

Journal of the House

Thursday, March 30, 2023

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Ashley Bartley of Fairfax.

House Bill Introduced

H. 503

By Reps. Beck of St. Johnsbury and Campbell of St. Johnsbury,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of St. Johnsbury

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 33

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Ceremonial Reading

H.C.R. 70

House concurrent resolution honoring Heidi Baitz for her outstanding contribution to public education in the Town of Ludlow

Offered by: Representative Nicoll of Ludlow

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and White

Whereas, for nearly four decades, elementary school students in the Town of Ludlow have derived great educational benefit from the academic mentoring of Heidi Baitz, who, as the granddaughter of a former Black River High School principal, has continued a family pedagogic tradition, and

Whereas, originally a special education teacher, and, as a dedicated lifelong learner, Heidi Baitz earned a master's degree at the University of Vermont, and

later, a certificate of advanced graduate studies from the University of Southern New Hampshire, and

Whereas, Heidi Baitz has developed a living history project in collaboration with the Black River Academy Museum, and in one instance, her sixth graders each selected an historic home and its past owner, a leading Ludlow personality, to study, and then portrayed the individual owners as part of a public walking tour, and

Whereas, as the school's wellness leader, Heidi Baitz has organized healthy lunch days, with menus she often prepared personally, hosted speakers on diet and wellness, arranged a master chef competition, and facilitated afterschool classes in yoga and Pilates, and

Whereas, personal wellness is important for Heidi Baitz as she regularly hikes and practices yoga, as well as bikes, does circuit training, dances, skates, swims, and, at home, she is a prolific gardener, and

Whereas, Heidi Baitz is a person of deep spirituality, who has a meaningful association with the Benedictine Monks of the Weston Priory, and

Whereas, in June 2023, Heidi Baitz will conclude her stellar teaching career, but she will no doubt remain active in Ludlow, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Heidi Baitz for her outstanding contribution to public education in the Town of Ludlow, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Heidi Baitz.

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

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 276

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a rental housing registry

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

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 479

House bill, entitled

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

Was taken up and read the third time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill pass?, **Rep. Long of Newfane** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass?, was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 100. Nays, 39.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Andrews of Westford | Demrow of Corinth | Minier of South Burlington |
| Anthony of Barre City | Dodge of Essex | Morris of Springfield |
| Arrison of Weathersfield | Dolan of Essex Junction | Mrowicki of Putney |
| Arsenault of Williston | Dolan of Waitsfield | Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington |
| Austin of Colchester | Durfee of Shaftsbury | Nicoll of Ludlow |
| Bartholomew of Hartland | Elder of Starksboro | Nugent of South Burlington |
| Berbeco of Winooski | Emmons of Springfield | O'Brien of Tunbridge |
| Birong of Vergennes | Farlice-Rubio of Barnet | Patt of Worcester |
| Black of Essex | Garofano of Essex | Pouch of Hinesburg |
| Bluemle of Burlington | Goldman of Rockingham | Priestley of Bradford |
| Bongartz of Manchester | Graning of Jericho | Rachelson of Burlington |
| Bos-Lun of Westminster | Headrick of Burlington | Rice of Dorset |
| Boyden of Cambridge | Holcombe of Norwich | Roberts of Halifax |
| Brady of Williston | Hooper of Randolph | Satcowitz of Randolph |
| Brown of Richmond | Hooper of Burlington | Scheu of Middlebury |
| Brumsted of Shelburne | Houghton of Essex Junction | Sheldon of Middlebury |
| Burke of Brattleboro | Howard of Rutland City | Sibilia of Dover * |
| Burrows of West Windsor | Hyman of South Burlington | Sims of Craftsbury |
| Buss of Woodstock | James of Manchester | Small of Winooski |
| Campbell of St. Johnsbury | Jerome of Brandon | Squirrell of Underhill |
| Carpenter of Hyde Park | Kornheiser of Brattleboro * | Stebbins of Burlington |
| Carroll of Bennington | Krasnow of South Burlington | Stevens of Waterbury |
| Casey of Montpelier | Lalley of Shelburne | Stone of Burlington |
| Chase of Chester | LaLonde of South Burlington | Surprenant of Barnard |
| Chase of Colchester | LaMont of Morristown | Taylor of Colchester |
| Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs | Lanpher of Vergennes | Templeman of Brownington |
| Christie of Hartford | Leavitt of Grand Isle | Toleno of Brattleboro |
| Cina of Burlington | Logan of Burlington | Torre of Moretown |
| Coffey of Guilford * | Long of Newfane | Troiano of Stannard |
| Cole of Hartford | Masland of Thetford | Waters Evans of Charlotte |
| Conlon of Cornwall | McCann of Montpelier | White of Bethel |
| Corcoran of Bennington | McCarthy of St. Albans City | Williams of Barre City |
| Cordes of Lincoln | McGill of Bridport | Wood of Waterbury |
| | Mihaly of Calais | |

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Bartley of Fairfax | Gregoire of Fairfield | Oliver of Sheldon |
| Beck of St. Johnsbury | Hango of Berkshire | Page of Newport City |
| Branagan of Georgia | Harrison of Chittenden | Parsons of Newbury |
| Brennan of Colchester | Higley of Lowell | Peterson of Clarendon |
| Burditt of West Rutland | Labor of Morgan | Sammis of Castleton * |
| Canfield of Fair Haven | Laroche of Franklin | Shaw of Pittsford |
| Clifford of Rutland City | Lipsky of Stowe | Smith of Derby |
| Demar of Enosburgh | Maguire of Rutland City | Taylor of Milton |
| Dickinson of St. Albans Town | Mattos of Milton | Toof of St. Albans Town |
| Donahue of Northfield | McCoy of Poultney | Walker of Swanton |
| Galfetti of Barre Town | McFaun of Barre Town | Williams of Granby |
| Goslant of Northfield | Morgan of Milton | Wilson of Lyndon |
| Graham of Williamstown | Morrissey of Bennington | |
| | Noyes of Wolcott | |

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

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| Andriano of Orwell | Marcotte of Coventry | Pearl of Danville |
| Brownell of Pownal | Notte of Rutland City | Whitman of Bennington |
| Chapin of East Montpelier | Ode of Burlington | |
| LaBounty of Lyndon | Pajala of Londonderry | |

Rep. Coffey of Guilford explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes on H.479. This bill will invest \$850 million to maintain critical infrastructure that reaches all counties in Vermont and helps us reach our climate goals. This is a fiscally responsible act.”

Rep. Kornheiser of Brattleboro explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes because I know that Vermonters care for their roads and want them to sustain into the future.”

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I would like to take this opportunity to remind this body any extra fees in a program are a burden to the most economically vulnerable Vermonters in a time of stagnant wages, record high inflation, and record high cost of living. For these reasons, I cannot in good conscious support this bill. Thank you.”

Rep. Sibilia of Dover explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This bill includes significant funding for rural charging infrastructure – a priority of the rural caucus. I vote yes.”

Message from the Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Ms. Brittney L. Wilson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that on the 29th day of March 2023, he signed a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 411 An act relating to extending COVID-19 health care regulatory flexibility

Recess

At one o'clock and thirty-seven minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

At two o'clock and thirty-six minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Committee Bill; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 492

Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury spoke for the Committee on Ways and Means. House bill, entitled

An act relating to setting the homestead property tax yields and the nonhomestead property tax rate

Having appeared on the Notice Calendar and appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

Amendment Offered; Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 483

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the accountability and oversight of approved independent schools that are eligible to receive public tuition

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

In Sec. 8, 16 V.S.A. § 828, by adding a subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, Stanstead College in Stanstead, Quebec, Canada, shall be eligible to receive public tuition if it complies with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, including implementing policies and procedures to comply with all antidiscrimination laws applicable to public schools in the province where the school is located and making reasonable efforts to enforce those policies and procedures even if those laws by their terms do not apply to the school.

Which was disagreed to. Thereupon, the bill was read a third time and passed.

**Amendment Offered; Consideration Interrupted; Amendment Offered;
Third Reading; Bill Passed**

H. 486

House bill, entitled

An act relating to school construction

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

In Sec. 2, testing pause; polychlorinated biphenyls in schools, by striking out subdivision (c)(1)(C) in its entirety

Which was disagreed to.

At three o'clock and two minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

At four o'clock and forty-two minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

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

By adding a Section to be Sec. 2a to read as follows:

Sec. 2a. BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT; REIMBURSEMENT

If the Burlington School District is awarded damages in any litigation for the remediation of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at Burlington High School, the Burlington School District shall reimburse the State for any damages awarded to the School District for the costs of demolition and removal of PCBs from the High School up to the amount of the grant awarded to the Burlington School District under Sec. 2(c)(1)(C) of this act. Any monies reimbursed to the State under this section shall be deposited into the

Education Fund and reserved for use for school construction as subsequently approved by the General Assembly.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Walker of Swanton?, **Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Walker of Swanton?, was decided in the negative. Yeas, 41. Nays, 98.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Arrison of Weathersfield | Goslant of Northfield | Morris of Springfield |
| Bartley of Fairfax | Graham of Williamstown | Morrissey of Bennington |
| Beck of St. Johnsbury | Gregoire of Fairfield | Oliver of Sheldon |
| Branagan of Georgia | Hango of Berkshire | Page of Newport City |
| Brennan of Colchester | Harrison of Chittenden | Pajala of Londonderry |
| Burditt of West Rutland | Higley of Lowell | Peterson of Clarendon |
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| Galfetti of Barre Town | McCoy of Poultney | Walker of Swanton |
| | McFaun of Barre Town | Williams of Granby |

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Andrews of Westford | Dodge of Essex | Mrowicki of Putney * |
| Anthony of Barre City | Dolan of Essex Junction | Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington |
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| Middletown Springs | Lanpher of Vergennes | Troiano of Stannard |
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| LaBounty of Lyndon | Ode of Burlington | |
| Morgan of Milton | Parsons of Newbury | |

Rep. Mrowicki of Putney explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

My vote is to support the longhand work of the committee and the committee process. My vote also affirms something I learned early in my time in the Legislature – that floor amendments leave no time for the process that a good idea deserves – and a good idea is a good idea last week or next week. So, if this is a good idea there will be time in the future for it.”

Thereupon, the bill was read a third time and passed.

**Committee Bill; Second Reading; Bill Amended;
Third Reading Ordered**

H. 493

Rep. Emmons of Springfield spoke for the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

House bill, entitled

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding

Having appeared on the Notice Calendar and appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up, and read a second time.

Rep. Harrison of Chittenden, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommended the bill ought to pass.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, **Reps. Harrison of Chittenden, Bluemle of Burlington, Brennan of Colchester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dolan of Waitsfield, Holcombe of Norwich, Lanpher of Vergennes, Mihaly of Calais, Page of Newport City, Scheu of Middlebury, Squirrel of Underhill, and Toleno of Brattleboro** moved to amend the bill as follows:

By striking out Secs. 17 and 18 in their entireties and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 17 to read as follows:

Sec. 17. FY 2024 AND 2025; CAPITAL PROJECTS; FY 2024

APPROPRIATIONS ACT; INTENT; AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that in addition to the issuance of general obligation bonds, eligible capital projects may be funded from the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b.

(b) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize certain capital projects eligible for funding by 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in this act but appropriate the funds for these projects in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. It is also the intent of the General Assembly that the FY 2024 Appropriations Act appropriate funds to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b for projects in FY 2025, which shall be allocated pursuant to the process set forth in subsection (e) of this section.

(c) Authorizations. In FY 2024, spending authority for the following capital projects are authorized as follows:

(1) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$250,000.00 for planning, reuse, and contingency;

(2) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$135,000.00 for parking garage repairs at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington;

(3) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$1,000,000.00 for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120 State Street in Montpelier;

(4) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$600,000.00 for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern State Correctional Facility in Newport;

(5) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$750,000.00 for planning for renovations to the administration building, West Cottage, at the Criminal Justice Training Council in Pittsford;

(6) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$600,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;

(7) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$1,500,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design for the replacement of the women's correctional facility and reentry facility;

(8) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$1,000,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term stabilization facility;

(9) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$750,000.00 for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

(10) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

(11) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Rutland Field Station;

(12) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$300,000.00 for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the planning and design of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory Heat Plant;

(13) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$1,000,000.00 for electric vehicle charging stations at State buildings;

(14) the Vermont State Colleges is authorized to spend \$9,000,000.00 for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green Hall and Vail Hall;

(15) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$9,700,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State match to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund;

(16) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$4,500,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Waterbury Dam rehabilitation;

(17) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$4,000,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Municipal Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning advances for feasibility studies;

(18) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$3,000,000.00 for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the maintenance facilities at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest State Park; and

(19) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$800,000.00 for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and improvements of the Department's buildings, including conservation camps.

(d) FY 2025 capital projects. To the extent general funds are available to appropriate to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in FY 2025, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the following capital projects receive funding from the Fund:

(1) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

(2) the sum of \$2,300,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for parking garage repairs at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington;

(3) the sum of \$2,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120 State Street in Montpelier;

(4) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

(5) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

(6) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Rutland Field Station;

(7) the sum of \$1,500,000.00 to the Vermont Veterans' Home for design for the renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units;

(8) the sum of \$500,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Newport courthouse replacement, planning, and design;

(9) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel waterproofing and Aiken Avenue reconstruction; and

(10) the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the elevator replacement at 111 State Street.

(e) Recommendation. On or before December 15, 2023:

(1) the Secretary of Administration shall review and recommend capital projects to be funded from the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b; and

(2) the Secretary of Administration shall submit the list of capital projects recommended for FY 2025 to the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and to the Governor for the FY 2025 capital budget adjustment report.

and by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.

Which was agreed to. Thereupon, third reading was ordered.

Recess

At six o'clock and two minutes in the evening, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

At six o'clock and fifty-six minutes in the evening, the Speaker called the House to order.

Committee Bill; Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered

H. 494

Rep. Lanpher of Vergennes spoke for the Committee on Appropriations.

House bill, entitled

An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

Having appeared on the Notice Calendar, and appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up, and read the second time.

Long of Newfane presiding.

Speaker presiding.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, **Rep. Lanpher of Vergennes** moved to amend the bill as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. B.802, Housing and community development, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. B.802 to read as follows:

Sec. B.802 Housing and community development

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| Personal services | 6,428,334 |
| Operating expenses | 705,584 |
| Grants | <u>23,739,005</u> |
| Total | 30,872,923 |
| Source of funds | |
| General fund | 5,031,943 |
| Special funds | 6,937,054 |
| Federal funds | 15,854,615 |
| Interdepartmental transfers | <u>3,049,311</u> |
| Total | 30,872,923 |

Second: By striking out Sec. B.811, Vermont housing and conservation board, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. B.811 to read as follows:

Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board

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| Grants | <u>86,519,068</u> |
| Total | 86,519,068 |
| Source of funds | |
| Special funds | 24,552,855 |
| Federal funds | <u>61,966,213</u> |
| Total | 86,519,068 |

Third: By striking out Sec. B.813, Total commerce and community development, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. B.813 to read as follows:

Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development

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| Source of funds | |
| General fund | 21,213,262 |
| Special funds | 32,106,330 |
| Federal funds | 93,013,297 |
| Interdepartmental transfers | <u>5,062,973</u> |
| Total | 151,395,862 |

Fourth: In Sec. B.1100, in subdivision (a)(1), by striking out “\$1,500,00” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$1,500,000.”

Fifth: By striking out Sec. B.1100(j)(5) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new B.1100(j)(5) to read as follows:

Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME
APPROPRIATIONS

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(j) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

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(5) \$1,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the State Natural Resources Conservation Council.

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Sixth: By striking out Sec. B.1100(p)(7) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new B.1100(p)(7) to read as follows:

Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME
APPROPRIATIONS

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(p) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

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(7) \$768,180 General Fund to support the implementation of a Salesforce-based community data system to three additional Children’s Integrated Services regions in Vermont.

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Seventh: By striking out Sec. B.1105, Capital Projects – Fiscal Year 2024 One-time Appropriations, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. B.1105 to read as follows:

Sec. B.1105 CAPITAL PROJECTS – FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME
APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2024, \$7,385,000 is authorized from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund for the following appropriations:

(1) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

(2) \$135,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for 32 Cherry Street, parking garage repairs;

(3) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120 State Street;

(4) \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern State Correctional Facility in Newport;

(5) \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning for renovations to the administration building, West Cottage, at the Criminal Justice Training Council in Pittsford;

(6) \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;

(7) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design for the replacement of the women's correctional facility and reentry facility;

(8) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term stabilization facility;

(9) \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

(10) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

(11) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Rutland Field Station;

(12) \$300,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the planning and design of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory Heat Plant.

(b) In fiscal year 2024, \$32,000,000 is authorized from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund for the following appropriations. This funding is provided by the General Funds transferred in Sec. D.101(a)(1)(E).

(1) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for electric vehicle charging stations at State buildings.

(2) \$9,000,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green Hall and Vail Hall.

(3) \$9,700,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State match to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

(4) \$4,500,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Waterbury Dam rehabilitation.

(5) \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Municipal Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning advances for feasibility studies.

(6) \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the maintenance facilities at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest State Park.

(7) \$800,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and improvements of the Department's buildings, including conservation camps.

Eighth: By redesignating Sec. E.318.1 to be Sec. E.316.1.

Which was agreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, **Reps. O'Brien of Tunbridge, Cole of Hartford, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Lipsky of Stowe, Pearl of Danville, Rice of Dorset, Surprenant of Barnard, and Templeman of Brownington** moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. B.1101, workforce and economic development – fiscal year 2024 one-time appropriations, by striking out subdivision (g)(6) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (g)(6) to read as follows:

(6) In fiscal year 2024, \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to fund Agriculture Development Grants for Meat, Produce, and Maple processing. The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall determine that there are significant interests in establishing certain parameters in the grant program before making an award. Grants should be awarded to farmers, processors, and businesses, which shall not include hydroponic operations. Furthermore, the Secretary shall not allocate more than 25 percent of grant funds toward the maple industry. Of the funds appropriated under this subdivision, an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 may be used by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to support the cost of temporary employees to administer the grants.

Which was agreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, **Reps. Wood of Waterbury, Brumsted of Shelburne, Donahue of Northfield, Garofano of Essex, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hyman of South Burlington, McGill of Bridport, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Small of Winooski, and Whitman of Bennington** moved to amend the bill as follows:

By inserting a new section to be Sec. E.321.1 after Sec. E.321 to read as follows:

Sec. E.321.1. GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING; PLAN TO END

HOTEL AND MOTEL PROGRAM ESTABLISHED DURING
COVID-19 EMERGENCY

(a)(1) In fiscal year 2024, \$20,000,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department for Children and Families to support any services necessary to transition individuals from the hotel and motel housing program established in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Department shall collaborate with the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, community action agencies, housing opportunity programs, and other relevant stakeholders to locate alternative housing and supportive services for individuals utilizing the hotel and motel housing program established in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(2) Of the amount appropriated in subdivision (1) of this subsection, \$10,000,000.00 shall be allocated to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for the purchase and support of manufactured housing and the remaining \$10,000,000.00 shall be utilized by the housing opportunity programs, community action agencies, and the Department for the provision of supportive services.

(b) The following households participating in the hotel and motel program on June 1, 2023 shall be eligible for alternative housing and supportive services pursuant to this section:

(1) a household that lost its housing due to a natural disaster, such as a flood, fire, or hurricane;

(2) a household that has a member who has experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;

(3) a household that has a member who has experienced a dangerous or life-threatening incident related to violence against the member that either occurred within the member's home or caused the member to reasonably believe that the member was at risk of further harm if the member remained in the home;

(4) a household with a child or children who are either under 18 years of age or who are 18 or 19 years of age and attending secondary school on a full-time basis or an equivalent level of vocational or technical training;

(5) a household that has a member who is 60 years of age or older;

(6) a household that has a member who receives SSI or SSDI;

(7) a household that has a member who is pregnant;

(8) a household that is pursuing legal resolution of violations of the Rental Housing Health Code through the Department of Health or appropriate local officials; and

(9) a household that has been physically barred from entering their residence through an intentional act of the landlord.

(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section shall reduce the General Fund fiscal year 2024 funds available for child care and early education policy adjustments from \$91,679,795.00 to \$71,679,795.00.

Which was agreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, **Rep. Lanpher of Vergennes** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 98. Nays, 34.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford
Anthony of Barre City

Cordes of Lincoln
Demrow of Corinth

Morris of Springfield
Mrowicki of Putney

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| Arrison of Weathersfield | Dodge of Essex | Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington |
| Arsenault of Williston | Dolan of Essex Junction | Nicoll of Ludlow |
| Austin of Colchester | Dolan of Waitsfield | Noyes of Wolcott |
| Bartholomew of Hartland | Durfee of Shaftsbury | Nugent of South Burlington |
| Berbeco of Winooski | Emmons of Springfield | O'Brien of Tunbridge |
| Birong of Vergennes | Farlice-Rubio of Barnet | Patt of Worcester |
| Black of Essex | Garofano of Essex | Pouech of Hinesburg |
| Bluemle of Burlington | Goldman of Rockingham | Priestley of Bradford |
| Bongartz of Manchester | Graning of Jericho | Rachelson of Burlington |
| Bos-Lun of Westminster | Headrick of Burlington | Rice of Dorset |
| Boyden of Cambridge | Holcombe of Norwich | Roberts of Halifax |
| Brady of Williston | Hooper of Burlington | Satcowitz of Randolph |
| Brown of Richmond | Houghton of Essex Junction | Scheu of Middlebury |
| Brumsted of Shelburne | Howard of Rutland City | Sheldon of Middlebury |
| Burke of Brattleboro | Hyman of South Burlington | Sibilia of Dover |
| Burrows of West Windsor | James of Manchester * | Sims of Craftsbury |
| Buss of Woodstock | Jerome of Brandon | Small of Winooski |
| Campbell of St. Johnsbury | Kornheiser of Brattleboro | Squirrell of Underhill |
| Carpenter of Hyde Park | Krasnow of South Burlington | Stebbins of Burlington |
| Carroll of Bennington | LaBounty of Lyndon | Stevens of Waterbury |
| Casey of Montpelier | Lalley of Shelburne | Stone of Burlington |
| Chapin of East Montpelier | LaLonde of South Burlington | Taylor of Colchester |
| Chase of Chester | LaMont of Morristown | Templeman of Brownington |
| Chase of Colchester | Lanpher of Vergennes | Toleno of Brattleboro |
| Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs | Leavitt of Grand Isle | Torre of Moretown |
| Christie of Hartford | Logan of Burlington | Troiano of Stannard |
| Cina of Burlington | Long of Newfane | White of Bethel |
| Coffey of Guilford | McCarthy of St. Albans City | Whitman of Bennington |
| Cole of Hartford | McGill of Bridport | Williams of Barre City |
| Conlon of Cornwall | Mihaly of Calais | Wood of Waterbury * |
| Corcoran of Bennington | Minier of South Burlington | |

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Bartley of Fairfax | Goslant of Northfield | McFaun of Barre Town |
| Beck of St. Johnsbury | Gregoire of Fairfield | Morrissey of Bennington |
| Branagan of Georgia | Hango of Berkshire | Oliver of Sheldon |
| Brennan of Colchester | Harrison of Chittenden | Page of Newport City |
| Burditt of West Rutland | Higley of Lowell | Peterson of Clarendon |
| Canfield of Fair Haven | Labor of Morgan | Shaw of Pittsford |
| Clifford of Rutland City | Laroche of Franklin | Smith of Derby * |
| Demar of Enosburgh | Lipsky of Stowe | Taylor of Milton |
| Dickinson of St. Albans Town | Maguire of Rutland City | Toof of St. Albans Town |
| Donahue of Northfield | Marcotte of Coventry | Walker of Swanton |
| Galfetti of Barre Town | Mattos of Milton | Williams of Granby |
| | McCoy of Poultney | |

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

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| Andriano of Orwell | McCann of Montpelier | Pearl of Danville |
| Brownell of Pownal | Morgan of Milton | Sammis of Castleton |
| Elder of Starksboro | Notte of Rutland City | Surprenant of Barnard |
| Graham of Williamstown | Ode of Burlington | Waters Evans of Charlotte |
| Hooper of Randolph | Pajala of Londonderry | Wilson of Lyndon |
| Masland of Thetford | Parsons of Newbury | |

Rep. James of Manchester explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We’re all familiar with the phrase ‘put your money where your mouth is.’ In H.494, we’ve built a balanced, fiscally responsible budget that weighs many competing needs while investing in people, programs, and community in every corner of Vermont. I was glad to vote yes for this FY24 budget.”

Rep. Smith of Derby explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I was elected to be fiscally responsible not irresponsible.”

Rep. Wood of Waterbury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This budget reflects the needs of Vermonters all across this State. We listened and now we’ve acted. I am proud to support Vermonters with this budget.”

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and fifty-eight minutes in the evening, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.