

## Appropriations Committee

### MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 3, 2021

1:00 PM in Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by Chairman, Sen. Osten C. S19.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Anwar S. S03; Cicarella P. S34; Daugherty Abrams M. S13; Flexer M. S29; Hartley J. S15; Kushner J. S24; Lesser M. S09; Lopes R. S06; Miner C. S30; Osten C. S19; Somers H. S18; Winfield G. S10

Representatives: Abercrombie C. 083; Baker A. 124; Betts W. 078; Bolinsky M. 106; Candelaria J. 095; Currey J. 011; Dathan L. 142; Dillon P. 092; DiMassa M. 116; Felipe A. 130; Ferraro C. 117; France M. 042; Gibson B. 015; Gilchrest J. 018; Haddad G. 054; Hall C. 059; Hall J. 007; Harrison C. 069; Hayes R. 051; Howard G. 043; Johnson S. 049; Kennedy K. 119; McCarty K. 038; McGee B. 005; Nolan A. 039; Pavalock-D'Amato C. 077; Porter R. 094; Reyes G. 075; Rosario C. 128; Ryan K. 139; Sanchez E. 024; Simms T. 140; Tercyak P. 026; Turco G. 027; Wilson D. 066; Zawistowski T. 061

Absent were:

Senators: McCrory D. S02

Representatives: Gonzalez M. 003; Walker T. 093

Representative Walker was absent for medical reasons.

Representative Gonzalez was absent due to family issues.

Sen. Osten called meeting to order at 1:05pm. Welcome remarks were made by Sen. Osten, Sen. Miner, and Rep. France. Sen. Osten noted that Rep. Walker would be absent today, but noted, per the Speaker, that Rep. Abercrombie was present. Rep. Abercrombie made welcome remarks.

Sen. Osten stated that in this meeting, members should be focusing on only the fiscal note aspect of the policy, not the policy itself.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [H.B. No. 6239](#) (COMM) (File No. 103) AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING FUNDING ALLOCATION AND SEGREGATION. (HSG) The motion was made by Rep. Dathan and seconded by Sen. Anwar.

Rep. France noted that there is a fiscal note on the bill, and asked whether that was included in the budget. Sen. Osten said it was not. Rep. France asked if there was

consideration to contract out for research included in the bill. Sen. Osten stated that she was not privy to those discussions.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed, with 47 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 4 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten noted that votes will be left open until the end of the committee meeting at a minimum.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [H.B. No. 5679](#) (COMM) (File No. 147) AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS. (HSG) The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Simms.

Sen. Osten noted that this has to go back to the Floor of the House, and they are recommending, although they cannot refer, that it go to Finance because it revolves around taxes.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 48 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for H.B. No. 6385](#) (RAISED) (File No. 134) AN ACT CONCERNING ENHANCEMENTS TO CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS. (ENV) The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Tercyak.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 48 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for H.B. No. 6442](#) (COMM) (File No. 262) AN ACT CONCERNING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO BROADBAND. (ET) The motion was made by Rep. Dathan and seconded by Rep. Tercyak.

Rep. McCarty noted that she was concerned about one of the provisions regarding utilities. She asked if there was an assessment on the broadband companies if they don't comply and was wondering about the \$100,000 cost to offset some of the provisions of the bill that are assessed on the companies.

Sen. Osten stated that the bill is incorporated into the budget, and that it was the Governor's request. She also noted that the other question is better for the Floor of the House.

Rep. France asked a question regarding municipal costs and LOCIP being used for part of the cost.

Sen. Osten stated that there are federal dollars associated with broadband that different than the ARP plan.

Rep. Harrison asked if there will be continued cost after the buildout.

Sen. Osten stated that this just covers the buildout.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 30 voting Yea, 18 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for H.B. No. 6517](#) (RAISED) (File No. 268) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE TO ANALYZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS GOVERNING

DYSLEXIA INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING. (HED) The motion was made by Rep. Gilchrest and seconded by Rep. Dathan.

Rep. France asked if there were any anticipated costs to municipalities.

Sen. Osten said there were not.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 48 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for H.B. No. 6485](#) (RAISED) (File No. 124) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HYDROGEN AND ELECTRIC AUTOMOBILE PURCHASE REBATE. (TRA) The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Tercyak.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 32 voting Yea, 16 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Substitute Motion for [H.B. No. 5666](#) (COMM) (File No. 257) AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS TO DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE TRAINING OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS. (HED) LCO 7744 The motion was made by Sen. Miner and seconded by Rep. Abercrombie.

Sen. Osten noted that the JFS language removes the appropriations language, as there is funding in the budget.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 47 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [H.B. No. 5545](#) (COMM) (File No. 145) AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUDGET OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. (HED) The motion was made by Rep. Simms and seconded by Rep. Haddad.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 48 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [H.B. No. 6492](#) (RAISED) (File No. 241) AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN EXERTIONAL HEAT ILLNESS FOR COACHES, PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS. (PH) The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Sen. Abrams.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 46 voting Yea, 2 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for H.B. No. 6417](#) (RAISED) (File No. 157) AN ACT REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF YOUTH CAMPS. (KID) The motion was made by Rep. Simms and seconded by Sen. Anwar.

Rep France asked if this fiscal note applies to nonprofits and private organizations.

Sen. Osten asked if there was someone from the Children's Committee who could speak to this.

Rep. Abercrombie stated that she is not on Children's but believes that it covers costs to nonprofits.

Rep. France shared his concern on the scope of this indicated that he would vote no to flag the bill.

Sen. Anwar clarified that this bill does not have an unfunded mandate to municipalities.

Sen Osten asked if it was the intention of the Children's Committee to not have a mandate on municipalities.

Sen. Anwar confirmed that the bill is not intended to impose a mandate on municipalities.

Sen. Miner asked if the Children's Committee decided that background checks on municipal run camps were not required.

Sen. Anwar said that the municipalities would be requiring background checks, but the costs would not be on municipalities.

Sen. Miner said we should be requiring background checks across the board, but he will support the bill.

Sen. Anwar said that municipalities do require background checks.

Sen Osten asked about cost.

Sen. Anwar said that the offset cost will come from participants.

Rep. Abercrombie noted that municipal camps are exempt from a license, so they are exempt from background checks.

Rep. Kennedy stated that HB 6511 and this bill will likely be combined, and she will be a yes to get the bill out of committee.

Sen. Osten said that the issue of municipal background checks needs clarification once this bill returns to the House.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 45 voting Yea, 3 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for H.B. No. 6412](#) (RAISED) (File No. 54) AN ACT CONCERNING A LOW-CARBON FUEL BLEND OF HEATING OIL AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIOHEAT ADVISORY BOARD. (ET) The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Simms.

Rep. France asked if this proposal is in the existing budget.

Sen. Osten said it is not.

Rep. France asked if there will still be work done to this bill on cost and definitions before it may come before the House.

Sen. Osten said they are anticipating more discussion.

Sen. Osten called for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 37 voting Yea, 11 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for H.B. No. 6559](#) (RAISED) (File No. 244) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD. (ED) The motion was made by Sen. Lesser and seconded by Rep. Abercrombie.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 36 voting Yea, 12 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [H.B. No. 5419](#) (COMM) (File No. 407) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEDERAL CLEAN AIR ACT FEE ON MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS. (TRA) The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Kennedy.

Rep. France clarified that this was a JF with the recommendation to refer to Finance.

Sen. Osten agreed.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 48 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for H.B. No. 6602](#) (RAISED) (File No. 245) AN ACT CONCERNING THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY SERVICES FOR RESTAURANTS. (CE) The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Simms.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 32 voting Yea, 16 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for H.B. No. 6231](#) (COMM) (File No. 300) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR PART-TIME FACULTY EMPLOYED BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (HED) The motion was made by Rep. Turco and seconded by Rep. Tercyak.

Rep. France asked if this was included in the budget.

Sen. Osten said it was not.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 30 voting Yea, 17 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 4 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [H.B. No. 6344](#) (COMM) (File No. 428) AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' ADVOCATE. (LAB) The motion was made by Rep. Porter and seconded by Rep. Tercyak.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 47 Yeas, 1 Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for S.B. No. 910](#) (RAISED) (File No. 130) AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR POST-PARTUM CARE TO TWELVE MONTHS AFTER A MEDICAID BENEFICIARY GIVES BIRTH TO A CHILD. (HS) The motion was made by Rep. Porter and seconded by Rep. Tercyak.

Sen. Miner asked if the \$1.9m is currently in the budget.

Sen. Osten said it is not.

Sen. Miner asked if there is any thought that this would be in the budget.

Sen. Osten noted that \$1.9m would effectively put them over the spending cap in year 1, so there would have to be some work done on the bill.

Rep. Abercrombie noted that in the budget there is a savings where DSS is going to a bundled rate and she believes this is included with it. If it isn't, it will be. She thinks it is a work in progress.

Sen. Miner stated that he will be a no, but thinks there is a lot of policy today that is worth putting more effort into.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 31 Yeas, 16 Nays, 0 Abstaining, and 4 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for S.B. No. 916](#) (RAISED) (File No. 288) AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF VITAL RECORDS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES FUND. (VA) The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Dathan.

Rep. France asked is this is a JF with the recommendation to refer to Finance.

Sen. Osten said that was correct.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 48 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for S.B. No. 1](#) (COMM) (File No. 481) AN ACT EQUALIZING COMPREHENSIVE ACCESS TO MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC. (PH ) The motion was made by Rep. Porter and seconded by Sen. Abrams.

Sen. Osten noted that there will be an amendment on the floor to remove costs of this particular item.

Rep Ferraro stated he was pleased to hear about the amendment, but would vote no until he hears what happens on the floor.

Rep. McCarty said that she would like to align her comments with Rep. Ferraro's. She had reservations, but was happy to hear cost would be removed.

Rep. Howard asked if the Pandemic Preparedness Office is redundant because there is a similar office being considered in a different bill.

Sen. Abrams said that the concepts are a little different, but that part of discussion is still under consideration.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 32 voting Yea, 16 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [S.B. No. 972](#) (RAISED) (File No. 453) AN ACT CONCERNING THE COST OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. (JUD). The motion was made by Rep. Nolan and seconded by Rep. Rosario.

Sen. Osten flagged the fact that this bill does not include web messages, but does include phone calls.

Sen. Miner said there may be some additional costs associated with this. In hopes that this will straighten itself out fiscally, he will vote yes. He noted it will not be an easy thing to do.

Sen. Osten said the other items that have been funded by this revenue source have been covered by the closure of the correctional facility.

Rep. France hopes that continued discussions can result in a bill that they could bring forward, but will be voting no to flag the bill.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 46 voting Yea, 2 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [S.B. No. 660](#) (COMM) (File No. 446) AN ACT EXPANDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS SUFFERED BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN CONNECTION WITH COVID-19. (LAB) The motion was made by Rep. Nolan and seconded by Sen. Kushner.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 47 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [S.B. No. 1045](#) (RAISED) (File No. 370) AN ACT CONCERNING STEP THERAPY, ADVERSE DETERMINATION AND

UTILIZATION REVIEWS, AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, STEPCHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN. (INS) The motion was made by Sen. Lesser and seconded by Rep. Tercyak.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 31 voting Yea, 14 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 6 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for S.B. No. 238](#) (COMM) (File No. 553) AN ACT INCREASING OVERSIGHT OF MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS OF GROUP PRACTICES. (PH) The motion was made by Rep. Porter and seconded by Rep. Nolan.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 31 voting Yea, 17 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Substitute Motion for [Substitute for S.B. No. 943](#) (RAISED) (File No. 403) AN ACT REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO DOMESTIC WORKERS AT THE TIME OF HIRE AND ESTABLISHING AN EDUCATION AND TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS. (LAB) LCO 7745 The motion was made by Sen. Kushner and seconded by Rep. Simms.

Sen. Osten noted that the fiscal component is being removed because it's already been added to the budget.

Sen. Miner asked about money for training.

Sen. Osten stated that the money has been added to the budget.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 31 voting Yea, 16 voting Nay, 1 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for S.B. No. 1064](#) (RAISED) (File No. 564) AN ACT CONCERNING A WAIVER OF INTEREST ON PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AND THE INTEREST RATE FOR CERTAIN TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS. (PD) The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Gilchrest.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 48 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for H.B. No. 6511](#) (RAISED) (File No. 166) AN ACT REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR YOUTH SPORTS COACHES, TRAINERS AND INSTRUCTORS. (KID) The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Candelaria.

Rep. France stated that this bill is very similar to HB 6417. He will be flagging it for a no.

Rep. Kennedy noted that she will vote yes to get this out of committee, but looks forward to more dialogue on the floor.

Sen. Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 46 voting Yea, 2 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for H.B. No. 6626](#) (RAISED) (File No. 351) AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE AND MEDICAID COVERAGE, AMBULANCE SERVICES AND COST TRANSPARENCY. (INS) The motion was made by Rep. Tercyak and seconded by Rep. Porter.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 32 voting Yea, 15 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 4 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten stated that they will be taking a 2 minute timeout at the request of the Administrator.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for H.B. No. 6194](#) (COMM) (File No. 498) AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND OVERSIGHT OF QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACTS (GAE) The motion was made by Rep. Simms and seconded by Rep. Candelaria.

Rep. Porter asked what the bill was about.

Sen. Osten asked Sen. Flexer, the GAE Chair, to weigh in.

Sen. Flexer said that this was a priority of House Republicans.

Rep. France said that it expands the oversight of the State Contracting Standards Board to quasi public agencies.

Sen. Osten stated that there was a recent letter from the Attorney General stating that the role of quasi publics needed to be clarified.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 46 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 5 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for S.B. No. 764](#) (RAISED) (File No. 109) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PROVIDERS. (HS) The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Candelaria.

Rep. France asked for confirmation that peer support specialists are not currently covered in the budget.

Sen. Osten said that is correct.

Rep. France said that he is going to flag it as a no.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 46 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 4 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [H.B. No. 5423](#) (COMM) (File No. 409) AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF PASSENGER TRAIN AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT. (TRA) The motion was made by Rep. Nolan and seconded by Rep. McCarty.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 47 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 0 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for S.B. No. 2](#) (COMM) (File No. 246) AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL EQUITY AND THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN. (KID) The motion was made by Rep. Porter and seconded by Rep. Nolan.

Rep. McCarty stated that she had some concerns on some provisions of this bill, but hopefully can support it later.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 33 voting Yea, 15 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for S.B. No. 121](#) (COMM) (File No. 313) AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DIAPER CHANGING STATIONS



IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS. (PS) The motion was made by Rep. Nolan and seconded by Sen. Winfield.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 46 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 4 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [S.B. No. 576](#) (COMM) (File No. 420) AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE ON THE WATERBURY BRANCH OF THE METRO-NORTH COMMUTER RAILROAD. (TRA) The motion was made by Rep. Simms and seconded by Sen. Hartley.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 47 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 4 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for S.B. No. 1074](#) (RAISED) (File No. 525) AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS PROVISIONS RELATED TO GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND COVID-19. (GAE) The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Sen. Miner.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 46 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 4 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for H.B. No. 6635](#) (RAISED) (File No. 507) AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE. (HS) The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Simms.

Sen. Hartley asked if this is in the budget.

Rep. Abercrombie stated that it is in the DSS budget.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 32 voting Yea, 15 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 4 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [S.B. No. 901](#) (RAISED) (File No. 114) AN ACT EXTENDING TO JUNE 30, 2021, CHANGES IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 2020 STATE ELECTION AS A RESULT OF COVID-19. (GAE) The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Tercyak.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 31 voting Yea, 15 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 5 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [S.B. No. 1047](#) (RAISED) (File No. 372) AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE AND CLIMATE CHANGE. (INS) The motion was made by Sen. Lesser and seconded by Rep. Nolan.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 32 voting Yea, 15 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 4 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [S.B. No. 702](#) (RAISED) (File No. 35) AN ACT CONCERNING A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FREE SWIMMING LESSONS TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN. (KID) The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Tercyak.

Sen. Miner said that there is trouble getting lifeguards, so he doesn't know how this could get done or funded.

Sen. Osten said that the reason Passport to Parks had a problem is because the Comptroller was charging seasonal employees fringe. In the deficiency bill they put \$2.5m aside for the Passport to Parks unfunded liability.

Sen. Miner said there are no lifeguards and trying to jam this in this fund doesn't seem appropriate.

Rep. France asked if the reasons individuals who have drown in public water is known, and is it because they didn't know how to swim.

Sen. Osten said she didn't know all of them, but there are various reasons.

Rep. Betts asked where money for lifeguards comes from and if the state will be liable.

Sen. Osten said the State of CT is liable for anything that happens in state parks. Also, this will end up being a pilot program to help urban area young people learn how to swim and will be out of Passport to Parks.

Sen. Hartley aligned her comments with Sen. Miner on the inability to hire lifeguards. She said the number of fatalities is rising, even for teenagers. She notes that this is urgent, and hopefully it can start as a pilot program that can be properly scaled up.

Rep. Felipe stated how prevalent this issue is in urban areas, and that licensed lifeguards are very important.

Sen. Anwar stated that the Office of the Child Advocate shared that this bill can prevent a number of death and urged his colleagues to support it.

Sen. Miner emphasized that he is not opposed to people learning to swim, but municipalities should appropriate the money, not Passport to Parks.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 32 voting Yea, 15 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 4 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [S.B. No. 1004](#) (RAISED) (File No. 323) AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, STEPCHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN. (INS) The motion was made by Rep. Simms and seconded by Rep. Abercrombie.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 32 voting Yea, 15 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 4 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [S.B. No. 1007](#) (RAISED) (File No. 364) AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE AND MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF SEVERE OBESITY. (INS) The motion was made by Rep. Nolan and seconded by Sen. Kushner.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 44 voting Yea, 2 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 5 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for H.B. No. 5586](#) (COMM) (File No. 377) AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE CRISIS INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THE EMERGENCY INTERVENTION BY A POLICE OFFICER WHEN A PERSON SUFFERS AN OPIOID OVERDOSE. (PS) The motion was made by Rep. McCarty and seconded by Rep. Howard.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 46 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 4 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for H.B. No. 6595](#) (RAISED) (File No. 463) AN ACT CONCERNING LABOR MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER STAFFING ISSUES. (LAB) The motion was made by Rep. Porter and seconded by Rep. Tercyak.

Sen. Miner asked if these dollars will come out of the American Rescue Plan.

Sen. Osten said this may or may not fit into those dollars.

Sen. Miner asked if they are part of the budget currently.

Sen. Osten said they were not.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 32 voting Yea, 14 voting Nay, 1 Abstaining, and 4 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called for a Joint Favorable Motion for [Substitute for S.B. No. 1002](#) (RAISED) (File No. 464) AN ACT CONCERNING LABOR ISSUES RELATED TO COVID-19, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER STAFFING MATTERS. (LAB) The motion was made by Sen. Kushner and seconded by Rep McGee.

Sen. Osten stated that this references ARP, but has no validity over ARP spending.

Rep Porter recommended that colleagues vote yes so it can move forward.

Sen Osten asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with 31 voting Yea, 15 voting Nay, 1 Abstaining, 4 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Osten called the meeting to recess at 6:48pm.

Sen. Miner, Rep. France, Rep. Abercrombie, and Sen. Osten gave closing remarks.

Sen. Osten stated that votes would be held open until 7:30pm.

At 7:21 Sen. Osten extended the meeting until 8:00pm.

A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

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Susan Keane  
Administrator

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Allie Kazlauskas  
Committee Clerk