



JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Friday, March 21, 2025

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:51 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, Peter M. Murszewski of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Lord, awaken our hearts and our minds with Your presence. Help guide our decisions so that the people of this State can be well served by the actions we take. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Peter M. Murszewski of Wethersfield, 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 Friday, March 21, 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 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:

ENVIRONMENT. H.B. No. 6273 (COMM) AN ACT ESTABLISHING FUNDING FOR FARMERS WHO HAVE CROP LOSS DUE TO SIGNIFICANT ACUTE WEATHER EVENTS.

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

COMMERCE. H.B. No. 6786 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING THE HIRING RATIO FOR SKILLED TRADES.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on General Law.

**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:

ENVIRONMENT. Substitute for S.B. No. 55 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARE, MAINTENANCE AND BOATING SEASON FOR WYASSUP LAKE IN NORTH STONINGTON.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

ENVIRONMENT. S.B. No. 641 (COMM) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR A BOAT WASHING STATION AT GARDNER LAKE IN THE TOWN OF SALEM.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

ENVIRONMENT. S.B. No. 1378 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING WILDFIRE RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT.

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. 7251 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESOLUTION OF CLAIMS FOR WRONGFUL INCARCERATION BY THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER', to permit the Attorney General and a claimant to stipulate to facts and a compensation award that may, in certain instances, be approved by the Claims Commissioner without the need for the General Assembly to approve such agreement or stipulation.

H.J. No. 93 (COMM) JUDICIARY. 'RESOLUTION GRANTING THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO DISPOSE OF THE CLAIM OF BRUSHAUN THOMPSON-BAKER'

S.B. No. 1544 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESETTLEMENT LEGAL FUNDING AND LOANS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANTICIPATED RECEIPT OF A WRONGFUL INCARCERATION AWARD', to require the Commissioner of Banking to report on consumer complaints made with respect to presettlement legal funding and loans made in connection with the anticipated receipt of a wrongful incarceration award.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 4:53 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.

**BILLS FILED WITH THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH JOINT RULE 15
AS OF MARCH 20, 2025
AT 5:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

COMMERCE

H.B. No. 5008 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT-PUERTO RICO TRADE COMMISSION.

H.B. No. 6786 AN ACT CONCERNING THE HIRING RATIO FOR SKILLED TRADES.

H.B. No. 6879 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MANUFACTURING.

H.B. No. 6881 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ARTS, CULTURE AND TOURISM.

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

H.B. No. 7084 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM PLAN IN THE GREATER MYSTIC AREA.

H.B. No. 7085 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A REVIEW OF THE RELEASE-BASED CLEANUP PROGRAM AND RELATED REGULATIONS.

H.B. No. 7165 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE COMMERCE STATUTES.

H.B. No. 7166 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO CERTAIN TAX CREDIT STATUTES.

H.R. No. 9 (COMM) RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO AMEND THE JONES ACT TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND PUERTO RICO.

S.B. No. 575 AN ACT EXPANDING A BIOSCIENCE ENTERPRISE CORRIDOR ZONE LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE.

S.B. No. 576 AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LEARN HERE, LIVE HERE PROGRAM, INCREASING THE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE ON SUCH PROGRAM AND MAKING SUCH PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

S.B. No. 1178 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF AN INTERNET WEB SITE MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

S.B. No. 1179 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY MAKERSPACE INITIATIVE PROGRAM.

S.B. No. 1258 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

S.B. No. 1259 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE SHORTAGES, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING.

S.B. No. 1402 (RAISED) AN ACT MODIFYING THE REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS OF REGULATIONS AFFECTING SMALL BUSINESSES.

S.B. No. 1403 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION.

S.B. No. 1404 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CONFORMING ADJUSTMENTS TO SUPPORT THE TRANSITION TO A RELEASED-BASED CLEANUP PROGRAM.

S.B. No. 1454 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN BROWNFIELD PROGRAMS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES.

S.B. No. 1455 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN BUSINESS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

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

S.B. No. 1457 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT ZONE IN THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE.

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ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

H.B. No. 6777 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING WATER UTILITY SYSTEMS AND WATER QUALITY AND TREATMENT SURCHARGES.

H.B. No. 6927 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING THE STUDY OF ENERGY SOURCES.

H.B. No. 7017 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY TRANSMISSION AND GRID-ENHANCING TECHNOLOGIES.

H.B. No. 7018 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TEST BED TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM.

H.B. No. 7019 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF INCENTIVES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC RESISTANCE HEATING SYSTEMS.

H.B. No. 7087 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SHARED CLEAN ENERGY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

S.B. No. 4 AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY AFFORDABILITY, ACCESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

S.B. No. 545 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SATISFACTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS QUALITY OF SERVICE STANDARDS AND PROHIBITING REMOTE RECONNECTION FEES.

S.B. No. 1194 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

S.B. No. 1290 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY.

S.B. No. 1292 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE DATA CENTERS.

S.B. No. 1293 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES.

S.B. No. 1353 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SUBSIDIES FOR NEW ELECTRICITY DEMAND.

S.B. No. 1354 (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING MERGERS OF CERTAIN UTILITY COMPANIES.

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GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

H.B. No. 5574 AN ACT REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CREATES PROJECT REPORT CONCERNING DIGITIZATION.

H.B. No. 6487 AN ACT REQUIRING THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TO REVIEW THE COSTS OF PROVIDING CERTAIN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES.

H.B. No. 7089 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORMS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.

H.B. No. 7090 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMING AND SCOPE OF AUDITS BY THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

H.B. No. 7091 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AUDITS OF THE ENERGY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMEOWNERS.

H.B. No. 7092 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

H.B. No. 7093 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REFERENDA, INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES AND OTHER CAMPAIGN FINANCE CHANGES.

H.B. No. 7183 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE AND REPORTS CONCERNING SUCH INSURANCE.

H.B. No. 7184 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT.

H.B. No. 7185 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ETHICS.

H.B. No. 7186 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING A REPORT CONCERNING THE USE OF BODY SCANNING MACHINES AND STRIP AND CAVITY SEARCHES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

S.B. No. 515 AN ACT CONCERNING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE MAXIMUM INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT UNDER THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.

S.B. No. 1209 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCLOSURE OF THE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

S.B. No. 1405 (RAISED) AN ACT MODIFYING CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS AND THE POWERS OF THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.

S.B. No. 1406 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE PLATFORMS THAT COLLECT CONTRIBUTIONS AND AUTHORIZING STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION JURISDICTION OVER THE ELECTIONS OF CERTAIN DISTRICTS.

S.B. No. 1407 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AUDITS CONDUCTED BY THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.

S.B. No. 1408 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF STATE AGENCY RESPONSE TIMES TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS.

S.B. No. 1409 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILINGS.

S.B. No. 1467 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING A REVIEW OF THE COSTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY PRIVATE PROVIDERS.

S.B. No. 1468 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY.

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HUMAN SERVICES

H.B. No. 5580 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR DIABETES PREVENTION, EDUCATION, SELF-MANAGEMENT AND MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY PROGRAMS AND ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL.

H.B. No. 6932 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE INTERPRETING STANDARDS BOARD.

H.B. No. 7022 (RAISED) AN ACT PROMOTING EQUITY IN MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR FERTILITY HEALTH CARE.

H.B. No. 7101 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO STUDY A HUSKY FOR ALL SINGLE-PAYER UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.

H.B. No. 7102 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH CARE.

H.B. No. 7103 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE KATIE BECKETT WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS.

H.B. No. 7104 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PROGRAMS TO MITIGATE THE BENEFITS CLIFF.

H.B. No. 7105 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FORENSIC AUDITS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

H.B. No. 7106 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS OF AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WHEELCHAIR REPAIR.

H.B. No. 7107 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A JANITORIAL WORK PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY OR DISADVANTAGE AND A TASK FORCE TO STUDY EXPANDING GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

H.B. No. 7108 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AUTISM AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.

H.B. No. 7109 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS SERVICES AND IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE.

H.B. No. 7187 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF A REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

H.B. No. 7188 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING HOMELESSNESS AND THE CHESS PROGRAM.

H.B. No. 7190 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES.

H.B. No. 7191 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID RATE INCREASES, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY.

H.B. No. 7192 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BIPARTISAN DRUG TASK FORCE.

S.B. No. 11 AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY.

S.B. No. 805 AN ACT REQUIRING NURSING HOMES TO SPEND NOT LESS THAN EIGHTY PER CENT OF REVENUES ON DIRECT PATIENT CARE.

S.B. No. 806 AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR TREATMENT OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

S.B. No. 807 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF ASSET LIMITS FOR HUSKY C BENEFICIARIES OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD.

S.B. No. 981 AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR OLDER PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

S.B. No. 1251 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

S.B. No. 1298 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION STANDARDS.

S.B. No. 1359 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

S.B. No. 1415 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID AND MEDICAID-FUNDED PROGRAMS.

S.B. No. 1416 (RAISED) AN ACT EXPANDING LONG-TERM CARE OPTIONS FOR MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES.

S.B. No. 1417 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NURSING HOME WORKFORCE STANDARDS BOARD.

S.B. No. 1418 (RAISED) AN ACT REDUCING BARRIERS TO FOOD SECURITY.

S.B. No. 1420 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT PARTNERSHIP FOR LONG-TERM CARE.

S.B. No. 1469 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL DEBT.

S.B. No. 1470 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SERVICES.

S.B. No. 1471 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY-BASED MEMORY CARE PROGRAM.

S.B. No. 1472 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID-FUNDED SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES' REGIONAL CENTERS.

S.B. No. 1473 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR FDA-APPROVED GENE THERAPIES TO TREAT SICKLE CELL DISEASE.

S.B. No. 1474 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

S.B. No. 1476 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ABLE ACT.

S.B. No. 1477 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A COVERED CONNECTICUT TRUST FUND.

S.B. No. 1478 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID BILLING BY SCHOOL NURSES AND FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION.

S.B. No. 1479 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ARBITRATION AND HEALTH CARE.

S.B. No. 1480 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATE EQUITY AND REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST OWNERSHIP OF HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES.

S.B. No. 1481 (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN SERVICES FUNDED UNDER MEDICAID.

S.B. No. 1482 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AN ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM.

S.B. No. 1483 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME-PLUS PROGRAM.