



JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Friday, February 26, 2021

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:32 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, bless us with inner strength and devotion, so that our lives and our work may be a blessing to others. We look to You for guidance each day so that the actions we take may 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 26, 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.

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 26, 2021

Corrected Letter

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-5 through 4-7 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint **DONALD F. HARRIS JR.** of Bloomfield to be a voting member of the State Board of Education, to serve a term ending February 28, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

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. 62 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT W. CLARK, ESQUIRE, OF DURHAM TO BE A JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT AND A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**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.

COMMERCE

H.B. No. 5482 (COMM) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO RECRUIT BUSINESSES TO CONNECTICUT', to implement the recommendations of the working group on a public-private partnership to recruit businesses to the state.

HOUSING

H.B. No. 6240 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTIES', to provide municipalities with payment in lieu of taxes for state housing authority properties.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 6538 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT MAKING REVISIONS TO THE COMMON INTEREST OWNERSHIP ACT', to make revisions to the Common Interest Ownership Act, regarding electronic meetings of an association, access to association records and certain notices from an association.

H.B. No. 6539 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE HOLDERS AND PRETRIAL ALCOHOL EDUCATION PROGRAMS', to permit certain holders of commercial driver's licenses to participate in a pretrial alcohol education program.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

H.B. No. 6540 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM STORMWATER SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS', to require the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to conduct a study of municipal separate storm sewer system stormwater sampling requirements.

H.B. No. 6541 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE VALIDITY OF INLAND WETLANDS PERMITS IN RELATION

TO CERTAIN OTHER LAND USE APPROVALS', to provide that, for certain approvals of land use applications by municipal planning or zoning commissions that first require reports from municipal inland wetlands agencies, permits issued by such inland wetlands agencies shall not take effect until such planning or zoning commissions approve such land use applications.

H.B. No. 6542 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL RESTRICTIONS ON PET SHOPS', to clarify that a municipality may enact or enforce an ordinance to place certain obligations or restrictions on pet shops.

H.B. No. 6543 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS', to increase the income tax credit on property tax payments to five hundred dollars.

H.B. No. 6544 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAXATION IN A CERTAIN FIRE DISTRICT', to permit the Canaan Fire District to add certain property that is otherwise exempt from taxation to the taxable grand list of such district.

H.B. No. 6545 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES', to permit any municipality to establish a fine for the failure to register a motor vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and provide that any unpaid fine shall constitute a lien against the real property of the owner of the motor vehicle.

H.B. No. 6546 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL PERMITTING AND DELINQUENT TAXES', to afford municipalities discretion in withholding certain land use approvals on account of certain individuals' or entities' property tax delinquency.

H.B. No. 6547 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A WORKING GROUP REGARDING THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES', to require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to convene a working group to develop a plan to support and facilitate historic preservation efforts by municipalities, historical societies and other nonprofit entities.

HOUSING

S.B. No. 48 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL HOUSING PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT', to allow a person who has a valid order of protection to request that such person's landlord change the locks to the person's dwelling unit or permit such person to change the locks.

S.B. No. 87 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN PROTECTIONS FOR GROUP AND FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES', to clarify and enforce protections for licensed group child care homes and licensed family child care homes and prevent landlords from placing restrictions on the operation of such homes.

S.B. No. 355 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A LANDLORD'S ABILITY TO CONSIDER THE CRIMINAL RECORD OF PROSPECTIVE TENANTS', to require the Commissioner of Housing to adopt regulations concerning a limited time period for which a landlord may consider the criminal record of a prospective tenant.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 959 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS', to make various changes concerning Probate Court processes and procedures.

S.B. No. 960 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRETRIAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAMS', to make changes to the pretrial alcohol education program and pretrial drug intervention and community service program to address access issues, standardize education and treatment session numbers, raise fees and address program costs and eliminate stigmatizing language.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

S.B. No. 961 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS AND ALTERNATIVE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS', to increase to ten thousand gallons per day the maximum capacity of certain subsurface sewage disposal systems and alternative on-site sewage treatment systems over which the Department of Public Health has jurisdiction.

S.B. No. 962 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE MINORITY REPRESENTATION RULE TO CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE BODIES AND SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS', to extend the minority representation rule to fire districts and certain legislative bodies presently not subject to said rule.

S.B. No. 963 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERSHIPS AND REPAIR SHOPS', to specify that applicants for licenses for dealing in or repairing motor vehicles shall obtain certificates of approval of location and use from the zoning enforcement official of the municipality.

S.B. No. 964 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE ACCESSIBILITY OF THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING AND RELATED FACILITIES', to study the accessibility of the State Capitol building, the Legislative Office Building and all other buildings, related structures, grounds and parking facilities under the supervision, security, utilization and control of the Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

S.B. No. 965 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR A CERTAIN MUNICIPAL DISABILITY BENEFIT', to require that certain retired public safety employees apply to an existing medical examining board for a determination of eligibility to receive a certain municipal disability benefit.

S.B. No. 966 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF HARTFORD COUNTY', to (1) require annual audits of the Metropolitan District's books and accounts by the Auditors of Public Accounts, (2) establish a task force to examine the organization and operations of the district, and (3) require the board of commissioners of the district to adopt, administer and enforce the model code of ethics for municipalities and special districts.

S.B. No. 967 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF NAUGATUCK TO ISSUE PENSION DEFICIT FUNDING BONDS', to authorize the borough of Naugatuck to issue pension deficit funding bonds.

S.B. No. 968 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FORECLOSURE, ASSIGNMENT AND OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS FOR UNPAID SEWER ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER FEES AND CHARGES', to prohibit foreclosure, assignment and other enforcement actions for unpaid sewer assessment and other fees

and charges in the case of owner-occupied real property for which the principal of such unpaid assessments, fees and charges is less than ten thousand dollars.

S.B. No. 969 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN CHARGES AND REQUIRING APPROVAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER LINES AND HYDRANTS BY WATER COMPANIES', to prohibit water companies from assessing certain charges to municipalities and require them to obtain approval prior to the installation of water lines and hydrants.

S.B. No. 970 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXTENDING THE TIME OF EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN LAND USE PERMITS', to extend the time of expiration of certain land use permits.

S.B. No. 971 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE TREASURER AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND COASTAL RESILIENCY RESERVE FUNDS', to allow for moneys held in Climate Change and Coastal Resiliency Reserve Funds created by municipalities to be invested in trust funds administered, held or invested by the treasurer.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 4:33 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.