



JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:25 o'clock p.m., in accordance with the provisions of House Rule 50, and under the authority of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the House Minority Leader.

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

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Lord, You have entrusted us as stewards of Your creation. Please provide a special blessing to those who serve here and guide them as they make decisions that will benefit all our citizens. Amen.

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

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House of Representatives was called to order, by the Office of the House Clerk under the authority of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the House Minority Leader.

It was moved that the House agenda dated Wednesday, January 13, 2021 be adopted, and the items on said agenda - illustrating Business on the Clerk's desk - were acted upon as indicated, and the matters contained in the agenda were incorporated by reference into the House Journal and the House Transcript.

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 13, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint the **HONORABLE SALVATORE C. AGATI**, of Watertown, to the Judicial Review Council, as a Superior Court Judge in succession to the Honorable John F. Kavanewsky, Jr., to serve a term ending November 30, 2024, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 4-1 and 17a-581 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **DR. JOHN BONETTI** to the Psychiatric Security Review Board, as a psychiatrist experienced with the criminal justice system and not otherwise employed on a permanent basis by the state, in succession to Hassan M. Minhas, to complete a term ending on June 30, 2021, and to serve a full term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **ROBERT BOUVIER**, of Greenwich, to the Judicial Review Council, as a person who is not a judge or attorney-at-law, in succession to Lawrence Goldman, to serve a term ending November 30, 2024, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 4-9a, 10a-62, 10a-63 of the Connecticut General Statutes I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **GREGORY DUNCAN HARRIS**, of Windsor, to be a member of the New England Board of Higher Education, in succession to Angel B. Perez, to serve a term ending October 23, 2022, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 10a-1a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **ARI SANTIAGO**, of West Hartford, to be member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, in succession to Peter Rosa, to serve a term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 4-142a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint **CHRISTY L. SCOTT** from Berlin, to be Claims Commissioner, to serve for a term ending June 30, 2025, and until a successor has been appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1a and 12-802 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **ROBERT T. SIMMELKJAER, II**, to be a member and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to serve a term coterminous with my term or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

Date Received: January 12, 2021

**FAVORABLE REPORTS OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

The following House Joint Resolution were received from the committees indicated, the resolutions read the second time and tabled for the Calendar:

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 3 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ANDREW J. MCDONALD OF HARTFORD TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT AND A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 4 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE SHELLEY A. MARCUS OF BRANFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 5 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MARCIA J. GLEESON OF AVON TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 6 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE PETER L. BROWN OF HAMDEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 7 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE FRANK M. D'ADDABBO, JR. OF CROMWELL TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 8 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN F. CRONAN OF BRANFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 9 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MARSHALL K. BERGER, JR. OF CANTON TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 10 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE A. WILLIAM MOTTOLESE OF STAMFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 11 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE CONSTANCE L. EPSTEIN OF GLASTONBURY TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 12 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE DALE W. RADCLIFFE OF BRIDGEPORT TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 13 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN TURNER OF HAMDEN TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 14 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF BARBARA M. QUINN OF CHESTER TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 15 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT T. RESHA OF DANBURY TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 16 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE GARY J. WHITE OF STAMFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS

Pursuant to House Rule 50, 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

Proposed H.B. No. 5149 REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATE EMPLOYEES FOR MILEAGE AND PAYMENTS FOR OVERTIME FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME', to eliminate mileage reimbursements and payments for overtime from being included in pension calculations for state employees.

COMMERCE

Proposed H.B. No. 5150 REP. NUCCIO, 53rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE HIRING PROGRAM FOR RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATES', to incentivize recent graduates to work and live in Connecticut, replenish our aging state workforce and assist with the burden of student debt.

Proposed H.B. No. 5151 REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE RAILROAD MUSEUM OF NEW ENGLAND IN THOMASTON', to provide funding to the Railroad Museum of New England in the town of Thomaston for construction and renovations to the museum.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5152 REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DIVERSION OF FOOD WASTE FROM THE SOLID WASTE STREAM', to encourage a reduction in the amount of trash generated and reduce town costs for garbage disposal.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Proposed H.B. No. 5153 REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST. 'AN ACT RECLASSIFYING TRASH-TO-ENERGY FACILITIES AS A CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE', to reclassify trash-to-energy facilities as a Class I renewable energy source.

Proposed H.B. No. 5154 REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CLASSIFICATION OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING ENERGY

CONSUMPTION', to establish a working group to evaluate the energy consumption classification procedure for nonprofit organizations.

GENERAL LAW

Proposed H.B. No. 5155 REP. HOWARD, 43rd DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING THE SALE OF WINE IN GROCERY STORES', to allow for the sale of wine in grocery stores, and provide consumers easier access to purchase locally made farm wine.

JUDICIARY

Proposed H.B. No. 5156 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL DISTRIBUTION OF OPIOIDS', to increase penalties for persons illegally dealing, trafficking in or otherwise distributing opioids, and to hold such persons liable for any resulting overdose deaths.

Proposed H.B. No. 5157 REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING ELDERLY PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES TO PERMANENTLY OPT OUT OF JURY SERVICE', to permit the elderly or those incapable of serving as jurors due to physical or mental disability to permanently opt out of jury service.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed H.B. No. 5158 REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BREASTFEEDING IN THE WORKPLACE', to specify certain parameters for a room or other location in the workplace that accommodates employee breastfeeding.

Proposed H.B. No. 5159 REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PREVAILING WAGE THRESHOLD FOR RENOVATIONS', to increase the prevailing wage threshold for renovations.

Proposed H.B. No. 5160 REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BINDING ARBITRATION TIME FRAMES', to amend the binding arbitration time frame in Connecticut.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5161 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF MUNICIPAL LEGAL NOTICES', to authorize municipalities to post legal notices on municipal Internet web sites in lieu of publication in newspapers.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Proposed H.B. No. 5162 REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT CREATING A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES REGARDING CARE OF PEOPLE ADDICTED TO OPIOIDS', to combat opioid abuse and addiction.

Proposed H.B. No. 5163 REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE-WIDE POLICY FOR PURSUITS BY POLICE OFFICERS', to allow police officers to more effectively apprehend a person suspected of stealing a motor vehicle.

Proposed H.B. No. 5164 REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE OF RESIDENTIAL STAIR LIFT TECHNICIANS', to promote and facilitate the safe installation of personal stair lifts by requiring installers of such lifts in private residences to be licensed as residential stair lift technicians.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed H.B. No. 5165 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE VISIBILITY OF METEOROLOGICAL EVALUATION TOWERS', to establish safety standards for meteorological evaluation towers and penalties for violating such standards.

Proposed H.B. No. 5166 REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT AND GROUP WELFARE BENEFITS FOR CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES', to amend the retirement and group welfare benefits given to certain unclassified state employees at the Connecticut Airport Authority.

Proposed H.B. No. 5167 REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE WAIVER OF FEES FOR OPERATOR'S LICENSES AND MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR VETERANS', to waive any operator's license or motor vehicle registration fee for one licensing period for a qualifying veteran who is a current resident of the state, rather than a veteran who was a resident at the time of his or her induction into the armed forces.

Proposed H.B. No. 5168 REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SIGNS INDICATING THE LOCATION OF THE MARLBOROUGH ARTS CENTER', to erect signs in Marlborough informing motorists and tourists of the location of the Marlborough Arts Center.

Proposed H.B. No. 5169 REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT NAMING A BRIDGE IN MARLBOROUGH IN HONOR OF THEODORE J. MAY, JR', to name a bridge in the town of Marlborough in honor of long-time resident Theodore J. May, Jr.

JUDICIARY

Proposed H.B. No. 5170 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF AUTO THEFT CASES OF CERTAIN JUVENILE REPEAT OFFENDERS TO THE CRIMINAL DOCKET', to require the automatic transfer to criminal court of a case of a juvenile charged with larceny involving theft of a motor vehicle when the juvenile has at least four prior adjudications or convictions for a felony and to change the factors a court must consider when determining whether to transfer a case involving a juvenile charged with certain felonies.

APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 134 SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMPTROLLER TO FUND THE UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITY PORTION OF FRINGE BENEFIT COSTS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH CENTER', to facilitate the privatization of The University of Connecticut Health Center, or the ability of the health center to enter into public-private partnerships.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Proposed S.B. No. 135 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGH PERFORMANCE GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS FOR VOLUNTARY ADOPTION BY MUNICIPALITIES', to permit adoption of residential and commercial building construction standards by municipalities.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 136 SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT RESTRICTING THE APPLICATION OF THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to reduce the impact of the Passport to the Parks vehicle registration fee for certain motor vehicle owners.

Proposed S.B. No. 137 SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF BLACK BEARS, ESTABLISHING A WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN HAZING TECHNIQUES IN MUNICIPALITIES WITH A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF BLACK BEAR SIGHTINGS', to address black bear sighting and safety issues.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 138 SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS', to nullify the vote of, remove and replace any faithless presidential elector.

GENERAL LAW

Proposed S.B. No. 139 SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; REP. STEINBERG, 136th DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING MEAD TO BE SOLD BY THE HOLDER OF A GIFT BASKET RETAILER PERMIT', to add mead to the list of permissible alcoholic beverages sold under the gift basket retailer permit.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed S.B. No. 140 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STATE WORKFORCE AND RETIRING EMPLOYEES', to establish a task force to study the state workforce and retiring employees.

Proposed S.B. No. 141 SEN. KASSER, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF PAID MUNICIPAL OR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS', to protect firefighters' health and secure their benefits in the event that they contract cancer due to their service.

Proposed S.B. No. 142 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT EXTENDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION EMPLOYEES AND DISPATCHERS', to extend workers' compensation benefits for certain mental or emotional impairments to emergency medical services personnel, Department of Correction employees and dispatchers.

Proposed S.B. No. 143 SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING ON-CALL SHIFT SCHEDULING', to prohibit the practice of on-call shift scheduling.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 144 SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE MINORITY REPRESENTATION RULE TO FIRE DISTRICTS', to extend the minority representation rule to fire districts.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Proposed S.B. No. 145 SEN. BERTHEL, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER', to extend the validity of a temporary permit to carry a pistol or revolver until the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection either rejects issuing a state permit or issues a state permit.

Proposed S.B. No. 146 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST.; REP. CHEESEMAN, 37th DIST.; REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. DE LA CRUZ, 41st DIST.; REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST.; SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST.; REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST.; SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST.; REP. SMITH, 48th DIST.; SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST.; REP. NOLAN, 39th DIST.; REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST.; REP. HOWARD, 43rd DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPORTS WAGERING, INTERNET GAMING, INTERNET LOTTERY AND INTERNET KENO', to authorize sports wagering, internet gaming, internet lottery and internet keno in this state.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed S.B. No. 147 SEN. BERTHEL, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES TAKEN BY EMINENT DOMAIN', to adequately compensate property owners when their land is taken by eminent domain.

Proposed S.B. No. 148 SEN. BERTHEL, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS ON HOLDERS OF MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSES WHO ARE SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE', to permit a person who holds a motor vehicle operator's license and is sixteen or seventeen years of age to transport a sibling to and from school for the period of six months after the date of issuance of such license.

Proposed S.B. No. 149 SEN. BERTHEL, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT NAMING A PORTION OF ROUTE 6 IN WOODBURY IN HONOR OF DANNY LOGUE', to name a portion of Route 6 in honor of Danny Logue to recognize his service to the community and his belief in the importance of civic involvement.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed S.J. No. 7 SEN. KASSER, 36th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ALLOWING FOR NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING', to eliminate restrictions on a qualified elector's ability to cast an absentee ballot, rather than appearing in person, to vote at an election.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 4:26 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.