

# Journal of the House

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**Thursday, January 22, 2015**

At one o'clock in the afternoon the Speaker called the House to order.

## **Devotional Exercises**

Devotional exercises were conducted by Reverend Elissa Johnk, Old Meeting House, East Montpelier Center, Vt.

## **House Bills Introduced**

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred to committee or placed on the Calendar as follows:

### **H. 41**

By Reps. Hubert of Milton, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Christie of Hartford, Cole of Burlington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dame of Essex, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Krebs of South Hero, Lewis of Berlin, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Parent of St. Albans City, Savage of Swanton, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Townsend of South Burlington, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring that mandated reporters report all allegations of child sexual abuse to the Department for Children and Families;

To the committee on Human Services.

### **H. 42**

By Rep. Condon of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to energy assistance program fees;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

### **H. 43**

By Rep. Condon of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

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An act relating to repeal of the State law requiring broadcasters to report to the Attorney General retransmission fees charged to Vermont cable companies;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

**H. 44**

By Reps. Manwaring of Wilmington, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Berry of Manchester, Beyor of Highgate, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Dame of Essex, Donahue of Northfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Fiske of Enosburgh, Frank of Underhill, Gamache of Swanton, Graham of Williamstown, Greshin of Warren, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Hubert of Milton, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, LaClair of Barre Town, Lalonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Martel of Waterford, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, Olsen of Londonderry, Patt of Worcester, Poirier of Barre City, Purvis of Colchester, Quimby of Concord, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Walz of Barre City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover and Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a moratorium on legislation increasing education property tax rates;

To the committee on Education.

**H. 45**

By Rep. Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont Prescription Monitoring System reporting;

To the committee on Human Services.

**H. 46**

By Reps. Haas of Rochester, French of Randolph and McFaun of Barre Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of a Vulnerable Adult Fatality Review Team;  
To the committee on Human Services.

### **Remarks Journalized**

On motion of **Rep. Clarkson of Woodstock**, the following remarks by **Rev. Elissa Johnk** of the Old Meeting House in East Montpelier, were ordered printed in the Journal:

At my church, just over the hill there, we do a lot of blessing. On the Sunday before school starts, we bless backpacks. The children and youth turn and face the congregation, holding up their backpacks, and we bless them. We bless them, so that their straps might not break, we bless them that the burdens they carry might be light. But most of all, we bless those backpacks, so that the children might know that when they go out into the world they do not go alone. We bless them, so that they might know their work is important.

As I listened to the State of the Union on Tuesday, thought back over the Martin Luther King, Jr. day of service this weekend, and looked over your packed-full legislative calendar for today – I wondered what it was that you might need from these “devotional exercises” this afternoon. What it was that *I* could offer to *you* who give so much? I realized that it was blessing. Gratitude.

A blessing is our way of saying that “this work you do, this life that you live, it is sacred, and important, and we are glad for it. We are glad for you. And you are not alone in it.”

So Representatives, on behalf of my little corner of Vermont, I offer you this:

Bless you.

Bless you, Representatives, for showing up.

For being willing to stand up and be counted,

for having the tough conversations, and the important ones.

This work you do is sacred. Bless you for it.

Bless you, Representatives, for your time,  
for the sacrifices you make,  
for the sacrifices your families make,  
so that others might have roofs over their heads,  
food on their table, books in their classrooms,  
and laws to keep them safe.

Bless you, House of Representatives, for your hope.  
For your willingness to work for what can be  
instead of settling for what has been.  
For working from a place of abundance not scarcity,  
for modeling how, if we work together, we are, indeed, better.

Thank you –  
for the late nights and early mornings,  
for the endless reports and roll calls,  
for walking the walk better than most of us can talk it.

Bless you, Representatives, for believing –  
in the power of an idea,  
and the power of people,  
and in the power of good government.  
Thank you for **being** good government.

Bless you for taking the right position, even when it is unpopular.  
For putting people before profits, and beings before the bottom line.

Bless you for your courage –  
not simply standing *against* but working *for* something.

Bless you for your diligence with the facts and the dollars,  
and for your patience with the process.  
Bless you for giving voice to the voiceless,  
and for listening to them when others don't hear a sound.

Bless you for your willingness to disagree,  
and your willingness to work together.

Bless you for making Vermont  
a state we are all clearly so proud of,  
and invested in.

Bless you, Representatives, for understanding that each of us is called, in our  
own way, to serve.  
And bless you in your service,  
this day and always.

**Consideration Interrupted by Recess****J.R.H. 2**

Joint resolution supporting a woman's right to decide her own reproductive choices, commemorating the 42nd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, and the 50th anniversary of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Grad of Moretown, Krowinski of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Berry of Manchester, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Carr of Brandon, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, Morris of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Pearson of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Ryerson of Randolph, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, on January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), established that the U.S. Constitution protects a woman's right to privacy and limits government interference with medical decisions, and

Whereas, the General Assembly believes that the decision in Roe v. Wade ensures that abortion remains a safe and legal procedure for a woman to consider, if and when she needs it, and

Whereas, as the State of Vermont pursues major health care reform, it should be a public policy goal to enhance the health of all citizens, including women of all ages, and to strengthen individuals and families by encouraging and promoting access to comprehensive family planning services and to prenatal support services that help ensure planned pregnancies remain healthy throughout their entire term, and

Whereas, the General Assembly believes that abortion is a deeply personal and often complex decision for a woman, and therefore whether to choose

adoption, end a pregnancy, or raise a child must be left to the woman, her family, and her faith, with the counsel of her doctor or health care provider, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That on the 42nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade and the 50th anniversary of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, the General Assembly urges Congress and other state legislatures to preserve the rights protected in Roe v. Wade, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly recognizes the critical importance of continued access to safe and legal abortion, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly reaffirms the right of every Vermont woman to privacy, autonomy, and safety in making personal decisions regarding reproduction and family planning, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly acknowledges and celebrates Planned Parenthood of Northern New England's 50 years of providing high quality health services to Vermonters and advocating for women's health, and be it further

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

Pending the question, Shall the resolution be adopted?

**Recess**

At one o'clock and twenty minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker declared a recess until one o'clock and forty-five minutes in the afternoon.

At one o'clock and forty-five minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

**Consideration Resumed; Resolution Adopted**

**J.R.H. 2**

Consideration resumed on Joint resolution, entitled

Joint resolution supporting a woman's right to decide her own reproductive choices, commemorating the 42nd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, and the 50th anniversary of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England

Pending the question, Shall the resolution be adopted? **Rep. Grad of Moretown** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the

Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the resolution be adopted? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 100. Nays, 43.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais	Greshin of Warren	Nuovo of Middlebury
Bartholomew of Hartland	Haas of Rochester	O'Brien of Richmond
Baser of Bristol	Head of South Burlington	Olsen of Londonderry
Berry of Manchester	Hooper of Montpelier	O'Sullivan of Burlington
Botzow of Pownal	Huntley of Cavendish	Parent of St. Albans City
Briglin of Thetford	Jerman of Essex	Partridge of Windham
Browning of Arlington	Jewett of Ripton	Patt of Worcester
Burke of Brattleboro	Johnson of South Hero	Pearson of Burlington
Buxton of Tunbridge	Keenan of St. Albans City	Poirier of Barre City
Carr of Brandon	Kitzmiller of Montpelier	Pugh of South Burlington
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Klein of East Montpelier	Rachelson of Burlington
Christie of Hartford	Krebs of South Hero	Ram of Burlington
Clarkson of Woodstock	Krowinski of Burlington	Russell of Rutland City
Cole of Burlington	LaClair of Barre Town	Ryerson of Randolph
Condon of Colchester	Lanpher of Vergennes	Sharpe of Bristol
Connor of Fairfield	Lefebvre of Newark	Sheldon of Middlebury
Conquest of Newbury	Lenes of Shelburne	Sibilia of Dover
Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford	Lewis of Berlin	Stevens of Waterbury
Corcoran of Bennington	Lippert of Hinesburg	Stuart of Brattleboro
Dakin of Chester	Long of Newfane	Sullivan of Burlington
Dakin of Colchester	Lucke of Hartford	Sweaney of Windsor
Davis of Washington	Macaig of Williston	Till of Jericho
Deen of Westminster	Manwaring of Wilmington	Toleno of Brattleboro
Donovan of Burlington	Martel of Waterford	Townsend of South Burlington
Ellis of Waterbury	Martin of Wolcott	Trieber of Rockingham
Emmons of Springfield	Masland of Thetford	Troiano of Stannard
Evans of Essex	McCormack of Burlington	Walz of Barre City
Fields of Bennington	McCoy of Poultney	Webb of Shelburne
Forguites of Springfield	McCullough of Williston	Woodward of Johnson
Frank of Underhill	McFaun of Barre Town	Wright of Burlington
French of Randolph	Miller of Shaftsbury	Young of Glover
Gonzalez of Winooski	Morris of Bennington	Zagar of Barnard
Grad of Moretown	Mrowicki of Putney	
	Murphy of Fairfax	
	Myers of Essex *	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Batchelor of Derby	Brennan of Colchester	Devereux of Mount Holly
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Burditt of West Rutland *	Dickinson of St. Albans Town
Beyor of Highgate	Canfield of Fair Haven	Donahue of Northfield
Bissonnette of Winooski	Cupoli of Rutland City	Eastman of Orwell
Branagan of Georgia	Dame of Essex	

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Fagan of Rutland City	Juskiewicz of Cambridge	Shaw of Derby
Feltus of Lyndon	Lawrence of Lyndon	Smith of New Haven
Fiske of Enosburgh	Marcotte of Coventry	Strong of Albany
Gage of Rutland City	Morrissey of Bennington	Tate of Mendon
Gamache of Swanton	Pearce of Richford	Terenzini of Rutland Town
Graham of Williamstown	Purvis of Colchester	Turner of Milton
Hebert of Vernon	Quimby of Concord	Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh
Helm of Fair Haven	Savage of Swanton	Viens of Newport City
Higley of Lowell	Scheuermann of Stowe	Willhoit of St. Johnsbury
Hubert of Milton	Shaw of Pittsford	

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Bancroft of Westford	Lalonde of South Burlington	Toll of Danville
Komline of Dorset	Potter of Clarendon	Yantachka of Charlotte

**Rep. Burditt of West Rutland** explained his vote as follows:

“Mr. Speaker:

Sometime late in 1919 a baby was conceived behind a barn in West Rutland, VT. That child grew up to be my father. In 1978 my daughter was conceived out of wedlock by two ill-prepared young adults. As life would have it my daughter had a son 16 years ago September as a single mother. If history is any indicator one would think I would be 100% against this resolution. However, given my beliefs in one’s right to choose...I am split by my heart, my principles, my caucus and my constituents.

Even though I vote no it is more for the contentiousness this issue breeds between two different beliefs than it is the content.”

**Rep. Myers of Essex** explained her vote as follows:

“Mr. Speaker:

I voted yes for this resolution. I have been pro-choice for many years, long before I entered this House. But it is now time to put an end to the yearly introduction of this resolution. Roe v. Wade is the law of the land and will not be repealed. At 50 years of age, Planned Parenthood is here to stay. We need to call an end to this yearly display that accentuates our disagreements and get on with the work on which, in many cases, we can agree.”

### **Joint Resolution Amended and Adopted**

#### **J.R.H. 1**

Joint resolution expressing support for the Public Service Board’s establishment of a FairPoint Communications service investigation docket and



urging the company to negotiate in good faith to settle the current employee strike

Offered by: Representatives Poirier of Barre City, Davis of Washington, Ancel of Calais, Bartholomew of Hartland, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Berry of Manchester, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fields of Bennington, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of Montpelier, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Wolcott, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Pearson of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Rachelson of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Ryerson of Randolph, Sharpe of Bristol, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Woodward of Johnson, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, since 2008, FairPoint Communications (FairPoint) has been Vermont's primary provider of landline telecommunications services, and

Whereas, although FairPoint promised to add hundreds of new jobs in the three northern New England states, the company's post-2009 bankruptcy workforce is now 20 percent smaller than in 2008, and

Whereas, in August 2014, FairPoint made what the company described as its last offer to its unionized employees for a new contract, and

Whereas, the proposal would have resulted in reduced benefits, but the unionized employees remained at work for two months and offered FairPoint \$200 million in concessions, and

Whereas, after their best efforts and much frustration, in October 2014 the employees' two unions, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 2326 and Communications Workers of America Local 1400, authorized a strike against FairPoint, and

Whereas, since the strike started, consumer complaints have risen approximately 500 percent resulting in much personal and commercial inconvenience, and

Whereas, on November 28, 2014, the State's E-911 system missed 83 calls in part due to FairPoint's operational problems, and

Whereas, at the request of the Department of Public Service, the Public Service Board, on December 9, 2014, established Docket 8390 to investigate the service problems FairPoint has encountered, and

Whereas, Governor Peter Shumlin, the congressional delegation, and the leadership of the General Assembly's Working Vermonters Caucus have written letters to FairPoint's CEO Paul Sunu calling on FairPoint to return in good faith to the negotiating table, and the Caucus' letter indicated that failure to reach a fair and timely settlement would result in General Assembly members' examination of FairPoint's "financial strength and managerial competence to properly serve the people of Vermont," and

Whereas, on January 4, 2015, in Washington, D.C., the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service convened a meeting between the parties at which the Service assumed a more proactive role than in a prior session, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses support for the Public Service Board's establishment of a FairPoint Communications service investigation docket and urges the management of FairPoint Communications to settle the current employee strike in order to restore reliable telecommunications services in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to FairPoint Communications CEO Paul Sunu, FairPoint Vermont President Beth Fastiggi, Governor Peter Shumlin, the Public Service Department, and the Public Service Board.

Was taken up and pending the question, Shall the resolution be adopted?

**Reps Davis of Washington and Donovan of Burlington** moved that the resolution be amended by striking out the title and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Joint resolution expressing support for the Public Service Board's establishment of a FairPoint Communications service investigation docket and urging the management of FairPoint Communications to settle the current

employee strike in order to restore reliable telecommunications services in Vermont”

Which was agreed to.

Pending the recurring question, Shall the resolution be adopted? **Rep. Donahue of Northfield** moved to amend the resolution as follows:

By striking the resolution in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Joint resolution expressing support for the Public Service Board’s establishment of a FairPoint Communications service investigation docket and urging the parties to negotiate to settle the current employee strike

Whereas, since 2008 FairPoint Communications (FairPoint) has been Vermont’s primary provider of landline telecommunications services, and

Whereas, the company’s post-2009 bankruptcy workforce is now 20 percent smaller than in 2008, and

Whereas, in August 2014 FairPoint made an offer to its unionized employees for a new contract that would have resulted in reduced benefits, but the unionized employees remained at work for two months and attempted further negotiations, and

Whereas, in October 2014 the employees’ two unions, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 2326 and Communications Workers of America Local 1400, authorized a strike against FairPoint, and

Whereas, since the strike started, consumer complaints have risen significantly, and

Whereas, on November 28, 2014, the State’s E-911 system missed 83 calls, and

Whereas, at the request of the Department of Public Service, the Public Service Board, on December 9, 2014, established Docket 8390 to investigate the service problems FairPoint has encountered, and

Whereas, Governor Peter Shumlin, the congressional delegation, and the leadership of the General Assembly’s Working Vermonters Caucus have written letters to FairPoint’s CEO Paul Sunu calling on FairPoint to return to the negotiating table, and

Whereas, on January 4, 2015, in Washington, D.C., the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service convened a meeting between the parties at which the

Service assumed a more proactive role than in a prior session, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses support for the Public Service Board's establishment of a FairPoint Communications service investigation docket and urges the parties to negotiate to settle the current employee strike in order to restore reliable telecommunications services in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to FairPoint Communications CEO Paul Sunu, FairPoint Vermont President Beth Fastiggi, Governor Peter Shumlin, the Public Service Department, and the Public Service Board.

Pending the question, Shall the resolution be amended as recommended by Rep. Donahue of Northfield? **Rep. Turner of Milton** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the resolution be amended as offered by the Representative from Northfield? was decided in the negative. Yeas, 56. Nays, 89.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bancroft of Westford	Fiske of Enosburgh	Myers of Essex
Baser of Bristol	Gage of Rutland City	Olsen of Londonderry
Batchelor of Derby	Gamache of Swanton	Parent of St. Albans City
Beyor of Highgate	Graham of Williamstown	Pearce of Richford
Botzow of Pownal	Greshin of Warren	Purvis of Colchester
Branagan of Georgia	Hebert of Vernon	Quimby of Concord
Brennan of Colchester	Helm of Fair Haven	Savage of Swanton
Browning of Arlington	Higley of Lowell	Scheuermann of Stowe
Burditt of West Rutland	Hubert of Milton	Shaw of Pittsford
Canfield of Fair Haven	Huntley of Cavendish	Shaw of Derby
Corcoran of Bennington	Jewett of Ripton	Sibilia of Dover
Cupoli of Rutland City	LaClair of Barre Town	Smith of New Haven
Dame of Essex *	Lawrence of Lyndon	Strong of Albany
Devereux of Mount Holly	Lewis of Berlin	Tate of Mendon
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Marcotte of Coventry	Turner of Milton
Donahue of Northfield	Martel of Waterford	Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh
Fagan of Rutland City	McCoy of Poultney	Viens of Newport City
Feltus of Lyndon	Morrissey of Bennington	Willhoit of St. Johnsbury
	Murphy of Fairfax	Wright of Burlington

Those who voted in the negative are:

Ancel of Calais	Bartholomew of Hartland	Beck of St. Johnsbury
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Berry of Manchester	Haas of Rochester	O'Sullivan of Burlington
Bissonnette of Winooski	Head of South Burlington	Partridge of Windham
Briglin of Thetford	Hooper of Montpelier	Patt of Worcester
Burke of Brattleboro	Jerman of Essex	Pearson of Burlington
Buxton of Tunbridge	Johnson of South Hero	Poirier of Barre City
Carr of Brandon	Juskiewicz of Cambridge	Pugh of South Burlington
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Keenan of St. Albans City	Rachelson of Burlington
Christie of Hartford	Kitzmiller of Montpelier	Ram of Burlington
Clarkson of Woodstock	Klein of East Montpelier	Russell of Rutland City
Cole of Burlington	Komline of Dorset	Ryerson of Randolph
Condon of Colchester	Krebs of South Hero	Sharpe of Bristol
Connor of Fairfield	Krowinski of Burlington	Sheldon of Middlebury
Conquest of Newbury	Lanpher of Vergennes	Stevens of Waterbury
Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford	Lefebvre of Newark	Stuart of Brattleboro
Dakin of Chester	Lenes of Shelburne	Sullivan of Burlington
Davis of Washington	Lippert of Hinesburg	Sweaney of Windsor
Deen of Westminster	Long of Newfane	Terenzini of Rutland Town
Donovan of Burlington	Lucke of Hartford	Till of Jericho
Eastman of Orwell	Macaig of Williston	Toleno of Brattleboro
Ellis of Waterbury	Manwaring of Wilmington	Townsend of South Burlington
Emmons of Springfield	Martin of Wolcott	Trieber of Rockingham
Evans of Essex	Masland of Thetford	Troiano of Stannard
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Frank of Underhill	McFaun of Barre Town	Woodward of Johnson
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Gonzalez of Winooski	Morris of Bennington	Young of Glover
Grad of Moretown	Mrowicki of Putney	Zagar of Barnard
	Nuovo of Middlebury	
	O'Brien of Richmond	

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Dakin of Colchester	Potter of Clarendon
Lalonde of South Burlington	Toll of Danville

**Rep. Dame of Essex** explained his vote as follows:

“Mr. Speaker:

Just before the vote I had the opportunity to ask the Rep. sponsoring the bill what his objection to the amendment was. In summary he agreed that it was ‘too neutral’. Here on the second roll call vote of a session in which we have many difficult challenges that face Vermonters like Education, Health Care and basic affordability. I would remind us all that Vermonters sent us here to work together to find the solution that we can all agree on. As a freshman legislator I came to this body optimistic - but perhaps I was just naive. I was hopeful that we could start our work this session on common ground where we

can agree. We have already wasted 2 hours of the people's time on resolutions that do nothing to change what faces the average Vermonter - but has done much to instead divide and paint our own members along ideological and partisan lines that do not serve to unite us for the important work we have ahead of us. I hope that we can do more the rest of this session that will unite rather than divide. We are also told that anecdotally VT is not 'business friendly'. I think that this body, which is legislative and not judicial, that has rejected an amendment that is 'too neutral' may be part of the problem, not the solution."

Thereupon, **Rep. Hebert of Vernon** moved to commit the resolution to the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs, which was disagreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the resolution be adopted? **Rep. Poirier of Barre City** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the resolution be adopted? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 93. Nays, 52.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais	Ellis of Waterbury	Lucke of Hartford
Bartholomew of Hartland	Emmons of Springfield	Macaig of Williston
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Evans of Essex	Manwaring of Wilmington
Berry of Manchester	Fields of Bennington	Martin of Wolcott
Bissonnette of Winooski	Forguites of Springfield	Masland of Thetford
Botzow of Pownal	Frank of Underhill	McCormack of Burlington
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Buxton of Tunbridge	Haas of Rochester	Morris of Bennington
Carr of Brandon	Head of South Burlington	Mrowicki of Putney
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Cole of Burlington *	Jewett of Ripton	Partridge of Windham
Condon of Colchester	Johnson of South Hero	Patt of Worcester
Connor of Fairfield	Juskiewicz of Cambridge	Pearson of Burlington
Conquest of Newbury	Keenan of St. Albans City	Poirier of Barre City
Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford	Kitzmiller of Montpelier	Pugh of South Burlington
Corcoran of Bennington	Klein of East Montpelier	Rachelson of Burlington
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Dakin of Colchester	Krowinski of Burlington	Russell of Rutland City
Davis of Washington *	Lanpher of Vergennes	Ryerson of Randolph
Deen of Westminster	Lefebvre of Newark	Sharpe of Bristol
Donovan of Burlington	Lenes of Shelburne	Sheldon of Middlebury
	Lippert of Hinesburg	Stevens of Waterbury
	Long of Newfane	Stuart of Brattleboro

Sullivan of Burlington	Townsend of South	Webb of Shelburne
Sweaney of Windsor	Burlington	Woodward of Johnson
Terenzini of Rutland Town	Trieber of Rockingham	Yantachka of Charlotte
Till of Jericho	Troiano of Stannard	Young of Glover
Toleno of Brattleboro	Walz of Barre City	Zagar of Barnard

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bancroft of Westford	Gamache of Swanton	Parent of St. Albans City
Baser of Bristol	Graham of Williamstown	Pearce of Richford
Batchelor of Derby	Greshin of Warren	Purvis of Colchester
Beyor of Highgate	Hebert of Vernon	Quimby of Concord
Branagan of Georgia	Helm of Fair Haven	Savage of Swanton
Brennan of Colchester	Higley of Lowell	Scheuermann of Stowe
Browning of Arlington	Hubert of Milton	Shaw of Pittsford
Canfield of Fair Haven	Komline of Dorset	Shaw of Derby
Cupoli of Rutland City	LaClair of Barre Town	Sibilia of Dover
Dame of Essex	Lawrence of Lyndon	Smith of New Haven
Dickinson of St. Albans	Lewis of Berlin	Strong of Albany
Town	Marcotte of Coventry	Tate of Mendon
Donahue of Northfield	Martel of Waterford	Turner of Milton
Eastman of Orwell	McCoy of Poultney	Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh
Fagan of Rutland City	Morrissey of Bennington *	Viens of Newport City
Feltus of Lyndon	Murphy of Fairfax	Willhoit of St. Johnsbury
Fiske of Enosburgh	Myers of Essex	Wright of Burlington
Gage of Rutland City	Olsen of Londonderry	

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Devereux of Mount Holly	Potter of Clarendon
Lalonde of South Burlington	Toll of Danville

**Rep. Cole of Burlington** explained her vote as follows:

“Mr. Speaker:

Telecom Services are Public Services that we should protect. Many Vermonters have been without reliable broadband and telephone that they have contracted for in Vermont.

My understanding is that the FairPoint administrators make more in compensation than they are willing to give to their other employees. It does not seem like they have been negotiating to help the majority of Vermonters. May VT speak loudly that Fair Point is not serving us as we expected.”

**Rep. Davis of Washington** explained her vote as follows:

“Mr. Speaker:

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It's no surprise that I voted in favor of this resolution. Today I 'walk the walk' in my support for working Vermonters. FairPoint workers are a skilled, dedicated work force with good, well-paying jobs and I urge FairPoint to settle a fair contract to workers."

**Rep. Morrissey of Bennington** explained her vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

I vote no, not because I do not support our FairPoint workers, but because there are presently negotiations going on in Washington between the two parties. Both parties have agreed to certain legal stipulations during this process. My hope, and I am sure the hope of everyone in this body, is that we all want a timely and positive resolve that gets our FairPoint workers back to work. I do not believe that this resolution will be beneficial in helping to resolve this important issue."

**Rep. Ram of Burlington** explained her vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

Some here argued that this is not the right time to get involved. If not now, then when is the right time to stand up for restoring vital communications service to all Vermonters and ensuring workers can earn a decent living?"

### **Bill Read Second Time; Third Reading Ordered**

#### **H. 10**

**Rep. Hubert of Milton** spoke for the committee on Government Operations.

House bill entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Barre

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time and third reading ordered.

#### **Adjournment**

At three o'clock in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.