting authority and to reconstitute the Connecticut Seafood Council.

S.B. No. **96** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAX ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN AQUACULTURE PROPERTIES', to authorize the application of the Public Act 490 tax program to aquaculture operations.

S.B. No. **97** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING STANDARDS FOR ROAD SALT APPLICATORS', to help mitigate the effects of sodium chloride contamination of private wells and public drinking water supplies.

S.B. No. **98** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DRAW DOWN SCHEDULE ON LAKE BESECK', to provide for a longer six foot draw down period of Lake Beseck in odd-numbered years in order to increase the likelihood of root exposure for aquatic plants to temperatures that assist in the effective management of such plants.

S.B. No. **99** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS', to decrease the use of certain polystyrene products in the state.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. **100** SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NAUGATUCK VALLEY RAILROAD HUB', to authorize bonds of the state for the development of the Naugatuck Valley Railroad Hub.

Proposed S.B. No. **101** SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A REGIONAL SENIOR CENTER IN GRISWOLD', to authorize bonds of the state for construction of a regional senior center in Griswold.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

S.B. No. **102** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEARN HERE, LIVE HERE PROGRAM', to require the Department of Economic and Community Development to implement the Learn Here, Live Here Program.

S.B. No. **103** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION', to require the Office of Higher Education to conduct a study regarding post-secondary education in the state.

S.B. No. **104** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY OF THE STUDENTS FIRST PLAN', to require the Board of Regents for Higher Education to provide a detailed financial report of the Students First plan.

HOUSING

S.B. No. **105** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO HOUSING', to establish a right to housing for all residents of the state.

S.B. No. **106** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY ON MUNICIPAL WORKFORCE HOUSING', to require the Department of Housing to conduct a study concerning methods to increase housing options for municipal employees.

S.B. No. **107** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE CONCERNING VARIOUS ISSUES AT HOMELESS SHELTERS', to establish a task force to make recommendations on how to address various issues at homeless shelters.

S.B. No. **108** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OPEN CHOICE VOUCHERS PILOT PROGRAM', to establish a pilot program to enable certain families participating in the interdistrict public school attendance program to move to the town where their children attend school.

S.B. No. **109** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A LANDLORD'S ABILITY TO CONSIDER THE CRIMINAL RECORD OF PROSPECTIVE TENANTS', to require the Commissioner of Housing to adopt regulations concerning a limited time period for which a landlord may consider the criminal record of a prospective tenant.

S.B. No. **110** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AUTHORITY JURISDICTION', to allow a housing authority to expand its jurisdiction to include certain high and very high opportunity areas, as determined by the Department of Housing.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

S.B. No. **111** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT', to make technical revisions to statutes concerning planning and development.

S.B. No. **112** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF DAMS AND SIMILAR STRUCTURES BY SELLERS OF REAL PROPERTY', to require the seller of real property on which a dam or similar structure is located to disclose the existence of such dam or similar structure on a residential condition report.

S.B. No. **113** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS', to grant access to original birth records to all adopted persons eighteen years of age or older who were born in Connecticut regardless of date of birth.

S.B. No. **114** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS', to permit members

of municipal zoning commissions and municipal boards of appeals to serve as alternate members of municipal planning commissions.

S.B. No. **115** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL OPTION TO ESTABLISH A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR DONATIONS TO CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS', to permit a municipality to provide a property tax credit to any owner of property in such municipality that donates to a scholarship program established by such municipality.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed S.B. No. **116** SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING DISABLED VETERANS FROM THE "PASSPORT TO THE PARKS FEE" WHEN REGISTERING A MOTOR VEHICLE', to exempt any person who is a disabled veteran from the "Passport to the Parks Fee" when registering a motor vehicle.

Proposed S.B. No. **117** SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING THE SUBSIDY FOR CTFASTRAK', to reduce the subsidy for CTfastrak.

Proposed S.B. No. **118** SEN. CHAMPAGNE, 35th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FEES RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR COMMEMORATIVE LICENSE PLATES', to require that the fee paid for a commemorative license plate be used for the purpose for which the license plate was created and not be deposited into the General Fund.

Proposed S.B. No. **119** SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF CLEAN AIR ACT FEE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAMS', to require that Clean Air Act fee funds be used to fund brownfield remediation programs administered by municipalities.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed S.B. No. **120** SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS AND VETERANS FROM PAYING THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to exempt senior citizens and veterans from having to pay the Passport to the Parks motor vehicle registration fee.

Proposed S.B. No. **121** SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES FOR A PERSON REGISTERING MORE THAN ONE VEHICLE', to limit the Passport to the Parks motor vehicle registration fee to just one vehicle if a person registers more than one vehicle.

APPROPRIATIONS

S.R. No. **4** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN INTEREST ARBITRATION AWARD BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND LOCAL 3419 OF COUNCIL 4, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO'

AGING

H.B. No. **5095** (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY A CONSERVED PERSON'S RIGHT TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS', to ensure that a conserved person has the right to timely visits with loved ones.

H.B. No. **5096** (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE PROGRAM', to increase access to the Alzheimer's disease respite program.

H.B. No. **5097** (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT INCREASING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT RELATIVES RAISING NEEDY CHILDREN', to reduce financial burdens on grandparents and other relatives raising needy children.

H.B. No. **5098** (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT RAISING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE INSTITUTIONS', to increase the amount of money residents of long-term care institutions who receive medical assistance may keep for personal needs.

H.B. No. **5099** (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUMS', to encourage the purchase of long-term care insurance.

APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed H.B. No. **5100** REP. CURREY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR HOUSING RESOURCES FOR THE HOMELESS AND TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS', to provide increased funding for the coordinated access networks and the United Way of Connecticut 2-1-1 Infoline program for housing resources.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. **5101** REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING THE REGISTRATION OF MULTIPLE VEHICLES BY ONE OWNER FROM PAYMENT OF THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS REGISTRATION FEE ON EACH VEHICLE', to require payment of the Passport to the Parks motor vehicle registration fee on only one of the cars owned by a person when such person registers more than one car.

H.B. No. **5102** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF PINK BLAZE CLOTHING FOR HUNTING', to authorize the wearing of pink fluorescent when hunting.

H.B. No. **5103** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING AN EVALUATION OF THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE LAW', to strengthen the requirements under the state's environmental justice law.

H.B. No. **5104** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORT, SALE AND POSSESSION OF AFRICAN ELEPHANTS, LIONS, LEOPARDS, BLACK RHINOCEROS, WHITE RHINOCEROS AND GIRAFFES', to prohibit the import and trade of any big six African species.

H.B. No. **5105** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE CONNECTICUT-GROWN PROGRAM', to (1) include chicken eggs as part of the state-funded Connecticut Farmers' Market/WIC and Senior Nutrition programs, (2) increase fines for violating certain farm product grading and marketing requirements, and (3) provide the Commissioner of Agriculture with infraction authority for the violation of statutes under the commissioner's authority.

Proposed H.B. No. **5106** REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR

CITIZENS FROM PAYMENT OF THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to exempt senior citizens from the Passport to the Parks motor vehicle registration fee.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. **5107** REP. CHEESEMAN, 37th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR PARENTS WHO SUFFER THE BIRTH OF A STILLBORN CHILD', to establish a credit against the personal income tax for parents who suffer the birth of a stillborn child.

Proposed H.B. No. **5108** REP. WOOD, 141st DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE ESTATE TAX', to eliminate the estate tax.

Proposed H.B. No. **5109** REP. SIMMONS, 144th DIST.; REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING BREASTFEEDING SUPPLIES FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES', to exempt breastfeeding supplies from the sales and use taxes.

GENERAL LAW

Proposed H.B. No. **5110** REP. DOUCETTE, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN BARRELS OF BEER', to increase the number of barrels of beer that are exempt from the alcoholic beverages tax from fifteen annually to fifteen monthly.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. **5111** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN INDUSTRIES WITH A HIRING NEED IN THE STATE', to establish a task force to identify high-growth, high-demand jobs and analyze the implementation and creation of partnerships that provide apprenticeship opportunities for such jobs.

H.B. No. **5112** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUDGET OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES', to require the Board of Regents for Higher Education to include the central office in the itemization of its budget request.

H.B. No. **5113** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR THE MERGER OR CLOSING OF INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES', to require legislative approval for the merger or closing of institutions within the Connecticut state colleges and universities.

H.B. No. **5114** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING TRAINING FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE', to require training of each board member responsible for governing any institution of higher education in the state.

H.B. No. **5115** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITY PORTION OF THE FRINGE BENEFIT COST FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CONSTITUENT UNITS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to require the Comptroller to

fund the unfunded pension liability portion of the fringe benefit cost for employees of the constituent units of the state system of higher education.

H.B. No. **5116** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION', to require the Office of Higher Education to study issues related to higher education.

H.B. No. **5117** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES', to make technical revisions to the higher education statutes.

HOUSING

H.B. No. **5118** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING LANDLORDS TO PROVIDE SECURITY SYSTEMS AND LIGHTING IN RENTAL PROPERTY HALLWAYS', to require landlords to provide security systems and lighting in rental property hallways for the safety of tenants.

H.B. No. **5119** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF SATELLITE DISHES ON RENTAL PROPERTY', to require the removal of unused satellite dishes prior to the installation of a new satellite dish on rental property.

H.B. No. **5120** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS TO PROSPECTIVE TENANTS', to require housing authorities to provide prospective tenants with voter registration applications.

H.B. No. **5121** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN PROTECTIONS FOR GROUP AND FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES', to clarify and enforce protections for licensed group child care homes and licensed family child care homes and prevent landlords and certain homeowners associations from placing restrictions on the operation of such homes.

H.B. No. **5122** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONSIDERING CONSIDERATION OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS OF A PROSPECTIVE TENANT', to prohibit housing providers from considering a prospective tenant's criminal conviction after certain time periods.

H.B. No. **5123** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERMITTING AND SAFETY OF RENTAL UNITS', to authorize building officials to request proof of a building permit for rental unit construction and impose a penalty for construction without a permit and to impose strict liability against rental property owners for dwellings containing toxic levels of lead.

H.B. No. **5124** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING LANDLORDS TO NOTIFY TENANTS OF FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS', to require landlords to notify prospective and current tenants of foreclosure proceedings and to permit tenants to seek court appointment of a receiver upon receiving such notice.

H.B. No. **5125** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY OF RENTAL RATES FOR TENANTS RECEIVING RENTAL ASSISTANCE', to require housing authorities administering a housing voucher program to post the maximum allowable rental rate for units on their Internet web sites and submit such rates to the 2-1-1 Infoline program for posting on its Internet web site.

H.B. No. **5126** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INSPECTIONS OF RENTAL PROPERTY PRIOR TO OCCUPANCY OR TERMINATION, LATE RENTAL PAYMENTS AND DESIGNATION OF A RENTAL HOUSING OMBUDSMAN', to permit

tenants to request an inspection of rental property prior to occupancy and after notice of termination of a tenancy, to cap late fees for rental payments and to create a Rental Housing Ombudsman within the Department of Housing.

H.B. No. **5127** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM PLANNING CONCERNING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT', to impose additional requirements concerning the content of the state's consolidated plan for housing and community development and annual action plans.

H.B. No. **5128** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO STATUTES REGARDING BOND-FINANCED STATE HOUSING PROGRAMS', to redefine "administrative expense" for purposes of certain bond-financed state housing programs and to make minor revisions to the statute concerning the homelessness prevention response fund.

H.B. No. **5129** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON', to require the Departments of Correction and Housing to establish a transition program to ensure that incarcerated persons obtain housing prior to their release from prison.

JUDICIARY

Proposed H.B. No. **5130** REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAXATION OF PALLIATIVE MARIJUANA AND THE RETAIL SALE OF MARIJUANA', to ensure that palliative marijuana is not subject to sales or excise taxes and legalize and tax the sale and use of marijuana by persons twenty-one years of age or older.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

H.B. No. **5131** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF CERTAIN NEW MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS', to require municipalities to hold public hearings on proposed construction projects with estimated costs greater than twenty-five million dollars.

H.B. No. **5132** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE ZONING ENABLING ACT AND THE PROMOTION OF MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE', to (1) restructure the Zoning Enabling Act for clarity, (2) promote the purposes of the federal Fair Housing Act, (3) provide an administrative mechanism to promote compliance with municipal affordable housing plans, and (4) require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to convene a working group to study municipal affordable housing plans and zoning regulations.

H.B. No. **5133** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF THE PENFIELD REEF LIGHTHOUSE AS A COLUMBARIUM', to authorize the use of the Penfield Reef lighthouse as a columbarium.

H.B. No. **5134** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT VALIDATING THE DECEMBER 10, 2019, REFERENDUM IN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19', to validate the referendum held on December 10, 2019, in Regional School District No. 19.

H.B. No. **5135** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF SIGNS BY ZONING COMMISSIONS', to authorize municipal zoning commissions to regulate the height, size, location, brightness and illumination of all signs.

H.B. No. **5136** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES FOR CERTAIN RETIREES UPON SUBSEQUENT EMPLOYMENT BY A BOARD OF EDUCATION', to permit retired

public safety personnel to receive retirement allowances, but not credit in to a municipal pension system, if such personnel are employed by a local or regional board of education in a public safety capacity after retirement.

H.B. No. **5137** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND NONRESIDENTIAL HYDROPOWER FACILITIES', to revise the property tax exemption for certain renewable energy sources and hydropower facilities.

H.B. No. **5138** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE OBSTACLES TO MERGING OR CONSOLIDATING MUNICIPAL FIRE DISTRICTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS', to require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to conduct a study regarding the obstacles to merging or consolidating the fire districts or fire departments of two or more municipalities.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed H.B. No. **5139** REP. LEMAR, 96th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; REP. DIMASSA, 116th DIST.; REP. PAOLILLO, 97th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE FINE FOR OPERATING AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE AT AN UNREASONABLE RATE OF SPEED OR IN A NEGLIGENT MANNER', to increase the fine for operating an all-terrain vehicle at an unreasonable rate of speed or in a negligent manner.

Proposed H.B. No. **5140** REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST. 'TO EXEMPT DISABLED VETERANS FROM THE "PASSPORT TO THE PARKS FEE"', to exempt disabled veterans from the "Passport to the Parks Fee".

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. **5141** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ENERGY DRINKS TO PERSONS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE', to prohibit the sale of energy drinks to persons younger than sixteen years old.

H.B. No. **5142** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SAFETY', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to conduct a study to determine whether policy and procedural changes within the Department of Children and Families may increase the safety of children.

H.B. No. **5143** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S HEALTH', to direct the Commissioner of Public Health to conduct a study to determine whether policy and procedural changes within the Department of Public Health may improve the health of children.

H.B. No. **5144** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS AND PEDIATRIC ACUTE-ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME', to require health insurance coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

H.B. No. **5145** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORTING OF THE NUMBER OF VERIFIED ACTS OF BULLYING IN SCHOOLS', to eliminate the requirement that each school under the jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education annually report the number of verified acts of bullying in such school to the Department of Education.

H.B. No. **5146** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM', to require the Department of Children and Families and the Office of the Child Advocate to establish a youth suicide prevention pilot program.

ENVIRONMENT

H.J. No. **1** (COMM) ENVIRONMENT. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE ADOPTION OF THE LONG ISLAND SOUND BLUE PLAN', to adopt the Long Island Sound Blue Plan. .

**FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

The following favorable reports were received from the Joint Standing Committees indicated, read the second time and tabled for the calendar.

JUDICIARY. S.J. No. **4** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE PATRICK L. CARROLL, III OF SEYMOUR TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY. S.J. No. **5** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE DONNA NELSON HELLER OF RIVERSIDE TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY. S.J. No. **6** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE SYBIL V. RICHARDS OF ORANGE TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY. S.J. No. **7** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE KENNETH L. SHLUGER OF WATERFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY. S.J. No. **8** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MARK H. TAYLOR OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY. S.J. No. **9** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ELPEDIO N. VITALE OF MADISON TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate at 11:31 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.