

# Journal of the House

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Tuesday, January 24, 2023

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Kathleen James of Manchester.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Page Hannah Young of Tunbridge led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Rules Suspended, House Bills Introduced

Pending first reading of House bills, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred to committee as follows:

### H. 84

By Reps. Sims of Craftsbury, Labor of Morgan, LaBounty of Lyndon, Troiano of Stannard, and Williams of Granby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the permitting of indirect discharges

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

### H. 85

By Rep. Burrows of West Windsor,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to trail accessibility

To the Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry.

### H. 86

By Rep. McCarthy of St. Albans City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

To the Committee on Health Care.

**H. 87**

By Reps. Marcotte of Coventry, Carroll of Bennington, Jerome of Brandon, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Priestley of Bradford, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to regulating earned wage access services

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 88**

By Reps. Bos-Lun of Westminster, Anthony of Barre City, Bluemle of Burlington, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Chase of Chester, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Dodge of Essex, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, LaBounty of Lyndon, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Masland of Thetford, McGill of Bridport, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Pajala of Londonderry, Priestley of Bradford, Roberts of Halifax, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Troiano of Stannard, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reducing the imposition of cash bail

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 89**

By Reps. Donnally of Hyde Park, LaLonde of South Burlington, Small of Winooski, Andrews of Westford, Andriano of Orwell, Anthony of Barre City, Arrison of Weathersfield, Arsenaault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Berbeco of Winooski, Birong of Vergennes, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bongartz of Manchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brady of Williston, Brown of Richmond, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Buss of Woodstock, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chase of Chester, Chase of Colchester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Emmons of Springfield, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Hyman of

South Burlington, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, LaMont of Morristown, Lanpher of Vergennes, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Logan of Burlington, Long of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McGill of Bridport, Mihaly of Calais, Minier of South Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Notte of Rutland City, Noyes of Wolcott, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Patt of Worcester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Rice of Dorset, Roberts of Halifax, Satcowitz of Randolph, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibilias of Dover, Sims of Craftsbury, Squirrel of Underhill, Stebbins of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Taylor of Colchester, Templeman of Brownington, Toleno of Brattleboro, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, Waters Evans of Charlotte, White of Bethel, Williams of Barre City, and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to civil and criminal procedures concerning legally protected health care activity

To the Committee on Judiciary.

#### **H. 90**

By Rep. Stevens of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to responsibilities for property owned by dissolved or extinct Congregational churches

To the Committee on Judiciary.

#### **H. 91**

By Rep. Stevens of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to medical leave for a serious injury

To the Committee on General and Housing.

#### **H. 92**

By Rep. Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding eligibility for unemployment insurance

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To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 93**

By Reps. Garofano of Essex, Brumsted of Shelburne, Gregoire of Fairfield, Small of Winooski, Black of Essex, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Goldman of Rockingham, Hyman of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, McGill of Bridport, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Priestley of Bradford, and Whitman of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Reach Up benefit levels

To the Committee on Human Services.

**H. 94**

By Reps. Brumsted of Shelburne, Garofano of Essex, Gregoire of Fairfield, Small of Winooski, Black of Essex, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donahue of Northfield, Goldman of Rockingham, Hyman of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, McGill of Bridport, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Priestley of Bradford, Whitman of Bennington, and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to removing the Reach Up ratable reduction

To the Committee on Human Services.

**H. 95**

By Reps. Williams of Barre City, Andriano of Orwell, Anthony of Barre City, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cordes of Lincoln, Headrick of Burlington, Hyman of South Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Masland of Thetford, McGill of Bridport, Morris of Springfield, Nugent of South Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Rachelson of Burlington, Stebbins of Burlington, and Torre of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to an expansion of the Municipal Energy Resilience Grant Program

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

**H. 96**

By Reps. Stebbins of Burlington, Sibia of Dover, Anthony of Barre City, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bongartz of Manchester, Brady of Williston, Brown of Richmond, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Casey of Montpelier, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Cordes of Lincoln, Dodge of Essex, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Hyman of South Burlington, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Long of Newfane, McCann of Montpelier, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McGill of Bridport, Mihaly of Calais, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Notte of Rutland City, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Patt of Worcester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Rachelson of Burlington, Rice of Dorset, Satcowitz of Randolph, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Toleno of Brattleboro, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, and Williams of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to affordably meeting the mandated greenhouse gas reductions for the thermal sector through electrification, decarbonization, efficiency, and weatherization measures

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

**H. 97**

By Reps. Scheu of Middlebury, Andriano of Orwell, Austin of Colchester, Birong of Vergennes, Burrows of West Windsor, Chapin of East Montpelier, Conlon of Cornwall, Goldman of Rockingham, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Ode of Burlington, Taylor of Colchester, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Troiano of Stannard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the number of votes required for a write-in candidate to win a primary election

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

**H. 98**

By Reps. Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Arsenault of Williston, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brady of Williston, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Chase of Chester, Christie of Hartford, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donnally of Hyde Park, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Headrick of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Logan of Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, White of Bethel, and Williams of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to firearms crimes and procedures

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**Ceremonial Reading****H.C.R. 3**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Warren Frederick Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Offered by: Representatives Casey of Montpelier and McCann of Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Watson

Whereas, the familiar phrase “Hello, folks” was long associated with Warren Kitzmiller’s radio ads for his Onion River Sports stores and, more broadly, his greeting to his many friends in Montpelier, and

Whereas, Warren Kitzmiller was originally from Erie, Pennsylvania, but discovered a welcome home in Montpelier, where his municipal civic roles included serving on the capital’s Board of Civil Authority, City Council, Planning Commission, and Recreation Board, and

Whereas, his interests in the arts led to Warren Kitzmiller’s membership on the boards of Montpelier’s Lost Nation Theater and the Vermont Arts Council, and

Whereas, in 2001, after the death of his first wife, Karen Kitzmiller, a respected member of the House of Representatives, Governor Dean appointed Warren Kitzmiller to succeed her, and he served with distinction for 21 years, including as House Commerce Committee Chair, and

Whereas, on July 10, 2022, Representative Warren Kitzmiller died at 79 years of age, survived by his wife, Jeanne Cariati, who, sadly, died only 20 days later, and his children and grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative Warren Frederick Kitzmiller, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Warren Kitzmiller.

Having been adopted in concurrence on January 20, 2023 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

**Committee Relieved of Consideration and  
Bill Committed to Other Committee**

**H. 67**

**Rep. Wood of Waterbury** moved that the Committee on Human Services be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to household products containing hazardous substances

And that the bill be committed to the Committee on Environment and Energy, which was agreed to.

**Committee Relieved of Consideration and  
Bill Committed to Other Committee**

**H. 53**

**Rep. Coffey of Guilford** moved that the Committee on Transportation be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to driver's license suspensions

And that the bill be committed to the Committee on Judiciary, which was agreed to.

**Joint Fiscal Committee Appointments**

Pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 501, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following members to the Joint Fiscal Committee:

**Rep. Lanpher of Vergennes**  
**Rep. Kornheiser of Brattleboro**  
**Rep. Scheu of Middlebury**  
**Rep. Harrison of Chittenden**  
**Rep. Wood of Waterbury**

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**Message from the Senate No. 9**

A message was received from the Senate by Ms. Kucserik, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

**J.R.S. 9.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

**Adjournment**

At ten o'clock and nineteen minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.