

Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rabbi Tobie Weisman of Montpelier.

Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bill Committed

H. 876

On motion of Senator Ingalls, the Committee on Institutions was relieved of further consideration of House bill entitled:

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the corrections laws.
and the bill was committed to the Committee on Judiciary.

Bills Referred to Committee on Finance

Senate bills of the following titles, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule were severally referred to the Committee on Finance:

H. 847. An act relating to peer support provider and recovery support specialist certification.

H. 868. An act relating to the fiscal year 2025 Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

H. 861.

House bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and carrying an appropriation or requiring the expenditure of funds, under the rule, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

An act relating to reimbursement parity for health care services delivered in person, by telemedicine, and by audio-only telephone.

Third Reading Ordered**H. 603.**

Senator Collamore, for the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to the poultry slaughter exception to inspection.

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

H. 621.

Senator Hardy, for the Committee on Health and Welfare, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to health insurance coverage for diagnostic breast imaging.

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

H. 741.

Senator Gulick, for the Committee on Health and Welfare, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to health insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screening.

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Proposal of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered**H. 694.**

Senator Vyhovsky, for the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to sexual exploitation.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by inserting a new section to be Sec. 3a to read as follows:

Sec. 3a. VERMONT SENTENCING COMMISSION; DEFINITIONS;
SEXUALLY BASED OFFENSES

(a) The Vermont Sentencing Commission shall review definitions in 13 V.S.A. chapters 59 (lewdness and prostitution), 64 (sexual exploitation of

children), and 72 (sexual assault) for the purpose of updating and harmonizing the definitions as they are used in those chapters. As part of the review, the Commission shall, in particular, consider the definitions of “sexual conduct” as defined in 13 V.S.A. § 2821 and “sexual act” as defined in 13 V.S.A. § 3251.

(b) The Commission shall report its recommendations for legislative consideration to the Senate and House Committees on Judiciary on or before December 1, 2024.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, the proposal of amendment was agreed to, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, April 11, 2024.