

Journal of the House

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Jonathan Williams of Barre City.

Pledge of Allegiance

Page Emmett H. Stowell of Montpelier led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

House Bill Introduced

H. 514

By Rep. Sammis of Castleton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to enhanced penalties for a DUI resulting in injury or death to a minor

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

Senate Bills Referred

Senate bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the first time, and referred to committee as follows:

S. 60

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to local option taxes

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

S. 135

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the establishment of VT Saves

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

**Committee Relieved of Consideration and
Bill Committed to Other Committee**

H. 334

Rep. Conlon of Cornwall moved that the Committee on Education be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to educator employment certification under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

And that the bill be committed to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, which was agreed to.

Third Reading; Bills Passed

House bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time, and passed:

H. 488

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of the adoption of the charter of the Town of Ludlow

H. 495

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the approval of the amendment to the charter of the Town of Middlebury

Favorable Report; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 386

Rep. Boyden of Cambridge, 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 Brattleboro

Reported in favor of its passage. The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

Favorable Report; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

J.R.S. 19

Rep. Bos-Lun of Westminster, for the Committee on Corrections and Institutions, to which had been referred the joint Senate resolution, entitled

Joint resolution relating to State lands transactions in Jamaica State Park and Coolidge State Forest

Reported in favor of its adoption. The resolution, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in

H. 148

The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled

An act relating to raising the age of eligibility to marry

By inserting a Sec. 2a to read as follows:

Sec. 2a. 12 V.S.A. § 7156 is amended to read:

§ 7156. EFFECT OF EMANCIPATION

(a) The order of emancipation shall recognize the minor as an adult for all purposes that result from reaching the age of majority, including:

- (1) entering into a binding contract;
- (2) litigation and settlement of controversies, including the ability to sue and be sued;
- (3) buying or selling real property;
- (4) establishing a residence except that an emancipation order may not be used for the purpose of obtaining residency and in-state tuition or benefits at the University of Vermont or the Vermont State Colleges;
- (5) being prosecuted as an adult under the criminal laws of the State;
- (6) terminating parental support and control of the minor and their rights to the minor's income;
- (7) terminating parental tort liability for minor; and
- (8) indicating the minor's emancipated status on driver's license or identification card issued by the State.

(b) The order of emancipation shall not affect the status of the minor in the applicability of any provision of law ~~which~~ that requires specific age requirements under the State or federal constitution or any State or federal law, including laws that require a person to be at least 18 years of age to marry and laws that prohibit the sale, purchase, or consumption of alcoholic beverages to or by a person under 21 years of age.

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

Message from the Senate No. 40

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Bloomer, its 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. 23. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and thirty-seven minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in the forenoon.