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The 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 11, 2026, 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.

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES
SENATE BILLS

The following favorable reports were received from the Joint Standing Committees indicated, read the second time and tabled for the calendar and printing.

EDUCATION. S.B. No. **136** (RAISED) (File No. 16) "AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE STATE."

PUBLIC HEALTH. Substitute for S.B. No. **238** (RAISED) (File No. 17) "AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES RESPONSE TIME TRANSPARENCY."

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. S.B. No. **264** (RAISED) (File No. 18) "AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING."

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. Substitute for S.B. No. **266** (RAISED) (File No. 19) "AN ACT LIMITING THE ACCESS OF PRIVATE EQUITY TO FUNDS FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ENDOWMENT."

FAVORABLE REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
SENATE RESOLUTION

The following favorable report was received from the Joint Standing Committee indicated, read the second time and tabled for the calendar.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. **64** "RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DENNIS C. MURPHY OF BRIDGEPORT TO BE REAPPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ARBITRATION PANEL."

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:

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

S.B. No**. 477** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR CERTAIN GRAND LIST EXEMPTIONS', to allow certain persons to file for property tax exemptions, notwithstanding certain statutory deadlines.

HUMAN SERVICES

S.B. No**. 478** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER SAFEGUARDS FOR LONG-TERM CARE POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONNECTICUT PARTNERSHIP FOR LONG-TERM CARE', to establish consumer safeguards for purchases of long-term care insurance policies.

S.B. No**. 479** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL FUND APPLICATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES', to allow legislative oversight of applications for federal funds by the Department of Social Services.

S.B. No**. 480** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT TARGETING FRAUD, WASTE, ABUSE AND CORRUPTION', to deter fraud in the supplemental nutrition assistance program and include federal officials among public servants subject to state laws concerning corrupt practices affecting the Medicaid program and other state programs.

S.B. No**. 481** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING FINANCIAL SAFEGUARDS FOR PRIVATE EQUITY OWNERSHIP OF NURSING HOMES AND PROHIBITING REQUIRED ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS', to establish financial safeguards concerning private equity ownership of nursing homes and to prohibit nursing homes from requiring residents or prospective residents to sign arbitration agreements to resolve disputes.

S.B. No**. 482** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF MEDICAID WAIVERS, MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS AND OTHER FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS', to establish additional legislative oversight of applications by the Department of Social Services for federal funding.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No**. 483** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CRIME OF DIGITAL FORGERY', to establish the crime of digital forgery.

S.B. No**. 484** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DISTRACTED DRIVING AND THE SAFE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE IN A HIGHWAY WORK ZONE', to (1) include the playing of a video on a mobile electronic device that is in full view to the person who is operating the vehicle as a form of distracted driving, and (2) specify that distracted driving in a highway work zone is a violation of the state's reckless driving statute.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

H.B. No**. 5114** (COMM) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REFUNDABLE CREDIT AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR A PORTION OF ANNUAL RENT PAYMENTS MADE BY A TAXPAYER FOR A PRIMARY RESIDENCE IN THE STATE', to establish a refundable credit against the personal income tax for a portion of annual rent payments actually made by a taxpayer for a taxable year for a primary residence in the state.

H.B. No**. 5536** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGISTRY AND AUTHORIZING AN OPTIONAL MUNICIPAL SUPPLEMENTAL TAX ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS', to establish a state short-term rental registry, authorize an optional municipal supplemental tax on short-term rentals and require short-term rental return filings to include disaggregated sales tax information.

H.B. No**. 5537** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT IMPOSING A TAX ON CERTAIN SWEETENED BEVERAGES, SYRUPS AND POWDERS AND DEDICATING THE REVENUE GENERATED TO A UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM', to impose a tax on certain sweetened beverages, syrups and powders and dedicate the revenue generated to a universal free school meals program to reimburse local and regional boards of education for the provision of free school breakfasts and lunches to all public school students.

H.B. No**. 5538** (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**. 5539** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTOR AND DEALER LICENSES AND PENALTIES FOR ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS VIOLATIONS', to (1) require applicants for cigarette and tobacco products distributor and dealer licenses and renewals to provide certain information with such applications, and (2) establish additional penalties for violations of state law regarding the sale, offer for sale or marketing of electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products.

HUMAN SERVICES

H.B. No**. 5540** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MITIGATION OF BENEFITS CLIFFS', to mitigate the loss of temporary family assistance benefits due to certain increases in household income.

H.B. No**. 5541** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES', to require the Commissioner of Social Services to produce a status report on community action agencies.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No**. 5542** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL AND SIMPLE TRESPASS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS OR IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS', to clarify provisions concerning trespassing on school grounds or in school buildings.