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The Senate was called to order at 3:41 p.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:

Help me to live a creative life, to lose my fear of being wrong. Let me know that in all things, I am not alone, and I will never fear.

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 28, 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:

Report – Office of Policy and Management – Tax Relief for Elderly Homeowners and Grants to Elderly Renters for 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. (Pursuant to Section 12-170bb of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: February 28, 2020.

Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES SENATE RESOLUTION

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

APPROPRIATIONS. S.R. No. **4** (File No. 2) "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."

**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.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. **19** "RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ATTORNEY GENEVA ODESSA BELL OF COLCHESTER TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW BOARD AS AN ALTERNATE ATTORNEY-AT-LAW."

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. **20** "RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE GLADYS IDELIS NIEVES OF NEW HAVEN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW BOARD AS AN ALTERNATE FAMILY SUPPORT MAGISTRATE."

**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. **362** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OPERATIONS OF THE STATE TREASURER', to (1) amend provisions concerning the bonding authority of the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority, (2) require state agencies to notify the Treasurer of reportable financial obligations, (3) remove the Treasurer from the regional school district committee, and (4) remove provisions concerning the Tax Exempt Proceeds Fund.

S.B. No. **363** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF VARIOUS DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS', to designate various days, weeks and months.

S.B. No. **364** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVOLVING-DOOR PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS', to require certain agencies to submit a list of designated positions that are subject to the revolving-door provisions to the Office of State Ethics annually rather than being designated in regulations.

S.B. No. **365** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS', to allow any eligible elector to electronically request an absentee ballot through the Secretary of the State's Internet web site.

S.B. No. **366** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MINORITY REPRESENTATION ON CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE BODIES', to impose minority representation requirements upon certain legislative bodies presently not subject to such requirements.

S.B. No. **367** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT SUBJECTING THE PARTNERSHIP FOR CONNECTICUT, INC. TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND STATE ETHICS CODE', to subject The Partnership for Connecticut, Inc. to the Freedom of Information Act and state ethics code.

S.B. No. **368** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COUNTING OF INCARCERATED PERSONS FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS', to provide for the adjustment of population data so as to count incarcerated persons as residents of their last town of residence rather than as residents of the town in which the correctional facility is located.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

S.B. No. **369** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, STEPCHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN', to allow children, stepchildren and other dependent children to retain dental and vision insurance coverage under their parents' insurance policies until they attain the age of twenty-six or obtain substitute coverage through an employer.

PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. **370** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE RACE DESIGNATION ON MARRIAGE LICENSES', to eliminate the race designation on marriage licenses.

S.B. No. **371** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH', to eliminate the requirement that food establishments register with the Department of Public Health.

S.B. No. **372** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' LEVEL OF NEED ASSESSMENT', to establish a task force to study the Department of Developmental Services' level of need assessment system.

S.B. No. **373** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NEWBORN INFANT HEALTH SCREENING', to require health screening of newborn infants no earlier than twenty-four hours after the birth of the newborn infant and not later than forty-eight hours after the birth of such infant and to add various metabolic and genetic disorders to the newborn infant screening panel.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. **5404** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE AND RANKED-CHOICE VOTING', to establish a task force to study the implementation of ranked-choice voting.

H.B. No. **5405** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM', to require that the State Elections Enforcement Commission return to a campaign

treasurer any contribution that does not qualify toward receiving a grant under the Citizens' Election Program so that such treasurer may return such contribution to the contributor.

H.B. No. **5406** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN CAMPAIGN FINANCE STATUTES', to (1) implement federal court rulings regarding independent expenditure political committees and aggregate contribution limits for individuals, (2) establish disclosure requirement for independent expenditures attacking or supporting incumbents before they form committees, (3) specify that certain communications publicizing candidate debates are not deemed expenditures, (4) align campaign finance statement filing schedules for statewide and legislative office candidates, (5) specify the period for certain reporting of independent expenditures, and (6) specify the authority with which certain independent expenditure disclosure statements are to be filed.

H.B. No. **5407** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUPERSEDEANCE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to provide that future collective bargaining agreements or arbitration agreements may not supersede the Freedom of Information Act.

H.B. No. **5408** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF ATLANTIC STANDARD TIME', to require the state to adopt Atlantic Standard time upon the enactment of legislation in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York adopting said time and federal approval of such change.

H.B. No. **5409** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NONDISCLOSURE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES OF ATTORNEY GENERAL EMPLOYEES', to prohibit the disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act of the residential address of employees of the office of the Attorney General.

H.B. No. **5410** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN CHANGES TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS', to (1) provide exemptions for communications that clearly identify the Governor or President of the United States and for campaign training conducted by party committees, (2) permit the use of Citizens' Election Program grant funds to offset dependent care costs, (3) increase transparency with respect to moneys paid to campaign consultants, (4) increase disclosure of independent expenditures and prohibit such expenditures by foreign-influenced entities, (5) reveal persons behind political committees and contributors to such committees, (6) revise the manner in which the State Elections Enforcement Commission processes complaints, (7) require online platforms to disclose purchasers of political advertisements, (8) ensure the amount of funds in the Citizens' Election Fund is sufficient to provide grants to each qualified candidate committee under the Citizens' Election Program, (9) create bright lines between coordinated and independent spending, (10) permit members of the State Elections Enforcement Commission to serve more than two consecutive terms, and (11) permit gubernatorial candidates participating in the Citizens' Election Program to raise additional funds and qualify for supplemental grants.

H.B. No. **5411** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE PROPERTIES REVIEW BOARD', to expand the purview of the State Properties Review Board to include licensing agreements, the purchasing of agricultural development rights and contracts entered into by other state agencies and quasi-public agencies and to move the board to within the Legislative Department.

H.B. No. **5412** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to amend the Freedom of Information Act to permit written notice of special meetings to be given electronically.

H.B. No. **5413** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REVISING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION', to revise the training requirements of the Freedom of Information Commission to remove training on vaping and smoking in public buildings and provisions concerning the Public Records Administrator and to make minor conforming changes.

H.B. No. **5414** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING JURISDICTION OVER DISPUTES IN ELECTIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF STATE SENATOR AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE', to provide that certain aggrieved parties may bring complaints regarding elections for the offices of state senator and state representative to the Superior Court.

PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. **5415** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INDEPENDENT PRACTICE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES RELOCATING TO CONNECTICUT', to allow advanced practice registered nurses to independently engage in the performance of advanced practice level nursing activities after collaboration with a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state or outside of this state for not less than three years and not less than two thousand hours.

H.B. No. **5416** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECRUITMENT OF PHYSICIANS TO THE STATE', to establish a loan forgiveness program for purposes of recruiting physicians to the state and expanding access to primary and behavioral health care services.

H.B. No. **5417** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES', to implement the Department of Public Health's recommendations regarding various revisions to the public health statutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate at 3:42 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.