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Tuesday, March 2, 2021

The House of Representatives was called to order at 5:40 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, Ann M. Clark of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Almighty God, who presides over all things in heaven and on earth, bless us as we work to serve the common good of Your people. 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, March 2, 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.

AGING

H.B. No. 6552 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHTS OF RESIDENTS IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES TO USE THE TECHNOLOGY OF THEIR CHOICE FOR VIRTUAL CONNECTIONS TO FAMILY, FRIENDS AND OTHER PERSONS', to allow residents of long-term care facilities to use technology of their choice.

H.B. No. 6553 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT PROTECTING PROPERTY OWNERS AGE FIFTY AND OLDER FROM FORECLOSURE', to set limitations on tax liens on real property owned by taxpayers age fifty and older.

H.B. No. 6554 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AGING AND COVID-19', to study the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on senior citizens.

COMMERCE

S.B. No. 624 (COMM) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT TOURISM COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP', to require that a representative of the Connecticut Tourism Coalition be a member of the Connecticut Tourism Council.

S.B. No. 711 (COMM) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COVID-19 RELIEF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND REQUIRING FEDERAL REGULATORY ANALYSIS FOR PROPOSED STATE REGULATIONS', to (1) prohibit an increase in employers' experience ratings based on COVID-19 unemployment claims, (2) exempt personal protective equipment from the sales and use taxes for small businesses, and (3) require agencies to prepare a federal regulatory analysis when developing a proposed regulation.

AGING

S.B. No. 973 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE VOICE OF RESIDENTS AND FAMILY COUNCILS', to require input from residents councils and family councils at long-term care facilities on any state-wide policies affecting living conditions for residents of such facilities.

S.B. No. 974 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEMAKER AND COMPANION SERVICES', to classify individuals referred by homemaker-companion registries as employees of the registries, expand the requirements of consumers who employ homemaker-companions and exempt noncompete contracts of six months or less from a prohibition on noncompete contracts.

S.B. No. 975 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE BILL OF RIGHTS FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS', to affirm that residents of long-term care facilities have the right to treat their living quarters as their homes and have the same rights as all other state residents, including the right to use technology of their choice for purposes, including, but not limited to, virtual visitation and file grievances for violations of their rights.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 5:41 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.