

Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Bills Referred to Committee on Finance

House 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. 175. An act relating to modernizing the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs.

H. 479. An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

H. 205.

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 establishing the Small Farmer Diversification and Transition Program.

Proposal of Amendment; Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment

H. 89.

House bill entitled:

An act relating to civil and criminal procedures concerning legally protected health care activity.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senators Lyons, Hashim, Baruth, Gulick, Hardy, Sears, Vyhovsky and Weeks moved to amend the Senate proposal of amendment in Sec. 1, 1 V.S.A. § 150, by striking out

subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c)(1) “Reproductive health care services” means all supplies, care, and services of a medical, behavioral health, mental health, surgical, psychiatric, therapeutic, diagnostic, preventative, rehabilitative, or supportive nature, including medication, relating to pregnancy, contraception, assisted reproduction, pregnancy loss management, or the termination of a pregnancy.

(2) “Reproductive health care services” includes medication that was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for termination of a pregnancy as of January 1, 2023, regardless of the medication’s current FDA approval status:

(A) when such medication is procured, ordered, stored, distributed, prescribed, dispensed, or administered, or a combination thereof, by a person duly licensed under the laws of this State, as long as the licensee’s actions conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice for the licensee’s profession; or

(B) when such medication is used by an individual.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Bills Passed in Concurrence

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:

H. 190. An act relating to removing the residency requirement from Vermont’s patient choice at end of life laws.

H. 271. An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Springfield.

Third Reading Ordered

S.R. 10.

Senator Cummings, for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, to which was referred Senate resolution entitled:

Senate resolution reaffirming the friendship between Vermont and the Republic of China (Taiwan) and supporting enhanced United States–Taiwan and Vermont–Taiwan bilateral relations.

Reported that the resolution ought to adopted.

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

Message from the House No. 47

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Alona Tate, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The Governor has informed the House that on April 18, 2023, he approved and signed 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.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, April 20, 2023.