



JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

The House of Representatives was called to order at 3:40 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. Heavenly Father, grant us compassion as we try to alleviate the burdens of our constituents. Guide us to bring forth legislation that will benefit all the citizens of Connecticut. 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, February 17, 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 Judiciary.

February 17, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h), 51-165 and 51-197c of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you the **HONORABLE ROBERT W. CLARK** of Durham to be a Judge of the Appellate Court and a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Douglas S. Lavine, who has reached the age of mandatory retirement.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **LINDA ALLARD** of West Hartford to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Henry S. Cohn, who reached the age of 70 and elected senior judge status.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **JOHN A. CIRELLO** of New Haven to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Ingrid L. Moll, who was elevated to the Appellate Court.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **WILLIAM F. CLARK** of New Haven to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Jane B. Emons, whose term expired.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **MICHAEL JAMES GUSTAFSON** of West Hartford to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Susan B. Handy, who reached the age of 70 and elected senior judge status.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **H. GORDON HALL** of New Haven to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Kevin P. McMahon, who reached the age of 70 and elected senior judge status.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **KIMBERLY MASSICOTTE** of Burlington to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Angela C. Robinson, who retired.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **MAXIMO MEDINA, JR.** of Bridgeport to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable John D. Boland, who reached the age of 70 and elected senior judge status.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **NDIDI N. MOSES** of Seymour to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Heidi G. Winslow, who reached the age of 70 and elected senior judge status.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **GLADYS IDELIS NIEVES** of New Haven to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable E. Curtissa R. Cofield, who retired.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **EDWARD VINCENT O'HANLAN, JR.** of Old Lyme to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Stanley T. Fuger, Jr. who elected senior judge status and has since then retired.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **ANGELICA N. PAPASTAVROS** of Killingworth to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Marcia J. Gleeson, who reached the age of 70 and elected senior judge status.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **CHRIS A. PELOSI** of Berlin to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Steven D. Ecker, who was elevated to the Supreme Court.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **CARLETHA S.P. TEXIDOR** of Southington to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Antonio C. Robaina, who retired.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **JESSICA TORRES SHLATZ** of West Hartford to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Kenneth B. Povodator, who reached the age of 70.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **CARLA NASCIMENTO ZAHNER** of West Hartford to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Grant H. Miller, who retired.

NED LAMONT
Governor

**FAVORABLE REPORT OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

The following House Joint Resolution was received from the committee indicated, the resolution read the second time and tabled for the Calendar:

JUDICIARY. H.J. No. 60 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SCOTT A. BARTON OF SEYMOUR TO BE A WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER.

**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.

AGING

H.B. No. 6456 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO PROTECT SENIOR CITIZENS FROM FRAUD', to establish a task force to protect senior citizens from fraud.

H.B. No. 6457 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME SERVICES', to study whether there are enough nursing home facilities to provide institutional care in the future.

H.B. No. 6458 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT LOWERING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS', to authorize municipalities to lower the age for property tax relief for senior citizens.

GENERAL LAW

H.B. No. 6459 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION AND REVISIONS TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT', to require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to study the types of current alcoholic liquor permits and the need for such permits and submit a report regarding amendments to the Liquor Control Act.

H.B. No. 6460 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF EXTENDING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR SERVICE HOURS AT GAMING AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS', to study the impact of extending alcoholic liquor service hours at gaming and other establishments.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. 6461 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE REGARDING THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to (1) implement the recommendations of the task force regarding the prevention and treatment of mental illness at institutions of higher education, (2) require health insurers to maintain explanations of benefits as confidential in certain circumstances, and (3) allow minors to receive more than six outpatient mental health treatment sessions without the consent of a parent or guardian.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 6462 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING USE OF FORCE BY A PEACE OFFICER', to delay changes to provisions concerning use of force by a peace officer enacted as part of public act 20-1 of the July special session and to make certain other changes to said provisions.

H.B. No. 6463 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, A REENTRY EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES IN MUNICIPALITIES WHERE A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IS LOCATED, THE DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS, THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA RELATING TO AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND THE PROVISION OF DEBIT CARDS TO INCARCERATED PERSONS AT THE TIME OF RELEASE', to (1) revise the duties and composition of public safety committees in municipalities where a correctional facility is located, (2) establish a reentry employment advisory committee, (3) provide added protections for employees of the Department of Correction relating to the disclosure of personal data, (4) require disclosure of certain records by the Department of Children and Families to the Department of Correction, (5) provide for issuance of a debit card to an incarcerated person upon release for easier access to his or her funds, and (6) make minor changes concerning the Department of Correction.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 6464 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT EXTENDING TO MAY 31, 2021, SEVERAL CHANGES IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 2020 STATE ELECTION AS A RESULT OF COVID-19', to extend to May 31, 2021, several changes implemented for the 2020 state election as a result of COVID-19.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 6465 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF ECONOMIC DAMAGES IN A PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL DEATH ACTION FOR COLLATERAL SOURCE PAYMENTS MADE ON BEHALF OF A CLAIMANT', to permit a post-verdict collateral source reduction in damages in certain personal injury or wrongful death matters involving a right of subrogation.

H.B. No. 6466 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY THAT IS EXEMPT FROM A JUDGMENT CREDITOR', to increase the value of certain personal and real property that shall be exempt from a judgment creditor and to provide that the cash surrender value of life insurance policies shall also be exempt from a judgment creditor.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.J. No. 58 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING'

H.J. No. 59 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR EARLY VOTING'

HOUSING

S.B. No. 49 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE', to establish the workforce

housing development program in opportunity zones and to create additional opportunities for workforce housing development in other parts of the state using tax credits, fee waivers and property tax abatement.

AGING

S.B. No. 274 (COMM) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE COST OF HOME HEALTH CARE', to allow a state income tax deduction of up to sixty thousand dollars for the cost of full-time home health care.

S.B. No. 418 (COMM) AGING. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS AND AUTHORIZING A DEDUCTION FOR CONSERVATOR EXPENSES FROM THE AMOUNT OF INCOME A MEDICAID RECIPIENT APPLIES TO THE COST OF CARE', to increase the amount of personal income a long-term care facility resident who receives medical assistance may keep and authorize a deduction for conservator expenses from the amount of income a Medicaid recipient must apply toward the cost of his or her care.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 892 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL', to make minor changes to (1) the process of appointments, reviews and evaluations by the Criminal Justice Commission including concerning the appointment of the Inspector General, (2) the membership of the Division of Criminal Justice Advisory Board, and (3) the process by which use of force by a peace officer is investigated.

GENERAL LAW

S.B. No. 893 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PRIVACY', to establish a framework for controlling and processing personal data, to establish responsibilities and privacy protection standards for data controllers and processors, to grant consumers the right to access, correct, delete and obtain a copy of personal data and to opt out of the processing of personal data for the purposes of targeted advertising.

S.B. No. 894 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MANUFACTURE, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOL-INFUSED CONFECTIONS', to authorize the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcohol-infused confections, including, but not limited to, chocolate.

S.B. No. 895 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO VARIOUS PHARMACY STATUTES', to make changes to various pharmacy statutes.

AGING

S.B. No. 896 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES', to study the projected need for long-term care services.

S.B. No. 897 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUMS', to allow a state income tax deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums to the same extent such deduction is allowed under federal law.

S.B. No. 898 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MEDICAID-FUNDED PROGRAMS', to study the efficacy of Medicaid-funded programs.

S.B. No. 899 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR SAFETY ZONES', to add senior centers and other facilities serving or housing senior citizens to those notified of sex offenders in their neighborhoods and provide education to senior citizens on how to protect themselves from the threat of sex offenders.

S.B. No. 900 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVES', to increase state support for initiatives allowing senior citizens to age in place at home.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

S.B. No. 901 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT EXTENDING TO JUNE 30, 2021, CHANGES IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 2020 STATE ELECTION AS A RESULT OF COVID-19', to extend to June 30, 2021, changes implemented for the 2020 state election as a result of COVID-19.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 3:42 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE HOUSE BILL

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

HUMAN SERVICES. Proposed H.B. No. 5905 AN ACT FACILITATING THE SUPPLY OF FOOD AVAILABLE AT SMALLER, PRIVATE FOOD PANTRIES.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Environment.

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:

APPROPRIATIONS. Proposed S.B. No. 707 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF RHAM HIGH SCHOOL AS A REGIONAL SHELTER.

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