

Journal of the House

Thursday, April 13, 2023

At one o'clock in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rick Veitch, Vermont Cartoonist Laureate 2020-2023, Townshend.

House Bill Introduced

H. 515

By Reps. Roberts of Halifax, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Headrick of Burlington, Laroche of Franklin, and Troiano of Stannard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to modernizing the Department of Corrections

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

Pending Entry on the Notice Calendar Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

S. 94

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the City of Barre tax increment financing district

Pending entry on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to House Rule 35(a), carrying an appropriation, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Ceremonial Readings

H.C.R. 46

House concurrent resolution congratulating Tillie Walden of Norwich on her selection as the fifth Vermont Cartoonist Laureate

Offered by: Holcombe of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Bethel, and White of Hartford

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and White

Whereas, since 2011, the Center for Cartoon Studies in White River Junction has celebrated the foremost Vermont practitioners of this art form with a three-year term designation as Vermont Cartoonist Laureate, and prior

honorees were James Kochalka, Ed Koren, Alison Bechdel, and Richard Veitch, and

Whereas, the fifth and newest recipient of this prestigious title is Tillie Walden of Norwich, a 2016 graduate of the Center for Cartoon Studies, and now one of its faculty members, and

Whereas, although only in her 20s, Tillie Walden is already a prolific cartoonist and the author-illustrator of *The End of Summer*, *I Love This Part*, *A City Inside*, *Spinning*, *On a Sunbeam*, *Are You Listening?*, *Alone in Space*, *Sketchbook 2017–2020*, *Creativity*, and *Clementine* (Book One and Book Two), and she is the co-author with Emma Hunsinger of *My Parents Won't Stop Talking!*, and the illustrator of Tegan and Sara Quin's *Junior High*, and

Whereas, among her numerous prizes are two Eisner Awards (Best Reality-Based Book in 2018, and Best Graphic Album–New Material in 2020), two Ignatz Awards (Outstanding Artist, and Promising New Talent, both in 2016), a Broken Frontier Award in 2016, and a Los Angeles Times Book Award in 2018, and

Whereas, Tillie Walden will proudly continue the tradition of the Vermont Cartoonist Laureate's promotion of cartooning and the ever-broadening application of this colorful illustrative medium, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Tillie Walden of Norwich on her selection as the fifth Vermont Cartoonist Laureate, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tillie Walden and to the Center for Cartoon Studies.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, March 3, 2023 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

H.C.R. 66

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 North Country Union High School Falcons Division II championship girls' basketball team

Offered by: Smith of Derby, Higley of Lowell, Ingalls of Newport, Labor of Morgan, Marcotte of Coventry, Page of Newport City, and Starr of Troy

Offered by: Senators Ingalls and Starr

Whereas, excitement and satisfaction characterized the 2022–2023 girls' basketball season at North Country Union High School, and

Whereas, the Falcons persistent display of polished dribbling, passing, and shooting skills resulted in their earning the top seed in the post-season playoff

competition and ultimately securing a championship game berth in Barre, against the hometown favorite, and third-seeded, Spaulding Crimson Tide, and

Whereas, despite trailing at halftime, the Falcons exhibited great fortitude and perseverance, winning this close and pivotal game 47–42 and bringing home their second Division II crown in three years, and

Whereas, the proud Falcons, who completed their amazing season with a perfect 24–0 record, were Abby Bathalon, Reeve Applegate, Sabine Brueck, Maya Auger, Emma Fortin, Haidin Bathalon, Rileigh Fortin, Addie Nelson, Cora Nadeau, and Aaliyah Wilburn, and

Whereas, Head Coach Sarah Roy and assistant coaches David Pepin and Seneca Smith were especially pleased, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 North Country Union High School Falcons Division II championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to North Country Union High School.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, March 24, 2023 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

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

S. 3

Rep. Arsenault of Williston, for the Committee on Judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting paramilitary training camps

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence with proposal of amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. chapter 85 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 85. WEAPONS

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Subchapter 3. Unauthorized Military Training

§ 4071. PARAMILITARY TRAINING PROHIBITED

(a) A person shall not:

(1) teach, train, or demonstrate to any other person the use, application, or making of a firearm, explosive, or incendiary device capable of causing injury or death, or techniques capable of causing injury or death to persons, if the person knows or reasonably should know that the teaching, training, or demonstrating is intended to be used in or in furtherance of a civil disorder; or

(2) assemble with one or more other persons for the purpose of practicing or being taught, trained, or instructed in the use, application, or making of a firearm, explosive, or incendiary device capable of causing injury or death, or in techniques capable of causing injury or death to persons, if the person knows or reasonably should know that the practicing, teaching, training, or instruction is intended to be used in or in furtherance of a civil disorder.

(b) A person who violates this section shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than \$50,000.00, or both.

(c) This section shall not apply to:

(1) activity engaged in for legitimate law enforcement purposes by a federal law enforcement officer or a law enforcement officer certified as a law enforcement officer by the Vermont Criminal Justice Council pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 2358;

(2) lawful activity engaged in by students at Norwich University or any other educational institution where military science is taught as a prescribed part of the course of instruction;

(3) any activity undertaken without knowledge of or intent to cause or further a civil disorder that is intended to teach or practice self-defense or self-defense techniques, including karate clubs, self-defense clinics, and similar lawful activity;

(4) any facility, program, or lawful activity related to firearms instruction and training that is intended to teach the safe handling and use of firearms; or

(5) any lawful sports or activities related to the individual recreational use or possession of firearms, including hunting pursuant to 10 V.S.A. part 4, target shooting, self-defense, and firearms collection.

§ 4072. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Civil disorder” means any public disturbance involving acts of violence by an assemblage of two or more persons that causes an immediate

danger of or results in damage or injury to the property or person of any other individual.

(2) “Explosive” has the same meaning as in subdivision 1603(2) of this title.

(3) “Firearm” has the same meaning as in subdivision 4016(a)(3) of this title.

(4) “Incendiary device” means a device so constructed that an ignition by fire, friction, concussion, detonation, or other method may produce destructive effects primarily through combustion rather than explosion. The term does not include a manufactured device or article in common use by the general public that is designed to produce combustion for a lawful purpose, including matches, lighters, flares, or devices commercially manufactured primarily for the purpose of illumination, heating, or cooking. The term does not include firearms ammunition.

§ 4073. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT; INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

If the Attorney General or a State’s Attorney has reason to believe that a person is violating or is about to violate section 4071 of this title, and that proceedings would be in the public interest, the Attorney General or State’s Attorney may bring an action in the name of the State in the Civil Division of the Superior Court to restrain the violation by temporary or permanent injunction. The action shall be brought in the Superior Court of the county in which the person resides, has a place of business, or is doing business. The courts are authorized to issue temporary or permanent injunctions to restrain and prevent violations of section 4071 of this title.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

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.

Adjournment

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