

Journal of the House

Friday, April 21, 2023

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of a devotion.

Ceremonial Reading

H.C.R. 12

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Colchester 10-to-12 Little League Softball All-Stars on winning the 2022 Vermont Little League Softball Championship

Offered by: Representatives Austin of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Chase of Colchester, and Taylor of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, in the sixth inning of the second and decisive game of the 2022 Vermont Little League softball championship, the Colchester 10-to-12 Little League Softball All-Stars trailed their rival, the Champlain team, 13–9, and

Whereas, despite this significant scoring deficit, Colchester rebounded strongly to clinch the Vermont Little League Softball championship, 14–13, and

Whereas, the talented Colchester players, who first earned a berth in the New England Little League Softball championship competition, and then surprisingly advanced to this regional tournament's final game, were Athalie Fane-Cushing, Destiny Hendy, Eliza Fischer, Elle Robinson, Emily Feltz, Haley Bouvier, Harlow Hier, Makenna Pratt, Olivia O'Dell, Persephone Tirrito, Taylor Davidson, and Teagan Kane, and Mat Robinson, Tim Davidson, and Chris Kane were superb coaches and mentors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Colchester 10-to-12 Little League Softball All-Stars on winning the 2022 Vermont Little League Softball Championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Colchester 10-to-12 Little League Softball All-Stars.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, January 27, 2023 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

**Amendment to Proposal of Amendment Offered;
Question Divided; Third Reading;
Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment**

S. 5

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to affordably meeting the mandated greenhouse gas reductions for the thermal sector through efficiency, weatherization measures, electrification, and decarbonization

Was taken up and, pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury** moved to amend the House proposal of amendment as follows:

First: In Sec. 6, Public Utility Commission implementation, in subsection (f), in subdivision (1), by striking out “January 15, 2025” and inserting in lieu thereof “September 15, 2024”

Second: In Sec. 6, Public Utility Commission implementation, by striking out subsection (i) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) Check-back report. On or before February 15, 2024, the Commission shall submit a written report to and be available to provide oral testimony to the House Committee on Environment and Energy and the Senate Committees on Finance and on Natural Resources and Energy detailing the efforts undertaken to establish the Clean Heat Standard. The report shall include, to the extent available, estimates of the impact of the Clean Heat Standard on customers, including impacts to customer rates and fuel bills for participating and nonparticipating customers, net impacts on total spending on energy for thermal sector end uses, fossil fuel reductions, greenhouse gas emission reductions, and, if possible, impacts on economic activity and employment. The modeled impacts shall estimate high-, medium-, and low-price impacts. The report shall recommend any legislative action needed to address enforcement or other aspects of the Clean Heat Standard, including how to ensure fuel use that occurs outside the thermal sector is not impacted under the program.

Third: In Sec. 3, 30 V.S.A. chapter 94, in section 8127, by striking subsection (e) in its entirety and renumbering the remaining subsections to be numerically correct.

Pending the question, Shall the House proposal of amendment be amended as offered by Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury?, **Rep. McCoy of Poultney** asked that the question be divided to first consider its first and second instances of amendment and to then consider its third instance of amendment, and the Speaker ruled that the question was divisible in that manner.

Pending the question, Shall the House proposal of amendment be amended as offered by Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury in the first and second instances of amendment?, **Rep. McCoy of Poultney** requested the vote be by division, and it was disagreed to: Yeas, 34. Nays, 101.

Pending the question, Shall the House proposal of amendment be amended as offered by Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury in the third instance of amendment, **Rep. McCoy of Poultney** requested the vote be by division, and it was disagreed to: Yeas, 33. Nays, 105.

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

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence With Proposal of Amendment

S. 37

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to access to legally protected health care activity and regulation of health care providers

Was taken up and read the third time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill pass in concurrence with proposal of amendment?, **Rep. Laroche of Franklin** 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 in concurrence with proposal of amendment?, was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 114. Nays, 24.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Dodge of Essex	Mrowicki of Putney
Andriano of Orwell	Dolan of Essex Junction	Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington
Anthony of Barre City	Dolan of Waitsfield	Nicoll of Ludlow
Arrison of Weathersfield	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Notte of Rutland City
Arsenault of Williston	Elder of Starksboro	Noyes of Wolcott
Austin of Colchester	Emmons of Springfield	Nugent of South Burlington
Bartholomew of Hartland	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Bartley of Fairfax	Galfetti of Barre Town	Ode of Burlington
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Garofano of Essex	Pajala of Londonderry
Berbeco of Winooski	Goldman of Rockingham	Patt of Worcester
Black of Essex	Goslant of Northfield	

Bluemle of Burlington	Graning of Jericho *	Pouech of Hinesburg
Bongartz of Manchester	Gregoire of Fairfield	Priestley of Bradford
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Harrison of Chittenden	Rachelson of Burlington
Boyden of Cambridge	Holcombe of Norwich	Rice of Dorset
Brady of Williston	Hooper of Randolph	Roberts of Halifax
Brown of Richmond	Houghton of Essex Junction	Satcowitz of Randolph
Brownell of Pownal	Howard of Rutland City	Scheu of Middlebury
Brumsted of Shelburne	Hyman of South Burlington	Sheldon of Middlebury
Burke of Brattleboro	James of Manchester	Sibilia of Dover
Burrows of West Windsor	Jerome of Brandon	Sims of Craftsbury *
Buss of Woodstock	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Small of Winooski *
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Krasnow of South Burlington	Squirrell of Underhill
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Lalley of Shelburne	Stebbins of Burlington
Carroll of Bennington	LaLonde of South Burlington	Stevens of Waterbury
Casey of Montpelier	LaMont of Morristown	Stone of Burlington
Chapin of East Montpelier	Lanpher of Vergennes	Surprenant of Barnard
Chase of Chester	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Taylor of Colchester
Chase of Colchester	Lipsky of Stowe	Templeman of Brownington
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Long of Newfane	Toleno of Brattleboro
Christie of Hartford	Maguire of Rutland City	Toof of St. Albans Town
Cina of Burlington	Masland of Thetford	Torre of Moretown
Coffey of Guilford	McCann of Montpelier	Troiano of Stannard
Cole of Hartford	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Walker of Swanton
Conlon of Cornwall	McFaun of Barre Town	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Corcoran of Bennington	McGill of Bridport	White of Bethel
Cordes of Lincoln	Mihaly of Calais	Whitman of Bennington
Demrow of Corinth	Minier of South Burlington	Williams of Barre City
	Morris of Springfield	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Branagan of Georgia *	Labor of Morgan	Parsons of Newbury
Brennan of Colchester	LaBounty of Lyndon	Peterson of Clarendon
Burditt of West Rutland	Laroche of Franklin *	Sammis of Castleton
Canfield of Fair Haven	Marcotte of Coventry	Shaw of Pittsford
Clifford of Rutland City	Mattos of Milton	Taylor of Milton
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	McCoy of Poultney	Williams of Granby
Hango of Berkshire	Morgan of Milton	Wilson of Lyndon
Higley of Lowell	Morrissey of Bennington	
	Oliver of Sheldon	

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

Birong of Vergennes	Headrick of Burlington	Pearl of Danville
Demar of Enosburgh	Hooper of Burlington	Smith of Derby
Donahue of Northfield	Logan of Burlington	Wood of Waterbury
Graham of Williamstown	Page of Newport City	

Rep. Branagan of Georgia explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I am disappointed to learn we did not receive a complete answer to yesterday’s question on pills available from vending machines. Trust among ourselves is extremely important. For this reason, I am changing my vote – I vote no.”

Rep. Graning of Jericho explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I am proud to serve in a legislative body that acts to protect reproductive and gender affirming health care providers.”

Rep. Laroche of Franklin explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I am sorry that I had to call this roll call vote. I apologize for this and simply did not want my name associated with this bill.”

Rep. Sims of Craftsbury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Deceptive marketing and misinformation harms Vermonters. I voted yes to protect Vermonters from being told inaccurate medical information and to require pregnancy service centers to comply with Vermont’s laws and standards of practice.”

Rep. Small of Winooski explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes today in honor of the trans youth across our State and nation. This legislation is not only a beacon of hope but will save lives.”

Rep. Long of Newfane presiding.

Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered

H. 504

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 approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Berlin

Recommended that the bill be amended in Sec. 2, 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 105 (Town of Berlin), in section 73, in subsection (c), following the words "value of personal property or inventory" by striking out the word "taxation"

Rep. Branagan of Georgia, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommended the bill ought to pass when amended as recommended by the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

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

Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered

H. 505

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

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Rutland

Recommended that the bill be amended in Sec. 2, 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 9 (City of Rutland), in section 8.9, by striking out subsection (d) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(d) Revenues received through a tax imposed under this section shall be used for any of the following:

(1) deposit in any capital improvement reserve fund established in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804;

(2) reducing the deficit in any underfunded pension; or

(3) financing the construction, reconstruction, or repair of City buildings, streets, sidewalks, or other infrastructure.

Rep. Branagan of Georgia, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommended the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

Speaker presiding.

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

**Second Reading; Proposal of Amendment Agreed to;
Third Reading Ordered**

S. 36

Rep. Burditt of West Rutland, for the Committee on Judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to permitting an arrest without a warrant for assaults and threats against health care workers and disorderly conduct at health care facilities

Recommended that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. Rule 3 of the Vermont Rules of Criminal Procedure is amended to read:

Rule 3. Arrest Without a Warrant; Citation to Appear

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(c) Nonwitnessed Misdemeanor Offenses. If an officer has probable cause to believe a person has committed or is committing a misdemeanor outside the presence of the officer, the officer may issue a citation to appear before a judicial officer in lieu of arrest. The officer may arrest the person without a warrant if the officer has probable cause to believe:

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(8) The person has committed a misdemeanor which involves an assault against a family member, or against a household member, as defined in 15 V.S.A. § 1101(2), or a child of such a family or household member.

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(14) The person has violated 13 V.S.A. § 1023 (simple assault).

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(18) The person has committed a misdemeanor that involves an assault against:

(A) a health care worker in a hospital as those terms are defined in 13 V.S.A. § 1028(d)(3) and 18 V.S.A. § 1902(1); or

(B) a person providing emergency medical treatment as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2651(9).

(19) The person has violated 13 V.S.A. § 1702 (criminal threatening) against:

(A) a health care worker in a hospital as those terms are defined in 13 V.S.A. § 1028(d)(3) and 18 V.S.A. § 1902(1); or

(B) a person providing emergency medical treatment as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2651(9).

(20) The person has committed a violation of 13 V.S.A. § 1026(a)(1) (disorderly conduct for engaging in fighting or in violent or threatening behavior) that interfered with the provision of medically necessary health care services:

(A) in a hospital as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 1902(1); or

(B) by a person providing emergency medical treatment as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2651(9).

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Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 1702 is amended to read:

§ 1702. CRIMINAL THREATENING

(a) A person shall not by words or conduct knowingly:

(1) threaten another person or a group of particular persons; and

(2) as a result of the threat, place the other person in reasonable apprehension of death, serious bodily injury, or sexual assault to the other person, a person in the group of particular persons, or any other person.

(b) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

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(f) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section with the intent to terrify, intimidate, or unlawfully influence the conduct of a candidate for public office, a public servant, an election official, or a public employee in any decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, or other exercise of discretion taken in capacity as a candidate for public office, a public servant, an election official, or a public employee, or with the intent to retaliate against a candidate for public office, a public servant, an election official, or a public employee for any previous action taken in capacity as a candidate for public office, a public servant, an election official, or a public employee, shall be imprisoned not more than two years or fined not more than \$2,000.00, or both.

(g) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section with the intent to terrify or intimidate a health care worker or an emergency medical personnel member because of the worker's or member's action or inaction taken in the provision of health care services shall be imprisoned not more than two years or fined not more than \$2,000.00, or both.

(h) As used in this section:

(1) "Serious bodily injury" has the same meaning as in section 1021 of this title.

(2) "Threat" and "threaten" do not include constitutionally protected activity.

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in 17 V.S.A. § 2103.

(4) "Election official" has the same meaning as in 17 V.S.A. § 2455.

(5) "Public employee" means a classified employee within the Legislative, Executive, or Judicial Branch of the State and any of its political subdivisions and any employee within a county or local government and any of the county's or local government's political subdivisions.

(6) "Public servant" has the same meaning as in 17 V.S.A. § 2103.

(7) "Polling place" has the same meaning as described in 17 V.S.A. chapter 51, subchapter 4.

(8) "Sexual assault" has the same meaning as sexual assault as described in section 3252 of this title.

(9) "Emergency medical personnel" has the same meaning as in 24 V.S.A. § 2651(6).

(h)(i) Any person charged under this section who is younger than the age identified in 33 V.S.A. § 5201(d) shall be subject to a juvenile proceeding.

(10) "Health care services" means services for the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, cure, or relief of a health condition, illness, injury, or disease.

(11) "Health care worker" has the same meaning as in section 1028 of this title.

Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. § 1883 is added to read:

§ 1883. DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

REQUIRED

(a) When a law enforcement officer responds to an alleged crime committed by a patient at a hospital:

(1) an authorized representative of the hospital shall disclose to the law enforcement officer the following information before the officer removes the patient from the hospital:

(A) information that is sufficient to confirm whether the patient is stabilized, has been evaluated, or is awaiting inpatient care; and

(B) any other information that will be necessary for purposes of safely taking custody of the patient; and

(2) the law enforcement officer shall not remove the patient from the hospital if an authorized representative of the hospital informs the officer that the patient is not stabilized, has not yet been evaluated, or is awaiting inpatient care.

(b) When a law enforcement officer responds to an alleged crime committed by a patient at a scene where emergency medical treatment was or is being provided:

(1) a member of the emergency medical personnel who provided the treatment shall disclose to the law enforcement officer the following information before the officer removes the patient from the emergency medical treatment scene:

(A) information that is sufficient to confirm whether the patient is stabilized, has been evaluated, or is awaiting transport for health care; and

(B) any other information that will be necessary for purposes of safely taking custody of the patient; and

(2) the law enforcement officer shall not remove the patient from the emergency medical treatment scene if a member of the emergency medical personnel who provided the treatment informs the officer that the patient is not stabilized, has not yet been evaluated, or is awaiting transport for health care.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Emergency medical personnel" has the same meaning as in 24 V.S.A. § 2651(6).

(2) "Emergency medical treatment" has the same meaning as in 24 V.S.A. § 2651(9).

(3) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in subdivision 1902(1) of this title.

(4) "Stabilized" means that no material deterioration of the patient's medical condition is likely, within reasonable medical probability, to result

from or occur during the transport of the patient from the hospital or the emergency medical treatment scene.

Sec. 4. REPORT ON DE-ESCALATION

On or before January 15, 2024, the Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, in consultation with stakeholders, including hospital employee stakeholders, shall provide a report to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health Care regarding adequate training, including de-escalation of potentially violent situations in hospitals, sufficient staffing levels, ongoing assessment of visitors and patients for aggressive behavior, indicators to adapt care interventions and environments appropriately, centralized reporting, and factors related to physical environments. With a health equity impact informed lens, the report shall include best practices, barriers to best practices, and recommendations for appropriate policy improvements.

Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT ON ARRESTS WITHOUT WARRANT

On or before January 15, 2024, the Department of Public Safety shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary on any systemic or statutory changes needed to permit the Department to collect data on responses and arrests pursuant to Vermont Rules of Criminal Procedure 3(c)(18), (19), and (20). The report shall include changes necessary to collect data on the number and demographics of persons arrested; the town, county, and type of health care facility where the arrest occurred; and the number and types of charges filed after the arrest.

Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to crimes against health care workers at hospitals and against emergency medical treatment providers”

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

**Second Reading; Proposal of Amendment Agreed to;
Third Reading Ordered**

S. 48

Rep. White of Bethel, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to regulating the sale of catalytic converters

Recommended that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. chapter 82 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 82. SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS

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§ 3022. PURCHASE OF NONFERROUS SCRAP, METAL ARTICLES,
PROPRIETARY ARTICLES, AND RAILROAD SCRAP

(a) Catalytic converters.

(1) A scrap metal processor shall not purchase more than one used and detached catalytic converter per day from any person, other than a motor vehicle recycler or motor vehicle repair shop.

(2) A person, other than a motor vehicle recycler or motor vehicle repair shop, shall not transport simultaneously two or more used and detached catalytic converters unless:

(A) each catalytic converter is engraved or otherwise permanently marked with the vehicle identification number of the vehicle from which it was removed; and

(B) the person transporting the catalytic converter has in the person's possession documentation demonstrating proof of lawful ownership as specified in subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

(b) Documentation required for sale. A scrap metal processor may purchase nonferrous scrap, metal articles, proprietary articles, and railroad scrap only if the scrap metal processor complies with all the following procedures:

(1) At the time of sale, the processor:

(A) requires the seller to provide a current government-issued photographic identification that indicates the seller's full name, current address, and date of birth, and records in a permanent ledger the identification information of the seller, the time and date of the transaction, the license number of the seller's vehicle, and a description of the items received from the seller; and

(B) requests and, ~~if available,~~ collects:

(i) ~~third-party~~ documentation from the seller of the items offered for sale, that establishes that the seller lawfully owns the items to be sold, such as a bill of sale, itemized receipt, or letter of authorization, signed by the person from whom the seller purchased the item; or similar evidence

(ii) a written affidavit of ownership that establishes states that the seller lawfully owns the items to be sold.

(2) After purchasing an item from a person who ~~fails to~~ does not provide ~~documentation a bill of sale, itemized receipt, or letter of authorization signed by the person from whom the seller purchased the item~~ pursuant to subdivision (1)(B)(i) of this subsection, the processor:

(A) submits to the Department of Public Safety ~~no~~ not later than the close of the following business day a report that describes the item and the seller's identifying information required in subdivision (1)(A) of this subsection; and

(B) holds the item for at least 10 days following purchase.

(c) Retention of records. The information collected by a scrap metal processor pursuant to this section shall be retained for at least five years at the processor's normal place of business or other readily accessible and secure location. On request, this information shall be made available to any law enforcement official or authorized security agent of a governmental entity who provides official credentials at the scrap metal processor's business location during regular business hours.

§ 3023. PENALTIES

(a) A ~~scrap metal processor~~ person who violates any provision of this chapter for the first time may be assessed a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.00 for each transaction.

(b) A ~~scrap metal processor~~ person who violates any provision of this chapter for a second or subsequent time shall be fined not more than \$25,000.00 for each transaction.

Sec. 2. 24 V.S.A. § 2242 is amended to read:

§ 2242. REQUIREMENT FOR OPERATION OR MAINTENANCE

(a) A person shall not operate, establish, or maintain a salvage yard unless ~~he or she~~ the person:

(1) holds a certificate of approval for the location of the salvage yard; and

(2) holds a certificate of registration issued by the Secretary to operate, establish, or maintain a salvage yard.

(b) The issuance of a certificate of registration under subsection (a) of this section shall not relieve a salvage yard from the obligation to comply with existing State and federal environmental laws and to obtain all permits required under State or federal environmental law.

(c) The Secretary may require a person to obtain a salvage yard certificate of registration under this section upon a determination, based on available information, that the person has taken action to circumvent the requirements of this subchapter.

(d) Prior to issuing a certificate of registration, the Secretary shall obtain written acknowledgment that the person seeking the certificate is aware of, and will comply with, the requirements for buying, selling, transporting, and keeping records concerning nonferrous scrap, metal articles, proprietary articles, and railroad scrap pursuant to 9 V.S.A. chapter 82.

Sec. 3. 24 V.S.A. § 2244 is added to read:

§ 2244. PERIODIC INSPECTIONS

(a) The Secretary shall conduct an unannounced inspection of the physical operation, record-keeping practices, and regulatory compliance practices of salvage yards to ensure compliance with applicable provisions of this subchapter.

(b) As part of the inspection program, the Secretary shall annually inspect at least one facility to ensure compliance with 9 V.S.A. chapter 82.

Sec. 4. ADOPTION OF FORMS; PUBLIC OUTREACH

(a) The Department of Public Safety shall adopt and make available on its public website sample forms for an affidavit or other proof of ownership, for collection and retention of records, and for other record-keeping purposes that persons may use to comply with the requirements for buying, selling, transporting, and keeping records concerning nonferrous scrap, metal articles, proprietary articles, and railroad scrap pursuant to 9 V.S.A. chapter 82.

(b) The Department of Public Safety and the Agency of Natural Resources shall coordinate to design and implement a public outreach campaign to educate sellers of scrap metal and proprietary articles, including catalytic converters; scrap metal processors; and law enforcement on the requirements for buying, selling, transporting, and keeping records concerning nonferrous scrap, metal articles, proprietary articles, and railroad scrap pursuant to 9 V.S.A. chapter 82 and other relevant provisions of law.

Sec. 5. 20 V.S.A. § 2355 is amended to read:

§ 2355. COUNCIL POWERS AND DUTIES

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(b)(1) The Council shall conduct and administer training schools and offer courses of instruction for law enforcement officers and other criminal justice personnel. The Council shall offer courses of instruction for law enforcement officers in different areas of the State and shall strive to offer nonovernight courses whenever possible.

(2) The Council may also offer the basic officer's course for preservice students and educational outreach courses for the public, including firearms safety and use of force.

(3) Following the conclusion of each session of the General Assembly, the Council shall prepare and make available to law enforcement agencies throughout the State and constables exercising law enforcement authority pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1936 materials or training concerning new or amended State law that affects law enforcement activities, including changes to civil, criminal, and administrative violations, procedures, penalties, and enforcement.

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Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, the report of the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development agreed to, and third reading ordered.

Bill Committed Pending Second Reading

S. 56

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to child care and early childhood education

Having appeared on the Notice Calendar and appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up and pending second reading, on motion of **Rep. Wood of Waterbury**, the bill was committed to the Committee on Education.

Action on Bill Postponed**S. 73**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to workers' compensation coverage for firefighters with cancer

Was taken up and, pending second reading, on motion of **Rep. Sammis of Castleton**, action on the bill was postponed until April 25, 2023.

Message from the Senate No. 44

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 considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill of the following title:

S. 3. An act relating to prohibiting paramilitary training camps.

And has concurred therein.

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

H.C.R. 92. House concurrent resolution in memory of Vergennes Fire Chief James M. Breur.

H.C.R. 93. House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2023 as Donate Life Awareness Month in Vermont.

H.C.R. 94. House concurrent resolution congratulating the National Wild Turkey Federation on its 50th anniversary.

H.C.R. 95. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2022 Green Mountain Council Class of Eagle Scouts and the recipient of the Summit Award.

H.C.R. 96. House concurrent resolution congratulating The Wilson House on its 35th anniversary.

H.C.R. 97. House concurrent resolution honoring Boy Scout Troop 1 in Barre on becoming the official descendant of America's first Boy Scout troop.

H.C.R. 98. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Vermont finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

H.C.R. 99. House concurrent resolution recognizing July 2023 as Self-Care Awareness Month in Vermont.

Adjournment

At eleven o'clock and twenty-two minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Monday, April 24, 2023, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 24.

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:

H.C.R. 92

House concurrent resolution in memory of Vergennes Fire Chief James M. Breur

H.C.R. 93

House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2023 as Donate Life Awareness Month in Vermont

H.C.R. 94

House concurrent resolution congratulating the National Wild Turkey Federation on its 50th anniversary

H.C.R. 95

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H.C.R. 96

House concurrent resolution congratulating The Wilson House on its 35th anniversary

H.C.R. 97

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H.C.R. 98

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Vermont finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

H.C.R. 99

House concurrent resolution recognizing July 2023 as Self-Care Awareness Month in Vermont

[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.]