

Journal of the House

Friday, February 4, 2011

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Rebecca Clark of Trinity United Methodist Church, Montpelier, VT.

Rules Suspended; House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced. Pending first reading of the bills, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 169

By Rep. Mook of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to making miscellaneous changes to technical education laws and other education laws;

To the committee on Education.

H. 170

By Rep. Mook of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to public funding of independent schools;

To the committee on Education.

H. 171

By Reps. Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Larocque of Barnet, McNeil of Rutland Town and Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a prescription drug and medical supply repository program;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 172

By Reps. Hooper of Montpelier, Shaw of Pittsford, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Corcoran of Bennington, Davis of Washington, Higley of Lowell, Johnson of Canaan, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lenes of Shelburne, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Myers of Essex, Peaslee of Guildhall, Potter of Clarendon, South of St. Johnsbury, Strong of Albany and Young of Albany,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to repealing the sale or lease of the John F. Boylan airport;

To the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 173

By Reps. Canfield of Fair Haven, Acinapura of Brandon, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Larocque of Barnet, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Moran of Wardsboro, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburgh, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of New Haven and Winters of Williamstown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to games of chance;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 174

By Rep. Olsen of Jamaica,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to deferral of property tax for persons over age 65;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 175

By Reps. Olsen of Jamaica, Clarkson of Woodstock and Wilson of Manchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to optional property tax certification of public, pious, or charitable use;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 176

By Reps. Canfield of Fair Haven, Acinapura of Brandon, Branagan of Georgia, Cheney of Norwich, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Larocque of Barnet, McNeil of Rutland Town, Shaw of Pittsford and Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to health insurance coverage for bone marrow testing;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 177

By Rep. Browning of Arlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to extending the time within which the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union shall consider the advisability of joining an adjacent supervisory union;

To the committee on Education.

Joint Resolution Referred to Committee**J.R.S. 16**

By the Committee on Education,

J.R.S. 16. Joint resolution requesting that penalties under the No Child Left Behind Act be suspended until the Elementary and Secondary Education Act is reauthorized in a revised form.

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) is incorporated into the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), and

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of NCLB, public schools must focus on math and reading, and

Whereas, in a 2007 study, the Center for Education Policy found that 44 percent of United States school districts have reduced the amount of time spent on science, social studies, and the arts, and

Whereas, focusing only on math and reading will not adequately prepare Vermont students for the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy, and

Whereas, the test score gains on the National Assessment of Educational Progress have been lower since the enactment of NCLB, and

Whereas, NCLB measures are narrow and imprecise, and they ignore other factors in student academic performance, and

Whereas, many Vermont schools are in danger of losing highly qualified and effective principals and teachers due to punitive sanctions for their failure to make adequate yearly progress under NCLB, and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the United States Congress periodically to evaluate the effectiveness of this legislation and reauthorize ESEA, and

Whereas, Congress has not evaluated ESEA-NCLB since NCLB was first enacted in 2001, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly urges Congress to suspend immediately the punitive sanctions under the No Child Left Behind Act until the act is reauthorized in a revised form, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

Which was read and, in the Speaker's discretion, treated as a bill and referred to the Committee on Education.

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 45

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Winhall school district's budget

Appearing on the Calendar, affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule, was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Joint Resolution Adopted

J.R.H. 10

Joint resolution, entitled

Joint resolution requesting the United States Environmental Protection Agency to reimburse the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources for all costs incurred in assisting in the development of a new Lake Champlain Total Maximum Daily Load plan;

Was taken up and adopted on the part of the House.

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and fifty minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 15.