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The Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(A).

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated February 24, 2020, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), 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:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

S.B. No. **146** (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPORTS WAGERING, ONLINE CASINO GAMING, ONLINE LOTTERY AND ONLINE KENO', to authorize sports wagering, online casino gaming, online lottery and online keno in this state.

BANKING

S.B. No. **150** (COMM) BANKING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY', to establish the Connecticut Infrastructure Authority.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

S.B. No. **573** (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT REPEALING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST ACCEPTING ADVANCED DEPOSIT WAGERS', to repeal the prohibition against accepting advanced deposit wagers.

COMMERCE

S.B. No. **626** (COMM) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE IN THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH', to require the designation of an area within the town of Plymouth as an enterprise zone.

BANKING

S.B. No. **745** (COMM) BANKING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN FINANCING DISCLOSURES', to require certain financing disclosures.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. **924** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STAFFING AND RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION', to require the preparation of a report by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection that provides an accounting of agency staffing positions paid for from the revenues of the Passport to the Parks account and that assesses the effect of impending agency staff retirements on the viability and efficacy of current and planned agency programs and responsibilities.

S.B. No. **925** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORT, SALE AND POSSESSION OF AFRICAN ELEPHANTS, LIONS, LEOPARDS, BLACK RHINOCEROS, WHITE RHINOCEROS AND GIRAFFES', to prohibit the import and trade of any big six African species.

S.B. No. **926** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF PFAS IN CERTAIN CONSUMER PACKAGING', to prohibit the sale of consumer packaging that contains PFAS.

S.B. No. **927** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE SEWAGE SPILL RIGHT-TO-KNOW STATUTE', to amend the sewage spill right-to-know statute to provide for timely notification to the public of sewage spills that may pose a threat to the public health or the environment.

S.B. No. **928** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RECYCLED CONTENT FOR PRODUCTS SOLD IN CONNECTICUT', to encourage the development of a market for recycled materials.

S.B. No. **929** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR THE TAKING OF STRIPED BASS', to make the enforcement of striped bass fishing regulations more effective.

S.B. No. **930** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD WASTE DIVERSION AND ANAEROBIC DIGESTION FACILITIES', to encourage the development of additional anaerobic digestion and composting facilities in the state that are available to divert food waste from the state's solid waste stream.

S.B. No. **931** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR MEDIUM AND HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES', to evaluate the need to adopt California's medium and heavy duty vehicle emissions standards.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

S.B. No. **932** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN ALLIANCE DISTRICT TEACHER LOAN SUBSIDY PROGRAM', to require the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority to establish the Alliance District Teacher Loan Subsidy Program to provide low interest student loans to teachers who are employed in alliance districts.

S.B. No. **933** (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT EXTENDING TAX CREDITS FOR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS

TO AFFECTED BUSINESS ENTITIES AND TO ALL TRADES THAT HAVE REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS', to extend the apprenticeship training tax credits to affected business entities and to all trades that have registered apprenticeships.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

S.B. No. **934** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH RESOURCES BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS', to require each local and regional board of education to list on such board's Internet web site the mental and emotional health resources available to students.

HOUSING

S.B. No. **935** (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING', to make technical changes to a statute concerning housing.

COMMERCE

S.B. No. **936** (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RELATED STATUTES', to make various revisions to certain economic and community development statutes.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. **938** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LAND USE APPEALS', to streamline the process involving withdrawal of a land use appeal.

S.B. No. **939** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT PROVIDING IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY TO A PHYSICIAN WHO ACCOMPANIES AND ASSISTS A STATE, REGIONAL OR MUNICIPAL SWAT TEAM', to provide immunity to a physician who accompanies and assists a state, regional or municipal SWAT team.

S.B. No. **940** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS', to require each state agency to follow any order, denial or decree of a Probate Court that is applicable to a determination made by the state agency, and clarify that a state agency has standing to appeal any such order, denial or decree to the Superior Court with respect to such order's applicability to the state agency's determination.

BANKING

S.B. No. **941** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, TAX, WATER AND SEWER LIENS', to (1) limit the assignment of unpaid property tax, water and sewer liens, and (2) ensure that persons responsible for the payment of such liens are notified of any such assignment.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. **942** (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ON-TIME PAYMENT OF WAGES', to requiring fiscal intermediaries who provide payroll services for employers funded in whole or in substantial part by state funds to meet employer timely pay obligations.

S.B. No. **943** (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WAGE EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT RELATING TO DOMESTIC WORKERS', to promote wage education and enforcement for domestic workers.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. **5464** (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR PROVIDERS OF CLINICAL NURSING EXPERIENCES', to provide a tax credit to preceptors who provide clinical nursing experiences to nursing students earning a bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree from an institution of higher education in the state.

H.B. No. **5544** (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FEE WAIVERS FOR VETERANS ATTENDING PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to provide student fee waivers at public institutions of higher education for veterans who performed service in a time of war and are enrolled at such institution.

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.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. **5698** (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES DATA', to require local and regional boards of education, the Department of Education and the Office of Early Childhood to collect and report data concerning adverse childhood experiences suffered by children.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. **5895** (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE REDUCTION OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT', to establish a task force to study the amount of student loan debt of students and graduates in the state.

H.B. No. **5901** (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE STUDENT DEBT INFORMATION', to require institutions of higher education to provide information to each student concerning his or her total amount of student debt.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

H.B. No. **6048** (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF GREYHOUND RACING IN THE STATE', to prohibit greyhound racing in the state.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. **6228** (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM INQUIRING ABOUT A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT'S CRIMINAL HISTORY DURING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS AND ESTABLISHING A PRISON EDUCATION PROGRAM OFFICE', to prohibit institutions of higher education from inquiring about a prospective student's

criminal history during the admissions process and to establish a Prison Education Program Office to facilitate prison education programs at correctional facilities.

H.B. No. **6229** (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF FOOD-INSECURE STUDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to require public institutions of higher education to assess and address food insecurity among students and to increase access to the supplemental nutrition assistance program by eligible students at institutions of higher education.

BANKING

H.B. No. **6493** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE EMERGENCY MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM', to establish an emergency mortgage assistance loan program.

H.B. No. **6494** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND AFFORDABILITY INCENTIVE ZONES', to (1) require the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to establish certain guidelines under the down payment assistance program, (2) allow the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to establish affordability incentive zones under the down payment assistance program, and (3) clarify that loans issued under the down payment assistance program may include the reasonable closing costs of the purchase of a dwelling.

H.B. No. **6495** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EQUITY AND FAIR LENDING', to (1) prohibit certain financial institutions from engaging in certain discriminatory conduct, (2) require the Banking Commissioner to implement fair lending examination procedures, and (3) require certain banks to take reasonable measures to make certain residential loan products available to certain areas.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. **6496** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN SOIL-RELATED INITIATIVES', to authorize the use of certain sites for soil material deposits, encourage healthy soils and expedite certain dredging requirements for marina basin applications.

H.B. No. **6497** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STORMWATER AUTHORITIES', to allow any municipality to establish a stormwater authority.

H.B. No. **6498** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SITING OF CERTAIN SOLAR FACILITIES ON FARMLANDS AND CORE FORESTS', to provide for increased review of proposals to site solar facilities on certain farmlands and land that is core forest.

H.B. No. **6499** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RADIATION SECURITY', to provide the state, through the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, with authorization to seek greater oversight and responsibility from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for certain radiation security concerning radioisotopes, uranium and thorium and quantities of special nuclear materials.

H.B. No. **6500** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTAL REVISIONS TO THE STATE'S HEMP PROGRAM STATUTE', to make additional revisions to the state's hemp program statute, as required by the federal government.

H.B. No. **6501** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STREAMLINING OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION', to make minor and technical revisions to various programmatic statutes of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in an effort to streamline aspects of such programs.

H.B. No. **6502** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CERTAIN POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS, THE AVAILABILITY OF SINGLE-USE STRAWS, THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN BALLOONS AND THE COMPOSTABLE NATURE OF SINGLE-USE PRODUCE BAGS', to phase out the use of certain polystyrene trays and food containers, prohibit the automatic distribution of single-use plastic straws at certain eating establishments, prohibit the intentional release of certain helium balloons and examine the compostable nature of certain single-use produce bags. .

H.B. No. **6503** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SITING OF ANAEROBIC DIGESTION FACILITIES ON FARMS', to encourage the timely siting and applicable permitting of anaerobic digesters on farms while establishing workable feed stock requirements for such facilities.

H.B. No. **6504** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL WELFARE', to make various revisions to animal-related statutes concerning domestic and companion animals and rabies quarantine periods.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. **6505** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS', to: (1) Make various changes to statutes that facilitate the continuation of ongoing court processes without requiring a person to appear in court; (2) update terminology relating to "juvenile residential centers"; (3) update provisions relating to the adoption of judicial rules; (4) make changes to statutes affecting the taking of oaths and the ability of a person to designate others to act on his or her behalf; (5) improve efficiencies with respect to various court processes; and (6) make conforming and technical changes to various statutes.

H.B. No. **6506** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCEDURES OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER', to revise procedures of the Office of the Claims Commissioner, including authorizing claimants to file a certificate of merit for claims seeking permission to sue the state, allowing the Office of the Claims Commissioner to grant permission to sue the state without a hearing under certain circumstances and providing that certain claims that have not been disposed of within a specified time be deemed to have been granted permission to sue the state.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. **6507** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MATERNAL CHOICE IN THE EVENT OF STILLBIRTH AND THE REMOVAL OF DELIVERED PLACENTAS FROM HOSPITALS', to require hospitals to (1) inform mothers of stillborn fetuses of the right to arrange for burial or cremation of such fetuses, and (2) permit the removal of a delivered placenta from the hospital.

H.B. No. **6508** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE LEARNING ATTENDANCE', to allow a local or regional board of education, with the approval of the Commissioner of Education, to provide instruction to high school students through a virtual platform and to prohibit such boards from deeming a student who attends school on a virtual platform as absent.

H.B. No. **6509** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS', to require the Department of Public Health to

establish school-based mental health clinics for the purpose of expanding access to mental, emotional and behavioral health services for students.

H.B. No. **6510** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS', to require (1) the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council to develop a document describing the resources available to children with psychiatric disabilities and behavioral health disorders, and (2) hospital emergency departments to provide such document to parents and guardians of certain children upon discharge from such departments.

H.B. No. **6511** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR YOUTH SPORTS COACHES, TRAINERS AND INSTRUCTORS', to require youth sports coaches, instructors and athletic trainers who are eighteen years of age or older to submit to a comprehensive background check.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

H.B. No. **6512** (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTIONS FOR SPORTS WAGERING', to provide certain protections to consumers who engage in sports wagering, if such wagering is authorized.

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following favorable reports were received from the Joint Standing Committees indicated, read the second time and tabled for the calendar.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. **18** "RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE SALVATORE C. AGATI OF WATERTOWN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL."

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. **19** "RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT R. BOUVIER OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL."

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES CHANGES OF REFERENCE SENATE BILLS

The following favorable reports on Senate Bills recommending a change of reference were received from the Joint Standing Committees indicated, the reports of the Committees accepted, and the bills referred as recommended.

AGING. Substitute for S.B. No. **812** (RAISED) AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

AGING. S.B. No. **813** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING RETROACTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME CARE SERVICES.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

AGING. S.B. No. **816** (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO ASSIST ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

AGING. S.B. No. **818** (RAISED) AN ACT PERMITTING THE COMMUNITY SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED MEDICAID RECIPIENT TO RETAIN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ALLOWABLE ASSET

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations