

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Bill Referred to Committee on Finance

S. 201.

Senate bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Finance:

An act relating to siting review by the Public Service Board.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

S. 247.

Senate bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice and carrying an appropriation or requiring the expenditure of funds, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

An act relating to the regulation of medical marijuana dispensaries.

Joint Assembly

At ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the morning, the hour having arrived for the meeting of the two Houses in Joint Assembly pursuant to:

J.R.S. 40. Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly for the election of two legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation.

The Senate repaired to the hall of the House.

Having returned therefrom, at ten o'clock and fifty minutes in the morning, the President assumed the Chair.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon.

Afternoon

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Message from the Governor

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

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the Senate that on the twentieth of February, 2014 he approved and signed a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 41. An act relating to water and sewer service.

Proposal of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered

H. 583.

Senator McCormack, for the Committee on Health and Welfare, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to the charge of the Vermont Child Poverty Council.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 68, Sec. 1 is amended to read:

Sec. 1. VERMONT CHILD POVERTY COUNCIL

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(b)(1) The ~~council~~ Council shall consist of the following members or their designees:

(A) the ~~president pro tempore of the senate~~ President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

(B) the ~~speaker of the house of representatives~~ Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(C) the ~~chair of the senate committee on health and welfare~~ Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare;

(D) the ~~chair of the house committee on human services~~ Chair of the House Committee on Human Services;

(E) the ~~chair of the senate committee on education~~ Chair of the Senate Committee on Education;

(F) the ~~chair of the house committee on education~~ Chair of the House Committee on Education;

(G) ~~the commissioners of the departments for children and families; of health; of education; and of labor~~ Commissioners for Children and Families; of Health; and of Labor; and the Secretaries of Human Services and of Education; and

(H) one representative each from Voices for Vermont's Children, the Vermont ~~low income advocacy council~~ Low Income Advocacy Council, Vermont Legal Aid, and the Vermont ~~superintendents' association~~ Superintendents' Association.

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(3) The ~~council~~ Council shall meet up to six times while the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly is not in session to perform its functions under this section. ~~In addition, during the 2007 legislative interim, the council shall hold 14 public hearings as required under subsection (d) of this section. The Council may meet an unlimited number of times during the legislative session, but Council members shall not receive compensation or compensation and reimbursement for expenses pursuant to subsection (e) of this section for participation in meetings during the legislative session.~~

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(e) Funds from private and public sources may be accepted and utilized by the ~~council~~ Council to develop and implement the plan and provisions of this section. ~~Legislative~~ For participation in meetings during the legislative interim, legislative members of the ~~committee~~ Council shall be entitled to compensation and reimbursement for expenses under ~~section 406 of Title 2~~ 2 V.S.A. § 406. All other members not receiving compensation for service on the ~~committee~~ Council from another source are entitled to compensation under ~~section 1010 of Title 32~~ 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for participation in meetings during the legislative interim.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

And that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with such proposal of amendment.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and the proposal of amendment was 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.