



## **JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

**Monday, February 10, 2020**

The Senate was called to order at 10:17 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Timothy Kehoe of East Hartford, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

We ask for patience to understand those who disagree with us, sensitivity to the needs of others, and prudence to make decisions which work toward the common good.

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Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(d) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated February 10, 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.

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### **REPORTS**

The following reports were received, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committees indicated:

Report – Public Utility Rogatory Authority - Regarding the Standards For Electric Distribution Company Emergency Performance Pursuant To Special Act No. 19-15, An Act Requiring The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority To Study Performance Standards And Minimum Staffing And Equipment Levels For Electric Distribution Companies. (Pursuant to Public Act 19-15.) Date received February 6, 2020.

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology.

Report – Department of Motor Vehicles – Connecticut Emissions Program Statistics for January 2020. (Pursuant to Executive Directive #3 and Section 14-164h of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: February 7, 2020.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

Report – Department of Economic and Community Development – Revised Annual Report for 2019. (Pursuant to Section 32-1m of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: February 6, 2020.

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report – Department of Consumer Protection – Final Report: A Pilot Program for Hemp A report to the Environment Committee. (Pursuant to Public Act 19-3.) Date received: February 7, 2020.

Referred to Committees on Environment and General Law.

Report - Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services - Report Concerning Involuntary Detention and Transport to Hospital Emergency Departments of Persons Who Experienced Non-Fatal Opioid Overdoses. (Pursuant to Public Act 19-191.) Date received: February 7, 2020.

Referred to Committees on Human Services and Public Health.

Report – Department of Children Services - Licensure of the Alfred J. Solnit Children's Center. (Pursuant to Public Act 19-16.) Date received: February 7, 2020.

Referred to Committee on Children.

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## COMMERCE

Proposed S.B. No. **20** SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT HIRE FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS', to establish a tax credit for businesses that hire formerly incarcerated individuals.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Proposed S.B. No. **21** SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPORTS WAGERING, ONLINE GAMING, ONLINE LOTTERY TICKET SALES AND ONLINE KENO AND PROVIDING REVENUE TO THE STATE FROM SUCH GAMING', to create jobs in the gaming industry and increase revenue to the state.

## ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. **5031** REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to exempt senior citizens from paying the Passport to the Parks program motor vehicle registration fee.

## FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. **5032** REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE THOMASTON OPERA HOUSE', to provide a grant of funds to the town of Thomaston for the renovation of the Thomaston Opera House.

Proposed H.B. No. **5033** REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT HIRE RECENT HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GRADUATES', to establish a tax credit for businesses that hire recent high school or college graduates.

Proposed H.B. No. **5034** REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE ESTATE TAX', to eliminate the estate tax.

Proposed H.B. No. **5035** REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX ON PENSION INCOME OF TAXPAYERS SIXTY-SEVEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER', to eliminate personal income tax on the pension income of any taxpayer who is sixty-seven years of age or older.

Proposed H.B. No. **5036** REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO FOREST ROAD IN NEW HAVEN', to provide funding to the city of New Haven to reduce flooding on Forest Road.

Proposed H.B. No. **5037** REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE ESTATE TAX', to eliminate the estate tax.

Proposed H.B. No. **5038** REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ON WHALLEY AVENUE IN NEW HAVEN', to provide funds to the city of New Haven to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists on Whalley Avenue.

Proposed H.B. No. **5039** REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT REPEALING COMBINED REPORTING FOR BUSINESSES' CORPORATE TAX LIABILITY', to repeal combined reporting for businesses' corporate tax liability.

Proposed H.B. No. **5040** REP. GILCHREST, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION', to establish an excise tax on ammunition to increase funding for gun violence prevention and reduction efforts.

Proposed H.B. No. **5041** REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR ABLE ACCOUNT DEPOSITS', to establish a deduction under the personal income tax for deposits made by a taxpayer to an achieving a better life experience account.

Proposed H.B. No. **5042** REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON ELLA GRASSO BOULEVARD IN NEW HAVEN', to provide funding to the city of New Haven to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists on Ella Grasso Boulevard.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

H.B. No. **5043** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN IMMUNIZATION CONSULTATIONS', to require health insurance coverage for at least a twenty-minute consultation between a health care provider and a covered individual concerning the immunizations that are recommended for such individual by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

H.B. No. **5044** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS', to protect the public health by ensuring adequate and appropriate immunizations of children.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Senate at 10:18 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.