The Senate was called to order at 11:28 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:

In these difficult times, may our leaders find in their hearts the guidance and wisdom to do what is best for the people of Connecticut.

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 18, 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.

REPORT

The following report was received, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee indicated:


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
Proposed S.B. No. 130 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION ORGANIZATIONS’, to provide funding for suicide prevention organizations.

COMMERCE

S.B. No. 131 (RAISED) COMMERCE. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONNECTICUT INDUSTRIAL HISTORY TRAIL’, to require the Department of Economic and Community Development to establish a Connecticut industrial history trail.

S.B. No. 132 (RAISED) COMMERCE. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE ECOTOURISM MAP’, to require the Department of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the Departments of Energy and Environmental Protection and Agriculture, to develop and maintain on its Internet web site a "Live Here, Love Here" interactive ecotourism map to identify and promote the agricultural, recreational and other physical and natural resources of this state.

S.B. No. 133 (RAISED) COMMERCE. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICTS’, to require each regional tourism district to return unexpended tourism funding to the Department of Economic and Community Development for the purpose of supporting state-wide marketing and to eliminate the requirement that the central regional district office be located within the department.

APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed H.B. No. 5160 REP. VARGAS, 6th DIST. ‘AN ACT REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF A REWARD TO PATRICIA "PIDGIE" D'ALLESSIO’, to compensate Ms. Patricia "Pidgie" D'Allessio for her role in the apprehension of Robert Nelson Malm.

COMMERCE

H.B. No. 5161 (RAISED) COMMERCE. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD’, to (1) increase State Historic Preservation Review Board members' terms from one year to three years; (2) decrease the notice period required for notification of a municipal preservation board or a municipality's chief executive officer that a property is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places from sixty days to thirty days; (3) eliminate the requirement that the State Historic Preservation Officer attend municipal hearings regarding nominations to the National Register of Historic Places; and (4) change the board's name from the State Historic Preservation Board to the State Historic Preservation Review Board.

H.B. No. 5162 (RAISED) COMMERCE. ‘AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LEARN HERE, LIVE HERE PROGRAM’, to require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to establish the Learn Here, Live Here program to help graduates of any institution of higher education or certain certificate programs of private occupational schools save toward a down payment on their first home in the state by segregating a portion of their state income tax payments for up to ten years after they graduate.


FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
Proposed H.B. No. 5164 REP. ROCHELLE, 104th DIST.; REP. NAPOLI, 73rd DIST.; REP. REYES, 75th DIST. ‘AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATERBURY RAIL LINE’, to authorize bonds of the state to purchase equipment and facilities to increase commuter rail service along the Waterbury Rail Line.

HOUSING

Proposed H.B. No. 5165 REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. ‘AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING AVAILABLE TO HOMEOWNERS THROUGH THE HEALTHY HOMES FUND’, to increase grants-in-aid to homeowners in certain areas of New Haven and Woodbridge for repair of structurally damaged homes.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5166 REP. PAOLILLO, 97th DIST.; REP. LEMAR, 96th DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST.; REP. DIMASSA, 116th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES’, to increase the amount of payment in lieu of taxes provided to municipalities and establish a formula by which to calculate adequate reimbursement to municipalities.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

H.B. No. 5167 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. ‘AN ACT CONCERNING STUDIES OF THE EFFECT OF LEGALIZED GAMBLING’, to require the next study of the effect of legalized gambling by October 1, 2021.

H.B. No. 5168 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. ‘AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPORTS WAGERING IN THE STATE’, to authorize sports wagering in the state.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate at 11:29 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.