

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

Friday, January 15, 2021

The Senate was called to order at 10:35 a.m.,  
Senator Osten of the 19th in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. So, good morning, everybody. Will the  
Senate please come to order? Members and guests,  
please rise and direct your attention to our Guest  
Chaplain Katherine Zabel of Burlington.

GUEST CHAPLIN KATHERINE ZABEL:

Please bless us with an inner strength so that our  
lives and our work may be a blessing on others.  
Amen.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. I think we all need inner strength these  
days. Thank you. I invite Senator Haskell to lead  
us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States  
of America, and to the Republic for which it stands,  
one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and  
justice for all.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Before we begin, I would like to announce that Senators Abrams, Moore, Flexer, Fonfara, Cassano, Lesser and Lopes have informed the Chair that pursuant to Senate Rule 24, they will be voting from outside of the Chamber and that they are present at the Legislative Office Building or State Capitol, and will remain present for each vote cast. Is there any business on the Clerk's desk? Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Good morning. Before we get on to the business on the Clerk's desk, I'd just like to yield to any Senators who have any points of personal privilege or announcements.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. This is -- good morning -- for a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Please continue, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. The City of New Haven and the State of Connecticut suffered two very grievous events near the end of last year with the

passing of former Superior Court Judge Thayer "Ted" Baldwin, a long-time resident of New Haven and a community volunteer and activist. And also was the death of former State Representative Alfred Onorato, who was a three-term Representative representing the 97th District in New Haven.

Judge Baldwin, Thayer Baldwin, who everyone called Ted, was a political mentor to many, including me, in the City of New Haven. He was the campaign manager for the campaign of Frank Logue and [inaudible].

He celebrated politics, he celebrated public policy. He was an active, engaged volunteer in the community. His eldest son continuing the family tradition of public service, he's a battalion chief now in the Fire Department of the City of New Haven. And I would ask the Chamber to have a moment of silence in honor of retired Judge Thayer "Ted" Baldwin.

THE CHAIR:

A moment of silence is ordered.

Thank you.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. And the second notation is the death of former State Representative Alfred Onorato. Representative Onorato was first elected in 1978 and retired in 1984 after serving three terms; he didn't seek a fourth term. He was one of those who, although he loved service in the General Assembly, his [inaudible] made it impossible for him

to continue to sustain a law practice with the demands of serving here.

He was the Vice-Chair of the Judiciary Committee during his tenure. He was also the Chairman of the Banks Committee. He was someone who was really quite skilled in criminal law. He was one of my mentors when I first came to the General Assembly. He, as I said, represented that seat for three terms.

After that, he continued to be active in the community and at the time of his death was a Member of the Democratic State Central Committee for the 11th District.

He is survived by his wife June, his daughter Stephanie and grandchildren. So, I would ask the Chamber once again for a moment of silence for former State Representative Alfred Onorato of New Haven.

THE CHAIR:

A moment of silence is ordered.

Thank you.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Are there any other points of personal privilege? Any other points of personal privilege or comments? Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the Clerk -- is there business on the Clerk's desk?

THE CLERK:

Good morning. The Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda No. 1, dated Friday, January 15th, 2021.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move all items on Senate Agenda No. 1 dated Friday, January 15th, 2021, to be acted upon as indicated, and that the Agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing no objection, so ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. I move for a suspension of the rules to take up Judicial Resolutions that appear on Senate Agenda No. 1.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Senator Duff.

**Senate Agenda No. 1**

**BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE:**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION(S) FAVORABLY REPORTED** - to be tabled for the calendar.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 3** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE ANDREW J. MCDONALD** OF HARTFORD TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT AND A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 4** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE SHELLEY A. MARCUS** OF BRANFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 5** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE MARCIA J. GLEESON** OF AVON TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 6** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE PETER L. BROWN** OF HAMDEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 7** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE FRANK M. D'ADDABBO, JR.** OF CROMWELL TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 8** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE JOHN F. CRONAN** OF BRANFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 9** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE MARSHALL K. BERGER, JR.** OF CANTON TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 10** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE A. WILLIAM MOTTOLESE** OF STAMFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 11** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE CONSTANCE L. EPSTEIN** OF GLASTONBURY TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 12** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE DALE W. RADCLIFFE** OF BRIDGEPORT TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 13** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE JOHN TURNER** OF HAMDEN TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 14** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **BARBARA M. QUINN** OF CHESTER TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 15** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **ROBERT T. RESHA** OF DANBURY TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**HJ NO. 16** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE **HONORABLE GARY J. WHITE** OF STAMFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AND HOUSE LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (LIST NO. 5)** - to be waived and bills and resolutions to be referred to committee(s) indicated.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Agenda No. 1, I'd like to mark the items as go. House Joint Resolution No. 3, go. House Joint Resolution No. 4, go. House Joint Resolution No. 5, go. House Joint Resolution No. 6, go. House Joint Resolution No. 7, go. House Joint Resolution No. 8, go. House Joint Resolution No. 9, go. House Joint Resolution No. 10, go. House Joint Resolution No. 11, go. House Joint Resolution No. 12, go. House Joint Resolution No. 13, go. House Joint Resolution No. 14, go. House Joint Resolution No. 15, go and House Joint Resolution No. 16, go.

Thank you, Madam President. And if the Clerk can please call those items in that order.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 3, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ANDREW J. MCDONALD OF HARTFORD TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT AND A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Good morning, Madam President.



THE CHAIR:

Excuse me, I'm sorry. Excuse me, Senator. Senator Sampson, you are recognized; and also wait one minute, sir. Now go.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Good morning, Madam President. It's nice to see you up there, by the way.

THE CHAIR:

Nice to see you this morning, sir.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Pursuant to Senate Rule 15, I will be recusing myself from consideration of this nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Senator.

SENATOR SAMPSON (16TH):

Thank you, madam.

THE CHAIR:

So noted. Are there any other comments before we start? Seeing none, Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Good morning, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Good morning.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Question before the Chamber is adoption of the Resolution. Would you remark further, Senator Winfield?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Andrew J. McDonald. He comes to us on a positive vote from the Judiciary Committee. He's for re-nomination as a Senior Associate Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

He was first appointed in 2013. Justice McDonald is a graduate of the University of Connecticut Law School. He's also a graduate of Cornell University. He has -- he holds a Doctor of Law from Western New England Law School.

And, we all know -- many of us know Justice McDonald also from being a former Senator here and also being Counsel to the Governor, and in many other ways in which he's interacted with state government. I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Are there any other Senators? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President, great to see you this morning. I also rise in support of Justice McDonald. He did go through a difficult period when he was put forward as a potential Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. That did not work out for him. But since that time, he has continued to write many, many decisions, upheld my understanding is. And well respected by his colleagues.

And I just think that as much as he might still be somewhat controversial in some respects, I think once you serve a term, it's really hard to go back into the private sector and so I think Justice McDonald should get re-nominated, and so I'm supporting him today. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Are there any other remarks? Senator - Senator Duff, followed by Senator Looney,

SENATOR DUFF (25TH)

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I rise in support of the Resolution for Justice Andrew McDonald. He's proven over the last eight years to -- that his brilliant legal mind has really made a mark in the State Supreme Court on a number of decisions.

And those of us who remember him from his days here in the circle or in Governor Malloy's Office as General Counsel knows that he takes public service very seriously and that he is one to ensure that the people of the State of Connecticut have justice, fairness and equality and that he takes that very seriously.

It's hard to believe that it's already been a full term for him already and that here we are re-confirming him. But I could not think of a better person to sit on the Supreme Court to represent the people of the State of Connecticut than Andrew J. McDonald. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes, thank you very much, Madam President. Speaking in support of the resolution confirming the nomination of my good friend, Andrew McDonald, to continue as a Justice, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Andrew McDonald has had a superb career in all three branches of government. Previous to the courts, served with conviction for four terms as State Senator from Stamford, first elected in 2002. For each of those terms, he was the Senate Chair of the Judiciary Committee. And then for [inaudible] he served two years as Chief Counsel; and then in January 2013, appointed to serve on the Supreme Court. So for the last 18 years he served at the highest levels of all three branches of government.

Prior to that, he had a very distinguished career as an attorney, as a trial litigator, civil litigator, major civil litigation cases, and also served as Corporate Counsel for the City of Stamford.

One of the hallmarks of Justice McDonald's career and his approach to his role is to have great respect for the role of the Legislature in which he served. In fact, in his first term at the Senate, as Chairman of a Committee, he proposed legislation that would try to ensure that the Supreme Court would consider the statutes; only look beyond the statutory language where there was clear ambiguity and a clear sense that other sources needed to be looked into. A strong supporter of the [inaudible] rules, and give respect to the words and the intention of the Legislature in bringing about [inaudible] through any other perspective, wherever possible.

So, he has done great work over the last eight years. Anyone who has observed sessions of the Supreme Court know that he is one of the most probing and penetrating questioners on that Court. The litigators who come before it, people better be sure of their arguments and understand the implications of the points they are raising [inaudible].

He is, I think, one of the true [inaudible] of Connecticut and I urge his confirmation. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Are there any other comments? Seeing none -- Senator Kelly, did you have a comment? None. Senator Winfield, do you have any other comments? No? Thank you.

Mr. Clerk, seeing as there is a recusal, the Clerk will announce a roll call vote and the machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate, House Joint Resolution No. 3, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ANDREW J. MCDONALD OF HARTFORD TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT AND A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all Members voted? Have all Members voted?

The Chair is in possession of a written statement signed by Senator Lesser stating that he votes in the affirmative.

The machine will be closed.

The Chair is in possession of a written statement signed by Senator Lesser stating that he votes in the affirmative.

The Chair is in possession of a written statement signed by Senator Moore stating that she votes in the affirmative.

The Chair is in possession of a written statement signed by Senator Lopes saying that he votes in the affirmative.

The Senator is in possession of a written statement signed by Senator Flexer stating that she votes in the affirmative.

The Senator is in possession of a written statement signed by Senator Fonfara stating that he votes in the affirmative.

Okay, the Clerk has recorded the votes from outside the Chamber, as indicated, and will now announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 3:

Total number voting	32
Total number voting yea	26
Total voting nay	6
Absent and, not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

The Resolution is adopted. (Gavel)

Okay, back to regular business. Senator - the Clerk is in possession. Could you go on to the next Resolution?

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 4, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE SHELLEY A. MARCUS OF BRANFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of the Resolution. Will you remark further, Senator Winfield?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us the Honorable Shelley A. Marcus, who deals with juvenile matters in New Haven. She was appointed, last appointed in 2013, is a graduate of the University of Connecticut Law School, also a graduate of Albertus Magnus with a B.A.

She comes to us with a favorable vote. She's a member of the Judges Education Committee, and I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:



Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I stand in support of the re-nomination of the Honorable Shelley Marcus to be a Judge of the Superior Court. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield -- Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Request permission to speak from a desk other than my own. I believe there's a problem with some of the microphones on this side.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. So granted.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the re-nomination of Judge Shelley Marcus of Branford. She is someone who had a very diverse practice before her appointment to the bench, has done a superb job in her first eight years.

One of her assignments, a very difficult one, handling child protection cases and potential termination of parental rights cases in Court in New

Haven, where she showed great sensitivity and judgment and care in those very sensitive cases, so I would urge her re-confirmation. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Are there any other remarks? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

If there is no objection, I'd ask this to be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 5, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MARCIA J. GLEESON OF AVON TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Question before the Chamber is adoption of the Resolution. Will you remark further, Senator Winfield?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Marcia J. Gleeson, who deals with civil matters in the New Britain Judicial District.

She was appointed to the bench first in 2004. She had been assigned to -- had several assignments over the last number of years, including civil matters in New Britain, the regional child protection and juvenile matters in Middlesex.

She's a graduate of the University of Connecticut Law School. She received a Juris Doctor in 1980. She's also a graduate of the University of -- University Connecticut, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in 1973. She comes to us on a Favorable Report and I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Are there any other remarks? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I stand in support of this nominee to become a Senior Judge of the Superior Court. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Are there any other any other remarks? Are there any other remarks? Senator Winfield, will you remark further?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam. Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection I'd ask this item to be placed on consent as well.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 6, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE PETER L. BROWN OF HAMDEN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of the Resolution. Will you remark further, Senator Winfield?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Peter L. Brown, who's currently assigned as an administrative judge.

He is - he was appointed to the bench in 2004. He's a graduate of the New England Law School. He is also a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross. He comes to us on a favorable vote out of the Judiciary. He serves on several boards, including the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, and I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Are there any other comments? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I also rise in support of this nominee for re-confirmation, and urge my colleagues to support him as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Senator Winfield, will you remark further?

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Oh, I'm sorry, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Switched seats on me again, I got confused.  
Apologies.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes. Once again, asking permission to speak from a  
desk other than my own.

THE CHAIR:

So granted, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of  
the Resolution of Judge Peter Brown. He's a  
resident of Hamden, as Senator Winfield said, he was  
first appointed in 2004.

He's had a diverse and distinguished career, a  
significant part of that time handling criminal  
cases at Superior Court in Milford where he has  
handled a very busy and active docket. He's one of  
the most conscientious and hardworking judges in the  
system, and urge his re-appointment. Thank you,  
Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Senator Winfield, will you remark further?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask this item be placed under consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 7, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE FRANK M. D'ADDABBO, JR. OF CROMWELL TO BE A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Question before the Chamber is adoption of the Resolution. Would you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Frank M. D'Addabbo, Jr. He serves in the New Britain Judicial District. He was first appointed in an interim appointment in December of 1996, with a full appointment coming in the following year, 1997.

He's a graduate of the Western New England School of Law, and also the Providence College with a Bachelors of Arts. He has several honors, has served on the New Britain Boys and Girls Club and the Hospital of Central Connecticut. And he comes to us as a favorable vote out of the Judiciary Committee and I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. And I also rise in support of this candidate becoming a Senior Judge of the Superior Court. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Are there any other remarks? Seeing none, will you remark further Senator Winfield?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):



Yes, thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 8, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN F. CRONAN OF BRANFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of the Resolution. Would you remark further, Senator Winfield?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable John F. Cronan. He's dealing with criminal matters in New Haven. He was first appointed in 2004.

He's a graduate of the University of Connecticut Law School and also a graduate of Fairfield University. He has several honors. He comes to us with a Favorable Report out of the Judiciary Committee and I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I also rise in support of this candidate to become a State Referee, serving the good people of the State of Connecticut. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Are there any other remarks? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Once again, seeking permission to speak from a desk other than my own.

THE CHAIR:

So granted.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the Resolution for Judge Cronan. Judge Cronan has been a distinguished judge, an expert in criminal

matters. He was the liaison for the Chief State's Attorney's Office to the General Assembly for many years before his appointment to the bench. Had extremely cordial relationships with everyone, I think, on both sides of the aisle, both parties, during his tenure in that position.

He has brought all of that experience in criminal law to his tenure as a judge and I'm now very pleased that he's going to be continuing to work as a State Referee. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Are there any other remarks? Seeing none, Senator Winfield, will you remark further?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask this item be placed on consent as well.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 9, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE MARSHALL K. BERGER, JR. OF CANTON TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of the Resolution. Would you remark further, Senator Winfield?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Marshall K. Berger, Jr. of Canton. He is the presiding Judge of the land use docket in Hartford. He's a 1988 appointment.

He comes - he is a graduate of the George Washington University School of Law. He's also a graduate of the University of Vermont. He is a person who has sat on several boards and received many honors, and comes to us with a Favorable Report out of the Judiciary Committee, and I would urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Would you remark further, Senator Kissel?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I also rise in strong support of the Honorable Marshall Berger to become a State Referee. Way back in the day when

I first became an attorney, he was one of the first judges that I practiced in front of at GA 13 in Enfield.

And I can just speak from personal experience that he's an excellent jurist. I urge my colleagues to support this nomination. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further?  
Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 10, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING  
THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE A. WILLIAM MOTTOLESE  
OF STAMFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of  
the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption  
of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of the Resolution. Would you remark further, Senator Winfield?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable A. William Mottolese, of Stamford to be a State Referee. He is currently assigned to the Stamford Norwalk Judicial District.

He was appointed to the bench in 1988, a Georgetown Law Center graduate, a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross. He comes to us with a Favorable Report out of the Judiciary Committee and I would urge adoption by the body.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. And I also stand in support of this candidate's re-nomination to become a State Referee. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further? Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. If there's no objection, I'd ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 11, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE CONSTANCE L. EPSTEIN OF GLASTONBURY TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of the Resolution. Will you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Constance L. Epstein of Glastonbury to be a State Referee. She sits currently in the Hartford, dealing with civil matters. She was appointed in 2004.

She's a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law. She's also a graduate of Illinois State University, comes to us with a Favorable Report out of the Judiciary Committee, and I would urge adoption by the body.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I also stand in support of this nominee to be a State Referee. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Are there any other remarks? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Madam President, if there is no objection, I'd ask that this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, for the next item, House Joint Resolution No. 12, I'd like to move that item as PT and move to House Joint



Resolution No. 13. We'll come back to that one later. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 13, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN TURNER OF HAMDEN TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of the Resolution. Would you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable John Turner of Hamden to be a State Referee. He currently sits in the Superior Court for Juvenile Matters in Waterbury, was appointed to the bench in an interim term in 1996, with a full eight-year term beginning in 1997.

He is a graduate of the New England School of Law. He's also a graduate of the State University of New York at Albany, where he received a bachelor's of science. He's had several honors, including being a commencement speaker and many other honors. He sits on many boards and commissions, including the Minority Disparity Impact Committee for Waterbury Schools. He comes to us with a Favorable Report out of the Judiciary Committee and I would urge adoption by the body.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I also stand in strong support of this candidate's re-nomination.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Again, thank you, Madam President, and asking permission to speak from a desk other than my own.

THE CHAIR:

So granted.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I'm very pleased to speak on behalf of Judge Turner's re-appointment. He has had a very long and distinguished career now, serving about 24 years in the judiciary. I'm very pleased that he's continuing as a State Referee.

Before his appointment to the bench, he was a partner in one of the leading civil rights firms in the state, Jones, Turner and Wright. Judge Clarence Jones also was his law partner at the time, later became a Superior Court Judge, and Judge Turner has continued his stellar legal career on the bench. He is also somebody who has been an active community volunteer and a leading citizen of Hamden all of these years. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Will you remark further?  
Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 14, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING  
THE NOMINATION OF BARBARA M. QUINN OF CHESTER TO BE  
A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of the Resolution. Would you remark further, Senator Winfield?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Barbara M. Quinn of Chester to be a State Referee. She has served as the Chief Court Administrator and a Judge Trial Referee in the Middlesex Superior Court. She was first appointed in 1996.

She's a graduate of the Emory University School of Law and Bryn Mawr College. She is a member of several boards, and she comes to us on a Favorable Report out of the Judiciary Committee and I would urge adoption by the body.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Yeah, I stand -- Thank you, Madam President. I stand in strong support of the Honorable Judge Quinn. She did an excellent job, in my opinion, when she was Chief Court Administrator, was very accessible and I wish her the best in the rest of her career. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Are there any other remarks? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 15, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT T. RESHA OF DANBURY TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of the Resolution. Would you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Robert T. Resha of Danbury to be a State Referee. He currently sits in Waterbury, dealing with family matters. He was appointed to the bench in 1997.

He's a graduate of the University of Connecticut Law School. He also attended and graduated from the University of Connecticut, receiving a bachelor of arts. He has the honor of being Person of the Year from the Lebanon American Club of Danbury, has several honors. Comes to us on a Favorable Report out of the Judiciary Committee and I would urge adoption by the body.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and I stand in support as well for this nominee to become a State Referee. Would urge my colleagues to be supportive also. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Are there any other remarks or comments?  
Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. If there is no  
objection, I'd ask this item be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 16, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING  
THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE GARY J. WHITE OF  
STAMFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of  
the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption  
of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Question before the Chamber is adoption of the  
Resolution. Would you remark further? Senator  
Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Gary J. White of Stamford to be a Judge of the Superior Court. He was first appointed to the bench in 1996.

He's a graduate of the Harvard Law School and also College of the Holy Cross. He is -- was -- has been a member of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission and several other committees and commissions. And he comes to us with a positive vote out of the Judiciary Committee and I would urge adoption by the body.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I also stand with a strong support of this nominee, and would urge my colleagues to be supportive as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Are there any other remarks or comments? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask this item to be placed on consent.

THE CHAIR:



Seeing no objection, so ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you. The great sprint. Thank you, Madam President. If we can now call the item that I previously marked PT, House Joint Resolution No. 12.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY (21ST):

Thank you, Madam President. Pursuant to Senate Rule 15, 15, I will be recusing myself from consideration of the nomination on the Honorable Dale Radcliffe.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much, Senator Kelly, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 12, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE DALE W. RADCLIFFE OF BRIDGEPORT TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you very much. Mr. Clerk. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution.

THE CHAIR:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of the Resolution. Would you remark further? Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Before us is the Honorable Dale W. Radcliffe of Bridgeport to be a State Referee. He's currently a Judge Trial Referee at the Judicial District of Fairfield, sitting in Bridgeport. He is - - he was appointed in 1997 to the bench.

He's a graduate of the Franklin Pierce Law Center. He is also a graduate of the Allegheny - of Allegheny College with a bachelor's of arts in political science, and he comes to us with a positive vote out of the Judiciary Committee. I would urge adoption by the body.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Winfield. Will you remark further? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I also stand in support of the Honorable Dale Radcliffe to be a State Referee. It gives you an idea how long I've been around here, I remember serving on the

Judiciary Committee with the Honorable Dale Radcliffe and he was very insightful back in those days, and I'm sure that he continues to be that way on the bench. So, happy to be supportive of his nomination. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Kissel. Will you remark further?  
Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Once again asking permission to speak from a desk other than my own.

THE CHAIR:

So granted.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Good. Thank you, Madam President. I speak in support of the Resolution also, confirming the nomination of the Honorable Dale Radcliffe of Bridgeport.

Now, when then Representative Radcliffe served in the General Assembly, he represented Trumbull, and so many people over the years have moved from Bridgeport to Trumbull but he's one of a number -- maybe a smaller number -- that have moved from Trumbull to Bridgeport. But his career in the General Assembly was outstanding.

In 1991 and '92, when I was the House chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, he was the

Ranking Member in the House and we developed a strong and close friendship during that time. And several years later, in the 1995-96 term, by then I was in the Senate, we were both Ranking Members of the Judiciary Committee.

Because that was the term in which we had split party control in the General Assembly, and the Republican Party was the majority and Senator Tim Upson was the Republican Chair, I was the ranking Member in the House. Then Representative Mike Lawlor, I believe, had become Chair then, and Representative Radcliffe was the Ranking Member.

Now, he was one of the Members of the Judiciary Committee as Senator Kissel, who has also been here long enough to remember and served on the Committee during that time, Representative Radcliffe took on what is the often thankless job on the Committee of investigating all of the claims. And others have done that since then, including Senator Kissel, and it takes a great deal of time and effort.

But he was always so conscientious, continued to do that as a judge. And I'm very pleased to see that he is continuing as a State Referee, because he is someone with an active mind, a strong sense of justice, and we're very fortunate to have him on the bench. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Are there any other comments? Seeing none, will you remark further Senator Winfield? No? Thank you. The Clerk will announce a roll call vote and the machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on House Joint Resolution No. 12, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE DALE W. RADCLIFFE OF BRIDGEPORT TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate.

THE CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 12:

Total number voting	32
Total voting yea	32
Total voting nay	0
Absent, not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

(Gavel) The Resolution is adopted. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, we -- would the Clerk please call the items on the Consent Calendar for a vote on the first Consent Calendar, please?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Duff. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 1, House Joint Resolution No. 4, House Joint Resolution No. 5, House Joint Resolution No. 6, House Joint Resolution No. 7, House Joint Resolution No. 8, House Joint Resolution No. 9, House Joint Resolution No. 10, House Joint Resolution No. 11, House Joint Resolution No. 13, House Joint Resolution No. 14, House Joint Resolution No. 15, and House Joint Resolution No. 16. Consent Calendar No. 1.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Clerk will announce a roll call vote and the machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 1. Immediate roll call vote has been ordered in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 1. Immediate roll call vote in the Senate on Consent Calendar No. 1.

THE CHAIR:

Have all Members voted? Have all Members voted?  
The machine will be closed.

The Chair is in possession of a written statement signed by Senator Lesser stating that he votes in the affirmative.

The Chair is in possession of a written statement signed by Senator Lopes voting in the affirmative.

The Chair is in possession of a written statement signed by Senator Moore. She is voting in the affirmative.

The Chair is in possession of a written statement signed by Senator Flexer stating that she is voting in the affirmative.

The Chair is in possession of a written statement signed by Senator Fonfara stating that he is voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Clerk, will you please record the votes from outside the Chamber as indicated and announce the tally?

THE CLERK:

Consent Calendar No. 1:

Total number voting	33
Total number voting yea	33
Total voting nay	0
Absent, not voting	2

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar is adopted. (Gavel) It's actually -- gentlemen. The Consent Calendar is adopted. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, that concludes our business for today. Before I yield to points of personal privilege or announcements, I just wanted to mention that Senator Kasser is -- is

not here today because of a family emergency. And if this Chamber and Members can keep her and her family in our thoughts and prayers, I'm sure she'd appreciate that.

I'd like to now yield to any Members for points of personal privilege or announcements.

THE CHAIR:

Are there any points of personal privilege? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Again, permission to speak from a desk other than my own.

THE CHAIR:

So granted.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President, first for -- first for an announcement. We received word that the Governor's Budget Message will be presented on Wednesday, February 10th. We expect that'll be a virtual presentation, as was his Opening Day Speech, but it will be Wednesday, February 10th.

And also for a point of personal privilege, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Please continue, sir.



SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. On Monday, we celebrate the official holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. but his actual birthday would be today, January 15. He was born on January 15, 1929. He would be 92 years old were he alive today.

And fortunately, there are many people in our society today living to the age of 92 because of better healthcare and all of the other advances in science that we have seen.

Unfortunately, of course, he is not one of them. He only lived 39 of those 92 years but accomplished, in that brief span of time, more than most people do who live to be 92 or beyond. In fact, at the time of his death, as we all know, he was advocating for the rights of low income workers, sanitation workers in Memphis, where he was fatally killed in April of 1968.

But it's important, I think, to remember on this -- on this actual day, someone whose whole life was a witness for justice and a witness for change. And also, it demonstrates that even in a short life, people who are talented, motivated, and also have the ability to inspire others can achieve a great deal in a short period of time. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Are there any other points of personal privilege? Seeing none, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I also would just like to make some personal comments as well and -- take a moment of personal privilege.

Madam President, we're in some very difficult times right now, as we know, through the -- what we saw last Wednesday with the attack on the US Capitol and the heightened sense of security, not only in Washington, D.C., but also in all 50 State Capitols around the country. And I would certainly want to wish all of my colleagues safety and security over the next week and going forward, obviously.

These are difficult and stressful times, not only for us, but our families and staff and others who work here at the State Capitol as well.

I wanted to take a moment to thank the folks who are keeping us safe during these trying times. Our staff at Legislative Management, State Capitol Police, our State Police, National Guard and other law enforcement partners. And to know that we will get through these difficult times. We don't know when or how, but I know that over some time, our democracy will prevail and we'll get through what is right now a very difficult time.

I was reminded of a quote by President Kennedy when he accepted -- his acceptance speech for the Democratic nomination on July 15th of 1960 when he said, "We're not here to curse the darkness, but to

light the candle that can guide us through the darkness to a safe and sane future." And I think those words are just as powerful today as they were back in 1960.

And also, in the spirit of celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday this weekend, and his birthday -- actual birthday today, is that a few of the quotes of many that Dr. King had that we should remember as we go forward in celebrating his birthday and all that he stood for, for non-violent and peaceful protests of injustices that we see everywhere, that we should think of some of the words that he had said back then.

A few -- just two quotes, which is, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience and comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

And the second is, which is a common quote of Dr. King's but one that is so important for all of us to always remember, again, especially in these trying times that we face ourselves today, that "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice."

And that I feel confident that during these times, Democrats and Republicans can come together. We will protect our democracy. We will be strong and we will have a country that is the shining light at the top of the hill.

And with that, Madam President, I would move that we adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

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Thank you, Senator Duff. The Senate will stand  
adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

(On motion of Senator Duff of the 25TH, the Senate  
at 12:02 adjourned Sine Die.)