

# Journal of the House

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Friday, February 3, 2023

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Brian Cina of Burlington.

## House Bills Introduced

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

### H. 165

By Reps. Brady of Williston, Brown of Richmond, Cole of Hartford, and Leavitt of Grand Isle,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to school food programs and universal school meals

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

### H. 166

By Reps. Ode of Burlington, Bongartz of Manchester, Brumsted of Shelburne, Hyman of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, and Torre of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the medical expenses deduction

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

### H. 167

By Rep. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to supporting expanded access to emergency veterinary care

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

**H. 168**

By Reps. Hooper of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Biron of Vergennes, Casey of Montpelier, Chase of Colchester, Christie of Hartford, Demar of Enosburgh, Harrison of Chittenden, McCann of Montpelier, Morgan of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Nugent of South Burlington, Peterson of Clarendon, Troiano of Stannard, and Waters Evans of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the maintenance of a database of veterans in Vermont, reduced motor vehicle registration fees for veterans, and exempting U.S. military retirement pay from Vermont income tax

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

**H. 169**

By Reps. Bluemle of Burlington, Stebbins of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Berbeco of Winooski, Christie of Hartford, Garofano of Essex, Harrison of Chittenden, Hooper of Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Ode of Burlington, and Stone of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to child abuse and neglect substantiations and the use of the Child Protection Registry

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 170**

By Reps. Emmons of Springfield, Shaw of Pittsford, Squirrell of Underhill, and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a task force to examine the restorative justice approach to Vermont's criminal justice system

To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

**H. 171**

By Reps. Noyes of Wolcott, Brumsted of Shelburne, Wood of Waterbury, Carroll of Bennington, Garofano of Essex, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hyman of South Burlington, McGill of Bridport, Pajala of Londonderry, Small of Winooski, and Whitman of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to adult protective services

To the Committee on Human Services.

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

**H. 141**

**Rep. Stevens of Waterbury** moved that the Committee on General and Housing be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to an inventory and needs assessment of organizations supporting Vermont's immigrant communities

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

**Committee Bill; Amendments Offered; Third Reading; Bill Passed**

**H. 145**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fiscal year 2023 budget adjustments

Was taken up and, pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury** moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 45, amending 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, in subsection (a), by striking out subdivision (37) (appropriating \$50,000,000 to the Vermont Housing Conservation Board) in its entirety and by renumbering the remaining subdivisions to be numerically correct.

Which was disagreed to.

Pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Donahue of Northfield** moved to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 45, 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, in subdivision (a)(30), in the second sentence, following "completed to", by inserting "evaluate the need for additional adolescent inpatient mental health services and"

Second: In Sec. 45, 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, in subdivision (a)(30), in subdivision (A), by striking out the second sentence in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof two new sentences to read as follows:

In the event that the study does show a need for additional beds but that this proposal is not feasible or appropriate, DMH shall report on alternate plans to

move forward with increasing the number of psychiatric inpatient youth beds in the State that can accommodate co-occurring diseases and potentially complex medical needs. The alternative plan may include the issuance of a new request for proposals.

Which was disagreed to.

Pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town** moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 45, 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, in subdivision (a)(37), by inserting the following: “To ensure geographic equity in the distribution of resources, the Board shall limit the number of units created per project to not more than 10.”

Thereupon, **Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town** asked and was granted leave of the House to withdraw his amendment. Thereafter, the bill was read the third time and passed.

### **Message from the Senate No. 13**

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 considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

**H. 1.** An act relating to legislative oversight of payment reform and conflict-free case management for developmental disability services.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

**H.C.R. 22.** House concurrent resolution recognizing July 2023 as Park and Recreation Month in Vermont and designating July 21, 2023 as Vermont Park and Recreation Professionals Day in Vermont.

**H.C.R. 23.** House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of mental health treatment in Vermont.

### **Adjournment**

At ten o'clock and fifty-five minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 12.

**Concurrent Resolutions Adopted**

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Rule 16b of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted on the part of the House:

**H.C.R. 22**

House concurrent resolution recognizing July 2023 as Park and Recreation Month in Vermont and designating July 21, 2023 as Vermont Park and Recreation Professionals Day in Vermont

**H.C.R. 23**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of mental health treatment in Vermont

[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2023 Biennial Session.]