

THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

(On Tuesday, the 29th day of September 2020, in accordance with the Call of the Governor, the House of Representatives convened in the House Chamber in the State Capitol at Hartford at 11:30 o'clock a.m., in Special Session. The House was called to order, Speaker Joe Aresimowicz in the Chair.)

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

[Gavel] The House please come to Order. Will Members, Staff and Guests please rise, direct your attention to Representative Candelora who will lead us in prayer. Hold on Vin, can you hit it again?

GUEST CHAPLAIN REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Let us pray. Dear God, bless us as we come together for this Session and imbue us with patience and resolve as we stand in the people's house to make decisions that will benefit our faithful

constituents. Amen.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Amen. Thank you, sir. Would you now, Representative Currie, of the 117th District, would you lead us in the Pledge please?

REP. CURREY (11TH):

(ALL) I pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you, Representative. Is there any business on the Clerk's desk?

CLERK:

Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have a Governor's Call, Proclamation in Convening the General Assembly in Special Session.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Without objection we will waive the reading.

CLERK:

And that will be followed by four House Resolutions.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. I do order that the Governor's Call be printed in the Journal. [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call House Resolution 201.

CLERK:

House Resolution 201, RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 29TH SPECIAL SESSION, 2020 introduced by Representative Aresimowicz, Representative Ritter, Representative Klarides.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Ritter. Oh, Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move adoption of the Resolution.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is on Adoption of the Resolutions. Will you remark?

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. These are the House Rules that we are proposing for the Special Session.

These are the same rules that were in effect during the July Special Session including the electronic voting system. Thank you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, Sir. Will you remark further on the Rules before us? Will you remark further on the Rules before us? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor, please signify by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Those opposed, Nay. They ayes have it [Gavel] the Resolution's adopted. Will the Clerk please call LCO Number, House Joint Resolution No. Okay, House Joint Resolution No. 201, LCO Number 4269.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 201, RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 29TH SPECIAL SESSION 2020, introduced by Representative Aresimowicz, Representative Ritter, Senator Looney, Senator Duff.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move adoption of the Resolution.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is Adoption of Resolution. Will you remark?

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Yes, these are the Joint Rules that we are proposing for this Special Session. These are the typical Joint Rules in that we had also in the July Session but we are reconstituting the Standing Committee, Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and we will only be taking up Judicial Appointments in this Session.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Will you remark? Representative Klarides of 114th. Madam, you now have the floor.

REP. KLARIDES (114TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As my good colleague

has mentioned these are the same rules that we adopted in July for Special Session and we all, I think, acknowledge the fact that none of this that we're doing here is ideal but unfortunately it is where we are at this time in our history. I just wanted to make a few comments if I could.

We recognize as Republicans in the Legislature we are in the minority and its majority control of this Legislature and the governor's office and these are basically your priorities. And again we recognize that but we have priorities too and there are things that were important to us. For example, there were domestic violence bills that we requested that were taken off the agenda. I know that was not necessarily coming from the Legislature, it was coming from the governor's office. That was something that was disappointing to us. I know there are issues with liquor, fees that we all agreed on last session would be fixed this year. I know we discussed those at length in the past months, all of us, and I know those were agreed to. My understanding to be put in Executive Order which

hasn't been done yet. So that has been disappointing to us. You know, certainly we could talk about many other things which I don't believe is necessary right now, but all of us have had a little bit of debate, a discussion about a month ago about the governor extending his executive orders. We didn't agree with the extent to which they were extended. We understand we are certainly still in an emergency, we are certainly in a health pandemic in this State and this Country and this world and we understand there was the need for some of them, but not all of them. But at a certain point he has those powers, yet we are sitting here right now, debating certain Bills. And people need to understand that everybody has their priorities and those need to be discussed and debated and dealt with in a mutual way.

Today in a little while, we are going to hear upstairs in the Senate, I believe a robust debate and discussion about these rules. I think that that should be listened to very clearly. Because of Covid we're here in a way that we're not normally

here and we all recognize, but because of that our Rules are limited in the things that we can do. We have had a say today in regards to a lot of these Bills in this Chamber, so I will say that and a lot of the input was taken in this Chamber. But most of these Bills are not our priorities. And when you represent 40 percent of the State of Connecticut I think that is a pretty large amount that should be taken into account more than they have been. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, Madam. Will you remark further on the Resolution before us? Will you remark further? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor, please signify by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Those opposed, Nay. They Ayes have it [Gavel] the Resolution's adopted. Will the Clerk please call House Joint Resolution No. 202.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 202, RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE EXPENSES OF THE SEPTEMBER 29TH
SPECIAL SESSION 2020 introduce by Representative
Aresimowicz, Representative Ritter, et al.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

See, I'm not even gone yet and they're already
forgetting my name [Laughs]. Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

[Laughs] Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move
Adoption of the Resolution.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is Adoption of the
Resolution. Will you remark? Will you remark? If
not, let me try your minds. All those in favor,
please signify by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Those opposed, Nay. They Ayes have it the
Resolution's adopted [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please
call House Joint Resolution No. 203.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution No. 203, RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE PRINTING OF THE JOURNALS OF THE
SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE
SEPTEMBER 29TH, SPECIAL SESSION 2020, introduced by
Representative Aresimowicz, Representative Ritter,
et al.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move Adoption.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is on Adoption of
Resolution. Will you remark? If not, let me try
your minds. All those in favor, please signify by
saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Those opposed, Nay. They Ayes have it
[Gavel}the Resolution's adopted. Representative
Currey of the 11th District, for what purpose do you
rise, sir?

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that we recess subject to the Call of the Chair.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Question before the Chamber is Recessing subject to the Call of the Chair. Will you remark? Will you remark? It not, we stand recessed subject to the Call of the Chair. [Gavel]

(On Motion of Representative Currey of the 11th District, the House Recessed at 11:38 o'clock a.m. to reconvene at the Call of the Chair.)

(The House reconvened at 1:41 o'clock p.m. Speaker Aresimowicz in the Chair.)

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

{Gavel} The House come back to Order. Is there any business on the Clerk's desk?

CLERK:

Yes, Mr. Speaker. The Clerk has communications from his Excellency the Governor, Judicial

Nominations.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

I order that they be referred to the Committee on Judiciary. [Gavel]

CLERK:

Mr. Speaker there is no further business on the Clerk's desk.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that we adjourn subject to the Call of the Chair.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is on Adjournment subject to the Call of the Chair. Any objections? Any objections? Hearing none, so ordered [Gavel].

(On motion of Representative Currey of the 11th District, the House adjourned at 1:42 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.)

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