

Connecticut Bar Association Capitol Update with Bill Chapman



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As promised, the 2018 legislative session ended on May 9, 2018 at midnight. No special session. No Implementer. And the biggest worry of all was agreed upon at 4:40 in the afternoon. The [budget](#) then arrived in the Senate and was passed in less than 30 minutes at 10:47 p.m., and then went down to the House for its quick approval. Funding for judges was included.

Winners and Losers

A significant number of bills were introduced into a short session which is officially a technical session to make fixes. There were 'airplane carriers' that included a number of bills that had been discussed in the Environment, Transportation, and Education committees. It offered the opportunity for bills to pass without having delayed discussion. Other bills became task forces with the hope that answers and better bills will come to the 2019 session. And, of course, there were plenty of strike-all amendments where the amendment becomes the bill. In many of the bills you read it's often best to go to the last amendment passed or the OLR description of that amendment.

The winners this session were the dreamers, the National Popular Vote, ban bump stocks, identifying the domestic violence primary aggressor, pay equity (you can't ask), drug pricing controls, and crumbling foundations (\$12 to every homeowners bill).

Meanwhile, the General Assembly losers would be non-tribal gambling casino, recreational weed, minimum wage, sports betting, and sexual harassment (eliminating statute of limitation).

Say Goodbye, Gracie

A good amount of time is spent in the last week paying respect to senators and representatives who are leaving their respective chambers. Seven of the 36 state senators (Doyle,* Kennedy, Slossberg, Gomes, Linares,* Guglielmo, Markley*) are leaving the circle this year. They officially stay on until early January 2019. The elections are being held Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The starred names above are running for a higher office.

In the House, the following 17 (of 151) representatives are retiring from their seats including Reps. Guerrero,* Urban, Rovero, Berger, Tong,* Juleson-Scopino, Lesser,* France, Reed, Sculczyck, Gentile, Legyt, Tweedie,* Srivasan,* Ziobron,* Staneski,* Sampson.* Again, the starred names are running for higher office.

It's always challenging to meet and identify during a new session 15 to 20 percent new legislators, and that's to go along with a number of legislators who were new in the last session that you didn't actually get to know.

A legislative review will be posted soon.