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Friday, March 5, 2021

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:34 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. Lord, as we join together today, we ask for Your divine guidance in handling the matters placed before us. May the decisions we reach benefit the common good of all our citizens. 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, March 5, 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.

BANKING

H.B. No. 5608 (COMM) BANKING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING INVESTMENT ADVISERS TO INFORM CLIENTS OF THEIR ABILITY TO NAME BENEFICIARIES OR CONTINGENT BENEFICIARIES FOR THEIR ASSETS', to require that investment advisers inform clients of their ability to name one or more beneficiaries or contingent beneficiaries for their assets.

COMMERCE

H.B. No. 5614 (COMM) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON THE DISPARATE IMPACT OF COVID-19', to establish a commission to analyze the

disparate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on different racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups in the state.

H.B. No. 6604 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT ADOPTING THE REVISED UNIFORM LAW ON NOTARIAL ACTS', to adopt the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

S.B. No. 1022 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH', to: (1) Define, and redefine, various terms concerning telehealth; (2) expand the variety of health care providers who may provide telehealth services and the circumstances under which such providers may provide such services; (3) provide that a telehealth provider (A) may only provide a telehealth service to a patient when such provider has determined whether (i) the patient has health coverage that is fully insured, not fully insured or provided through Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program, and (ii) the patient's health coverage, if any, provides coverage for such service, (B) who is an in-network provider, or enrolled in the Connecticut medical assistance program and provides telehealth services to a Connecticut medical assistance program recipient, may use any information or communication technology in accordance with the directions, modifications or revisions, if any, made by the Office for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Health and Human Services to the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 P.L. 104-191, as amended from time to time, or the rules and regulations adopted thereunder, (C) who provides health care or health services to a patient through telehealth shall (i) accept, as full payment for such care or services, the amount that (I) Medicare reimburses for such care or services if such provider determines that the patient does not have health coverage for such care or services, or (II) the patient's health coverage reimburses, and any cost-sharing, for such care or services if such provider determines that the patient has health coverage for such care or services, and (ii) offer to the patient financial assistance if such provider (I) is required to offer such assistance, and (II) determines that such patient is unable to pay for such care or services, and (D) may provide telehealth services from any location; (4) require any Connecticut entity or institution that, or health care provider who, engages or contracts with a telehealth provider who is licensed, certified or registered in another jurisdiction (A) verify such telehealth provider's credentials, (B) ensure that such telehealth provider is in good standing, and (C) confirm that such telehealth provider maintains liability insurance or other indemnity; (5) authorize the Commissioner of Public Health to temporarily waive, modify or suspend certain regulatory requirements; (6) expand required health insurance coverage for services provided through telehealth under certain individual and group health insurance policies and restrict a telehealth provider's ability to collect certain payments from insureds under such policies; and (7) provide that no health carrier shall reduce any reimbursement paid to a telehealth provider for covered health care or health services that such provider appropriately provided to an insured through telehealth because such provider provided such care or services through telehealth.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 4:36 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.