

Journal of the House

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. David Sharpe of Bristol, Vt.

Message from Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. David M. Coriell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the thirteenth day of April, 2010, he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 461 An act relating to small estates;

H. 600 An act relating to permitting investments by the state treasurer;

H. 695 An act relating to definition of premises for award of liquor license.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

S. 97

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to a Vermont state employees' cost-savings incentive program

Appearing on the Calendar, carrying an appropriation, under rule 35a, was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 61

By Senator Shumlin,

J.R.S. 61. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April 16, 2010, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 792

House bill, entitled

An act relating to implementation of challenges for change

Was taken up and pending second reading of the bill, on motion of **Rep. Larson of Burlington**, action on the bill was postponed until the next legislative day.

**Bill Read Third Time and Passed in Concurrence
with Proposal of Amendment**

S. 282

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to updating and clarifying provisions regarding commercial driver licenses and commercial motor vehicles

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

By striking Sec. 15 in its entirety and by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.

Which was disagreed to.

Pending third reading of the bill, **Reps. Donahue of Northfield and Grad of Moretown** moved to propose to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

First: By adding a new section to be Sec. 21 to read:

Sec. 21. STATEMENT OF INTENT

It is the intention of the general assembly to encourage energy efficient transportation and to maximize the accessibility and affordability of the operation of motor scooters and mopeds.

Second: By adding a new section to be Sec. 22 to read:

Sec. 22. 23 V.S.A. § 4(81) is added to read:

(81) "Motor scooter" means a motorcycle with an automatic transmission and with a motor that produces no more than five brake

horsepower or that has a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125 cubic centimeters.

Third: By adding a new section to be Sec. 23 to read:

Sec. 23. DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES ON THE OPERATOR
LICENSING AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR MOTOR SCOOTERS AND MOPEDS

The commissioner of motor vehicles is directed to draft rules that progressively reduce the registration costs and road-testing requirements for the operation of motor scooters and mopeds based on the complexity of operation, vehicle size, and authorized maximum speed. The draft rules shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on transportation no later than February 1, 2011.

Thereupon, **Rep. Donahue of Northfield** asked and was granted leave of the House to withdraw her amendment.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

**Third Reading; Bill Passed; Rules Suspended and
Bill Messaged to Senate Forthwith**

H. 589

House bill, entitled

An act relating to nuclear energy generation and the institution of trusts for greenfield restoration and spent fuel management

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

On motion of **Rep. Komline of Dorset**, the rules were suspended and the bill was ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith.

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence

S. 293

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to state standards for boilers and pressure vessels

Was taken up, read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Message from the Senate No. 34

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

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has considered bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 540. An act relating to motor vehicles passing vulnerable users on the highway and to bicycle operation.

H. 648. An act relating to harassment and hazing policies at independent colleges.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

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

J.R.S. 47. Joint resolution strongly urging the Republic of Turkey to recognize the right to religious freedom for all its residents and to end all discriminatory policies directed against the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Orthodox Church.

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

Adjournment

At one o'clock and forty minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. Komline of Dorset**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in the afternoon.