



JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Thursday, March 5, 2020

The Senate was called to order at 1:47 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:

This is the beginning of a new day. We have been given this day to use as we will. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place is something that we have left behind. Let it be something good.

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 5, 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.

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 5, 2020

Corrected Letter

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 10-153f of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint you ROBERT NAMNOUM, of Canton, to be a member of the Education Arbitration Board, to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of the late Clifford Silvers ending June 30, 2020, and to serve a full term ending June 30, 2024, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

REPORTS

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

Report – Auditors of Public Accounts – Department of Corrections for Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: March 5, 2020.

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Public Safety.

**FAVORABLE REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
CHANGE OF REFERENCE
SENATE BILL**

The following favorable report on a Senate Bill recommending a change of reference was received from the Joint Standing Committee indicated, the report of the Committee accepted, and the bill referred as recommended:

AGING S.B. No. **81** (RAISED) "AN ACT PERMITTING THE COMMUNITY SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED MEDICAID RECIPIENT TO RETAIN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ALLOWABLE ASSETS."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

AGING. S.B. No. **83** (RAISED) "AN ACT REDUCING PARTICIPANT COSTS AND EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

AGING S.B. No. **161** (RAISED) "AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVES."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

AGING S.B. No. **84** (RAISED) "AN ACT CONCERNING RETROACTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME CARE SERVICES."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Human Services

AGING Substitute for S.B. No. **164** (RAISED) "AN ACT LOWERING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Planning and Development

**BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE
FAVORABLE REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
CHANGE OF REFERENCE
HOUSE BILL**

The following favorable report on House Bill recommending a change of reference was received from the Joint Standing Committee indicated, the report of the Committee accepted, and the bill referred as recommended:

AGING. Substitute for H.B. No. **5099** (RAISED) "AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUMS."

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

AGING. H.B. No. **5209** (RAISED) "AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

AGING. Substitute for H.B. No. **5203** (RAISED) "AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL FOR ELDERLY PERSONS."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Planning and Development.

**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:

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. **411** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FUND FOR THE EFFECT OF CERTAIN OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY PROJECTS ON STATE FISHERIES', to compensate commercial fishermen for lost revenues associated with the effects of certain offshore wind energy projects and require disclosure of the contract and associated documents for such project.

S.B. No. **412** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WEED MAPPING ON CANDLEWOOD LAKE', to provide funding for the mapping of invasive aquatic weeds in Candlewood Lake.

S.B. No. **413** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF EXOTIC OR WILD ANIMALS IN TRAVELING ANIMAL ACTS', to prohibit the use of exotic or wild animals in traveling circuses.

S.B. No. **414** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP OF CERTAIN PRESSURIZED GAS CONTAINERS', to require the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to establish a product stewardship program for certain pressurized gas containers.

S.B. No. **415** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VETERINARY REPORTING OF DOGS USED IN ANIMAL FIGHTING', to require veterinarians to report to local law enforcement agencies when they treat dogs that they believe have been used in animal fighting.

S.B. No. **416** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN RESTROOM FACILITIES AT STATE PARKS AND BOAT LAUNCHES', to provide essential facilities at certain state parks and boat launches.

S.B. No. **417** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE HARVESTING OF HORSESHOE CRABS DURING A FULL MOON', to prohibit the harvesting of horseshoe crabs during the time of a full moon phase in order to preserve horseshoe crab populations.

S.B. No. **418** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAY KIOSKS AT STATE PARKS', to require the installation of pay kiosks at certain state parks for the collection of parking fees by out-of-state residents.

S.B. No. **419** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VEGETATION MANAGEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION', to require certain assessments concerning endangered and threatened species be performed by the Department of Transportation prior to conducting certain tree removal projects along state highways.

S.B. No. **420** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAINT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM', to decrease the paint stewardship assessment for certain containers of architectural paint sold in the state.

S.B. No. **421** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CIRCLE FISH HOOKS', to require fishermen to use nonoffset circle hooks under certain methods when fishing for striped bass and blue fish.

HUMAN SERVICES

S.B. No. **422** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT STRENGTHENING HOME CARE SERVICES', to establish a public registry of homemaker-companion agency employees.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

S.B. No. **423** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS AND ALTERNATIVE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS', to increase to ten thousand gallons per day the maximum capacity of certain subsurface sewage disposal systems and alternative on-site sewage treatment systems over which the Department of Public Health has jurisdiction.

S.B. No. **424** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY', to permit the board of directors of the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority to authorize expansion of the authority's wastewater system into the town of Coventry and take any action the board deems necessary to implement such expansion.

S.B. No. **425** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO FILE CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT

INFORMATION AND CONTINGENCY AGREEMENTS FOR EXPERT TESTIMONY IN CERTAIN TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS', to (1) impose a certain penalty on owners of certain real property for failure to file certain information requested by the assessor, (2) allow for filings postmarked within the applicable filing period to be deemed not delinquent, (3) apply existing billing practices to tax bills issued to such owners, and (4) prohibit the use of certain expert witnesses in certain tax assessment appeals if such witness is compensated on a contingency basis for such testimony.

PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. **426** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP IN THE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT', to require the Department of Public Health to determine the feasibility of becoming a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

S.B. No. **427** (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND FIRE SAFETY CODE', to (1) rename an advisory committee as the Fire Prevention Code Committee, (2) clarify the application and enforcement of the State Fire Prevention Code and the Fire Safety Code, and (3) make technical changes.

S.B. No. **428** (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN PERSONS WITH PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES', to allow assisted outpatient treatment of people with psychiatric disabilities who pose a risk of causing serious physical injury to other persons if they fail to follow a treatment plan.

S.B. No. **429** (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE STATE FOREST FIRE WARDEN, GAMING AND PUBLIC SAFETY STATUTES', to make technical changes to statutes related to public safety and repeal an obsolete statute related to the lottery.

S.B. No. **430** (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS STATUTES', to make technical changes to the emergency preparedness statutes.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

S.B. No. **431** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NEXUS PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN DISASTER-RELATED OR EMERGENCY-RELATED WORK PERFORMED IN THE STATE', to specify that out-of-state businesses and out-of-state employees with no connection to the state, other than performing disaster-related or emergency-related work in the state, shall not be deemed to have established presence or residency in the state by virtue of performing such work.

S.B. No. **432** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT', to allow affected business entities to claim a credit against the personal income tax through participation in the R.E. Van Norstrand Neighborhood Assistance Act.

S.B. No. **433** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A HARTFORD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU', to authorize the Capital Region Development Authority to establish a Hartford Convention and Visitors Bureau.

S.B. No. **434** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LOAN PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS FOR CERTAIN HOME REPAIRS', to require the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to establish a loan program to assist low-income homeowners in paying for certain repairs to their primary residences.

S.B. No. **435** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INVEST CT FUNDS', to specify investment requirements for invest CT funds to be eligible for certification by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and increase the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under the program.

S.B. No. **436** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF STATE TAX POLICIES', to require the Commissioner of Revenue Services to study the tax policies of the state.

S.B. No. **437** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF STATE REVENUE COLLECTION PROCESSES AND METHODOLOGIES', to require the Commissioner of Revenue Services to review and analyze state revenue collection processes and methodologies.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. **5454** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM', to examine the scope, need and effects of the Department of Transportation's vegetation management program.

H.B. No. **5455** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISION OF CERTAIN HUNTING AND FISHING RELATED STATUTES', to revise certain fishing and hunting related statutes concerning motor vehicle deer strikes, bow and arrow hunting, the use of night vision devices and veteran fishing events.

H.B. No. **5456** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXEMPTIONS TO THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS FEE FOR SENIORS, VETERANS AND CERTAIN VEHICLE OWNERS', to exempt senior citizens and veterans from the Passport to the Parks vehicle registration fee and to apply such vehicle registration fee to only one vehicle when a person registers more than one vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

H.B. No. **5457** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FREE BOW AND ARROW PERMITS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS', to provide senior citizens with free bow and arrow permits to hunt deer and small game.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

H.B. No. **5458** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TOURISM ACCOUNT SURCHARGE ON MOTOR VEHICLE RENTALS AND LEASES', to specify that a marketplace facilitator is a retailer subject to collection and remittance of the tourism account surcharge.

H.B. No. **5459** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LISTS OF DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS', to exclude persons making tax payments under a payment plan from the lists of delinquent taxpayers prepared by the Commissioner of Revenue Services.

H.B. No. **5460** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTERSTATE COMPACT TO PHASE OUT CORPORATE GIVEAWAYS', to adopt the interstate compact to phase out corporate giveaways.

H.B. No. **5461** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT GRANTS FOR INCLUSIVE MUNICIPALITIES', to provide that school building project grants for inclusive municipalities be increased by ten percentage points.

H.B. No. **5462** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF STATE REVENUE POLICIES', to require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with the Commissioner of Revenue Services, to conduct a study of the revenue policies of the state.

H.B. No. **5463** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE TAX AND RELATED STATUTES', to make minor and technical revisions to the tax and related statutes.

H.B. No. **5464** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAX TREATMENT OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS THAT ARE EXPORTED FROM THE STATE', to specify that tobacco products owned by a distributor, that are located on the premises of a warehouse in the state and exported from the state, are not subject to the tobacco products tax at the time the tobacco products are manufactured, purchased, imported, received or acquired in the state.

H.B. No. **5465** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE FILM PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT', to allow the film production tax credit to be claimed against the sales tax under certain circumstances and at a reduced rate.

H.B. No. **5466** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF STATE FINANCE POLICIES', to require the Commissioners of Economic and Community Development and Revenue Services to study the finance policies of this state and surrounding states.

H.B. No. **5467** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR ADOPTION EXPENSES', to establish a credit against the personal income tax for adoption expenses.

H.B. No. **5468** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES', to increase the aggregate amount of tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures.

H.B. No. **5469** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSIONS TAX', to allow any event at the New Britain Stadium and the Xfinity Theatre in Hartford to be subject to the reduced admissions tax rate.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. **5470** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TOBACCO USE PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE', to provide additional state financial resources for the development of tobacco use prevention programs for persons under twenty-one years of age.

H.B. No. **5471** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVISOR'S TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES', to make various technical changes concerning grammar, clarity and accuracy of internal references and consistency in the general statutes.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

H.B. No. **5472** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS', to require assessors and boards of assessors to post certain property tax exemption statement forms on such assessors' and boards' Internet web sites, clarify that payments made by federal, state or local governments for the treatment, support or care of certain individuals shall not constitute housing subsidies for the purposes of determining what is a charitable purpose, require boards of assessors to consider whether certain property claimed to be exempt is owned or held in trust by federal tax-exempt charitable organizations, and clarify that subsidiary and affiliate entities of the Connecticut Institute for the Blind are tax exempt.

H.B. No. **5473** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE GRANTING OF VARIANCES BY ZONING BOARDS OF APPEALS', to specify the conditions under which zoning boards of appeals may grant variances.

H.B. No. **5474** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANTS FOR THE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING OF CERTAIN TREES', to authorize municipalities to use local capital improvement fund grants to remove and trim certain hazardous trees, limbs and branches.

H.B. No. **5475** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL RESTRICTIONS ON PET SHOPS', to clarify that a municipality may enact or enforce an ordinance to place certain obligations or restrictions on pet shops.

H.B. No. **5476** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE-WIDE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM TASK FORCE', to establish a task force to study the need for and feasibility of establishing a centralized, state-wide geographic information system.

H.B. No. **5477** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN CONSERVATION EASEMENTS', to authorize municipalities to abate real property taxes due on any portion of land that (1) meets the criteria for designation as a greenway, (2) is a terrestrial recreational trail that does not exceed one hundred feet in width, and (3) is the subject of a conservation easement conveyed by the owner of the land to a municipality, the state or a nonprofit land conservation organization.

H.B. No. **5478** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST HAVEN', to permit the establishment of a special taxing district in West Haven and authorize such district to make expenditures for public and private infrastructure improvements and issue bonds to finance the improvements.

PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. **5479** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BLOOD SAFETY', to ensure the safe collection of blood and blood products.

H.B. No. **5480** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DELIVERY OF HEALTHY HOME IMPROVEMENTS AND RETROFITS', to establish a pilot program for the delivery of home inspections, home improvements and retrofits to create healthier, more energy efficient homes.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate at 1:48 p.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair