



JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

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The House of Representatives was called to order at 12:08 o'clock p.m., Representative Vargas of the 6th District in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Mary Alice Hughes of Haddam, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Lord, we thank You for your guidance as we gather today in this Chamber. Bless us as we work to serve the common good of Your people. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mary Alice Hughes of Haddam, Connecticut.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR

The following communications were received from His Excellency, the Governor, on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

January 8, 2021

Corrected Letters

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 46a-13k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint **SARAH HEALY EAGAN**, of West Hartford, to be the Child Advocate, for a term of four years from the date of her confirmation.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-5 through 4-7 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **KAREN E. DUBOIS-WALTON**, of New Haven, to the State Board of Education, to be a member, in succession to Stephen Wright, to serve a term ending February 29, 2024, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT

Governor

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS**

On motion of Representative Concepcion of the 4th District, 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.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. 5001 REP. WINKLER, 56th DIST.; REP. DOUCETTE, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENSION AND ANNUITY INCOME DEDUCTION FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX AND THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLD FOR MARRIED INDIVIDUALS FILING JOINTLY', to increase the qualifying income threshold for the pension and annuity income deduction from the personal income tax for married individuals filing jointly, to twice the amount of the qualifying income threshold for an unmarried individual.

Proposed H.B. No. 5002 REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A GRACE PERIOD FOR TAXPAYERS TO CORRECT PAYMENT PROCESSING PROBLEMS', to establish a grace period for taxpayers to address a payment processing problem for taxes owed without incurring a penalty.

Proposed H.B. No. 5003 REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER LINE ON JACKSON STREET IN THE TOWN OF THOMASTON', to construct a water line on Jackson Street in Thomaston.

Proposed H.B. No. 5004 REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING BREASTFEEDING SUPPLIES FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES', to exempt breastfeeding supplies from the sales and use taxes.

Proposed H.B. No. 5005 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE WAIVER OF INTEREST LEVIED ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES', to allow municipalities to waive the eighteen per cent interest levied on delinquent property taxes.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5006 REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST.; SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FUNDS IN THE CONNECTICUT LAKES, RIVERS AND PONDS PRESERVATION ACCOUNT', to establish clear requirements for priority funding to combat aquatic invasive species within Connecticut lakes, rivers and ponds.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed H.B. No. 5007 REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST. 'AN ACT WITHDRAWING CONNECTICUT FROM THE AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE', to withdraw the state from the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote.

Proposed H.B. No. 5008 REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION', to eliminate election day registration.

Proposed H.B. No. 5009 REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES OF CERTAIN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS AND PAROLEES', to provide for restoration of electoral privileges to individuals incarcerated as a result of felonies of certain classifications and retention of such privileges by individuals who may be so incarcerated in the future, as well as to restore the electoral privileges of convicted felons who are on parole.

Proposed H.B. No. 5010 REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING THE NUMBER OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS', to reduce the regulatory burden on our state's businesses and residents by limiting the number of state agency regulations.

Proposed H.B. No. 5011 REP. WINKLER, 56th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to reduce the fee for copying public records and provide no fee for copying records with a camera, cell phone or portable scanner.

Proposed H.B. No. 5012 REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST. 'AN ACT PROPORTIONALLY AWARDING THE STATE'S ELECTORAL COLLEGE VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES', to more proportionally award Connecticut's Electoral College votes.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed H.B. No. 5013 REP. PAVALOCK-D'AMATO, 77th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT REVIEW', to alter the manner in which the General Assembly enacts new mandated health insurance benefits.

Proposed H.B. No. 5014 REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING DATA REPORTING TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW CONCERNING PARITY OF BENEFITS FOR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES', to use data reporting to support parity of benefits for physical and mental health services.

Proposed H.B. No. 5015 REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS AND REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR OUTPATIENT PEER SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY CERTIFIED PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS', to require: (1) The Commissioner of Public Health to adopt regulations (A) providing for the certification and education of peer support specialists, and (B) specifying the peer support services that a certified peer support specialist may provide to another individual in this state; and (2) health insurance coverage for peer support services provided by certified peer support specialists on an outpatient basis.

Proposed H.B. No. 5016 REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING BEER MANUFACTURERS, THEIR EMPLOYEES AND THE DEPENDENTS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES FROM VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE INSURANCE STATUTES CONCERNING SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE', to exclude beer manufacturers, their employees and the dependents of their employees from various provisions of the insurance statutes concerning small employer health insurance coverage.

Proposed H.B. No. 5017 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR GENETIC CYSTIC FIBROSIS SCREENINGS FOR WOMEN', to require health insurance coverage for genetic cystic fibrosis screenings for women.

JUDICIARY

Proposed H.B. No. 5018 REP. VARGAS, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT RESTRICTING REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS FROM THE VICINITY OF A SCHOOL BUS STOP', to prevent opportunities for registered sex offenders to engage with students at school bus stops.

Proposed H.B. No. 5019 REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE OFFERING OF SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS AT HOTELS, MOTELS OR SIMILAR LODGINGS AT AN HOURLY RATE AND REQUIRING THAT USERS OF SUCH PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION PROVIDE THE OPERATOR WITH POSITIVE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION', to protect victims of sex trafficking and enhance the ability of law enforcement personnel to apprehend and prosecute individuals who promote sex trafficking.

Proposed H.B. No. 5020 REP. LABRIOLA, 131st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOLDERS OF COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES AND ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PRETRIAL ALCOHOL EDUCATION PROGRAMS', to allow holders of commercial driver's licenses to participate in alcohol education programming under certain circumstances.

Proposed H.B. No. 5021 REP. CASE, 63rd DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT A REAL ESTATE CLOSING BE CONDUCTED BY AN ATTORNEY WHO IS LICENSED AND IN GOOD STANDING IN THIS STATE', to eliminate the requirement that a real estate closing be conducted by an attorney who is licensed and in good standing in this state.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed H.B. No. 5022 REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING THE DURATION OF A RENEWAL OF THE DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH OR CIVIL PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY DURING A PANDEMIC', to limit the duration of a renewal of the declaration of a public health or civil preparedness emergency during a pandemic to not longer than a month.

Proposed H.B. No. 5023 REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA, 105th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FROM ARREST FOR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR WHEN A PERSON UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE SEEKS ASSISTANCE FOR POSSIBLE ALCOHOL POISONING', to save lives by encouraging minors to seek medical assistance for alcohol poisoning.

Proposed H.B. No. 5024 REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA, 105th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SURGICAL SMOKE IN THE OPERATING ROOM', to require hospitals and outpatient surgical facilities to adopt and implement a policy to prevent human exposure to surgical smoke through the use of a surgical smoke evacuation system.

Proposed H.B. No. 5025 REP. NUCCIO, 53rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE DENTAL COMMISSION', to include a dental hygienist on the State Dental Commission.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed H.B. No. 5026 REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT DESIGNATING A PORTION OF ROUTES 68 AND 70 IN CHESHIRE AS A BIKEWAY', to designate a portion of a roadway in Cheshire as a bikeway in accordance with the Department of Transportation's Active Transportation Plan.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed H.J. No. 1 REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING TERM LIMITS FOR LEGISLATORS', to establish term limits for legislators.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed S.B. No. 1 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. MCCRORY, 2nd DIST.; SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. SLAP, 5th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST.; SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. CABRERA, 17th DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. KASSER, 36th DIST.; SEN. BRADLEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT EQUALIZING COMPREHENSIVE ACCESS TO MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC', to equalize comprehensive access to mental, behavioral and physical health care in response to the pandemic.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed S.B. No. 2 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. MCCRORY, 2nd DIST.; SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. SLAP, 5th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. CABRERA, 17th DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. KASSER, 36th DIST.; SEN. BRADLEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL EQUITY OF CHILDREN IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC', to secure the safety, education and social equity of children in response to the pandemic.

COMMERCE

Proposed S.B. No. 3 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. MCCRORY, 2nd DIST.; SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. SLAP, 5th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. CABRERA, 17th DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. KASSER, 36th DIST.; SEN. BRADLEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DIVERSE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, WORKER PROTECTIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS REVITALIZATION', to grow the economy by supporting diverse economic opportunities, worker protections and small business revitalization.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Proposed S.B. No. 4 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. MCCRORY, 2nd DIST.; SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. SLAP, 5th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST.; SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. CABRERA, 17th DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. KASSER, 36th DIST.; SEN. BRADLEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DATA PRIVACY, NET NEUTRALITY, CYBER SECURITY AND FAIRNESS IN DATA USAGE IN THE NEW AGE OF A DIGITAL WORKFORCE', to protect the economy and online learning from data breaches and limits on broadband usage.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 5 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. MCCRORY, 2nd DIST.; SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN.

SLAP, 5th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST.; SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. CABRERA, 17th DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. KASSER, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND SAFE AND SECURE LOCATIONS TO VOTE', to allow electors to request an absentee ballot online, to increase access to voter registration, to increase voter participation and to increase voter access to safe and secure locations to vote.

JUDICIARY

Proposed S.B. No. 6 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. MCCRORY, 2nd DIST.; SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. SLAP, 5th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. CABRERA, 17th DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. KASSER, 36th DIST.; SEN. BRADLEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, COMPASSIONATE RELEASE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICIES', to improve the criminal justice system, protect incarcerated individuals from unnecessary death, and protect domestic violence victims in abusive relationships from coercive control from their abusers.

AGING

Proposed S.B. No. 7 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT RAISING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE INSTITUTIONS', to increase the amount of money residents of long-term care institutions who receive medical assistance may keep for personal needs.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 8 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING OFF-SHORE DRILLING AND MAPPING FOR GAS AND OIL', to prohibit offshore drilling and mapping for oil and gas.

Proposed S.B. No. 9 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EFFECTS OF SODIUM CHLORIDE ON PRIVATE WELLS AND PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES', to mitigate the environmental effects of sodium chloride that is used for ice and snow melt on road surfaces.

Proposed S.B. No. 10 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING DISABLED VETERANS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to exempt disabled veterans from the Passport to the Parks fee.

Proposed S.B. No. 11 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PFAS IN FIREFIGHTING FOAMS', to prohibit the use of PFAS in firefighting foams and establish a take-back program for such chemicals.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 12 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUMS', to establish a personal income tax deduction for premiums paid for long-term care insurance.

Proposed S.B. No. 13 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING BREASTFEEDING SUPPLIES FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES', to exempt breastfeeding supplies from the sales and use taxes.

Proposed S.B. No. 14 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR A FARM BUILDING', to increase the maximum amount of property tax exemption a municipality may opt to provide for a farm building.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 15 SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST. '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.

Proposed S.B. No. 16 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT DESIGNATING CONNECTICUT RACE AMITY DAY', to designate the second Sunday in June of each year as Connecticut Race Amity Day.

Proposed S.B. No. 17 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR WRONGFUL DENIALS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to increase the maximum penalty for the wrongful denial of any right created by the Freedom of Information Act.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 18 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF PERMANENTLY DISABLED VETERANS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to waive the payment of tuition at public institutions of higher education for the dependent children of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled and reside in the state.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed S.B. No. 19 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH COVERAGE FOR OUTPATIENT PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS', to prohibit health insurance policies providing coverage for outpatient prescription drugs, and mental health care benefits provided under state law, with state funds or to state employees, from: (1) Requiring a prescribing health care provider to prescribe an outpatient psychotropic drug in a quantity that the provider deems clinically inappropriate; or (2) imposing increased cost-sharing for less than a ninety-day supply of a covered outpatient psychotropic drug if a prescribing health care provider deems a ninety-day supply of such drug to be clinically inappropriate.

Proposed S.B. No. 20 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING INSURERS FROM ACQUIRING ANY OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN MEDICAL PRACTICES', to prohibit an insurer from acquiring any ownership interest in a medical practice in this state.

Proposed S.B. No. 21 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE', to: (1) Cap certain long-term care insurance premium rate increases at the rate of inflation for long-term care insurance policies for three years; (2) require an insurer that purchases a group long-term care insurance policy from another insurer to honor the contractual obligations of the transferring insurer to the consumer as determined on the date that the transferring insurer delivered or issued such policy to the consumer; and (3) establish the Consumer Advocacy Group Regarding Long-Term Care Insurance to advise the General Assembly regarding long-term care insurance.

Proposed S.B. No. 22 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC OPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT', to: (1) Establish the ConnectHealth Program, the ConnectHealth Trust Account and the ConnectHealth Advisory Board; (2) require the Comptroller, in consultation with the ConnectHealth Advisory Board and the Office of Health Strategy, to establish the ConnectHealth Plan; (3) authorize the Comptroller to offer coverage to plan participants and beneficiaries in this state under a multiemployer plan, nonprofit employers and their employees, and small employers and their employees; and (4) require the Commissioner of Social Services to seek to amend the federal waiver for the state-wide dental plan that provides for the administration of the dental services portion of the department's medical assistance to expand coverage to include additional individuals in this state.

Proposed S.B. No. 23 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DETOXIFICATION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES', to modify required health insurance coverage for detoxification and substance abuse services.

Proposed S.B. No. 24 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING CHANGES TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES AND LISTS OF COVERED DRUGS', to limit the circumstances in which a health carrier may remove a prescription drug from a drug formulary or list of covered drugs, or move a prescription drug to a different cost-sharing tier, during a plan year.

Proposed S.B. No. 25 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE PERIL OF COLLAPSE AND CERTAIN STRUCTURAL MITIGATION', to require homeowners insurance policies to provide coverage for: (1) The peril of collapse; and (2) mitigation undertaken to prevent all or part of the covered dwelling from falling down or caving in.

Proposed S.B. No. 26 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CRUMBLING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS', to: (1) Extend the sunset date for Connecticut Foundation Solutions Indemnity Company, Inc.; and (2) require the Insurance Commissioner to study methods available to accelerate responses by insurers to claims under homeowners insurance policies for foundation deterioration due to the presence of pyrrhotite.

Proposed S.B. No. 27 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SPECIALIZED FORMULAS', to require health insurance coverage for specialized formulas for individuals twelve years of age and older.

Proposed S.B. No. 28 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SEVERE OBESITY TREATMENT', to require health insurance coverage for certain surgical procedures performed, and certain outpatient prescription drugs prescribed, to treat severe obesity.

Proposed S.B. No. 29 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS, QUALIFIED HEALTH PLANS AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY', to: (1) Require certain high deductible health plans to apply annual deductibles on a calendar year basis; (2) require certain health care providers to promptly refund excess cost-sharing payments for covered benefits; (3) require certain qualified health plans offered through the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange to cover certain benefits, have a minimum actuarial value of at least seventy per cent and offer a broad provider network; (4) prohibit life insurers from discriminating against persons on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; and (5) make changes to various provisions of the general statutes concerning high deductible health plans to more closely conform to provisions of the Internal Revenue Code concerning health savings accounts and medical savings accounts.

Proposed S.B. No. 30 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, STEPCHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN', to allow children, stepchildren and other dependent children to retain dental insurance coverage under their parents' insurance policies until they attain the age of twenty-six or obtain substitute coverage through an employer.

Proposed S.B. No. 31 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIVING ORGAN DONOR INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION', to: (1) Prohibit certain insurers from discriminating against an individual solely because the individual is a living organ donor; and (2) provide that such discrimination constitutes a violation of the Connecticut Unfair Insurance Practices Act.

Proposed S.B. No. 32 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SETTLEMENT AND DISPOSITION OF HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE CLAIMS', to require each insurer that delivers or issues a homeowners insurance policy in this state to settle or otherwise dispose of a claim under the policy not later than forty-five days after the claim is made.

Proposed S.B. No. 33 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTS BETWEEN HEALTH CARRIERS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS', to prohibit a health carrier from: (1) Requiring a contracting health care provider to collect any cost-sharing payment due and owing from an insured for a covered benefit that the health care provider provided to the insured; and (2) reducing any payment to a contracting health care provider due to an insured's nonpayment or partial payment of the insured's cost-sharing liability for a covered benefit that the health care provider provided to the insured.

Proposed S.B. No. 34 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN HEALTH CARRIERS AND PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS FROM EMPLOYING COPAY ACCUMULATOR PROGRAMS', to require certain health carriers and pharmacy benefits managers to give credit for payments made by third parties for the amount of, or any portion of the amount of, an insured's or enrollee's cost-sharing liability for a covered benefit.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed S.B. No. 35 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION EXPENSES FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS ADOPTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' FOSTER CARE PROGRAM', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to amend the policy of the Department of Children and Families concerning financial assistance for post-secondary education expenses by expanding the provision of such assistance to any individual adopted through the department on or after January 1, 2001.

Proposed S.B. No. 36 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL LUNCH DEBT', to prohibit punitive action against public school children for unpaid school lunch charges and allow public and private entities to donate funds to pay such debt.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 37 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REASSESSMENT OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS WITH DEFECTIVE CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS AND QUARRY GEOLOGICAL SOURCE REPORTING', to permit any owner of a residential building with a foundation made of defective concrete to obtain a reassessment of such building, which shall remain valid until such foundation is repaired or replaced, and to require quarries that produce aggregate for use in concrete to annually prepare a geological source report.

Proposed S.B. No. 38 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT LOWERING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS', to increase the number of elderly residents eligible for property tax relief and permit municipalities to exempt from taxation one motor vehicle belonging to a person seventy-one years of age or older who has resided in the municipality for not less than forty years.

Proposed S.B. No. 39 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE ZONING ENABLING ACT AND THE PROMOTION OF MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE', to reorganize the Zoning Enabling Act and promote municipal compliance with said act.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed S.B. No. 40 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS WITHIN FIVE MILES OF A SCHOOL', to decrease the risk of children being exposed to and using electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products.

Proposed S.B. No. 41 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF REFILLABLE ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS IN THE STATE', to prohibit the sale of refillable electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products in the state.

Proposed S.B. No. 42 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO IDENTITY DOCUMENTS BY HOMELESS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS', to waive the fee for a certified copy of a birth certificate for youth and young adults who are homeless to enable them to obtain identity documents for purposes of accessing employment, participating in community-based programs and obtaining housing and other supports.

Proposed S.B. No. 43 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEDICAL GUILD', to allow physicians to establish a medical guild.

Proposed S.B. No. 44 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ONLINE SALE AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS', to require online sellers of electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products to require purchasers of such systems and products to (1) provide identification at the time of purchase, and (2) ensure that the name on such identification matches the name on the method of payment used to make the purchase.

Proposed S.B. No. 45 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTION EFFORTS BY HOSPITALS AND COLLECTION AGENTS AGAINST UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED PATIENTS', to restrict the: (1) Amount that a hospital or collection agent may recover from an uninsured or underinsured patient for the unpaid cost of health care; and (2) manner in which a hospital or collection agent may secure or recover payment for such unpaid cost.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed S.B. No. 46 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE GREATER HARTFORD MOBILITY STUDY', to expedite the completion of the Greater Hartford Mobility Study.

Proposed S.B. No. 47 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FLASHING LIGHTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES', to include members of an emergency response unit of the Department of Energy and Environmental

Protection providing environmental emergency services among those authorized to display flashing lights.

HOUSING

Proposed S.B. No. 48 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL HOUSING PROTECTIONS FOR A VICTIM OF FAMILY VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT', to allow a person who has a valid order of protection to request that such person's landlord change the locks to the person's dwelling unit or permit such person to change the locks.

Proposed S.B. No. 49 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE', to establish the workforce housing development program in opportunity zones and to create additional opportunities for workforce housing development in other parts of the state using tax credits, fee waivers and property tax abatement.

Proposed S.B. No. 50 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HEALTHY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM', to establish a pilot program to provide rental assistance certificates to enable families who have children with persistent asthma to move to healthier environments.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed S.B. No. 51 SEN. CHAMPAGNE, 35th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUM RATE INCREASES', to impose an annual cap on long-term care insurance premium rate increases.

Proposed S.B. No. 52 SEN. CHAMPAGNE, 35th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OUT-OF-NETWORK HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS', to require an out-of-network health care provider to inform an insured that the provider is out-of-network, and provide the insured with an opportunity to decline to receive health care services from the provider, before the provider provides health care services to the insured.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed S.B. No. 53 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR CARDIAC HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO INVEST IN NEW FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT', to allow timely access to cardiac health care services that can mean life or death for patients in cardiac distress.

Proposed S.B. No. 54 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE THE EFFICACY OF THE STATE'S CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM AND ITS IMPACT ON THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM', to establish a task force to evaluate the state's certificate of need program and its impact on the health care system.

Proposed S.B. No. 55 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT DESIGNATING RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN THE STATE AND ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF INSTITUTIONAL RACISM ON PUBLIC HEALTH', to designate racism as a public health crisis in the state and establish a commission to study the impact of institutional racism on public health.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed S.J. No. 3 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT EARLY VOTING', to permit early voting.

Proposed S.J. No. 4 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING', to eliminate the requirement that an elector satisfy a particular reason specified by law in order to cast an absentee ballot.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Concepcion of the 4th District, the House adjourned at 12:10 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.