

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010

The Senate was called to order by the President *pro tempore*.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Committee Bill Introduced

Senate committee bill of the following title was introduced, read the first time, and, under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice the next legislative day:

S. 292.

By the Committee on Judiciary,

An act relating to term probation, the right to bail, medical care of inmates, and a reduction in the number of nonviolent prisoners, probationers, and detainees.

Bills Referred

House bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred:

H. 607.

An act relating to codifying and amending the charter of the Chittenden County Transportation Authority.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 622.

An act relating to solicitation by prescreened trigger lead information.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

H. 761.

An act relating to authorization of High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program grants.

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 765.

An act relating to establishing the Vermont agricultural innovation authority.

To the Committee on Agriculture.

Senate Resolution Placed on Calendar**S.R. 20.**

Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read the first time and is as follows:

By Senators Racine, Cummings, Ashe, Ayer, Bartlett, Campbell, Carris, Choate, Flanagan, Giard, Hartwell, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Miller, Sears, Shumlin, Snelling, Starr and White,

S.R. 20. Senate resolution urging President Barack Obama to initiate negotiations for a nuclear weapons abolition treaty.

Whereas, nuclear weapons continue to pose a threat to civilization, the human species, and life itself; and more nations are seeking to develop them while international terrorists want to acquire them, and

Whereas, former Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger and George Shultz, former Secretary of Defense William Perry, and former Chair of the United States Senate Armed Services Committee Sam Nunn have acknowledged the threat that nuclear weapons pose, and they have repeatedly called for the complete abolition of all nuclear weapons, and

Whereas, United States taxpayers spend over \$52 billion each year for nuclear weapons programs, resources which could be better used to rebuild our schools, roads, and bridges; create a renewable energy economy; and put people back to work, and

Whereas, the Cold War, the reason for the buildup of nuclear stockpiles, ended 20 years ago, but there remain thousands of nuclear weapons poised to unleash in a moment's notice enough destructive power to end most of life on earth, and

Whereas, President Obama has declared his intention to work toward worldwide abolition of these most destructive of weapons, and President Medvedev of Russia and he have agreed the weapons must be eliminated, and

Whereas, the legal cornerstone of international nuclear disarmament, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), will be the subject of an international review conference starting in April 2010 at the United Nations, and

Whereas, the United States and other nations with nuclear weapons have an unfulfilled obligation under Article VI of the NPT to conduct negotiations on nuclear disarmament in good faith, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate of the state of Vermont urges the President of the United States to present to the U.N. NPT Review Conference in April 2010 a plan for starting negotiations which will lead to a worldwide mutual and verifiable nuclear weapons abolition treaty, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and to the Vermont Congressional Delegation with a request that it be read into the Congressional Record.

Thereupon, in the discretion of the President, under Rule 51, the resolution was placed on the Calendar for action the next legislative day.

Bill Passed

Senate bill of the following title was read the third time and passed:

S. 255. An act relating to an amendment to the charter of the Chittenden County Transportation Authority.

Third Reading Ordered

H. 517.

Senator Brock, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the Village of Enosburg Falls.

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.

Bills Amended; Third Readings Ordered**S. 150.**

Senator Kitchel, for the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to increasing the fine for illegally using parking reserved for disabled persons.

Reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 304a(e) is amended to read:

(e) A person, other than a person with a disability, who for his or her own purposes parks a vehicle in a space for persons with disabilities shall be fined ~~\$100.00~~ \$200.00 for each violation and shall be liable for towing charges. He or she shall also be liable for storage charges not to exceed \$12.00 per day, and an artisan's lien may be imposed against the vehicle for payment of the charges assessed. The person in charge of the parking space or spaces for persons with a disability or any duly authorized law enforcement officer shall cause the removal of a vehicle parked in violation of this section. A violation of this section shall be considered a traffic violation within the meaning of chapter 29 of Title 4.

Sec. 2. 20 V.S.A. § 2904 is amended to read:

§ 2904. PARKING SPACES

Any parking facility on the premises of a public building shall contain at least the number of parking spaces required by ADAAG standards, and in any event at least one parking space, as free designated parking for individuals with ambulatory disabilities or blind individuals patronizing the building. The space or spaces shall be accessibly and proximately located to the building. Consideration shall be given to the distribution of spaces in accordance with the frequency and persistence of parking needs. Such spaces shall be designated by a clearly visible sign that cannot be obscured by a vehicle parked in the space, by the international symbol of access and, where appropriate, by the words "van accessible"; shall otherwise conform to ADAAG standards; and shall be in accordance with the standards established under section 2902 of this title.

And that after passage, the title of the bill be amended to read as follows:

An act relating to parking reserved for disabled persons.

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

S. 268.

Senator Ayer, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to the building bright futures council.

Reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. FINDINGS

The general assembly finds that:

(1) While Vermont has a wide range of high-quality programs for families and young children, a report issued by the Smart Start National Technical Assistance Center states, "Vermont's early childhood system might be best described as many diverse patches, or pieces, ready to be linked and sewn together into a New England patchwork quilt."

(2) In order to address issues of overlap and fragmentation, program accountability, and equitable access to services across the state, engaged community members, policy-makers, early childhood service providers, and advocates agree that there is a need for a comprehensive and integrated system for all children below the age of six and their families in Vermont who are in need of and desiring such services.

(3) Research shows that a child's "environment of relationships" has a critical impact on developing brain architecture during the first months and years of life.

(4) There are approximately 39,000 children under the age of six in Vermont, including over 5,500 in poverty, 11,000 living in single-parent households, 20,489 living in two-parent households with both parents in the labor force, and approximately 1,300 young children with developmental delays.

(5) An estimated 23,000 children under the age of six are enrolled full- or part-time in over 1,900 registered or licensed child care programs funded by a combination of parent fees and public dollars such as the Child Care Financial Assistance Program and the Education Fund. Programs that receive no public funds generally have little to no formal connection to an overall early

childhood system with established goals and policies for addressing the needs of young children.

(6) In addition to the care by their parents and families, thousands of Vermont children from a range of socioeconomic backgrounds receive services, support, or both from state, federal, and private programs. Many children are served by multiple programs with no mechanism in place to ensure a holistic, family-centered approach to service delivery. Early childhood services are important to the economic well-being of families throughout the state. They have a positive impact on the state's labor supply and influence the overall economic competitiveness of the state.

(7) Section 642B of the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 mandates that the governor "designate or establish a council to serve as the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care for children from birth to school entry, and the Governor may designate an existing entity in the State to serve as the State Advisory Council."

(8) In November 2009, the building bright futures state council adopted a conceptual framework based on the work of Dr. Jack Shonkoff, a Harvard University professor and one of the nation's foremost experts on early childhood learning.

Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. chapter 46 is added to read:

CHAPTER 46. BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES COUNCIL

§ 4601. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Early care, health, and education" means all services provided to families expecting a child and to children up to the age of six, including child care, family support, early education, mental and physical health services, nutrition services, and disability services.

(2) "Regional council" means a regional entity linked to the state building bright futures council to support the creation of an integrated system of early care, health, and education at the local level.

§ 4602. BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES COUNCIL

(a) The building bright futures program shall be governed by a statewide council comprising no more than 23 members. The building bright futures council's membership shall be as follows:

(1) the secretary of human services or designee;

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- (2) the secretary of commerce and community development or designee;
 - (3) the commissioner of education;
 - (4) the commissioner for children and families;
 - (5) the commissioner of health;
 - (6) the commissioner of mental health;
 - (7) two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house;
 - (8) at least one but no more than two members of the senate, appointed by the senate committee on committees;
 - (9) the Head Start collaboration office director; and
 - (10) 12 at-large members selected on the basis of their commitment to early childhood well-being and representing a range of perspectives and geographic diversity. One of the at-large members shall be a representative of a local Head Start program.
- (b) In the event of a vacancy in one of the at-large member positions on the council, the remaining members shall endeavor to fill the vacancy with an individual representing a perspective or geographic area not currently represented on the council.
- (c) Technical assistance to the council shall be provided by staff within the departments of health, of education, and for children and families.
- (d) For council meetings held when the general assembly is not in session, the legislative members of the council shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with section 406 of Title 2. Members of the council who are not state employees or whose participation is not supported through their employment or association may be entitled to compensation and reimbursement for expenses for attending meetings of the council under section 1010 of Title 32 to the extent funds are available.
- (e) The council shall function as a public-private partnership with the ability to raise and disburse funds and shall be exempt from all Vermont taxation; provided, however, that the council shall be subject to Vermont taxation on income that is subject to federal taxation under Sections 511 and 514 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (f) The council shall establish and maintain relationships with regional councils providing regional capacity to further the council's goals.

§ 4603. POWERS AND DUTIES

The council established by section 4602 of this title shall have the following powers and duties necessary and appropriate to effectuating the purposes of this chapter:

(1) Advise the administration and general assembly on the status and needs of the early care, health, and education system by conducting a review of the status of young children in Vermont and the care, health, and education services and systems that support them and by submitting a report every two years to the governor and general assembly regarding the findings and activities of the building bright futures program.

(2) Monitor overall system performance by regularly tracking and reporting system data on the well-being of young children and the performance of the system of care related to the council's commitments to children and selected indicators.

(3) Develop an early care, health, and education system plan for Vermont to serve as the basis for policy and funding recommendations.

(4) Review and formulate recommendations for amendments or revisions to policies, rules, or regulations that may impede the ability to address state and local priorities and the ability to ensure system effectiveness.

(5) Work with the secretaries of human services and of commerce and community development and the commissioner of education to ensure the coordination of existing budgets and policies that affect the care, health, and education of young children.

(6) Work with the agencies of human services and of commerce and community development, the department of education, and the regional councils to coordinate and integrate the development of an early childhood budget that reflects alignment of funding with priorities identified in the system plan.

(7) Contract with state agencies and departments to deliver services as agreed upon.

(8) Pursue and accept funding from diverse sources outside of state government to sustain, expand, and enhance the early care, health, and education system according to the early care, health, and education system plan.

(9) Disburse funds raised through fund development activities in accordance with priorities defined in the system plan.

(10) Increase the instances where the council convenes members of the child care community, medical community, education community, and other organizations, as well as state agencies serving young children, to ensure that families receive quality services in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

(11) Work within the budget process to help ensure effective and efficient allocation of resources for early care, health, and education, and to identify and reduce duplication of services.

(12) Work with state agencies that provide early childhood services to avoid duplication of services by improving coordination across agencies.

(13) Select the key indicators to be tracked in early childhood and identify priority strategies to improve outcomes.

(14) Make sure children from birth to six years of age are included in data systems being developed by the department of education and in other state efforts aimed at streamlining and coordinating state services.

(15) Monitor and analyze data to assess progress in achieving outcomes and make recommendations for any necessary adjustments.

(16) Report to the governor and the legislative committees of jurisdiction during the first month of each legislative biennium on progress toward outcomes and recommendations for priorities for the biennium.

§ 4604. LIMITATION OF SCOPE

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to supersede or usurp the statutory powers or authority of any state agency or department or any school district.

Sec. 2. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL

The members of the building bright futures council serving as of the effective date of this act shall continue to serve on the council after that date and shall adopt bylaws detailing the council's governance and procedures.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect upon passage.

Senator Bartlett, for the Committee on Appropriations, to which the bill was referred, reported recommending that the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Government Operations with the following amendment thereto:

In Sec. 2, 33 V.S.A. § 4602, by striking out subsection (e) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The council shall function as a public-private partnership with the ability to raise and disburse funds.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and the recommendation of amendment of the Committee on Government Operations was amended as recommended by the Committee on Appropriations.

Thereupon, the pending question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Government Operations, as amended?, was decided in the affirmative.

Thereupon, third reading of the bill was ordered.

Consideration Postponed

Senate bill entitled:

S. 117.

An act relating to the date of the primary election.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, without objection consideration of the bill was postponed until the next legislative day.

Third Reading Ordered

J.R.S. 50.

Senator Lyons, for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, to which was referred joint Senate resolution entitled:

Joint resolution urging expedited federal initiation of the National Environmental Policy Act process relating to the proposed federal acquisition of Eagle Point Farm in Derby, Vermont.

Reported that the joint resolution ought to be adopted.

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

Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered; Rules Suspended; Bill Passed

S. 288.

Senator Cummings, for the Committee on Finance, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to the Vermont recovery and reinvestment act of 2010.

Reported recommending that the bill be as follows::

First: In Sec. 11, by striking out subdivision (b) (relating to the \$1,000,000.00 appropriation to the Vermont jobs fund as being contingent upon the availability of funds under the clean energy development fund for the entrepreneur's seed capital fund) in its entirety.

Second: By striking out Sec. 22 (relating to the transferability of tax credits to insurers under the downtown and village development program) in its entirety.

Third: By striking out Sec. 23 (relating to the increase of the estate tax exclusion from \$2,000,000.00 to \$3,500,000.00) in its entirety.

Fourth: By striking out Secs. 28-36 (relating to a simplified licensing process for certain commercial lenders) in their entirety.

Fifth: In Sec. 37, by striking out subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) (relating to certain effective dates) in their entirety.

And by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.

Senator Bartlett, for the Committee on Appropriations, to which the bill was referred, reported the same without recommendation.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and the recommendations of amendment were collectively agreed to, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time?,

Senator Illuzzi, on behalf of the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, moved to amend the bill in Sec. 15(f), after the words "media, visual, and performing arts;" by adding the words the Johnson State College program which has produced five films to date exploring the history of various Vermont counties;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, Senators Ayer and Giard, moved to amend the bill in Sec. 10(b) by striking out the words "for-profit business" and inserting in lieu thereof the words businesses and non-profit health care organizations

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, Senator Illuzzi, on behalf of the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, moved to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 4, subsection (a), in the last sentence, by striking out the following: “§ 8079(f)” and by inserting in lieu thereof the following: § 8079(e)

Second: In Sec. 5, subsection (b), in the first sentence, after the words “when combined with the” by adding the word proposed

Third: In Sec. 6, subsection (a), in the last sentence, by striking out the words “This appropriation” and inserting in lieu thereof the words The \$300,000.00 appropriation made in this subsection also

Fourth: In Sec. 7, subsection (a), after the last sentence, by adding a new sentence to read as follows: With this appropriation, the agricultural debt consolidation program is expected to leverage \$21,000,000.00 in loan activity.

Fifth: In Sec. 8, in subsection (a), after the first sentence, by adding a new sentence to read as follows: This appropriation supplements the \$100,000.00 appropriation made to the program pursuant to No. 54 of the Acts of 2009.

Sixth: In Sec. 11, by adding a subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) The appropriation made in subsection (a) of this section supplements the \$1,000,000.00 appropriation made to the Vermont jobs fund pursuant to No. 54 of the Acts of 2009. To date, with \$1,400,000.00 in subsidy funding (both state and ARRA funds), VEDA has been able to buy down the interest rate on commercial loans in the aggregate amount of approximately \$17,600,000.00. The proceeds of those loans have generated approximately \$58,000,000.00 of economic activity and, of that amount, have had a stimulative economic effect of \$28,000,000.00.

Seventh: In Sec. 14(b), after the last sentence, by adding a new sentence to read as follows: In addition to financing, community capital of Vermont provides post-loan technical assistance grants for specialized consulting services in the areas of marketing, financial management, inventory management, and human resources.

Eighth: In Sec. 15(b), in the first sentence, by striking out the following: “2010” and by inserting in lieu thereof the following: 2011

Ninth: In Sec. 16(a), in the first sentence, by striking out the following: “University of Vermont’s initiative for rural emergency medical services” and by inserting in lieu thereof the following: Vermont Technical College

Tenth: By striking out Sec. 18 in its entirety and by inserting in lieu thereof the following a new Sec. 18 to read as follows:

Sec. 18. CEDF; ARRA FUNDS; VERMONT SMALL-SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY INCENTIVE PROGRAM; ENTREPRENEURS' SEED CAPITAL FUND

The general assembly finds that the Vermont small-scale renewable energy program, 10 V.S.A. § 6523(d)(1)(E)(ii), currently administered by the renewable energy resource center, is expected to receive \$5,275,000.00 in funding in 2010. These funds come from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), Pub.L. No-111-5, and the clean energy development fund established under 10 V.S.A. § 6523. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the general assembly directs that \$1,000,000.00 of this amount be reallocated from the small-scale renewable energy program to the entrepreneurs' seed capital fund created under 10 V.S.A. § 291 to conduct ARRA-eligible activities related to "clean energy resources" or "emerging energy-efficient technologies" as those terms are defined under 10 V.S.A. § 6523(b)(1) and (4), respectively.

Eleventh: In Sec. 20, by striking out subsection (i) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i)(1) Program Outcomes. The joint fiscal office shall prepare a training program performance report based on the following information submitted to it by the Vermont training program which is to be collected from each participating employer then aggregated:

(A) The number of full-time employees six months prior to the training and six months after its completion.

(B) For all existing employees, the median hourly wages prior to and after the training.

(C) The number of "new hires," "upgrades," and "crossovers" deemed eligible for the waivers authorized by statute and the median wages paid to employees in each category upon completion.

(D) A list and description of the benefits required under subdivision (c)(3) of this section for all affected employees, including the number of employees that receive each type of benefit.

(E) The number of employers allowed to pay reduced wages in high unemployment areas of the state, along with the number of affected workers and their median wage.

(2) Upon request by the secretary of commerce and community development, participating employers shall provide the information necessary to conduct the performance report required by this subsection. The secretary,

in turn, shall provide such information to the joint fiscal office in a manner agreed upon by the secretary and the joint fiscal office. The secretary and the joint fiscal office shall take such measures to ensure company-specific data and information remains confidential and is not publicly disclosed, except in aggregate form. The secretary shall submit to the joint fiscal office any program outcomes, measurement standards, or other evaluative approaches in use by the training program.

(3) The joint fiscal office shall review the information collected pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection and prepare a training program performance report with recommendations relative to the program. The joint fiscal office shall submit its first training program performance report on or before January 15, 2011, to the senate committee on economic development, housing and general affairs and the house committee on commerce and economic development. A second performance report shall be submitted on or before January 15, 2016. In addition to the information evaluated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the second report shall include recommendations as to the following:

(A) whether the outcomes achieved by the program are sufficient to warrant its continued existence.

(B) whether training program outcomes can be improved by legislative or administrative changes.

(C) whether continued program performance reports are warranted and, if so, at what frequency and at what level of review.

(4) The joint fiscal office may contract with a consultant to conduct the performance reports required by this subsection. Costs incurred in preparing each report shall be reimbursed from the training program fund up to \$15,000.00.

Twelfth: In Sec. 26, subdivision (2), in the first sentence, after the first comma, by inserting the words funds for making

Thirteenth: In Sec. 26, subdivision (2), in the second sentence, after the words “an extension of that service” by inserting the following: from Hoosick, NY to Bennington,

Fourteenth: In Sec. 27, after the words “is repealed”, by striking out the words “and the remaining subdivisions of that subsection are renumbered accordingly”

Fifteenth: By adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 37 to read as follows:

Sec. 37. COORDINATION OF FARM-TO-PLATE, FARM-TO-SCHOOL,
AND FARM-TO-INSTITUTION PROGRAMS

For the purposes of avoiding duplication of administration and better coordinating resources, the Vermont farm-to-plate investment program shall include in its strategic plan for agricultural economic development required by 10 V.S.A. § 330(c)(1), a recommendation for the oversight and coordination of the farm-to-plate investment program established under 10 V.S.A. § 330, the farm-to-school program established under 6 V.S.A. § 4721, and any other farm-to-institution partnerships designed to increase institutional purchases of fresh, locally grown food, such as those initiatives supported with funding under Sec. 9 of this act.

And by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Mazza, the rules were suspended and the bill was placed on all remaining stages of its passage forthwith.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Rules Suspended; Bill Passed in Concurrence

H. 517.

Pending entry on the Calendar for action tomorrow, on motion of Senator Mazza, the rules were suspended and Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the Village of Enosburg Falls.

Was placed on all remaining stages of its passage in concurrence forthwith.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Rules Suspended; Bills Passed

S. 150.

Pending entry on the Calendar for action tomorrow, on motion of Senator Mazza, the rules were suspended and Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to increasing the fine for illegally using parking reserved for disabled persons.

Was placed on all remaining stages of its passage forthwith.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed.

S. 268.

Pending entry on the Calendar for action tomorrow, on motion of Senator Mazza, the rules were suspended and Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to the building bright futures council.

Was placed on all remaining stages of its passage forthwith.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Rules Suspended; Joint Resolution Adopted**J.R.S. 50.**

Pending entry on the Calendar for action tomorrow, on motion of Senator Mazza, the rules were suspended and Joint Senate resolution entitled:

Joint resolution urging expedited federal initiation of the National Environmental Policy Act process relating to the proposed federal acquisition of Eagle Point Farm in Derby, Vermont.

Was placed on all remaining stages of its adoption forthwith.

Thereupon, the joint resolution was read the third time and adopted.

Rules Suspended; Bills Messaged

On motion of Senator Mazza, the rules were suspended, and the following bills were severally ordered messaged to the House forthwith:

S. 150, S. 255, S. 268, S. 288, H. 517.

Rules Suspended; Joint Resolution Messaged

On motion of Senator Mazza, the rules were suspended, and the following joint resolution was ordered messaged to the House forthwith:

J.R.S. 50.

Message from the Governor

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

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the Senate that on the twenty-fourth day of February, 2010, he approved and signed a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 163. An act relating to technical corrections to 2009 sex offender legislation.

Message from the Governor

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

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the Senate that on the twenty-fifth day of February, 2010, he approved and signed a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 286. An act relating to challenges for change.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Mazza, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 37.