

Journal of the House

Thursday, March 23, 2017

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

Rep. Krowinski of Burlington in chair.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Speaker.

House Bill Introduced

H. 514

By the committee on Government Operations,

An act relating to elections corrections;

Which was read first time and pursuant to House rule 48, bill placed on the Calendar for notice.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 22

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to increased penalties for possession, sale, and dispensation of fentanyl

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

Senate Bill Referred

S. 112

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to creating the Spousal Support and Maintenance Task Force

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

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 230

House bill, entitled

An act relating to consent by minors for mental health treatment related to sexual orientation and gender identity

Was taken up and read the third time.

Speaker Johnson of South Hero in chair.

Pending the question, Shall the bill pass? **Rep. Terenzini of Rutland 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 pass? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 125. Nays, 12.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ainsworth of Royalton	Gardner of Richmond	Norris of Shoreham
Ancel of Calais	Giambatista of Essex	Noyes of Wolcott
Bancroft of Westford	Gonzalez of Winooski	Ode of Burlington
Bartholomew of Hartland	Grad of Moretown	Olsen of Londonderry
Baser of Bristol	Greshin of Warren	O'Sullivan of Burlington
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Haas of Rochester	Parent of St. Albans Town
Belaski of Windsor	Head of South Burlington	Partridge of Windham
Bissonnette of Winooski	Hill of Wolcott	Pearce of Richford
Bock of Chester	Hooper of Montpelier	Poirier of Barre City
Botzow of Pownal	Hooper of Brookfield	Potter of Clarendon
Brennan of Colchester	Houghton of Essex	Pugh of South Burlington
Briglin of Thetford	Howard of Rutland City	Quimby of Concord
Browning of Arlington	Jessup of Middlesex	Rosenquist of Georgia
Brumsted of Shelburne	Jickling of Brookfield	Savage of Swanton
Buckholz of Hartford	Joseph of North Hero	Scheu of Middlebury
Burke of Brattleboro	Juskiewicz of Cambridge	Scheuermann of Stowe
Carr of Brandon	Keefe of Manchester	Sharpe of Bristol
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Keenan of St. Albans City	Shaw of Pittsford
Christensen of Weathersfield	Kimbell of Woodstock	Sibilia of Dover
Christie of Hartford	Kitzmiller of Montpelier	Smith of Derby
Cina of Burlington	Krowinski of Burlington	Squirrell of Underhill
Colburn of Burlington	Lalonde of South Burlington	Stevens of Waterbury
Conlon of Cornwall	Lanpher of Vergennes	Stuart of Brattleboro *
Connor of Fairfield	Lawrence of Lyndon	Sullivan of Dorset
Conquest of Newbury	Lefebvre of Newark	Taylor of Colchester
Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford	Lewis of Berlin	Till of Jericho
Corcoran of Bennington	Lippert of Hinesburg	Toleno of Brattleboro
Cupoli of Rutland City	Long of Newfane	Toll of Danville
Dakin of Colchester	Lucke of Hartford *	Townsend of South Burlington
Deen of Westminster	Macaig of Williston	Trieber of Rockingham
Devereux of Mount Holly	Marcotte of Coventry	Troiano of Stannard
Dickinson of St. Albans	Martel of Waterford	Turner of Milton
Donahue of Northfield	Masland of Thetford	Viens of Newport City
Donovan of Burlington	McCormack of Burlington	Walz of Barre City
Dunn of Essex	McCoy of Poultney	Webb of Shelburne
Fagan of Rutland City	McCullough of Williston	Weed of Enosburgh
Feltus of Lyndon	McFaun of Barre Town	Willhoit of St. Johnsbury
Fields of Bennington	Miller of Shaftsbury	Wood of Waterbury
Forguites of Springfield	Mrowicki of Putney *	Wright of Burlington
Frenier of Chelsea	Murphy of Fairfax	Yacavone of Morristown
	Myers of Essex	Yantachka of Charlotte
	Nolan of Morristown	

Gannon of Wilmington

Young of Glover

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beyor of Highgate

Helm of Fair Haven

Strong of Albany

Canfield of Fair Haven

Hubert of Milton

Tate of Mendon

Gage of Rutland City

LaClair of Barre Town

Terenzini of Rutland Town

Graham of Williamstown *

Smith of New Haven

Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh *

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

Batchelor of Derby

Gamache of Swanton

Morrissey of Bennington

Burditt of West Rutland

Hebert of Vernon

Rachelson of Burlington

Condon of Colchester

Higley of Lowell

Sheldon of Middlebury

Emmons of Springfield

Morris of Bennington

Sullivan of Burlington

Representative Graham of Williamstown explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I believe parents have the right to know what’s going on with their minor children. There are many parents in the chambers here today. Am I to understand you won’t want to know about your children?”

Representative Lucke of Hartford explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

While some parents can be the greatest advocates, others can be adversaries when it comes to certain issues children are wrestling with. My vote today is one of hope that minors have access to explore who they are becoming and in many cases help them and their families celebrate who they are.”

Representative Mrowicki of Putney explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

One again our children look to us to find safe haven under delicate and sometimes dangerous circumstances. This bill says you are safe to be who you are, in Vermont.”

Representative Stuart of Brattleboro explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Children with gender identity and sexual orientation differences have rights, too. Madam Speaker, many of these individuals become young adults that take their own lives at far greater rates than the rest of the population. The rate of suicide among these youth ranges from approximately 20 to 42 percent higher than their peers.

Madame Speaker, I am proud to vote in favor of H. 230. The world needs

to become a kinder, gentler place. Our strength as a nation is diversity. We need to learn to fully embrace our differences.”

Representative Tate of Mendon explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We talk about removing “barriers to care” without fully acknowledging that by that we mean that parents are the barriers. I am not a barrier to my child’s care. It is, rather, my life’s calling.”

Representative Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted No. In extreme cases the judiciary is empowered to terminate parental rights. With this bill, certain parental rights are terminated universally without due process. This is appalling and the overall effects will be negative.”

Rep. Krowinski of Burlington in chair.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 290

House bill, entitled

An act relating to clarifying ambiguities relating to real estate titles and conveyances

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 312

House bill, entitled

An act relating to retirement and pensions

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 411

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont’s energy efficiency standards for appliances and equipment

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Bill Amended, Read Third Time and Passed**H. 462**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to social media privacy for employees

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

In Sec.1, 21 V.S.A. § 495k, in subsection (f), following “Nothing in this section shall preclude an employer from requesting” by inserting the words “or requiring an employee to provide”

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

Third Reading; Bill Passed**H. 502**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to modernizing Vermont’s parentage laws

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed**H. 503**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to bail

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered**H. 506**

Rep. LaClair of Barre Town spoke for the committee on Government Operations.

House bill entitled

An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time and third reading ordered.

Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered**H. 507**

Rep. Houghton of Essex spoke for the committee on Health Care.

House bill entitled

An act relating to Next Generation Medicaid ACO pilot project reporting requirements

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time and third reading ordered.

**Committee Relieved of Consideration
and Bill Committed to Other Committee****H. 485**

Rep. Grad of Moretown moved that the committee on Judiciary be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to the eligibility of a new resident for a Vermont driver's license or permit

And that the bill be committed to the committee on Transportation, which was agreed to.

**Committee Relieved of Consideration
and Bill Committed to Other Committee****S. 87**

Rep. Grad of Moretown moved that the committee on Judiciary be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to sexual exploitation of students

And that the bill be committed to the committee on Education, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and fifty minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.