



JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Friday, February 5, 2021

The House of Representatives was called to order at 3:14 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. Almighty God, bless our Legislators who give of their time and themselves each day for the good of the people of this great State. Guide them to make decisions that will benefit all. 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 Friday, February 5, 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.

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. H.J. No. 54 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF AWILDA REASCO OF NEW BRITAIN TO BE APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. H.J. No. 55 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ELWOOD EXLEY, JR. OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. H.J. No. 56 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MARTHA PALUCH PROU OF BLOOMFIELD TO BE APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

**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.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 6396 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A HOUSE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP', to eliminate the requirement that a person in a house of religious worship retreat before using deadly physical force to defend himself or herself or a third person.

PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 6397 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF A REPORTING ENTITY TO THE ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE', to require employers that pay for employees' workers' compensation medical claims to submit such claims to the all-payer claims database.

H.B. No. 6398 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES', to allow (1) patients in the maximum security building at Whiting Forensic Hospital to be present during routine searches of personal belongings and to add two members to the hospital's advisory board, and (2) the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to use one electronic health record system that all clinical staff can use for documentation across all department clinics and hospitals.

S.B. No. 847 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NEWBORN INFANT HEALTH SCREENING', to require health screening of newborn infants no earlier than twenty-four hours after the birth of the newborn infant and not later than forty-eight hours after the birth of such infant, and to add various metabolic and genetic disorders to the newborn infant screening panel.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 3:15 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.

**CHANGES OF REFERENCE
HOUSE BILLS**

The following reports on the House Bills, recommending a change of reference were received from the committees indicated, the reports of the committees accepted, and the bills referred as recommended:

HUMAN SERVICES. Proposed H.B. No. 5469 AN ACT EXPANDING AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Public Health.

HUMAN SERVICES. Proposed H.B. No. 5671 AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Public Health.

HUMAN SERVICES. Proposed H.B. No. 5677 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID VIOLENCE PREVENTATIVE SERVICES.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Public Health.

HUMAN SERVICES. Proposed H.B. No. 5904 AN ACT REINSTITUTING THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Housing.

**BUSINESS FROM THE SENATE
CHANGE OF REFERENCE
SENATE BILL**

The following report recommending a change of reference was received from the committee indicated, the report of the committee accepted in concurrence, and the bill referred as recommended:

HUMAN SERVICES. Proposed S.B. No. 198 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR HOSPITALS THAT OFFER IN-PATIENT TREATMENT FOR OPIOID ADDICTION.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.