



JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

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The Senate was called to order at 12:01 p.m., President in the Chair.

The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Grant, of North Haven, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Grant our Legislators the ability to be of reasonable mind, to form a right conscience so that all their judgments will benefit our State's welfare.

PLEDGE

Senator Martin of the 31st led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS

The following reports was received, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee indicated:

Report – Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund – American Legion, Quarterly Report of Disbursals for October 1, 2020 to December 1, 2020. (Pursuant to Section 27-140 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: March 24, 2021.

Referred to Committees on Veterans' Affairs.

Report- The Continuing Legislative Committee on State Planning and Development - 2018-2023 State Plan of Conservation and Development. (Pursuant to Section 16a-30 of the Connecticut General Statutes.)

Date received: March 25, 2021.

Referred to Committees on Environment and Planning and Development.

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES SENATE BILLS

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

COMMERCE. Substitute for S.B. No. **1020** (RAISED) (File No. 222) "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM."

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. Substitute for S.B. No. **651** (COMM) (File No. 214) "AN ACT PERMITTING MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION TRUST ACCOUNTS."

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. Substitute for S.B. No. **985** (RAISED) (File No. 220) "AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF FLAVORED ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH."

ENVIRONMENT. Substitute for S.B. No. **925** (RAISED) (File No. 216) "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORT, SALE AND POSSESSION OF AFRICAN ELEPHANTS, LIONS, LEOPARDS, BLACK RHINOCEROS, WHITE RHINOCEROS AND GIRAFFES."

ENVIRONMENT. Substitute for S.B. No. **927** (RAISED) (File No. 217) "AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE SEWAGE SPILL RIGHT-TO-KNOW STATUTE."

ENVIRONMENT. S.B. No. **931** (RAISED) (File No. 218) "AN ACT CONCERNING EMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR MEDIUM AND HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES."

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. Substitute for S.B. No. **141** (COMM) (File No. 213) "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY CANCER RELIEF BENEFITS FOR FIREFIGHTERS."

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. Substitute for S.B. No. **942** (RAISED) (File No. 219) "AN ACT CONCERNING THE ON-TIME PAYMENT OF WAGES."

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. Substitute for S.B. No. **1001** (RAISED) (File No. 221) "AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE NEED FOR EMPLOYMENT REGULATION."

PUBLIC HEALTH. Substitute for S.B. No. **847** (RAISED) (File No. 215) "AN ACT CONCERNING NEWBORN INFANT HEALTH SCREENING."

**FAVORABLE REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
CHANGE OF REFERENCE
SENATE BILLS**

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

EDUCATION. S.B. No. **948** (RAISED) "AN ACT ADDRESSING EDUCATION FUNDING AND RACIAL EQUITY IN CONNECTICUT."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. S.B. No. **933** (RAISED) "AN ACT EXTENDING TAX CREDITS FOR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS TO AFFECTED BUSINESS ENTITIES AND TO ALL TRADES THAT HAVE REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. S.B. No. **953** (RAISED) "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LEARN, WORK, PAY PROGRAM."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

COMMERCE. Substitute for S.B. No. **1038** (RAISED) "AN ACT CONCERNING BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. Substitute for S.B. No. **842** (RAISED) "AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS. S.B. No. **413** (COMM) "AN ACT WAIVING CERTAIN FEES FOR VETERANS FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS. S.B. No. **614** (COMM) "AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS FROM PAYMENT OF THE FARES FOR BUS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

**BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE
FAVORABLE REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
CHANGE OF REFERENCE
HOUSE BILLS**

The following favorable report on House Bills recommending change of references were received from the Joint Standing Committees indicated, the report of the Committee accepted, and the bills referred as recommended:

COMMERCE. H.B. No. **6607** (RAISED) "AN ACT INCENTIVIZING THE ADOPTION OF CYBERSECURITY STANDARDS FOR BUSINESSES."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for H.B. No. **6535** (RAISED) "AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUES RELATING TO SCHOOL SECURITY."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for H.B. No. **6558** (RAISED) "AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUES RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for H.B. No. **6618** (RAISED) "AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING ISSUES RELATED TO PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CONNECTICUT."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. H.B. No. **6617** (RAISED) "AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND REVISIONS TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS STATUTES."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

APPROPRIATIONS. H.B. No. **6404** (RAISED) "AN ACT FUNDING THE DEBT-FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAM."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. H.B. No. **6406** (RAISED) "AN ACT EXEMPTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FROM THE SALES TAX."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

GENERAL LAW. H.B. No. **6407** (RAISED) "AN ACT CONCERNING THE OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES OF MILITARY MEMBERS' SPOUSES."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

TRANSPORTATION. Substitute for H.B. No. **6481** (RAISED) "AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL REGISTRATION MARKER PLATES FOR VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO SERVED IN PERIODS OF WAR."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, 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 HEALTH

S.B. No. **328** (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE STATE', to (1) require the Commissioner of Developmental Services to develop a strategic plan to reduce the wait time for persons with intellectual disability for services from the department, (2) require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to consult with stakeholders on any plan to close a facility operated by the Department of Developmental Services, (3) require the Department of Developmental Services to provide notice when the eligibility of a person with intellectual disability to receive state-assisted care will end, (4) allow the Department of Social Services to contract with hospitals and nonprofit organizations to provide social services and referrals to frequent patients of hospital services, and (5) establish a task force to study the Department of Developmental Services' level of need assessment system.

S.B. No. 568 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION TO THE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT', to eliminate the nonmedical exemption to the immunization requirement for individuals attending public or private school from prekindergarten through grade twelve, individuals in higher education and children in day care settings.

SENATE RULE 24

In accordance of Senate Rule 24 the following Senators are present and voting remotely: Lesser of the 9th, Miller of the 27th, Flexer of the 29th,

EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION
HOUSE BILL
HOUSE BILL PASSED IN CONCURRENCE

The following House Bill was introduced, read by the Clerk and passed in concurrence. (Emergency Certification signed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House accompanied the bill in accordance with Section 2-26 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Joint Rules 9 and 15.)

H.B. No. 6672 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH AND CIVIL PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCIES DECLARED AND RENEWED BY THE GOVERNOR.

On motion of Senator Looney of the 11th, explained the bill and moved passage.

Remarking were Senators Miner of the 30th, Witkos of the 8th, Formica of the 20th, Osten of the 19th, Duff of the 25th, Looney of the 11th.

Senator Witkos of the 8th offered Senate Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 6253) and moved adoption.

Senator Witkos of the 8th requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

Remarking were Senators Miner of the 30th, Formica of the 20th, Looney of the 11th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 12:58 p.m.:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Count. Rows include Total Number Voting (33), Necessary for Adoption (17), Those voting Yea (10), Those voting Nay (23), and Those absent and not voting (3).

The following is the roll call vote:

- N 1 JOHN W. FONFARA
N 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY
N 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
Y 20 PAUL M. FORMICA

N 3 SAUD ANWAR	A 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
N 4 STEVE CASSANO	N 22 MARILYN MOORE
N 5 DEREK SLAP	A 23 DENNIS BRADLEY
N 6 RICK LOPES	N 24 JULIE KUSHNER
A 7 JOHN A. KISSEL	N 25 BOB DUFF
Y 8 KEVIN D. WITKOS	N 26 WILL HASKELL
N 9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	N 27 PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
N 10 GARY WINFIELD	Y 28 TONY HWANG
N 11 MARTIN M. LOONEY	N 29 MAE FLEXER
N 12 CHRISTINE COHEN	Y 30 CRAIG MINER
N 13 MARY ABRAMS	Y 31 HENRI MARTIN
N 14 JAMES MARONEY	Y 32 ERIC C. BERTHEL
N 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY	N 33 NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y 16 ROB SAMPSON	Y 34 PAUL CICARELLA
N 17 JORGE CABRERA	Y 35 DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y 18 HEATHER S. SOMERS	N 36 ALEX KASSER

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 6253) was rejected.

The following is the Amendment.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the general statutes, any declaration of a public health emergency or civil preparedness emergency issued by the Governor on or after the effective date of this act that extends beyond seven days shall be ratified or rejected by a majority vote of the Senate and House of Representatives not later than fourteen days after the date of the Governor's declaration."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 1:19 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	34
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	24
Those voting Nay	10
Those absent and not voting.....	2

The following is the roll call vote:

Y 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	Y 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
Y 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	N 20 PAUL M. FORMICA
Y 3 SAUD ANWAR	A 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
Y 4 STEVE CASSANO	Y 22 MARILYN MOORE
Y 5 DEREK SLAP	Y 23 DENNIS BRADLEY
Y 6 RICK LOPES	Y 24 JULIE KUSHNER

A	7	JOHN A. KISSEL	Y	25	BOB DUFF
	N	8 KEVIN D. WITKOS	Y	26	WILL HASKELL
Y	9	MATTHEW L. LESSER	Y	27	PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
Y	10	GARY WINFIELD	N	28	TONY HWANG
Y	11	MARTIN M. LOONEY	Y	29	MAE FLEXER
Y	12	CHRISTINE COHEN	N	30	CRAIG MINER
Y	13	MARY ABRAMS	N	31	HENRI MARTIN
Y	14	JAMES MARONEY	N	32	ERIC C. BERTHEL
Y	15	JOAN V. HARTLEY	Y	33	NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
	N	16 ROB SAMPSON	N	34	PAUL CICARELLA
Y	17	JORGE CABRERA	N	35	DAN CHAMPAGNE
	N	18 HEATHER S. SOMERS	Y	36	ALEX KASSER

On the roll call vote House Bill No. 6672 was Passed in concurrence with the House.

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES
TO TAKE UP SINGLE AND NO STARRED ITEMS**

Senator Duff of the 25th moved for suspension of the rules to take up single and no starred items on the calendar.

**BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR
FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES
BILLS PASSED IN CONCURRENCE**

The following favorable report was taken from the table, read the third time, the reports of the Committees accepted, and the bill passed in concurrence with the House.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. Substitute for H.B. No. **6610** (RAISED) (File No. 116) "AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF OUTDOOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE BY RESTAURANTS." As amended by House A (LCO 6080).

Senator Cassano of the 4th explained the bill and moved passage.

Remarking were Senators Needleman of the 33rd, Hwang of the 28th, Hartley of the 15th, Formica of the 20th, Duff of the 25th,

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 1:48 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	34
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	34
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting.....	2

The following is the roll call vote:

Y	1	JOHN W. FONFARA	Y	19	CATHERINE A. OSTEN
Y	2	DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y	20	PAUL M. FORMICA
Y	3	SAUD ANWAR	A	21	KEVIN C. KELLY
Y	4	STEVE CASSANO	Y	22	MARILYN MOORE
Y	5	DEREK SLAP	Y	23	DENNIS BRADLEY
Y	6	RICK LOPES	Y	24	JULIE KUSHNER
A	7	JOHN A. KISSEL	Y	25	BOB DUFF
Y	8	KEVIN D. WITKOS	Y	26	WILL HASKELL
Y	9	MATTHEW L. LESSER	Y	27	PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
Y	10	GARY WINFIELD	Y	28	TONY HWANG
Y	11	MARTIN M. LOONEY	Y	29	MAE FLEXER
Y	12	CHRISTINE COHEN	Y	30	CRAIG MINER
Y	13	MARY ABRAMS	Y	31	HENRI MARTIN
Y	14	JAMES MARONEY	Y	32	ERIC C. BERTHEL
Y	15	JOAN V. HARTLEY	Y	33	NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y	16	ROB SAMPSON	Y	34	PAUL CICARELLA
Y	17	JORGE CABRERA	Y	35	DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y	18	HEATHER S. SOMERS	Y	36	ALEX KASSER

On the roll call vote House Bill No.6610 was passed in concurrence with the House.

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES
IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO THE GOVERNOR**

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the rules were suspended for immediate transmittal to the Governor of HB No. **6610** and HB No **6672**.

SENATOR(S) ABSENT

The following Senator(s) may have missed some votes due to the following:
Kissel of the 7th on family business, and Kelly of the 21st on family business.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 1:52 p.m. adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

**BILLS FILED WITH THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH JOINT RULE 15
AS OF MARCH 29, 2021
AT 5:00 P. M.**

TRANSPORTATION

H.B. No. **5419** AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEDERAL CLEAN AIR ACT FEE ON MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

H.B. No. **5420** AN ACT CONCERNING DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY AT INOPERATIVE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS.

H.B. No. **5423** AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF PASSENGER TRAIN AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT.

H.B. No. **5726** AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEIZURE OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES.

H.B. No. **6066** AN ACT CONCERNING STREET RACING.

H.B. No. **6484** AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

H.B. No. **6486** AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEM EQUIPPED VEHICLES.

H.B. No. **6568** AN ACT CONCERNING PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAMS.

H.B. No. **6569** AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

H.B. No. **6570** AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL ZONING.

S.B. No. **127** AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN THE STATE.

S.B. No. **241** AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIGHT AND TRANSPARENCY AT THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY.

S.B. No. **576** AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE ON THE WATERBURY BRANCH OF THE METRO-NORTH COMMUTER RAILROAD.

S.B. No. **605** AN ACT CONCERNING THE PORT AUTHORITY.

S.B. No. **866** AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY.

S.B. No. **920** AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.

S.B. No. **982** AN ACT REVISING MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES.

S.B. No. **983** AN ACT CONCERNING SLOWING DOWN FOR SERVICE VEHICLES.