



JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

The House of Representatives was called to order at 9:44 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, Ann M. Clark of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, may we understand that through You all things are possible. With Your help, we shall achieve our goals. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ann M. Clark of Bloomfield, 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 Tuesday, February 9, 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.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. 5545 (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUDGET OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES', to require the Board of Regents for Higher Education to include the central office of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities in the itemization of its budget request.

H.B. No. 6227 (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN INDUSTRIES WITH A HIRING NEED IN THE STATE', to establish a task force to identify high-growth, high-demand jobs and analyze the

implementation and creation of partnerships that provide apprenticeship opportunities for such jobs.

H.B. No. 6400 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION', to require the Office of Higher Education to conduct a study regarding post-secondary education in the state.

H.B. No. 6401 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON HIGHER EDUCATION', to require the Office of Higher Education to conduct a study regarding the impact of COVID-19 on higher education in the state.

H.B. No. 6402 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION', to require the Office of Higher Education to study issues related to higher education.

H.B. No. 6403 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR THE MERGER OR CLOSING OF INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES', to require legislative approval for the merger or closing of institutions within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities.

H.B. No. 6404 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT FUNDING THE DEBT-FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAM', to provide funding for the debt-free community college program by (1) transferring funds from the Philanthropic Match account, (2) transferring any revenue from the Connecticut Lottery Corporation's online lottery offerings, and (3) requiring the Board of Regents for Higher Education to establish an endowment fund to receive donations for such purpose.

H.B. No. 6405 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE COORDINATING COUNCIL', to align with the academic year the state appropriation and the annual reporting deadline for the Connecticut Open Educational Resource Coordinating Council.

H.B. No. 6406 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FROM THE SALES TAX', to exempt services for workforce development and training from the sales tax.

H.B. No. 6407 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES OF MILITARY MEMBERS' SPOUSES', to allow military members' spouses to obtain an occupational or professional license in this state if they hold such license in another state.

HOUSING

H.B. No. 6408 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS TO PROSPECTIVE TENANTS', to require housing authorities to provide prospective tenants with voter registration applications.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

S.B. No. 92 (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS THAT MAKE PAYMENTS TOWARD CHILD CARE COSTS OF EMPLOYEES', to provide a tax credit to employers that make payments for the child care costs of employees who reside in the state.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

S.B. No. 850 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES', to require the Office of Higher Education to submit recommendations for various revisions to the higher education statutes.

S.B. No. 851 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT', to require the Board of Regents for Higher Education to study issues relating to workforce development in the state.

S.B. No. 852 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY', to (1) allow the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority to (A) finance projects for any purpose approved by the authority, (B) issue bonds for out-of-state health care institutions, and (C) make loans and transfer funds to its subsidiaries, and (2) allow the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority to (A) fund the Special Capital Reserve Fund with a surety policy, (B) increase its Special Capital Reserve Fund backed bond limit to five hundred million dollars, (C) provide education financial assistance other than loans and grants, and (D) add the state pledge for its bond holders.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 9:45 o'clock a.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:

HOUSING. Proposed H.B. No. 5110 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR HOUSING RESOURCES FOR THE HOMELESS AND TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. Proposed H.B. No. 5639 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Environment.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. Proposed H.B. No. 5833 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF SATELLITE DISHES FROM RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS.
The bill was then referred to the Committee on Housing.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. Proposed H.B. No. 5834 AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE RESIDENTIAL IMPACTS OF CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL DECISIONS.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Environment.

JUDICIARY. Proposed H.B. No. 5942 AN ACT IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE INITIATION OF CERTAIN FORECLOSURE ACTIONS.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Housing.