



## **JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE**

**Monday, January 25, 2021**

The House of Representatives was called to order at 3:04 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, may You provide a special blessing to those who serve here. Allow them to fulfill their duties and obligations so that the concerns of all may be addressed. 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 Monday, January 25, 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.

### **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. 5432 REP. VAIL, 52nd DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES TO LEGISLATORS IN THE ABSENCE OF A BUDGET'**, to encourage the debate and passage of the state budget in a timely manner.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5433 REP. WILSON, 66th DIST. 'AN ACT FUNDING THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE BY REDUCING CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM GRANTS'**, to provide funding to the state-wide firearms trafficking task force.

### **EDUCATION**

**Proposed H.B. No. 5434 REP. GILCHREST, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED AS PART OF THE AFTER SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM'**, to make revisions to the technical assistance requirements under the after school grant program to ensure accountability and the provision of quality services.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5435 REP. GILCHREST, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONNECTICUT SUMMER LEARNING COVID-19 RECOVERING INITIATIVE'**, to establish the Connecticut Summer Learning COVID-19 Recovering Initiative.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5436 REP. WILSON, 66th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAMS'**, to authorize boards of education to establish a school voucher program.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5437 REP. WILSON, 66th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FORMULA FOR THE EDUCATION COST-SHARING GRANT AND THE EQUITABLE FUNDING OF SMALL TOWNS'**, to revise the education cost-sharing grant formula for the purpose of equitably funding small towns.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5438 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COST OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WHO CHANGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR'**, to establish a money-follows-the-child approach to providing special education.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5439 REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS RELATED TO HIGH SCHOOL START TIMES'**, to encourage boards of education to establish high school start times that are based on research findings that demonstrates that high school students perform better when they get more sleep and rest.

#### ENVIRONMENT

**Proposed H.B. No. 5440 REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RABBIT PROCESSING FACILITIES'**, to provide for the processing of rabbits in the state for consumption by consumers and retail food establishments.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5441 REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MODIFICATION OR REVOCATION OF CONSENT ORDERS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'**, to ensure that any consent order entered into by a party and the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee, is not modified or revoked without the consent of the parties affected by the order.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5442 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVERSION OF BIOSOLIDS INTO FERTILE SOILS FOR USE BY FARMERS'**, to study the conversion and use of biosolids into fertile soils for use by farmers.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5443 REP. VEACH, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING HUNTING ON PRIVATE LANDS ON SUNDAYS'**, to allow for hunting on private lands on Sundays.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5444 REP. STEINBERG, 136th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARBON CONTENT OF CONCRETE USED IN STATE PROJECTS'**, to encourage the use of low carbon construction materials.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5445 REP. STEINBERG, 136th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING NET ZERO CARBON BUILDING INITIATIVES THROUGH A BUSINESS ACCELERATOR'**, to facilitate regional planning and projects for net zero carbon building initiatives.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5446 REP. WILSON, 66th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SINGLE SHOT HANDGUNS DURING THE PRIVATE LAND REVOLVER DEER HUNTING SEASON'**, to authorize the use of single shot handguns during the private land revolver deer hunting season.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5447 REP. WILSON, 66th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING A BLACK BEAR HUNTING SEASON IN NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'**, to establish a black bear hunting season in northwestern Connecticut.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5448 REP. WILSON, 66th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CARRYING OF PISTOLS IN STATE FORESTS BY PISTOL PERMIT HOLDERS'**, to authorize the carrying of pistols in state forests by pistol permit holders for the purpose of self-defense.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5449 REP. WILSON, 66th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CARRYING OF HANDGUNS BY PISTOL PERMIT HOLDERS WHILE BOW HUNTING FOR DEER OR TURKEY'**, to allow for self-defense of pistol permit holders while engaged in bow hunting for deer and turkey.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5450 REP. WILSON, 66th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF LONG GUNS AND ATTENDANT AMMUNITION AND MAGAZINES BY PERSONS POSSESSING A HUNTING LICENSE AND A VALID STATE-ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION'**, to allow persons who hold a hunting license and a state-issued photo identification to purchase long guns and ammunition.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5451 REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CLEAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUND AND JOBS PROGRAM'**, to invest in clean water and drinking water infrastructure and employ state residents on such projects.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5452 REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IDENTIFICATION OF TRAINED THERAPY DOGS'**, to distinguish between trained therapy dogs and untrained emotional support dogs.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5453 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT PROMOTING THE COMPOSTING OF FOOD WASTE'**, to promote the composting of food waste and alternate methods of disposing of such waste.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5454 REP. HAINES, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE RELEASE OF HELIUM BALLOONS'**, to limit the harm to Long Island Sound and other state waterways from the release of helium balloons.

#### FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

**Proposed H.B. No. 5455 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLDS FOR THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR PENSION OR ANNUITY INCOME'**, to establish additional qualifying income threshold tiers and deduction percentages for the personal income tax deduction for pension or annuity income.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5456 REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT RESTORING THE SALES AND USE TAXES EXEMPTION FOR PURCHASES OF NEW NATURAL GAS,**

**HYDROGEN OR ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES'**, to restore the sales and use taxes exemption for the sale of and the storage, use or other consumption of a new motor vehicle exclusively powered by natural gas, hydrogen or electricity.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5457 REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST.; REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT SUSPENDING PENALTIES AND INTEREST FOR CERTAIN LATE FILINGS'**, to suspend the imposition of penalties and interest for certain late filings to assist individuals and businesses in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

**Proposed H.B. No. 5458 REP. ZIOGAS, 79th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY IMPLEMENTATION OF A UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE'**, to study how to convert the legislature from a bicameral to a unicameral body.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5459 REP. VAIL, 52nd DIST.; REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. PHIPPS, 100th DIST. '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.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5460 REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST.; REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON REPORTS OF THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS'**, to promote transparency on how state agencies conduct business for the benefit of the public.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5461 REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST.; REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING JURISDICTION OVER DISPUTES IN ELECTIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF STATE SENATOR AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE'**, to grant jurisdiction over contested elections for state legislative offices to the judicial branch.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5462 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD'**, to ensure transparency and competition in state contracting.

#### HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

**Proposed H.B. No. 5463 REP. HADDAD, 54th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY ELIGIBLE COLLEGE STUDENTS'**, to identify education programs offered by institutions of higher education which comply with federal regulations that allow eligible students to enroll in the state-administered federal supplemental nutrition assistance program.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5464 REP. HADDAD, 54th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR PROVIDERS OF CLINICAL NURSING EXPERIENCES'**, to establish a tax credit for providers of clinical nursing experiences to nursing students.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5465 REP. HADDAD, 54th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FRINGE BENEFIT COST FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CONSTITUENT UNITS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION'**, to require the Comptroller to fund the unfunded pension liability portion of the fringe benefit cost for employees of the constituent units of the state system of higher education.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5466 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A WAIVER OF APPLICATION FEES FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR STATE RESIDENTS'**, to designate days every year on which state residents may apply for free to undergraduate programs at public institutions of higher education in the state.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5467 REP. HAINES, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A "FEE-FREE DAY" AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID'**, to waive the application fee at public institutions of higher education for high school students in the state who complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5468 REP. HAINES, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COLLEGE CREDITS AWARDED FOR MILITARY TRAINING'**, to require the Board of Regents for Higher Education to conduct a review every five years of the guidelines for awarding college credit for a student's military training for the purpose of maximizing the college credits awarded.

#### HUMAN SERVICES

**Proposed H.B. No. 5469 REP. HAINES, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM'**, to expand Medicaid-covered services for persons with autism spectrum disorder.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5470 REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST.; REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF TEMPORARY STATE SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE'**, to provide expedited temporary support services to victims of domestic violence.

#### INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

**Proposed H.B. No. 5471 REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE'**, to protect consumers planning for long-term care.

#### JUDICIARY

**Proposed H.B. No. 5472 REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT PAYMENT RIGHTS'**, to protect the best interests of payees of structured settlements.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5473 REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST.; REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL METHODS AND RESOURCES TO DETER JUVENILE AUTO THEFT'**, to offer additional pretrial educational and diversionary resources for juveniles in the criminal justice system while promoting public safety and reducing motor vehicle thefts by persistent juvenile offenders.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

**Proposed H.B. No. 5474 REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST.; REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF CRITICAL SERVICES TO PERSONS SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC'**, to provide critical services to persons suffering as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5475 REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST.; REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR PERSONS SUFFERING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC'**, to provide critical services to persons suffering as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5476 REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST.; REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO VETERANS, THE HOMELESS AND OTHER VULNERABLE POPULATIONS'**, to expand the provision of mental health and addiction services state-wide in response to the greater need for such services arising during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5477 REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE ADEQUACY OF CERTAIN NOTICE PROVIDED TO MOTHERS OF STILLBORN FETUSES'**, to require hospitals to inform mothers of stillborn fetuses of the right to arrange for burial or cremation of such fetuses.

#### **BANKING**

**Proposed H.B. No. 5478 REP. VARGAS, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING FORECLOSURES FOR CERTAIN MORTGAGE LOAN DEFAULTS'**, to (1) prevent a mortgagee from placing a lien against or foreclosing upon property for any mortgage loan default caused by a missed installment payment between March 1, 2020, and September 30, 2021, and (2) require the mortgagee to add any such missed installment payment to the mortgage loan balance and extend the term of the loan.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS**

**Proposed H.J. No. 38 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION REQUIRING A TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO ENACT NEW UNFUNDED MANDATES'**, to require the vote of two-thirds of both chambers of the General Assembly to enact a new unfunded state mandate.

#### **GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

**Proposed H.J. No. 39 REP. VAIL, 52nd DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ENACT TERM LIMITS FOR STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS'**, to enact term limits on state elected officials.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS**

**Proposed S.B. No. 270 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS FROM CONFLICTING WITH STATE LAW'**, to require collective bargaining agreements and arbitration agreements to comply with the provisions of state law.

#### **AGING**

**Proposed S.B. No. 271 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO HELP ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS TO PAY THEIR PROPERTY TAXES'**, to provide financial relief to elderly homeowners who fall behind on their tax payments.

**Proposed S.B. No. 272 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM'**, to increase the number of persons who can receive assistance through the Alzheimer's disease respite care program.

**Proposed S.B. No. 273 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT SUPPORTING AGING IN PLACE'**, to commit additional state funds to expand access to aging-in-place initiatives.

**Proposed S.B. No. 274 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE COST OF HOME HEALTH CARE'**, to encourage aging in place by establishing a deduction against the personal income tax for the cost of home health care services and medical supplies.

#### COMMERCE

**Proposed S.B. No. 275 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUY CONNECTICUT PROGRAM FOR DEFENSE CONTRACTORS'**, to create incentives for defense contractors to utilize the services of in-state subcontractors and businesses.

#### EDUCATION

**Proposed S.B. No. 276 SEN. BERTHEL, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO POSSESS FIREARMS WHILE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY'**, to allow active and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed weapons on school property in accordance with the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act.

#### ENVIRONMENT

**Proposed S.B. No. 277 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAXATION OF AQUACULTURE OPERATIONS'**, to provide tax exemptions for marine-based aquaculture operations and facilities.

**Proposed S.B. No. 278 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS FOR AGRICULTURAL WASTE'**, to promote the efficient disposal of agricultural wastes.

**Proposed S.B. No. 279 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST.; REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE TRAILS IN STATE FORESTS'**, to provide for the safe use of all-terrain vehicles in state forests.

**Proposed S.B. No. 280 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REDEMPTION FEE ON NIP BOTTLES'**, to establish a refundable deposit fee for nip bottles.

**Proposed S.B. No. 281 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING PLANT-BASED, BIODEGRADABLE AND COMPOSTABLE BAGS FROM THE PLASTIC BAG FEE'**, to exempt certain biodegradable and compostable bags from the plastic bags fee.

**Proposed S.B. No. 282 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE BY PERSONS WITH MORE THAN ONE VEHICLE'**, to cap the amount of fees certain persons pay for use of state parks.

#### FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

**Proposed S.B. No. 283 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR SENIORS'**, to provide tax relief to seniors.

**Proposed S.B. No. 284 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE INCOME THRESHOLDS APPLICABLE TO THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS'**, to increase the federal adjusted gross income thresholds applicable to the personal income tax deduction for Social Security benefits.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**S.B. No. 285 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES'**, to allow medical assistants to administer vaccines.

#### **FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING**

**Proposed S.B. No. 286 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR PREMIUM PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE POLICIES'**, to provide an incentive for the purchase of long-term care insurance that provides benefits for health care provided in an insured's home.

**Proposed S.B. No. 287 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NONREFUNDABLE PERSONAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GUN SAFE'**, to establish a nonrefundable credit against the personal income tax of up to one hundred fifty dollars for the purchase of a gun safe for personal use.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**S.B. No. 288 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN SCHOOLS'**, to require local and regional boards of education to maintain healthy indoor air quality in their schools.

#### **FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING**

**Proposed S.B. No. 289 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE THRESHOLD FOR IMPOSITION OF THE ESTATE TAX ON FARMS'**, to match the threshold for imposition of the state estate tax on farms with the federal farm estate tax threshold.

**Proposed S.B. No. 290 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT'**, to eliminate the earned income tax credit.

**Proposed S.B. No. 291 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING STATE TAXES OR FEES FOR WHICH COLLECTION COSTS EXCEED THE REVENUE RECEIVED'**, to eliminate any state tax or fee for which the cost of collection exceeds the revenue received by the state from the imposition of such tax or fee.

**Proposed S.B. No. 292 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME AND PENSION AND ANNUITY INCOME FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX'**, to exempt from the personal income tax Social Security income and income from pensions and annuities.

#### **GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

**Proposed S.B. No. 293 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION'**, to study certain election day registration procedures.

**Proposed S.B. No. 294 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. '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.

**Proposed S.B. No. 295 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT DESIGNATING ADVANCE DIRECTIVE AWARENESS MONTH'**, to designate the month of April as Advance Directive Awareness Month.

**Proposed S.B. No. 296 SEN. LOPES, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO APPEAL THE DECISION OF A MUNICIPAL ETHICS BOARD TO THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS'**, to permit aggrieved parties to appeal a local municipal ethics board decision to the Office of State Ethics.

**Proposed S.B. No. 297 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF STATE MANDATES'**, to require a legislative review of all state mandates.

**Proposed S.B. No. 298 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REUSE OF WORKS OF ART IN STATE BUILDINGS'**, to reduce state spending by reusing existing works of art in state buildings.

**Proposed S.B. No. 299 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE'**, to grant the town of Cheshire a parcel of state land to use as a bus depot for public schools.

**Proposed S.B. No. 300 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANALYSIS OF THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION'**, to provide legislators with information regarding the constitutionality of proposed legislation.

**Proposed S.B. No. 301 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BIPARTISAN REVIEW OF EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS'**, to allow for bipartisan review of emergency declarations.

#### HUMAN SERVICES

**Proposed S.B. No. 302 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING PARTICIPANT COSTS AND INCREASING ASSET LIMITS FOR THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY'**, to reduce participant costs and expand eligibility for home care services for persons sixty-five years of age or older.

**Proposed S.B. No. 303 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING HOME-BASED AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE FOR PERSONS WHO ARE ELDERLY OR WHO HAVE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE'**, to expand the provision of cost-effective, home-based and community-based care for persons who are elderly or who have Alzheimer's disease.

**Proposed S.B. No. 304 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING PRESUMPTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN HOME CARE APPLICANTS'**, to create presumptive Medicaid eligibility for certain home care benefits.

**Proposed S.B. No. 305 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT FACILITATING PROPERTY TRANSFERS BY RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE'**, to allow conveyances of property of a recipient of public assistance to be recorded in a timely fashion.

**Proposed S.B. No. 306 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO DELIVER COST-EFFECTIVE HUMAN**

**SERVICES AND DETER FRAUD'**, to improve the cost-effective delivery of human services and make sure such services are given only to those in need.

**Proposed S.B. No. 307 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING FAIRNESS FOR FAMILIES IN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY AND REIMBURSEMENT DETERMINATIONS'**, to require fairness for families in Medicaid eligibility and reimbursement determinations.

**Proposed S.B. No. 308 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFICIARIES TO WORK OR VOLUNTEER'**, to promote work among able-bodied recipients of public assistance.

**Proposed S.B. No. 309 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER CARDS AT CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS'**, to promote beneficial use of public assistance benefits.

**Proposed S.B. No. 310 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A FULLY STAFFED STATE MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT'**, to reduce fraud, waste and misuse of state resources.

**Proposed S.B. No. 311 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A WORK REQUIREMENT FOR YOUNG ADULT MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES'**, to reduce barriers to employment for young adult Medicaid beneficiaries who are able to obtain work but fear losing benefits.

**Proposed S.B. No. 312 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE APPLICANTS TO PROVIDE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP'**, to reduce fraud, waste and misuse of state resources.

**Proposed S.B. No. 313 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT DETERRING ABUSE OF PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO OWNERS OF SERVICE ANIMALS'**, to prevent abuse of the special protections that are afforded to service animals and the owners of such animals.

#### INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

**Proposed S.B. No. 314 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST.; REP. NOLAN, 39th DIST.; REP. SMITH, 48th DIST.; SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST.; REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST.; REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST.; REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST.; SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST.; REP. CHEESEMAN, 37th DIST.; REP. HOWARD, 43rd DIST.; REP. DE LA CRUZ, 41st DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS'**, to require health insurance coverage for: (1) Motorized wheelchairs, including, but not limited to, used motorized wheelchairs; (2) motorized wheelchair repairs; and (3) motorized wheelchair battery replacements.

**Proposed S.B. No. 315 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR COCHLEAR IMPLANT SURGERY'**, to require individual and group health insurance policies to provide coverage for cochlear implant surgery for certain individuals diagnosed with hearing loss.

**Proposed S.B. No. 316 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ASSESSMENTS AND USER FEES CHARGED TO HEALTH CARRIERS BY THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE'**, to require the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange to gain legislative approval before: (1) Modifying any existing assessment or

user fee charged to health carriers; or (2) charging any new assessment or user fee to health carriers.

**Proposed S.B. No. 317 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE TO REPORT ADDITIONAL DATA'**, to require the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange board of directors to report additional data to the Insurance and Public Health committees.

**Proposed S.B. No. 318 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR OPTIONAL PAYMENT OF THE HEALTHY HOMES FUND SURCHARGE'**, to eliminate the requirement that insureds under certain homeowners insurance policies pay, and provide for optional payment of, the Healthy Homes Fund surcharge.

**Proposed S.B. No. 319 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MEDICAL FOODS FOR INDIVIDUALS DIAGNOSED WITH PHENYLKETONURIA'**, to require health insurance coverage for medical foods for individuals diagnosed with phenylketonuria.

#### JUDICIARY

**Proposed S.B. No. 320 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS'**, to require state agencies to abide by orders entered by a Probate Court.

**Proposed S.B. No. 321 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REAL ESTATE CLOSINGS AND MORTGAGE LOAN TRANSACTIONS'**, to: (1) Permit persons other than attorneys admitted in this state to represent the legal interests of parties to real estate closings concerning real property in this state; and (2) permit mortgage lenders to induce or require prospective mortgagors to use preferred attorneys or law firms to represent such mortgagors in proposed mortgage loan transactions concerning real property in this state.

**Proposed S.B. No. 322 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT RESTORING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT'**, to restore the death penalty in Connecticut.

**Proposed S.B. No. 323 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING OF DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT'**, to expedite access to justice for those claiming discrimination and harassment.

**Proposed S.B. No. 324 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CIVIL IMMUNITY FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ORGANIZATIONS AND THE SANCTIONING BODIES OF PRIVATE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS'**, to provide civil immunity for interscholastic athletic organizations and the sanctioning bodies of private youth organizations when such entities adopt policies that require an athletic participant to compete on a team that matches the gender identity on his or her birth certificate.

**Proposed S.B. No. 325 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE JURISDICTIONAL MONETARY LIMIT FOR SMALL CLAIMS MATTERS'**, to expand access to small claims court for the resolution of legal disputes.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

**S.B. No. 326 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FLAVORED CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS'**, to prohibit the sale of flavored cigarettes, tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products.

**S.B. No. 327 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES IN FUNERAL HOMES'**, to enable funeral directors to offer catered food and beverages to persons attending funeral services.

**Proposed S.B. No. 328 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT IMPROVING SERVICES FOR AND PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY'**, to improve services for and protect the interests of persons with intellectual disability.

**Proposed S.B. No. 329 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STRATEGIC PLAN TO ENHANCE SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY'**, to enhance operations of the Department of Developmental Services.

**Proposed S.B. No. 330 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN HOSPITALS'**, to improve the quality of care delivered to frequent hospital patients and reduce health care costs.

**Proposed S.B. No. 331 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING PROVIDERS OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE AND COUNSELING TO BE MANDATORY REPORTERS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT'**, to protect children by expanding the types of health care providers that are mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect.

**Proposed S.B. No. 332 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING PARENTAL NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION OF A PREGNANCY BY A MINOR'**, to ensure that the best interests of a minor are protected when facing an unplanned pregnancy.

**Proposed S.B. No. 333 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SEEKING TO RECEIVE AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT'**, to prevent discrimination in the transplant recipient process.

**Proposed S.B. No. 334 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES INSTRUCTION'**, to develop guidelines for and streamline emergency medical services instruction.

**Proposed S.B. No. 335 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF ELECTRIC SHOCK THERAPY'**, to prohibit the use of electric shock therapy.

**Proposed S.B. No. 336 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING AN UNAUTHORIZED PELVIC EXAMINATION ON A FEMALE PATIENT WHO IS UNDER DEEP SEDATION OR ANESTHESIA OR UNCONSCIOUS'**, to prevent unauthorized pelvic examinations on woman who have been administered deep sedation or anesthesia.

**Proposed S.B. No. 337 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY'**, to permit a naturopathic physician to prescribe, dispense and administer certain prescription medications.

#### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

**Proposed S.B. No. 338 SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; REP. ALLIE-BRENNAN, 2nd DIST.; REP. HUGHES, 135th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE PUBLIC NOTICES'**, to modernize the public notice process.

**Proposed S.B. No. 339 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MUNICIPAL MANDATES'**, to require new municipal mandates to be approved by at least two-thirds of the members of the House and Senate.

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

**Proposed S.J. No. 8 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW JUDICIAL REVIEW OF CONTESTED GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS'**, to grant jurisdiction to the Judicial Department over election returns and qualifications of members of the General Assembly in cases of contested elections.

**FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING**

**Proposed S.J. No. 9 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE PASSAGE OF NEW OR INCREASED STATE TAXES'**, to provide tax relief to taxpayers at the local level when taxes are added or increased at the state level.

**Proposed S.J. No. 10 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF RETROACTIVE TAXES'**, to prohibit the imposition of retroactive taxes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 3:05 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.