

# Journal of the House

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, **Rep. Long of Newfane** called the House to order.

## Devotional Exercises

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

## Pledge of Allegiance

Page Avery Howe of Williston led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee as follows:

### H. 841

By Reps. Bluemle of Burlington and Leavitt of Grand Isle,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing access to a blenderized whole foods diet for individuals receiving nutrition through a feeding tube

To the Committee on Human Services.

### H. 842

By Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation a forgivable loan incentive program for graduates of the Vermont Law School

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

### H. 843

By Reps. Burke of Brattleboro, Pajala of Londonderry, Branagan of Georgia, Burrows of West Windsor, Garofano of Essex, Headrick of Burlington, Mattos of Milton, McCoy of Poultney, Mrowicki of Putney, and Small of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the jurisdiction of the Human Rights Commission

To the Committee on General and Housing.

**Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means**

**S. 18**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids

Appearing on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to House Rule 35(a), affecting the revenue of the State, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**Ceremonial Reading**

**H.C.R. 142**

House concurrent resolution recognizing January 27, 2024 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representative Patt of Worcester

Offered by: Senator Ram Hinsdale

Whereas, the Holocaust refers to Nazi Germany's annihilation during the Second World War of six million Jews, as well as millions of others, including Romas, LGBTQ persons, persons with disabilities, political dissidents, and members of other targeted populations, and

Whereas, the United Nations General Assembly has designated January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a date selected in recognition of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp and as a special memorial to the millions of Holocaust victims, and

Whereas, International Holocaust Remembrance Day was established to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust and to promote Holocaust education throughout the world, and the Vermont Holocaust Memorial in Jeffersonville is dedicated to the expansion of Holocaust education in Vermont, and

Whereas, since 2010, there has been a specific theme for each year's observance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, and in 2024 the theme is the Fragility of Freedom, emphasizing that "those who are targeted for persecution have had their freedom restricted and removed, before many of them are murdered," and

Whereas, according to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), between October 7 and December 7, 2023, there were 2,031 recorded antisemitic incidents in the United States, representing a 337 percent increase over the same period in 2022, a year that saw the largest number of such incidents since the ADL began tracking this data in 1979, and

Whereas, these figures highlight the importance of the educational initiatives of organizations such as the Vermont Holocaust Memorial, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes January 27, 2024 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Holocaust Memorial.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, January 26, 2024 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

**Speaker** presiding.

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

#### **H. 363**

**Rep. LaMont of Morristown**, for the Committee on General and Housing, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on certain hair types and styles

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 4501 is amended to read:

§ 4501. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

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(13) “Race” includes traits associated with or perceived to be associated with race, including hair type, hair texture, hairstyles, and protective hairstyles. As used in this subdivision, the term “protective hairstyles” includes hairstyles such as individual braids, cornrows, locs, twists, Bantu knots, afros, afro puffs, and other formations, as well as wigs, headwraps, and other head coverings.

Sec. 2. 21 V.S.A. § 495d is amended to read:

§ 495d. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter:

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(17) “Race” includes traits associated with or perceived to be associated with race, including hair type, hair texture, hairstyles, and protective hairstyles. As used in this subdivision, the term “protective hairstyles” includes hairstyles such as individual braids, cornrows, locs, twists, Bantu knots, afros, afro puffs, and other formations, as well as wigs, headwraps, and other head coverings.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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

### **Message from the Senate No. 12**

A message was received from the Senate by Ms. Gradel, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

**J.R.S. 42.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on February 2, 2024.

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

### **Adjournment**

At ten o'clock and fifty-five minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.