

Journal of the House

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

At three o'clock in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Robin Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs.

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee as follows:

H. 99

By Reps. Hango of Berkshire, Birong of Vergennes, Sibilia of Dover, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Boyden of Cambridge, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chase of Colchester, Cina of Burlington, Clifford of Rutland City, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Lipsky of Stowe, Maguire of Rutland City, Mattos of Milton, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon, Sammis of Castleton, Shaw of Pittsford, Small of Winooski, Smith of Derby, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, Williams of Granby, and Wilson of Lyndon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit Program

To the Committee on Education.

H. 100

By Reps. Dolan of Waitsfield, McGill of Bridport, Andriano of Orwell, Anthony of Barre City, Bluemle of Burlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Christie of Hartford, Jerome of Brandon, LaBounty of Lyndon, LaLonde of South Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Ode of Burlington, Torre of Moretown, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to pedestrian safety

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 101

By Reps. Burke of Brattleboro, Stebbins of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bluemle of Burlington, Brown of Richmond, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Casey of Montpelier, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Elder of Starksboro, Goldman of Rockingham, Headrick of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, LaLonde of South Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Long of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Notte of Rutland City, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Rice of Dorset, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sims of Craftsbury, Stone of Burlington, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Torre of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to transportation initiatives to reduce carbon emissions

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 102

By Reps. Coffey of Guilford and Shaw of Pittsford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Art in State Buildings Program

To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 103

By Reps. Page of Newport City, Cordes of Lincoln, and Labor of Morgan,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to staff-to-patient ratios

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 104

By Rep. Andriano of Orwell,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to worker cooperatives

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 105

By Reps. Sims of Craftsbury, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Boyden of Cambridge, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Demrow of Corinth, Elder of Starksboro, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of Rockingham, Headrick of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Pajala of Londonderry, Pouech of Hinesburg, Surprenant of Barnard, and Torre of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Community Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Fund

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 106

By Reps. Headrick of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Boyden of Cambridge, Burrows of West Windsor, Buss of Woodstock, Casey of Montpelier, Chase of Chester, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Dodge of Essex, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Logan of Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, Morris of Springfield, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Stone of Burlington, Torre of Moretown, and Williams of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the academic freedom of public educators

To the Committee on Education.

H. 107

By Reps. Christie of Hartford and Cole of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Town of Hartford's tax increment financing district

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 108

By Reps. LaBounty of Lyndon, Andriano of Orwell, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Bongartz of Manchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burrows of West Windsor, Buss of Woodstock, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Casey of Montpelier, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cole of Hartford, Dolan of Essex Junction, Elder of Starksboro, Goldman of Rockingham, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, LaMont of Morristown, Lipsky of Stowe, McGill of Bridport, Morris of Springfield, Noyes of Wolcott, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to updating the Vermont School Bus Manual and the commercial driver's license knowledge and skills tests

To the Committee on Transportation.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**J.R.S. 9**

By Senator Baruth,

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

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 27, 2023, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

Joint Legislative Management Committee Appointments

Pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 41, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following members to the Joint Legislative Management Committee:

Rep. Rachelson of Burlington

Rep. Shaw of Pittsford

Rep. Mrowicki of Putney

Joint Public Pension Oversight Committee Appointments

Pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 1001, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following members to the Joint Public Pension Oversight Committee:

Rep. McCarthy of St. Albans City

Rep. Kornheiser of Brattleboro

Rep. Harrison of Chittenden

**Agricultural Fairs and Field Days Capital Program
Advisory Committee Appointment**

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 5608, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following member to the Agricultural Fairs and Field Days Capital Program Advisory Committee:

Rep. O'Brien of Tunbridge

Recreational Facilities Grant Advisory Committee Appointment

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 5605, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following member to the Recreational Facilities Grant Advisory Committee:

Rep. Demrow of Corinth

New England Board of Higher Education Appointment

Pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 2731, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following member to the New England Board of Higher Education:

Rep. Conlon of Cornwall

Message from the Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Ms. Brittney L. Wilson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that on the 25th day of January, 2023, he signed a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 42 An act relating to temporary alternative procedures for annual municipal meetings and electronic meetings of public bodies

Adjournment

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