



JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Thursday, February 11, 2021

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:14 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. Lord, let Your grace shine upon us as we handle the business of the State. Help our legislators to make decisions that will be beneficial to 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 Thursday, February 11, 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 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

The following communications were received from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

February 10, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-7a of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor to nominate and submit to you for your advice and consent the name of **SHANNON R. TRACY BERGQUIST** of Colchester, Connecticut to be a member of the State Elections Enforcement Commission, for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2021, and subsequently, a full term which will expire June 30, 2024.

Matthew Ritter
Speaker of the House of Representatives

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 46a-52 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor to nominate and submit to you for your advice and consent the name of **NICHOLAS KAPOOR** of Monroe, Connecticut to be a member of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, to serve a term beginning immediately and expiring on July 13, 2023.

Matthew Ritter
Speaker of the House of Representatives

**COMMUNICATION FROM HIS EXCELLENCY,
THE GOVERNOR**

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

February 11, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 15-31a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **THOMAS M. PATTON** of Branford to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Port Authority, in succession to Nancy DiNardo, for a term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

**COMMUNICATION FROM HIS EXCELLENCY,
THE GOVERNOR**

The following communication was received from His Excellency, the Governor, on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

February 11, 2021

Corrected Letter

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 31-276 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint **SCOTT A. BARTON** of Seymour to be a Workers' Compensation Commissioner, for a term of five years beginning January 26, 2020.

NED LAMONT
Governor

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE

The following communication was received from the Secretary of the State, on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Government, Administration and Elections.

February 10, 2021

Honorable Ed Maley
Honorable William Hamzy
Legislative Commissioners
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Honorable Frederick Jortner
Clerk of the House
State Capitol, Room 109
Hartford CT 06106-1591

Re: Statement of Legislative Action of the General Assembly Regarding Resolutions Concerning
Amendments to the Constitution

Dear Commissioners Maley and Hamzy and Mr. Jortner,

Pursuant to Section 3-82 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, this statement shows the action of the 2020 General Assembly on all resolutions concerning amendments to the Constitution which came before said Assembly.

ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY, BUT BY LESS THAN THREE-FOURTHS, OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF EACH HOUSE (to be continued to the 2021 General Assembly).

House Joint Resolution No. 161. RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR EARLY VOTING AND NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING. Adopted by the House on April 24, 2019. Adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2019.

Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State

Date Received: February 11, 2021

**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.

BANKING

H.B. No. 5027 (COMM) BANKING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE BANKING COMMISSIONER TO ESTABLISH A FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNTS', to require the Banking Commissioner to establish a first-time homebuyer savings account program and to establish a tax deduction for contributions to first-time homebuyer savings accounts.

H.B. No. 5090 (COMM) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MORTGAGE FORBEARANCE AND CRUMBLING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS', to require certain residential mortgage loans to include a provision requiring the mortgagee to grant a request of a mortgagor for forbearance, provided the mortgagor submits certain documentation to the mortgagee.

APPROPRIATIONS

H.B. No. 6438 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

H.B. No. 6439 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, 2023, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

COMMERCE

H.B. No. 6440 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE JOBSCT TAX REBATE PROGRAM', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 6441 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

H.B. No. 6442 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO BROADBAND', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

H.B. No. 6443 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 6444 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MODERNIZATION OF STATE SERVICES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

GENERAL LAW

H.B. No. 6445 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN OCCUPATIONS LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

HUMAN SERVICES

H.B. No. 6446 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations for human services.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

H.B. No. 6447 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT CREATING THE COVERED CONNECTICUT PROGRAM TO EXPAND ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

H.B. No. 6448 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MODERNIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 6449 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN OCCUPATIONS LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

H.B. No. 6450 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

H.B. No. 6451 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GAMING AGREEMENTS WITH THE MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBE AND THE MOHEGAN TRIBE OF INDIANS OF CONNECTICUT', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

BANKING

H.B. No. 6452 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING CONNECTICUT BANKS TO REPORT TO THE BANKING COMMISSIONER CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING OVERDRAFT FEES', to require Connecticut banks to report information concerning overdraft fees to the Banking Commissioner.

H.B. No. 6453 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE BANKING COMMISSIONER TO CONSIDER THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN BANKS UNDER THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT BEFORE APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN LOAN PRODUCTION OFFICES', to require the Banking Commissioner to consider certain banks' compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, and overall Community Reinvestment Act rating prior to approving the establishment of certain loan production offices.

H.B. No. 6454 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE BY CONNECTICUT BANKS OF THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN BRANCH OR LIMITED BRANCH LOCATIONS', to require Connecticut banks to provide notice of the proposed closure of certain branch or limited branch locations to the Department of Banking and the chief elected official of the municipality in which the branch or limited branch is located.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 6455 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMPEDING OR OBSTRUCTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND INTERFERENCE WITH OR ASSAULT UPON A STATE CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER', to clarify and enhance penalties associated with impeding or obstructing the work of the General Assembly and interference with or assault upon a State Capitol Police officer.

COMMERCE

S.B. No. 345 (COMM) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONNECTICUT INDUSTRIAL HISTORY TRAIL', to require the Department of Economic and Community Development to establish a Connecticut industrial history trail.

HOUSING

S.B. No. 874 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERMITTING AND SAFETY OF RENTAL UNITS', to authorize building officials to request proof of a building permit for rental unit construction and impose a penalty for construction without a permit and to impose strict liability against rental property owners for dwellings containing toxic levels of lead.

S.B. No. 875 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RISK OF HOMELESSNESS FOR THOSE RELEASED FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION', to require the Department of Correction to assess the risk of homelessness for incarcerated persons released from its custody and to create a program to address such homelessness and to require additional reports to measure the extent of such homelessness.

S.B. No. 876 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BONDS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE CONNECTICUT HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY', to permit the board members and other employees of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to obtain an equivalent insurance product in lieu of a surety bond.

S.B. No. 877 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY OF RENTAL RATES FOR TENANTS RECEIVING RENTAL ASSISTANCE', to require housing authorities administering a housing voucher program to post the maximum allowable rental rate for units on their Internet web sites and submit such rates to the 2-1-1 Infoline program for posting on its Internet web site.

COMMERCE

S.B. No. 878 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS, INCORPORATED', to require Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated to study private equity investment in the state.

S.B. No. 879 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NONSOLICITATION AGREEMENTS IN THE HOME HEALTH SERVICES INDUSTRY', to allow nonsolicitation agreements in the home health services industry.

HOUSING

S.B. No. 880 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR HOUSING AUTHORITIES', to provide municipalities in which a housing authority is located with payments in lieu of taxes.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

S.B. No. 881 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

S.B. No. 882 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND HOME ENERGY AFFORDABILITY', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

S.B. No. 883 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON WOMEN AND GIRLS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 884 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT REDUCING TRANSPORTATION-RELATED CARBON EMISSIONS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

APPROPRIATIONS

S.B. No. 885 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

EDUCATION

S.B. No. 886 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

S.B. No. 887 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 888 (COMM) REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9. 'AN ACT RESPONSIBLY AND EQUITABLY REGULATING ADULT-USE CANNABIS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

S.B. No. 889 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY AND PLANNING DIVISION AND THE PUBLICATION OF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS BY THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT', to maximize the contributions of the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division to criminal justice policy, research and grant administration, and to repeal or amend

outdated or obsolete statutes that no longer accurately reflect priorities of criminal justice stakeholders.

BANKING

S.B. No. 890 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT LOAN SERVICERS', to require that student loan servicers of federal student education loans register with the Department of Banking and comply with record requirements and consumer protection mandates applicable to student loan servicers in Connecticut.

S.B. No. 891 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EZEQUIEL SANTIAGO FORECLOSURE MEDIATION PROGRAM AND OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO FORECLOSURE', to make the Ezequiel Santiago Foreclosure Mediation Program permanent and to require that certain alternatives to foreclosure be made available to certain mortgagors.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 4:16 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.