

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2013

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Rules Suspended; Bill Committed

S. 119.

Appearing on the Calendar for notice, on motion of Senator Hartwell, the rules were suspended and House bill entitled:

An act relating to amending perpetual conservation easements.

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

Thereupon, pending the reading of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, and Committee on Finance, Senator Hartwell moved that Senate Rule 49 be suspended in order to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture with the report of the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy and Committee on Finance *intact*,

Which was agreed to.

Bill Referred

House bill of the following title was read the first time and referred:

H. 169.

An act relating to relieving employers' experience-rating records.

To the Committee on Finance.

Proposal of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered

H. 131.

Senator Rodgers, for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to harvesting guidelines and procurement standards.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 4, 30 V.S.A. § 248(b)(11), by striking out subparagraphs (B) and (C) in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(B) incorporate commercially available and feasible designs to achieve ~~a reasonable design~~ an optimum system efficiency for the type and design of the proposed facility; and

(C) comply with harvesting ~~guidelines~~ procedures and procurement standards that ~~are consistent~~ ensure long-term forest health and sustainability. These procedures and standards at a minimum shall comply with the guidelines and standards developed by the secretary of natural resources pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 2750 (harvesting guidelines and procurement standards) when adopted under that statute. The requirement to comply with harvesting guidelines and procurement standards under 10 V.S.A. § 2750 when adopted shall apply to any woody biomass facility approved under this section regardless of whether that approval is issued prior to the adoption of those guidelines and standards.

Second: By striking out Sec. 5 (period of guideline and standard development; application of Public Service Board criterion) in its entirety.

And by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and pending the question, Shall the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy?, Senator Lyons moved to amend the proposal of amendment of the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, in Sec. 4, 30 V.S.A. § 248(b)(11), in subparagraph (C), in the last sentence, after the word "section" by inserting the following: on or after April 15, 2013

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the proposals of amendment recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, as amended, were agreed to and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned until eleven o'clock and thirty minutes in the morning.