

Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Rebecca Girrell of Montpelier.

Message from the Governor Appointments Referred

A message was received from the Governor, by Louis Porter, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, submitting the following appointments, which were referred to committees as indicated:

Fallar, Gail of Tinmouth - Alternate Member of the Natural Resources Board, - from April 8, 2014, to January 31, 2017.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Ryan, Linda of - Member of the Vermont State Housing Authority, - from April 8, 2014, to February 28, 2019.

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

Burris, Laurey of Shelburne - Member of the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs, - from April 8, 2014, to February 29, 2016.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Bill Referred

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

H. 891.

An act relating to the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets to respond to and remediate potential public health hazards.

To the Committee on Rules.

Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bills Committed**H. 552.**

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

An act relating to raising the Vermont minimum wage,
and the bill was committed to the Committee on Economic Development,
Housing and General Affairs.

H. 881.

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

An act relating to approval of the adoption and the codification of the charter of the Town of Westford,
and the bill was committed to the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 886.

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

An act relating to approval of the adoption and the codification of the charter of the Town of Panton,
and the bill was committed to the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 887.

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

An act relating to approval of the adoption and the codification of the charter of the Town of East Montpelier,
and the bill was committed to the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 888.

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

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Milton,
and the bill was committed to the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 889.

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

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,

and the bill was committed to the Committee on Finance.

H. 890.

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

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington regarding the redistricting of City election areas,

and the bill was committed to the Committee on Government Operations.

Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment**H. 112.**

House bill of the following title:

An act relating to the labeling of food produced with genetic engineering.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment on a roll call, Yeas 28, Nays 2.

Senator Galbraith having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

Roll Call

Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were: Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Collins, Cummings, Doyle, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, Zuckerman.

Those Senators who voted in the negative were: Flory, McAllister.

Bills Passed in Concurrence with Proposals of Amendment

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment:

H. 260. An act relating to electronic insurance notices and credit for reinsurance.

H. 483. An act relating to adopting revisions to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

Proposal of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered

H. 650.

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

An act relating to establishing the Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Special Fund.

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Senator Snelling, for the Committee on Appropriations, to which the bill was referred, reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by striking out Sec. 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof two new sections to be numbered Secs. 2 and 3 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 97, Sec. 1(c) is amended to read:

(c) Report. On or before ~~April 15~~ November 15, 2014, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall submit to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, the House Committee on Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources, and the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations a report that provides specific recommendations for administering, implementing, and financing water quality improvement in Vermont. The report shall:

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Sec. 2 (ANR report) shall take effect on passage.

(b) Sec. 1 (Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Special Fund) shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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, the proposal of amendment was agreed to, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Committee of Conference Appointed

S. 86.

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to election laws.

Was taken up. Pursuant to the request of the Senate, the President announced the appointment of

Senator White
Senator McAllister
Senator French

as members of the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate to consider the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, April 17, 2014.