



## **JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:37 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, may the spirit of compassion be a significant presence in our land. Guide our people toward tolerance, peace and understanding. 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 Tuesday, March 9, 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.

### **FAVORABLE REPORTS OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES HOUSE BILLS**

The following House Bills were received from the committees indicated, the bills read the second time and tabled for the Calendar and printing:

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. H.B. No. 5158 (File No. 17) AN ACT CONCERNING BREASTFEEDING IN THE WORKPLACE.**

**CHILDREN. H.B. No. 6109 (RAISED) (File No. 18) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALBERT J. SOLNIT CHILDREN'S CENTER.**

**CHILDREN. Substitute for H.B. No. 6111 (RAISED) (File No. 19) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING PROGRAM.**

**CHILDREN. Substitute for H.B. No. 6112 (RAISED) (File No. 20) AN ACT REQUIRING A SURVEY OF COURT-INVOLVED YOUTHS.**

**CHILDREN. Substitute for H.B. No. 6113 (RAISED) (File No. 21) AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.**

**HUMAN SERVICES. Substitute for H.B. No. 6319 (RAISED) (File No. 22) AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT RECOVERIES AND INCENTIVES UNDER PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

**HUMAN SERVICES. Substitute for H.B. No. 6320 (RAISED) (File No. 23) AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. Substitute for H.B. No. 6376 (RAISED) (File No. 24) AN ACT CREATING A RESPECTFUL AND OPEN WORLD FOR NATURAL HAIR.**

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. H.B. No. 6378 (RAISED) (File No. 25) AN ACT CODIFYING PREVAILING WAGE CONTRACT RATES.**

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. H.B. No. 6380 (RAISED) (File No. 26) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF SALARY RANGE FOR A VACANT POSITION.**

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. Substitute for H.B. No. 6381 (RAISED) (File No. 27) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE REGARDING THE STATE WORKFORCE AND RETIRING EMPLOYEES.**

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. Substitute for H.B. No. 6382 (RAISED) (File No. 28) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUS OF PROBATE COURT SYSTEM EMPLOYEES.**

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. H.B. No. 6383 (RAISED) (File No. 29) AN ACT CONCERNING CALL CENTERS AND NOTICE OF CLOSURES.**

**CHILDREN. Substitute for H.B. No. 6399 (RAISED) (File No. 30) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY.**

#### **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.

#### **HOUSING**

**H.B. No. 5681 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITY REIMBURSEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL EQUITY',** to provide that school building project grants for inclusive municipalities be increased by ten percentage points.

#### **VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**H.B. No. 5731 (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING SERVICE IN TIME OF WAR AS AN ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CERTAIN BENEFITS FOR VETERANS',** to eliminate service in time of war as an eligibility criteria for certain benefits for veterans.

**H.B. No. 5736 (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRICE PREFERENCES FOR VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN STATE CONTRACTING'**, to provide a price preference of ten per cent for the purchase of goods or services from veteran-owned businesses when determining the lowest responsible qualified bidder in state contracting.

**H.B. No. 5737 (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CREATING A VETERANS AND MILITARY TOURISM TRAIL'**, to create a Veterans and Military Tourism Trail linking museums, memorials, battleground sites and historic sites in the state relating to veterans and the United States armed forces.

**H.B. No. 5739 (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR A PARENT OF A DECEASED SERVICEMAN OR VETERAN'**, to extend the property tax exemption for a surviving spouse or minor child of a serviceman or veteran to a parent of such serviceman or veteran if there is no surviving spouse or minor child.

#### HOUSING

**H.B. No. 6239 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING FUNDING ALLOCATION AND SEGREGATION'**, to require the Department of Housing to gather data that can be used to determine whether its housing programs affect economic and racial segregation.

#### VETERANS' AFFAIRS

**H.B. No. 6316 (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EVALUATION OF MILITARY TRAINING EVALUATION APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'**, to require the Labor Commissioner, the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs and the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioners' designees, to jointly evaluate military training applications to the Labor Department's program of apprenticeship training.

#### JUDICIARY

**H.B. No. 6605 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS, TRADE NAMES, THE COMMERCIAL RECORDING DIVISION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE, COMMERCIAL REGISTERED AGENTS AND REMOTE NOTARIAL ACTS'**, to (1) revise various provisions on registration of business entities in this state, (2) revise provisions governing trade names, (3) rename the Commercial Recording Division within the Office of the Secretary of the State as the Business Services Division, (4) create a listing of commercial registered agents, and (5) allow notaries and commissioners of the superior court to conduct notarial acts remotely.

#### HOUSING

**S.B. No. 86 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE SYSTEM TO ALLOCATE RESOURCES FOR THE HOMELESS AND TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS'**, to establish the Homelessness Response System to provide increased funding for the coordinated access networks and the United Way of Connecticut 2-1-1 Infoline program for housing resources.

#### VETERANS' AFFAIRS

**S.B. No. 385 (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE INCLUSION OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO VETERAN STATUS ON STATE**

**AGENCY FORMS'**, to require a study of the inclusion of questions relating to veteran status on state agency forms.

#### HOUSING

**S.B. No. 393 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ROOM TEMPERATURES IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND DWELLING UNITS'**, to allow tenants and students to maintain a reasonable temperature range in their dwellings.

#### VETERANS' AFFAIRS

**S.B. No. 413 (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT WAIVING CERTAIN FEES FOR VETERANS FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE'**, to waive for veterans the fee for the (1) application, (2) initial license, (3) initial permit, (4) initial registration, or (5) other initial credential, required for occupational licensure.

**S.B. No. 614 (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS FROM PAYMENT OF THE FARES FOR BUS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES'**, to exempt veterans from payment of the fares for state-owned or state-controlled bus public transportation services.

**S.B. No. 787 (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS FROM PROPERTY TAX'**, to exempt any veteran with a disability rating from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs amounting to one hundred per cent from property tax on such veteran's dwelling house and lot used as his or her domicile.

#### HOUSING

**S.B. No. 804 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INCLUSION IN CERTAIN COMMUNITIES, ZONING REQUIREMENTS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING'**, to address issues with affordable housing, multiunit residential buildings, sewerage systems, housing authority jurisdiction, training for certain municipal officials involved in planning and zoning decisions and compliance with municipal zoning regulations.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 4:38 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.