

Journal of the House

Thursday, April 6, 2023

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Jane Dwinell, an author from Alburgh.

Message from the Senate No. 37

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 bill of the following title:

S. 115. An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects.

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

Senate Bill Referred

S. 115

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry.

Ceremonial Readings

H.C.R. 72

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Boys & Girls Clubs of Vermont's 2023 Youth of the Year honorees

Offered by: Representatives Brumsted of Shelburne, Cina of Burlington, Clifford of Rutland City, Headrick of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krowinski of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Notte of Rutland City, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Peterson of Clarendon, Rachelson of Burlington, Shaw of Pittsford, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, and Stone of Burlington

Whereas, since 1947, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Youth of the Year program has encouraged the organization's young members to reach their full potential through academic success, healthy lifestyles, and contributing to their communities, and it epitomizes the positive impact that the Boys & Girls Clubs can have on young people's lives, and

Whereas, Boys & Girls Clubs prepare their members to become responsible, successful, and patriotic adults and community leaders, and

Whereas, the Youth of the Year award winners at the local, state, regional, and national levels exemplify the hard work, determination, and hope of the Boys & Girls Clubs' movement, and

Whereas, being named a Youth of the Year award winner is the highest honor that the Boys & Girls Clubs can bestow on their members, and

Whereas, all Youth of the Year award winners have experienced and overcome personal challenges and obstacles in their lives, even as they devoted considerable time and effort to improving the lives of others, and

Whereas, the 2023 Youth of the Year honorees in Vermont and their local clubs are Rei Ranquist, Braden Howe, Dominic Johnson, and Marcus Strange (Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro), Sarah Ali (Boys & Girls Club of Burlington), and Tyler Sills (Boys & Girls Club of Rutland), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Boys & Girls Clubs of Vermont's 2023 Youth of the Year honorees, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each Boys & Girls Club member honored in this resolution.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, March 31, 2023 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

H.C.R. 76

House concurrent resolution designating April 6, 2023 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: Representative Noyes of Wolcott

Offered by: Senator Brock

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain disease, and the most common form of dementia, and nationally, 6.7 million older Americans are living with Alzheimer's, and

Whereas, between now and 2025, the number of Vermonters diagnosed with Alzheimer's is expected to rise by over 30 percent to 17,000, and

Whereas, over 11 million Americans annually provide 18 billion hours of unpaid dementia care valued at \$340 billion, and unpaid dementia caregivers in Vermont face significant emotional and physical challenges, and

Whereas, in 2020, the Vermont Medicaid cost for Alzheimer's care was \$116 million, an amount projected to rise by 26.4 percent by 2025, and

Whereas, between 2000 and 2019, deaths in the United States from heart disease decreased by 7.3 percent while Alzheimer's deaths increased by 145 percent, and

Whereas, the national financial impact of Alzheimer's might reach \$1 trillion by 2050, and

Whereas, advocates for the Alzheimer's community will be visiting the State House on April 6 to inform legislators of these continuing concerns, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 6, 2023 as Alzheimer's Awareness 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 the Alzheimer's Association's Vermont Chapter.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, March 31, 2023 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

H.C.R. 80

House concurrent resolution congratulating Cersosimo Industries Inc. on its 75th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Boyden of Cambridge, Coffey of Guilford, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Lipsky of Stowe, Long of Newfane, Mrowicki of Putney, Sibia of Dover, Sims of Craftsbury, Stebbins of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, the multifaceted Cersosimo Industries is a three-generation family enterprise that the late Anthony F. Cersosimo established in 1947 as Cersosimo Lumber Company Inc. (the Company), and

Whereas, this forest-products company started with a portable sawmill in Jamaica, and, today, is one of New England's largest producers of northeastern hardwood and eastern white pine lumber, and

Whereas, in 2023, the Company operates with extensive production resources, featuring five sawmills, grading and milling facilities, a large kiln capacity, log concentration yards, logistics services, and a supportive team of foresters, and

Whereas, the founder's son, Dominic A. Cersosimo, serves as chair of the board, and his grandson, Michael A. Cersosimo, is president, and

Whereas, at the January 2023 meeting of the Vermont Forest Products Association, the Company was honored with the Sawmill of the Year Award, and it was nominated for Northeastern Loggers Association Outstanding Sawmill Operator, and

Whereas, in addition to lumber, the Cersosimo Industries' outstanding corporate operations encompass Cersosimo Construction & Aggregate, providing quality gravel and quarry products; SVE Associates, offering professional engineering consulting services; Cersosimo Real Estate, engaging in commercial and residential realty transactions in Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire; and the Vermont Mulch Company, a premium bark mulch wholesaler, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Cersosimo Industries Inc. on its 75th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michael A. Cersosimo.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, March 31, 2023 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 282

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed.

Bill Committed

H. 81

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fair repair of agricultural equipment

Having appeared on the Notice Calendar and appearing on the Action Calendar for Action, was taken up and pending second reading, on motion of

Rep. Durfee of Shaftsbury, the bill was committed to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

Message from the Senate No. 38

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. 25. 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.

S. 80. An act relating to miscellaneous environmental conservation subjects.

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

The Senate has considered bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 28. An act relating to diversion and expungement.

H. 466. An act relating to technical corrections for the 2023 legislative session.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 148. An act relating to raising the age of eligibility to marry.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Adjournment

At one o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.