



## **JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

**Friday, February 21, 2020**

The Senate was called to order at 10:42 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:

May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be happy with the things we have.

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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 21, 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.

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### **REPORTS**

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

Report – Auditors of Public Accounts – Office of Higher Education for Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2014, 2015 and 2016. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: February 20, 2020.

Referred to the committees on Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Education and Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Report – Office of the Claims Commissioner – Addendum to Annual Report for Calendar Year ending December 31, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 4-159 and 4-159(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 20, 2020

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Report – Department of Motor Vehicles – Monthly Wait Times by Branch and Internet Transaction Information for December 2019 and January 2020. (Pursuant to Section 14-11e(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 21, 2020

Referred to Committee of Transportation

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**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:

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

S.B. No. **233** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTIONS', to (1) require registrars of voters to certify certain information regarding designated locations for election day registration, permit the Secretary to order any changes deemed necessary for the effective conduct of election day registration and eliminate the requirement to perform a cross-check before admitting an applicant for election day registration, (2) permit applicants in line for election day registration prior to eight o'clock p.m. to be admitted as electors and cast a vote in a regular election, (3) restore, without the payment of certain fines, the electoral privileges of convicted felons who are on parole, (4) establish processes at certain state agencies for eligible individuals to automatically apply for voter registration, and (5) require the Secretary of the State to develop a system through which election-related forms can be signed electronically.

S.B. No. **234** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOTER PRIVACY PROTECTION', to limit the availability of voter registration information to certain purposes and prohibit certain other uses of such information.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

S.B. No. **235** (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE', to establish a cybersecurity task force.

S.B. No. **236** (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DIAPER CHANGING STATIONS IN PUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS', to amend the State Building Code to require diaper changing tables that are accessible to women and men in all newly constructed or substantially renovated public or commercial buildings that include at least one restroom open to the public.

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S.B. No. **237** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DUE TO AN EMPLOYER OTHER THAN THE STATE UNDER THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS', to apply substantial conflict of interest provisions in the state code of ethics for public officials and state employees to conflicts involving the public official's or state employee's nonstate employer or spouse's employer.

S.B. No. **238** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DISPARITY STUDY', to require the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy to conduct a disparity study.

S.B. No. **239** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AUDITING OF SIGNED STATEMENTS OF ELECTORS PRIOR TO VOTING', to require certain election officials to (1) maintain information about electors who sign

statements in lieu of presenting certain identification at the polls when voting in person, and (2) compile a report of such information for submission to the Secretary of the State.

S.B. No. **240** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DEADLINES FOR MAILINGS IN ANY PROVISION OF THE GENERAL STATUTES', to provide that the postmark date of mailing shall be valid for any statutory deadline.

S.B. No. **241** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AUDITING OF ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION', to implement several reforms concerning the integrity of election day registration procedures.

S.J. No. **15** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT EARLY VOTING'

H.B. No. **5259** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS STATUTES', to make technical revisions to the statutes concerning government administration and elections.

H.B. No. **5277** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT DECREASING FEES FOR COPYING PUBLIC RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to reduce the fees paid by the public for copies of public records.

H.B. No. **5278** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE VOTING STATUTES', to revise certain absentee voting statutes to no longer require that an elector be absent from his or her town of voting residence during all the hours of voting at a primary, election or referendum.

H.B. No. **5279** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REDEFINING PUBLIC OFFICIAL UNDER THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS', to redefine "public official" for purposes of the state codes of ethics to include individuals appointed by any state-wide elected officer and to exclude certain individuals appointed by a judge.

H.B. No. **5280** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO ELECTIONS', to (1) permit candidates or their agents to amend certain election-related filings to correct errors or omissions without penalty if done so within specified time frames, (2) bring certain state laws relating to the circulation of nominating and primary petitions into compliance with federal case law, (3) in the case of nominations for judges of probate and members of Congress, reduce the time by which a person other than a party-endorsed candidate can file a candidacy for nomination in order for a primary to be held, and (4) require that certain disputes concerning elections or primaries be adjudicated by the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford.

H.B. No. **5281** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNCLAIMED PROPERTY', to require additional public notice of abandoned property that has been transferred to the Treasurer, to require the Treasurer to give notice to municipalities which have property that has escheated to the state and to authorize the Treasurer to accept electronic claim forms.

H.B. No. **5282** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING POLLING PLACE CHALLENGERS', to eliminate registrar-appointed challengers from who may be present in the polling place during a primary or election.

H.B. No. **5283** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ETHICS', to require every municipality to adopt a code of ethics and the Office of State Ethics to develop a model municipal code of ethics for municipalities to adopt.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

H.B. No. **5284** (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE OF PROCESS FEES', to prohibit state marshals from negotiating fees different from those set in statute.

H.B. No. **5285** (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR PARAMEDICS', to eliminate the requirement that applicants for a license as a paramedic complete mental health first aid training.

H.B. No. **5286** (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEAVE OF LEVEL TWO OR NONESSENTIAL STATE EMPLOYEES ASSISTING IN A CIVIL PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY', to permit level two or nonessential state employees who volunteer with a local organization for civil preparedness to assist in a civil preparedness emergency or local civil preparedness emergency without loss of pay, vacation time, sick leave or earned overtime accumulation.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Senate at 10:43 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.

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#### **BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE CHANGE OF REFERENCE HOUSE BILL**

The following report on a House Bill recommending a change of reference was received from the Committee indicated, the report of the Committee was accepted, and the bill referred as recommended:

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. Proposed H.B. No. **5166** "AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.