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The Senate was called to order at 12:55 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, Kevin Ricciardi of Branford, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

We give thanks for the good things of this world, and for the power of choice, for this is the beauty of life.

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following favorable reports were received from the Senate Committee indicated, read the second time and tabled for the calendar.

JOURNAL NOTATION

LCO No. 2765 - “Resolution Confirming The Nomination Of Andrea B. Dennis-Lavigne of Simsbury to be appointed a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut” was inadvertently delivered to the Clerk of the Senate without action taken by Senate Members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. The resolution has been deleted from the Senate Calendar and returned to the possession of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee for consideration.

LCO No. 2736 - “Resolution Confirming The Nomination Of Kevin J. O’Connor of Greenwich to be appointed a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut” was inadvertently delivered to the Clerk of the Senate without action taken by Senate Members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. The resolution has been deleted from the Senate Calendar and returned to the possession of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee for consideration.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.R. No. 7 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ANDY F. BESSETTE OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE REAPPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.
EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.R. No. 10 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DANIEL D. TOSCANO OF DARIEN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDDING COMMITTEE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. 21 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF NEETA VATTI OF CHESHIRE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. 22 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MICHAEL L. FERGUSON OF MERIDEN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL AS AN ALTERNATE FAMILY SUPPORT MAGISTRATE.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. 23 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ATTORNEY MITCHELL R. HARRIS OF AVON TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. 24 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ATTORNEY MARK D. PHILLIPS OF WESTPORT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL.

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

S.B. No. 438 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM', to revise and update the teachers' retirement system statutes to align with current practices.

S.B. No. 439 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEGACY COSTS', to require a study of legacy costs associated with the state employees retirement system and the teachers' retirement system.

S.B. No. 440 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTEREST RATE RELATING TO TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES AND RESERVING CERTAIN LOTTERY FUND REVENUE FOR THE CONNECTICUT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND BONDS SPECIAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND', to revise the interest rate relating to adjustments of cost-of-living allowances under the teachers' retirement system and reserve certain Lottery Fund revenue for payment to the
Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special Capital Reserve Fund prior to transfer to the regionalization subaccount within the regional planning incentive account.

S.B. No. 441 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES', to establish a task force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the state's payments in lieu of taxes to municipalities.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 442 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COURT PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING ALLEGATIONS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE AND DOMESTIC ABUSE', to enhance court protections afforded to victims of family violence and domestic abuse.

S.B. No. 443 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRETRIAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAMS', to make changes to the pretrial alcohol education program and pretrial drug intervention and community service program to address access issues, standardize education and treatment session numbers, raise fees and address program costs and eliminate stigmatizing language.

S.B. No. 444 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATION PAID TO A PROPERTY OWNER WHOSE REAL PROPERTY IS TO BE ACQUIRED BY EMINENT DOMAIN', to provide that the amount of compensation for real property that is acquired by eminent domain shall be one hundred twenty-five per cent of the fair market value of such property as determined by two independent appraisals.

S.B. No. 445 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT INCREASING PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES ARISING FROM MISUSE OF SNOWMOBILES AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES', to change the penalties and liabilities for violations of title 14 of the general statutes concerning misuse of snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles.

S.B. No. 446 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE VICTIM ADVOCATE TO STUDY WHETHER THE STATE IS MEETING THE NEEDS OF VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE CRIMES', to require the Victim Advocate to study whether the state is meeting the needs of victims of family violence crimes.

PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 447 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY HOSPITALS', to make various revisions to community benefits programs administered by hospitals.

APPROPRIATIONS

H.B. No. 5160 (COMM) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF A REWARD TO PATRICIA "PIDGIE" D'ALLESSIO', to recognize and compensate Ms. Patricia "Pidgie" D'Allessio for her role in the identification, arrest and conviction of serial predator Robert Nelson Malm, who sexually assaulted Ms. D'Allessio and sexually assaulted and murdered eleven-year-old Irene Fiederowicz.

H.B. No. 5481 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FUNDS IN THE DRUG ASSETS FORFEITURE REVOLVING ACCOUNT', to make certain funds in the drug assets forfeiture revolving account available for the provision of inpatient drug treatment services.
H.B. No. 5482 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES', to require that a copy of any executed memorandum of understanding between two or more executive branch agencies be submitted to the relevant joint standing committees of the General Assembly.

H.B. No. 5483 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET PROCESS', to require a study of the state budget process.

H.B. No. 5484 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERFORMANCE-INFORMED BUDGET REVIEW', to update the performance-informed budget review process of state agencies.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5485 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES', to enact the Connecticut Sentencing Commission's recommendations with respect to misdemeanor offenses.

H.B. No. 5486 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY AND PLANNING DIVISION AND THE PUBLICATION OF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS BY THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT', to maximize the contributions of the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division to criminal justice policy, research and grant administration, and to repeal or amend outdated or obsolete statutes that no longer accurately reflect priorities of criminal justice stakeholders.

PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5487 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO HOSPITAL OR HEALTH SYSTEM FACILITY FEES', to make various revisions to hospital or health system facility fees.

H.B. No. 5488 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS' SCOPE OF PRACTICE', to make various revisions to the general statutes concerning physician assistants' scope of practice.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate at 1:01 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.