



## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Friday, February 19, 2021

The House of Representatives was called to order at 5:19 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. Dear Lord, inspire us in our responses to the pressing needs of Your people. We look to You for guidance so that what we accomplish today may produce a better tomorrow. 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 Friday, February 19, 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 Executive and Legislative Nominations.

February 19, 2021

Corrected Letters

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 4-1 and 17a-581 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **DR. JOHN BONETTI** of Farmington to the Psychiatric Security Review Board, as a psychiatrist experienced with the criminal justice system and not otherwise employed on a permanent basis by the state, in succession to Hassan M. Minhas, to complete a term ending on June 30, 2021, and to serve a full term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

**NED LAMONT**  
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-5 through 4-7 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **ERIK M. CLEMONS**, of New Haven, to the State Board of Education, to be a person experienced in a trade offered at the technical education and career schools, in succession to William P. Davenport, to serve a term ending February 29, 2024, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

**NED LAMONT**  
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 4-7, 4-9c and 10a-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **ANDREA B. DENNIS-LAVIGNE** of Simsbury as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, to serve a term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

**NED LAMONT**  
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 51-51k of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint the **HONORABLE ANTHONY P. FUSCO** of Brookfield to the Judicial Review Council, as an Alternate Family Support Magistrate, in succession to the Honorable Norma I. Sanchez-Figueroa, to serve a term ending November 30, 2021, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

**NED LAMONT**  
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 10-153f of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint you **ROBERT NAMNOUM** of Canton to be a member of the Education Arbitration Board, representing the interests of exclusive bargaining representatives of certified employees, in succession to Clifford Silvers, for a term ending June 30, 2024, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

**NED LAMONT**  
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1a and 12-802 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint **ROBERT T. SIMMELKJAER II** of Westport to be a member and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, in succession to Donald DeFronzo, to serve a term coterminous with my term 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 18, 2021**

Corrected Letter

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, **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

**REPORTS**

The following reports were received on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committees indicated:

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - Connecticut State Employees' Campaign for Charitable Giving Campaign for the Years Ended December 31, 2015, 2016 and 2017. (Pursuant to Section 5-262 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: April 27, 2020

**Referred to the Committees on Legislative Management and Government Administration and Elections.**

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - Department of Social Services for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2014 and 2015. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: April 29, 2020

**Referred to the Committee on Human Services.**

Report - State of Connecticut Judicial Branch - Rules Committee of the Superior Court - Proposed Revisions to the Practice Book. (Pursuant to Connecticut Practice Book Section 1-9A(c). Date Received: April 30, 2020

**Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.**

Report - Office of Policy and Management - Office of the Secretary - Recommendations for Measuring Municipal Fiscal Capacity. (Pursuant to Section 367 pf Public Act 19-117 and 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: May 1, 2020

Referred to the Committees on Planning and Development and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2015 and 2016. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: May 1, 2020

**Referred to the Committee on Public Health.**

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2018. (Pursuant to Sections 1-122, 2-90 and 32-42 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: May 5, 2020

**Referred to the Committee on Commerce.**

Report - Department of Transportation - Quarterly Status Report on Positive Train Control (PTC) - March 2020. (Pursuant to Section 13 of Public Act 19-161 and Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: May 5, 2020.

**Referred to the Committee on Transportation.**

Auditors Monthly Report - Matters Reported Under Section 4-33a - Dated May 7, 2020. (Pursuant to Section 4-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: May 7, 2020

**Referred to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.**

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - Office of Governmental Accountability for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017, 2018, and 2019. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: May 7, 2020

**Referred to the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.**

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - Office of the State Comptroller - State Retirement Funds and State Employee and Retiree Benefits for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2016. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: May 12, 2020

**Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Government Administration and Elections.**

Report - Department of Motor Vehicles - Connecticut Emissions Program Statistics for the Period of April 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020. (Pursuant to Executive Directive #3 and Section 14-164h of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: May 12, 2020

**Referred to the Committee on Transportation.**

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - Board of Regents for Higher Education - Western Connecticut State University for Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2015, 2016 and 2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: May 14, 2020

**Referred to the Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.**

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - State Department of Education for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: May 27, 2020

**Referred to the Committee on Education.**

Report - Connecticut Innovations, Inc. - Connecticut Bioscience Innovation Fund 2020 Annual Report. (Pursuant to Section 32-41cc of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: May 29, 2020

**Referred to the Committees on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Appropriations, Commerce, Public Health and Higher Education and Employment Advancement.**

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - State Treasurer - Departmental Operations for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2018. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: June 2, 2020

**Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Government Administration and Elections.**

Report - Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative - 2019 Annual Report of the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative ("CMEEC"). (Pursuant to Public Act 17-73, as amended in 2018.) Date Received: August 30, 2018

**Referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.**

Report - Department of Motor Vehicles - Connecticut Emissions Program Statistics for the Period of May 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020. (Pursuant to Executive Directive #3 and Section 14-164h of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: June 5, 2020

**Referred to the Committee on Transportation.**

Reports - Department of Motor Vehicles - CIVLS Branch Transaction Counts - August 2015 through May 2020. (Pursuant to Public Act 16-55 and Sections 11-4a and 14-11e(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: June 8, 2020

**Referred to the Committee on Transportation.**

Auditors Monthly Report - Matters Reported Under Section 4-33a - Dated June 9, 2020. (Pursuant to Section 4-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: June 8, 2020

**Referred to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.**

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - Office of Early Childhood for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2015, 2016 and 2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: June 10, 2020

**Referred to the Committee on Children.**

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2018 and 2019. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: June 11, 2020

**Referred to the Committee on Environment.**

Report - Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut - Independent Auditor's Report - University of Connecticut - Audit of Construction Expenditures of UCONN 2000 Projects Substantially Completed and UCONN 2000 Reported Project Values - June 30, 2019. (Pursuant to Chapter 185b Section 10a-109z of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: June 12, 2020

**Referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Appropriations and Higher Education and Employment Advancement.**

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - State of Connecticut Single Audit Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019. (Pursuant to the Federal Single Audit Act.) Date Received: June 12, 2020

**Referred to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.**

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - Workers' Compensation Commission for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2018 and 2019. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: June 18, 2020

**Referred to the Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Public Employees.**

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - Office of the Probate Court Administrator for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017, 2018 and 2019. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: June 23, 2020

**Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.**

**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.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**H.B. No. 6484 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'**, to implement the recommendations of the Department of Transportation.

**H.B. No. 6485 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HYDROGEN AND ELECTRIC AUTOMOBILE PURCHASE REBATE'**, to study ways to ensure the equitable distribution of rebates under the Connecticut hydrogen and electric automobile purchase rebate program.

**H.B. No. 6486 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEM EQUIPPED VEHICLES'**, to permit the testing and operation of automated driving system equipped vehicles on state highways.

**H.B. No. 6487 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A BIKEWAY IN CHESHIRE AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS'**, to (1) designate a portion of a roadway in the town of Cheshire as a bikeway, and (2) provide students enrolled in adult education programs access to public transportation.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

**H.B. No. 6488 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO HOSPITAL OR HEALTH SYSTEM FACILITY FEES'**, to make various revisions to hospital or health system facility fees.

**H.B. No. 6489 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REMOTE ACCESS TO MEDICAL RECORDS MAINTAINED BY HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS'**, to allow the Department of Public Health to have remote access to electronic medical records of hospitals that involve reportable diseases, emergency illnesses and health conditions or reportable tumors, to establish a pilot program to determine the impact of providing remote access to certain electronic medical records maintained by a hospital and to require hospitals to provide the Department of Public Health with access to certain medical records related to maternal death.

**JUDICIARY**

**S.B. No. 919 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR A MINOR WHO POSSESSES ALCOHOL WHEN THE MINOR SEEKS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT THE DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY OF ANOTHER PERSON'**, to provide immunity from criminal prosecution for a minor who possesses alcohol when the minor seeks emergency assistance to prevent the death or serious injury of another person.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**S.B. No. 920 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS'**, to revise the requirements regarding the utilization of public-private partnerships to design, develop, finance, construct, operate or maintain projects.

**S.B. No. 921 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN VEHICLE STORAGE AGREEMENTS AS A PRECONDITION TO VEHICLE TOWING'**, to prohibit a wrecker from requiring a vehicle owner to contract for more than twenty-four hours of vehicle storage as a precondition to towing the owner's vehicle.

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.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 5:21 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.