

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Seiso Paul Cooper of Barre.

Message from the House No. 43

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

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed a House bill of the following title:

H. 869. An act relating to approval of the merger of Brandon Fire District No. 1 and Brandon Fire District No. 2.

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

Bill Referred

House bill of the following title was read the first time and referred:

H. 869.

An act relating to approval of the merger of Brandon Fire District No. 1 and Brandon Fire District No. 2.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Bills Passed in Concurrence

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

H. 603. An act relating to the poultry slaughter exception to inspection.

H. 621. An act relating to health insurance coverage for diagnostic breast imaging.

Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment**H. 694.**

House bill of the following title was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment:

An act relating to sexual exploitation.

Bill Passed in Concurrence**H. 741.**

House bill of the following title was read the third time and passed in concurrence:

An act relating to health insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screening.

Proposal of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered**H. 666.**

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

An act relating to escrow deposit bonds.

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43.

Thereupon, pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, Senators Cummings, Brock, Clarkson, Harrison and Ram Hinsdale moved that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows

In Sec. 1, 27A V.S.A. § 4-110, in subdivision (b)(1), following “and the declarant”, by striking out the words “discloses the identity of the issuer of the surety bond to the purchaser” and inserting in lieu thereof the words provides the purchaser with a copy of the surety bond under which the purchaser’s deposit is protected

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, third reading of the bill was ordered.

Third Reading Ordered**H. 363.**

Senator Ram Hinsdale, for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, to which was referred House bill entitled:

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

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

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

Proposal of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered

H. 40.

Senator Sears, for the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a condom.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 12 V.S.A. § 1043 is added to read:

§ 1043. NONCONSENSUAL REMOVAL OF OR TAMPERING WITH A CONDOM

(a) No person shall intentionally and without consent remove or tamper with a condom prior to or during a sexual act in a manner likely to render it ineffective for its common purpose when consent to the sexual act is given by the other person with the explicit understanding that a condom would be used.

(b) A person harmed by a violation of subsection (a) of this section may bring an action in the Civil Division of the Superior Court for compensatory damages, punitive damages, and reasonable costs and attorney's fees.

(c) An action under subsection (b) of this section shall be subject to the statute of limitations in section 511 of this title.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

And that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with such proposal of amendment.

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

Bill Recommitted

Appearing on the Calendar for action, Senator Baruth moved that Senate Bill entitled

S. 18. An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids.
be recommitted to the Committee on Health and Welfare,
Which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until eleven o'clock and thirty minutes in the morning.