

Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Brad Keller of South Royalton.

Message from the House No. 44

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Melissa Kucserik, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed House bills of the following titles:

H. 881. An act relating to approval of the adoption and the codification of the charter of the Town of Westford.

H. 889. An act relating to setting the statewide education tax base rates and base education amount for fiscal year 2015 and making several changes to Vermont's education financing laws.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The House has considered a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 296. An act relating to the Defender General's duty to investigate issues related to the health, safety, and welfare of inmates in correctional facilities.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The House has considered a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 86. An act relating to miscellaneous changes to election laws.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The House has considered Senate proposals of amendment to the following House bills:

H. 583. An act relating to the charge of the Vermont Child Poverty Council.

H. 676. An act relating to regulation of land uses within flood hazard areas.
And has severally concurred therein.

Message from the House No. 45

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Melissa Kucserik, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed a House bill of the following title:

H. 740. An act relating to transportation impact fees.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

Rules Suspended; Bill Committed

H. 329.

Pending entry on the Calendar for notice, on motion of Senator Starr, the rules were suspended and House bill entitled:

An act relating to use value appraisals.

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

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

Which was agreed to.

Bills Referred

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

H. 740.

An act relating to transportation impact fees.

To the Committee on Rules.

H. 881.

An act relating to approval of the adoption and the codification of the charter of the Town of Westford.

To the Committee on Rules.

H. 889.

An act relating to setting the statewide education tax base rates and base education amount for fiscal year 2015 and making several changes to Vermont's education financing laws.

To the Committee on Rules.

Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bills Committed

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Committee on Rules was relieved of further consideration of House bills entitled:

H. 740.

An act relating to transportation impact fees,
and the bill was committed to the Committee on Transportation.

H. 790.

An act relating to Reach Up eligibility,
and the bill was committed to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

H. 876.

An act relating to making miscellaneous amendments and technical corrections to education laws,

and the bill was committed to the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Committee Relieved of Further Consideration**S. 202.**

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Committee on Rules was relieved of further consideration of Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to the energy efficiency charge,

Thereupon, under the rule, the bill was ordered placed on the Calendar for notice the next legislative day.

**House Proposals of Amendment to Senate Proposals of Amendment
Concurred In**

H. 609.

House proposals of amendment to Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled:

An act relating to terminating propane service.

Were taken up.

The House concurs in the Senate proposal of amendment with further amendment thereto as follows:

In Sec. 1, 9 V.S.A. § 2461b as follows:

First: By striking out subdivision (a)(1)(A) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (a)(1)(A) to read:

(A) “Consumer” means any person who, for consumption and not for resale, purchases propane ~~for consumption and not for resale~~ through a meter or has propane delivered to one or more storage tanks of 2,000 gallons or less.

Second: In subdivision (a)(1)(C)(i), after “locks off” and before “propane tank” by striking “its” and inserting in lieu thereof that seller’s.

Thereupon, the question, Shall the Senate concur in the House proposals of amendment to the Senate proposals of amendment?, was decided in the affirmative.

Message from the House No. 46

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Melissa Kucserik, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed House bills of the following titles:

H. 757. An act relating to exemptions to the Public Records Act.

H. 888. An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Milton.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

J.R.S. 47. Joint resolution relating to the approval of State land transactions.

J.R.S. 54. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until ten o'clock and twenty-five minutes in the morning.