



JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Thursday, March 20, 2025

The House of Representatives was called to order at 9:33 o'clock p.m., in accordance with the provisions of House Rule 50, and under the authority of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the House Minority Leader.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Ann M. Clark of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Almighty God, who presides over all things in heaven and on earth, graciously hear the prayers of this Body and grant us Your peace all the days of our lives. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ann M. Clark of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House of Representatives was called to order, by the Office of the House Clerk under the authority of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the House Minority Leader.

It was moved that the House agenda dated Thursday, March 20, 2025 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:

CHILDREN. Substitute for H.B. No. 6183 (File No. 154) AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE.

CHILDREN. H.B. No. 6186 (File No. 155) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL RECORDS PERTAINING TO PRENATAL CARE AND MANDATED REPORTS.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. Substitute for H.B. No. 6445 (RAISED) (File No. 156) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. H.B. No. 6844 (RAISED) (File No. 157) AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY BENEFITS AND PENSION OFFSETS.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. Substitute for H.B. No. 6887 (RAISED) (File No. 158) AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY.

AGING. H.B. No. 6985 (RAISED) (File No. 159) AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME AND RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME ABANDONMENT.

BANKING. H.B. No. 6988 (RAISED) (File No. 160) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN THE STATE.

CHILDREN. H.B. No. 7043 (RAISED) (File No. 161) AN ACT CONCERNING FOSTER CARE MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS.

CHILDREN. Substitute for H.B. No. 7044 (RAISED) (File No. 162) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAM PORTAL.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Substitute for H.B. No. 7048 (RAISED) (File No. 163) AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE HEALTH CARE CABINET.

**FAVORABLE REPORTS OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES
CHANGES OF REFERENCE
HOUSE BILLS**

The following favorable reports on the House Bills recommending a change of reference were received from the committees indicated, the bills read, the reports of the committees accepted, and the bills referred as recommended:

COMMERCE. H.B. No. 7008 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES TAX CREDIT FOR PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. H.B. No. 7055 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL TAX ABATEMENT FOR SURVIVING DOMESTIC PARTNERS OF POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND ALLOWING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR STIPENDS PAID TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, VOLUNTEER FIRE POLICE OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE MEMBERS.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. H.B. No. 7120 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT GEAR, A FIREFIGHTER CANCER SCREENING PILOT PROGRAM AND GRANTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF PFAS FROM FIRE APPARATUS.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**BUSINESS FROM THE SENATE
FAVORABLE REPORTS OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES
CHANGES OF REFERENCE
SENATE BILLS**

The following favorable reports on the Senate Bills recommending a change of reference were received from the committees indicated, the bills read, the reports of the committees accepted and the bills referred as recommended in concurrence:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. S.B. No. 1241 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE CRISIS INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. S.B. No. 1318 (RAISED) AN ACT ASSESSING A CERTAIN FEE FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS CANCER RELIEF ACCOUNT.

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

COMMERCE. S.B. No. 1456 (RAISED) AN ACT DEDICATING A PORTION OF THE MEALS TAX REVENUE TO ARTS, CULTURE AND TOURISM.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. S.B. No. 1491 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A FIRE SUPPRESSION INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 7250 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE', to implement the recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee.

S.B. No. 1541 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE CORRECTION OMBUDS, USE OF FORCE AND BODY CAMERAS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE BY PERSONS WHO ARE INCARCERATED', to (1) lengthen the term of the Correction Ombuds, (2) modify the duties and powers of the Office of the Correction Ombuds, (3) amend the budget process for the Office of the Correction Ombuds, (4) modify provisions concerning use of force in correctional facilities, (5) require the development of a plan for use of body cameras by correctional officers, and (6) permit claimants to be granted permission to sue the state in the case of certain claims by persons who are incarcerated.

S.B. No. 1542 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT RAISING THE AGE OF ARREST OF A CHILD AND THE USE OF HANDCUFFS ON YOUNG CHILDREN', to raise the age for arrest of a child under certain circumstances, from ten to twelve years in 2026, and from twelve to fourteen years in 2028, and restrict the use of handcuffs on children under fourteen years of age.

S.B. No. 1543 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION', to (1) require that persons who are incarcerated be immediately provided evidence-based mental health interventions upon initial assessment and intake, (2) require that persons who are incarcerated be fed palatable and nutritious meals and not be served nutraloaf as punishment, (3) ensure that persons who are incarcerated are provided a form to authorize another person to access their medical records, (4) cause the publication of the Criminal Justice Institute's report concerning cases of medical neglect in Connecticut's correctional facilities and provide that claimants in such cases be granted permission to sue the state, (5) adopt measures to increase access to data concerning cases involving medical neglect by the Department of Correction, (6) require a

study of relocating the New Haven Correctional Center on Whalley Avenue and the Bridgeport Correctional Center, (7) employ measures to increase staffing at correctional facilities, (8) increase productive time for out-of-cell time for persons who are incarcerated, (9) ensure incidents of violence against correctional officers are fully documented, and (10) establish a pilot program for body scans in lieu of body and cavity searches and bonding for such program.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 9:34 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.