



## **JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

The Senate was called to order at 1:40 p.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, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut

The following is the prayer:

Understanding is one of the greatest accomplishments of life, and with it comes wisdom.

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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 March 3, 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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### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR**

The following communications were received from His Excellency, the Governor, read by the Clerk and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations:

March 3, 2020

Corrected Letter

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 4-7, 4-9c and 10a-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint DANIEL D. TOSCANO, of Darien, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, in succession to Denis J. Nayden, to serve a term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont

Governor

March 3, 2020

Corrected Letter

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 4-7, 4-9c and 10a-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint ANDY F. BESSETTE, of West Hartford, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, to serve a term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont  
Governor

March 3, 2020

Corrected Letter

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 4-7, 4-9c and 10a-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint ANDREA B. DENNIS-LAVIGNE, of Simsbury, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, to serve a term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont  
Governor

March 3, 2020

Corrected Letter

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 4-7, 4-9c and 10a-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint KEVIN J. O'CONNOR, of Greenwich, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, in succession to Lawrence D. McHugh, to serve a term ending June 30, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont  
Governor

March 2, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-5 through 4-7 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint BONNIE BURR, of Brookfield, to the State Board of Education, to be a person with extensive experience in agricultural, in succession to Terry Jones, to serve a term ending February 28, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont  
Governor

March 2, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-5 through 4-7 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint KAREN E. DUBOIS-WATSON, of New Haven, to the State Board of Education, to be a member, in succession to Stephen Wright, to serve a term ending February 28, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont  
Governor

March 2, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-5 through 4-7 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint MARTHA PALUCH PROU, of Bloomfield, to the State Board of Education, to be a person with experience in manufacturing, in succession to Joseph Vrabley, to serve a term ending February 28, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont  
Governor

March 2, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-5 through 4-7 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint AWILDA REASCO, of New Britain, to the State Board of Education, to be a member, in succession to Maria Mojica, to serve a term ending February 28, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont  
Governor

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**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS  
SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), 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:

**BANKING**

S.B. No. **381** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE STUDENT LOAN BILL OF RIGHTS', to provide additional protections for student loan borrowers and cosigners of private education loans and to create a cause of action against student loan servicers who engage in abusive acts or practices while servicing a student education loan.

S.B. No. **382** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS ACTING AS LEAD GENERATORS AND COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS', to exempt certain persons from licensure as a lead generator and to exempt commercial mortgage loan originators from certain overtime requirements.

S.B. No. **383** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE BANKING STATUTES', to require the Banking Department to submit recommendations for various revisions to the banking statutes to the General Assembly.

**JUDICIARY**

S.B. No. **384** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR DISTRACTED DRIVING', to increase the penalties for distracted driving.

S.B. No. **385** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES', to amend various statutes relating to the responsibilities of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with respect to the provision of sexual harassment training, the filing of discriminatory practice complaints and the approval of affirmative action plans.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

S.B. No. **386** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SUICIDE PREVENTION', to require the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to evaluate suicide prevention programs and training in the state.

S.B. No. **387** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ART THERAPISTS', to allow temporary permits to practice as an art therapist under supervision to be valid for two years.

**JUDICIARY**

S.B. No. **388** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEW OF ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS BY THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION', to require the Connecticut Sentencing Commission to review the animal cruelty laws in this state and other states and make recommendations, if any, to the legislature for changes to state laws.

S.B. No. **389** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING SENTENCE REVIEW AND MODIFICATION', to enact the Connecticut Sentencing Commission's recommendation with respect to sentence review and modification.

### APPROPRIATIONS

S.R. No. **6** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE STATE EMPLOYEES BARGAINING AGENT COALITION (SEBAC)'

### BANKING

H.B. No. **5423** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN MORTGAGE LENDERS FROM CHARGING CERTAIN FEES TO BORROWERS AFTER RECEIVING A PAYMENT TO REINSTATE A MORTGAGE', to prohibit certain mortgage lenders from charging certain fees to borrowers after receiving a payment to reinstate a mortgage.

H.B. No. **5424** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING MONEY TRANSMITTERS TO PROVIDE CONSUMERS WITH A MONEY TRANSMISSION FRAUD WARNING', to require money transmitters to provide consumers with a money transmission fraud warning prior to wiring money.

H.B. No. **5425** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MORTGAGE FORBEARANCE FOR OWNERS OF HOMES WITH CRUMBLING FOUNDATIONS', to require certain residential mortgages to include a provision that permits mortgage forbearance if the home requires repairs related to the presence of pyrrhotite in the foundation.

H.B. No. **5426** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIENS FOR UNPAID WAGES AND A REQUIREMENT THAT FISCAL INTERMEDIARIES MEET EMPLOYER TIMELY PAY OBLIGATIONS', to authorize the Labor Commissioner or an employee to seek to establish a lien against the property of an employer for unpaid wages; and to establish requirements relating to the payment of timely wages on fiscal intermediaries that provide payroll services to personal care attendants.

H.B. No. **5427** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUES RELATING TO DEBT COLLECTION', to (1) require financial institutions to leave the lesser of the account balance or one thousand dollars in a judgment debtor's account during a bank execution; (2) increase the amount of the threshold of the aggregate cash price of a repossessed motor vehicle or boat for purposes of the formula for calculating the prima facie fair market value of such motor vehicle or boat; (3) eliminate extension options and establish a firm ten-year statute of limitations for the enforcement of small claims judgments; and (4) clarify that credit card charges for the purchase of goods and services are not to be considered moneys loaned for purposes of post-judgment interest.

H.B. No. **5428** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUES RELATING TO MORTGAGES AND MECHANIC'S LIENS', to: (1) Require a mortgagee to deliver the mortgage release to the town clerk and a certified copy of such release to the mortgagor; (2) require a mortgagee to accept a payment for mortgage releases from an attorney's IOLTA account; (3) require the acceptance of certain payments on mortgage loans issued by Connecticut banks and

Connecticut credit unions on and after October 1, 2020; and (4) allow property owners to substitute bonds for mechanic's liens without seeking judicial intervention.

H.B. No. **5429** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE BANKING COMMISSIONER TO ESTABLISH A FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNTS', to require the Banking Commissioner to establish a first-time homebuyer savings account program and establish a tax deduction for contributions to first-time homebuyer savings accounts.

H.B. No. **5430** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMPUTER CRIMES AGAINST FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR CUSTOMERS', to make clear that computer crimes include attacks (1) that involve any computer, computer network or computer software that is owned, leased or licensed by a financial institution, and (2) targeted at the money, property or personal information of customers that is being held by a financial institution in connection with a loan or deposit account, or in a fiduciary, trust or custodial capacity.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

H.B. No. **5431** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN SCHOOLS', to require local and regional boards of education to maintain healthy indoor air quality in their schools.

**JUDICIARY**

H.B. No. **5432** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NONLETHAL ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPONS', to remove the prohibition on possession of nonlethal electronic defense weapons.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The Senate at 1:41 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.