



JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Friday, February 6, 2026

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:11 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, Samuel R. Stamler of Branford, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Almighty God, who presides over all things in heaven and on earth, graciously hear the prayers of this Body and grant us Your peace all the days of our life. 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, February 6, 2026 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.

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.

APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed H.B. No. 5047 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE OF HELICOPTERS USED IN SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS', to provide critical funding for helicopter search and rescue.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Proposed H.B. No. 5048 REP. YACCARINO, 87th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF THE PUBLIC BENEFITS CHARGE FROM CONSUMER ELECTRIC BILLS', to remove the combined public benefits charge from electric customer bills and pay the costs of such charge from the General Fund.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. 5049 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY PERSONAL INCOME TAX PAYMENTS', to allow a taxpayer to pay more than the amount owed on the taxpayer's personal income tax return filing.

Proposed H.B. No. 5050 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALES PRICE THRESHOLD OF MOTOR VEHICLES SUBJECT TO A HIGHER SALES AND USE TAXES RATE', to increase to more than seventy-five thousand dollars the sales price threshold for a motor vehicle subject to the seven and three-fourths per cent sales and use taxes rate.

Proposed H.B. No. 5051 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST.; REP. PAVALOCK-D'AMATO, 77th DIST.; REP. POLLETTA, 68th DIST.; REP. VAIL, 52nd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR TIPS OR GRATUITIES AND OVERTIME PAY', to establish a personal income tax deduction for the amount of tips or gratuities and overtime pay properly deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Proposed H.B. No. 5052 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS REPORTED ON A TAXPAYER'S FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN', to establish a personal income tax deduction for the amount of charitable contributions reported by a taxpayer on such taxpayer's federal income tax return.

Proposed H.B. No. 5053 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR DONATIONS MADE TO CONNECTICUT-BASED CHARITIES', to establish a tax credit for donations made by a taxpayer to Connecticut-based charities.

Proposed H.B. No. 5054 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS', to establish a personal income tax deduction of up to one thousand dollars for student loan payments made by a taxpayer for a taxable year.

Proposed H.B. No. 5055 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING HEALTH AND ATHLETIC CLUB SERVICES FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES', to exempt health and athletic club services from the sales and use taxes.

Proposed H.B. No. 5056 REP. BRONKO, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE ADDITIONAL ONE PER CENT SALES AND USE TAXES IMPOSED ON MEALS SOLD BY AN EATING ESTABLISHMENT, CATERER OR GROCERY STORE', to eliminate the additional one per cent sales and use taxes imposed on meals sold by an eating establishment, caterer or grocery store.

Proposed H.B. No. 5057 REP. BRONKO, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR TIPS OR GRATUITIES', to establish a personal income tax deduction for the amount of tips or gratuities declared by a taxpayer for the taxable year.

Proposed H.B. No. 5058 REP. BRONKO, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE HIGHWAY USE TAX', to eliminate the highway use tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5059 REP. CANINO, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT FOR PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES', to establish a credit against the personal income tax in the amount of six per cent of the research and development expenses paid or incurred for a taxable year by pass-through entities.

Proposed H.B. No. 5060 REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING TAX CREDIT', to increase the maximum amount of the corporation business tax credit for wages paid to apprentices in the construction trades from four thousand dollars to seven thousand five hundred dollars per apprentice.

Proposed H.B. No. 5061 REP. YACCARINO, 87th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR A PRIMARY RESIDENCE OR MOTOR VEHICLE', to (1) increase the maximum allowable credit against the personal income tax for a person's primary residence or motor vehicle from three hundred dollars to one thousand dollars, (2) increase the minimum allowable credit threshold, and (3) expand eligibility for the credit by increasing the qualifying Connecticut adjusted gross income thresholds set forth in section 12-704c of the general statutes.

Proposed H.B. No. 5062 REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE HIGHWAY USE TAX', to eliminate the highway use tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5063 REP. SCOTT, 112th DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING THE SALES AND USE TAXES RATE APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS', to reduce to two per cent the sales and use taxes rate applicable to the sale of and the storage, use or other consumption in the state of construction or building materials for the construction or rehabilitation of housing.

Proposed H.B. No. 5064 REP. SCOTT, 112th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR FOOD DONATED BY FARMERS TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS', to establish a tax credit for food donated by farmers to charitable organizations.

Proposed H.B. No. 5065 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR STIPENDS PAID TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE MEMBERS', to establish a personal income tax deduction for any stipend paid by a municipality, a volunteer fire department of a municipality or a volunteer ambulance association of a municipality, to a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance member.

Proposed H.B. No. 5066 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR SENIORS', to require that, for seniors, the qualifying income threshold for any personal income tax deduction be indexed to reflect the rate of inflation.

Proposed H.B. No. 5067 REP. VEACH, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL EXPENSES', to establish a personal income tax deduction for the amount of unreimbursed medical expenses that exceed seven and one-half per cent of a taxpayer's adjusted gross income.

Proposed H.B. No. 5068 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENTS TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR REVENUE LOSS ASSOCIATED WITH A VETERANS PROPERTY TAX CREDIT', to require the state to partially reimburse municipalities for the cost associated with administering a veterans property tax credit.

Proposed H.B. No. 5069 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR ROAD WORK IN THE TOWN OF NEW MILFORD', to provide funding for road work recommended in the Department of Transportation's New Milford Road Safety Audit report dated October 2024.

Proposed H.B. No. 5070 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT REESTABLISHING THE JOB EXPANSION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM', to reestablish the job expansion tax credit program.

APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 94 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH', to increase funding for children's mental health in southeastern Connecticut.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 95 SEN. PERILLO, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF DEFENSE CONTRACTORS AND OF DIRECT SUPPLIERS AND SUBCONTRACTORS OF DEFENSE CONTRACTORS', to establish a credit against the personal income tax of five hundred dollars for certain employees of defense contractors and of direct suppliers and subcontractors of defense contractors.

Proposed S.B. No. 96 SEN. CICARELLA, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING TAX CREDITS FOR GROCERY STORES BUILT IN LOW-INCOME AREAS', to establish tax credits for grocery stores built in low-income areas with limited access to groceries.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 4:13 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.