JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

The House of Representatives was called to order at 7:34 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, Ann M. Clark of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Lord, bless this beautiful day You have set before us as we gather to do the business of the State. Continue to guide us in our deliberations so the actions we take may benefit all. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ann M. Clark of Bloomfield, 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 Tuesday, March 10, 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR

The following communication was received from His Excellency, the Governor, on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

March 10, 2026

Corrected Letter

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 10-153f of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint **RICHARD H. KOSINSKI** of Oxford, to the Education Arbitration Panel, as a neutral arbitrator, to serve a term ending June 30, 2029, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY,
THE GOVERNOR

The following communications were received from His Excellency, the Governor, on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

March 10, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **CAMPBELL BARRETT** of Durham, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Michael P. Kamp, who resigned.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **JEFFREY R. BECKHAM** of Tolland, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Dan Shaban, who elected senior status.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **THEODORE M. DOOLITTLE** of West Hartford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Mary-Margaret D. Burgdorff, who elected senior status and has since resigned.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **PATRICK M. FAHEY** of South Glastonbury, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Susan Q. Cobb, who elected senior status.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **FELICE N. GRAY-KEMP** of Hamden, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale, who elected senior status.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **SEAN O. KEHOE** of West Hartford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Robin L. Wilson, who was elevated to the Appellate Court.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **NISA J. KHAN** of West Hartford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Carl E. Taylor, who retired.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **SEAN P. MCGUINNESS** of Norwalk, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Theodore R. Tyma, who resigned.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **PHILLIP MILLER** of Glastonbury, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Robert A. D'Andrea, who reached the age of seventy.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **LEAH M. POLLARD** of Pomfret Center, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Michael Wu, who reached the age of seventy.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **PATRICK T. RING** of Windsor, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable David P. Gold, who reached the age of seventy.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **JOHN T. SHABAN** of Redding, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Mark T. Gould, who resigned.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **ROSEMARIE T. WEBER** of Granby, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Sheila M. Prats, who resigned.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you **JUSTINE L. WHALEN** of Branford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Cesar A. Noble, who resigned.

NED LAMONT
Governor

FAVORABLE REPORT OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL

The following House Bill was received from the committee indicated, the bill read the second time and tabled for the Calendar and printing:

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. Substitute for H.B. No. 5163 (RAISED) (File No. 9) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY METHODS AND PROGRAMS FOR IMPROVING AFFORDABILITY FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS.

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.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5535 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER AND REVIEW OF WRONGFUL INCARCERATION AWARDS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY', to (1) permit the Office of the Claims Commissioner to hear and decide certain claims for money damages not in excess of fifteen thousand dollars, and (2) extend the time period for review of wrongful incarceration awards by the General Assembly.

S.B. No. 476 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VISITATION POLICIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO PERSONS WHO WERE FORMERLY INCARCERATED', to prescribe (1) minimal in-person visitation thresholds for persons who are incarcerated, and (2) the process for the transfer of funds held in trust by the Department of Correction to persons who were formerly incarcerated.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 7:36 o’clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.