

Journal of the House

Friday, April 7, 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 Jeff Fellingner of Craftsbury, Katie Trautz of Montpelier, and Julia Wayne of Charlotte.

House Bills Introduced

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

H. 510

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of Rockingham, Headrick of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, and Small of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Social Work Licensure Compact

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 511

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Cole of Hartford, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Randolph, Logan of Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, and Small of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a culturally informed youth support pilot program

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 512

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Randolph, Logan of Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, and Small of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to implementing the recommendations of the Health Equity Advisory Commission related to provider training and continuing education

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 513

By Reps. Peterson of Clarendon, Labor of Morgan, Williams of Granby, and Wilson of Lyndon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to protecting the competitive integrity and safety of girls and women in sports

To the Committee on Education.

Senate Bills Referred

Senate bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the first time, and referred to committee as follows:

S. 25

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to regulating cosmetic and menstrual products containing certain chemicals and chemical classes and textiles and athletic turf fields containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances

To the Committee on Human Services.

S. 80

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous environmental conservation subjects

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

Ceremonial Reading

H.C.R. 58

House concurrent resolution designating April 7, 2023 as Vermont Habitat for Humanity Affiliates Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Williams of Barre City, Anthony of Barre City, Casey of Montpelier, McCann of Montpelier, and Priestley of Bradford

Whereas, in 1976, Linda and Millard Fuller established Habitat for Humanity as an ecumenical nonprofit housing corporation that now operates in 70 nations, and it builds affordable homes that the future homeowners construct in partnership with dedicated volunteers, and

Whereas, for 38 years, Habitat for Humanity has engaged in its affordable housing mission in Vermont, and its seven affiliates—Bennington County, Addison County, Central Vermont, Rutland County, Greater Springfield, Upper Valley (and Lamoille County), and Green Mountain—are exclusively funded through local financial support, and

Whereas, since 2010, 23,903 volunteers have devoted 317,321 hours to this special endeavor, and

Whereas, this important volunteer work of sweat and passion has built, rehabbed, or recycled 112 housing units for home ownership, and has repaired an additional 101 housing units, and

Whereas, Vermont Habitat for Humanity volunteers will be visiting the State House on April 7, 2023, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 7, 2023 as Vermont Habitat for Humanity Affiliates Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Habitat for Humanity.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, March 24, 2023 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered

H. 495

Rep. Morgan of Milton, for the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to the approval of the amendment to the charter of the Town of Middlebury

Reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows:

In Sec. 3, transitional provision, by striking out “Annually, beginning” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “Beginning”.

The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, report of the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs agreed to, and third reading ordered.

Favorable Report; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered**H. 488**

Rep. Boyden of Cambridge, for the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of the adoption of the charter of the Town of Ludlow

Reported in favor of its passage. The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

**Pending Second Reading;
Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means****H. 489**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the Town of Shelburne

Appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up and, pending second reading, pursuant to House Rule 35(a), materially affecting the revenue of a municipality, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Message from the Senate No. 39

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 passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 60. An act relating to local option taxes.

S. 135. An act relating to the establishment of VT Saves.

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

The Senate has considered joint resolution originating in the House of the following title:

J.R.H. 4. Joint resolution recognizing March 31, 2023 as Transgender Day of Visibility in Vermont, expressing support for the transgender rights of all Vermonters, and opposing legislation restricting the rights of transgender Vermonters regardless of their age.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

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

H.C.R. 82. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2022 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers boys' cross-country team on winning a second consecutive Division I championship.

H.C.R. 83. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I boys' championship indoor track and field team.

H.C.R. 84. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Burlington High School Seahorses girls' Nordic skiing team on winning a third consecutive Division I championship.

H.C.R. 85. House concurrent resolution congratulating Sophia R. Boyle Hall on being named the recipient of the 2022 State and national school nursing awards.

H.C.R. 86. House concurrent resolution designating April 18, 2023 as USS VERMONT Day in Vermont.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and eight minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 22.

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:

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House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2022 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers boys' cross-country team on winning a second consecutive Division I championship

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House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I boys' championship indoor track and field team

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[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.]