

Journal of the House

Friday, February 6, 2015

Rep. Copeland-Hanzas presiding.

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Herb Russell of Rutland City, Vt.

Rules Suspended; House Bills Introduced

Pending first reading of the bills, on motion of **Rep. Savage of Swanton**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 129

By Reps. Sweaney of Windsor, Evans of Essex, Hubert of Milton, Martin of Wolcott and Townsend of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use of the terms "town," "municipality," and "political subdivision" in election law;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 130

By Reps. Sweaney of Windsor, Cole of Burlington, Evans of Essex and Townsend of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Agency of Public Safety;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 131

By Rep. McCullough of Williston,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to improving safeguards for adult protective services investigations;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 132

By Rep. Till of Jericho,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to immunity for certain health care providers;
To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 133

By Reps. Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Buxton of Tunbridge, Deen of Westminster, Krebs of South Hero, Lefebvre of Newark, McCullough of Williston, Parent of St. Albans City, Sheldon of Middlebury and Tate of Mendon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to supporting the green manufacture in Vermont of microbead alternatives;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

H. 134

By Rep. McCormack of Burlington,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to payment for excess generation by net metering customers;
To the committee on Natural Resources & Energy.

H. 135

By Rep. Sullivan of Burlington,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to authorizing the Vermont Department of Health to charge fees necessary to support Vermont's status as a Nuclear Regulatory Commission Agreement State;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 136

By Rep. McCormack of Burlington,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to residential building energy standards for rental multi-unit residential buildings;

To the committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs.

H. 137

By Rep. McCormack of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to regulating leaf blowers and leaf vacuums;

To the committee on Natural Resources & Energy.

H. 138

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Branagan of Georgia, Briglin of Thetford, Buxton of Tunbridge, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Dakin of Chester, Evans of Essex, Forguites of Springfield, Komline of Dorset, Lenex of Shelburne, Martin of Wolcott, McCullough of Williston, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Olsen of Londonderry, Patt of Worcester, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover and Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Medicaid reimbursement for ambulance and emergency medical treatment services;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 139

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Berry of Manchester, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Evans of Essex, McCullough of Williston, Olsen of Londonderry, Russell of Rutland City, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Yantachka of Charlotte and Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to therapeutic use of marijuana for relieving symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 140

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Berry of Manchester, Briglin of Thetford, Buxton of Tunbridge, Carr of Brandon, Evans of Essex, McCullough of Williston, Olsen of Londonderry, Patt of Worcester, Russell of Rutland City, Stevens of Waterbury, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington and Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to persons who are deaf or hard of hearing;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 141

By Rep. French of Randolph,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Organ and Tissue Donation Working Group;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 142

By Rep. Clarkson of Woodstock,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to allowing members of the General Assembly to be compensated for time spent on constituent services when the General Assembly is not in session;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 143

By Reps. Olsen of Londonderry, Condon of Colchester and Conquest of Newbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of Cooperative Regional Education Authorities;

To the committee on Education.

H. 144

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Briglin of Thetford and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to extending the biobus pilot program;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 145

By Reps. Masland of Thetford and Briglin of Thetford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to adding Vermont Route 132 to the State Highway system;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 146

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Baser of Bristol, Carr of Brandon, Condon of Colchester, Dame of Essex, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fiske of Enosburgh, Greshin of Warren, Hebert of Vernon, Komline of Dorset, LaClair of Barre Town, Lewis of Berlin, Marcotte of Coventry, Myers of Essex, Parent of St. Albans City, Poirier of Barre City, Purvis of Colchester, Shaw of Pittsford, Sibilia of Dover, Stuart of Brattleboro and Tate of Mendon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting software as a service from Vermont's sales tax;

To the committee on Ways & Means.

H. 147

By Rep. Canfield of Fair Haven,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting certain forms of income for permanently and totally disabled veterans from the calculation of household income;

To the committee on Ways & Means.

H. 148

By Rep. Clarkson of Woodstock,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol with a child in the vehicle;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 149

By Reps. Till of Jericho, Branagan of Georgia, Canfield of Fair Haven, Clarkson of Woodstock, Evans of Essex, Greshin of Warren, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Lenex of Shelburne, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans City, Rachelson of Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Yantachka of Charlotte and Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to physician expert witnesses in medical malpractice actions;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 150

By Rep. Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to gun silencers;

To the committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs.

H. 151

By Rep. Sweaney of Windsor,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to various amendments and additions to the heroin possession and sale statutes;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 152

By Rep. Sweaney of Windsor,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to civil forfeiture for drug crimes;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 153

By Reps. Browning of Arlington, Batchelor of Derby, Burditt of West Rutland, Gage of Rutland City, Graham of Williamstown, LaClair of Barre Town, Marcotte of Coventry, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Parent of St. Albans City, Purvis of Colchester, Quimby of Concord, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exemptions to and enforcement of the Public Records Act;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 154

By Reps. Partridge of Windham, Olsen of Londonderry and Trieber of Rockingham,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to permitting school districts to create a reserve fund without prior voter authorization;

To the committee on Education.

H. 155

By Reps. Partridge of Windham, Olsen of Londonderry and Trieber of Rockingham,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to audits of a school district's financial statements;

To the committee on Education.

H. 156

By Reps. Johnson of South Hero, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Christie of Hartford, Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Krebs of South Hero and Sibilina of Dover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the designation of more than one high school;

To the committee on Education.

H. 157

By Rep. Sharpe of Bristol,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to public access to administrative rules;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 158

By Reps. Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Canfield of Fair Haven, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fiske of Enosburgh, Helm of Fair Haven, Quimby of Concord, Savage of Swanton, Smith of New Haven, Tate of Mendon and Terenzini of Rutland Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to development located in an existing industrial district;
To the committee on Natural Resources & Energy.

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Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to technical corrections to civil and criminal procedure statutes

To the committee on Judiciary.

**Committee Relieved of Consideration
and Bill Committed to Other Committee**

H. 135

Rep. Pugh of South Burlington moved that the committee on Human Services be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to authorizing the Vermont Department of Health to charge fees necessary to support Vermont's status as a Nuclear Regulatory Commission Agreement State

And that the bill be committed to the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources, which was agreed to.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 73

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the corporate governance structure of insurers

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and forty-eight minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Savage of Swanton**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 14.

Concurrent Resolutions Adopted

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted in concurrence.

H.C.R. 18

House concurrent resolution designating January 29, 2015, as Pharmacists Day in Vermont;

H.C.R. 19

House concurrent resolution honoring departing Rutland City Police Chief James Baker for his superb leadership in challenging circumstances;

H.C.R. 20

House concurrent resolution honoring Peter Gregory for one-quarter of a century of exemplary leadership and professionalism on the staff of the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission;

H.C.R. 21

House concurrent resolution congratulating Rutland High School's alternative education program at the Howe Center Campus on a quarter century of academic achievement;

H.C.R. 22

House concurrent resolution honoring Bruce Johnson for his dynamic leadership of Springfield Area Public Access Television;

H.C.R. 23

House concurrent resolution honoring nonprofit organizations and Common Good Vermont;

H.C.R. 24

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Winooski Mayor Dominique Casavant;

H.C.R. 25

House concurrent resolution honoring Elise McKenna for her leadership in advancing the Blueprint for Health in Lamoille County;

H.C.R. 26

House concurrent resolution recognizing The Manor for its collaborative efforts in Lamoille County to improve the quality of oral health care for its residents;

H.C.R. 27

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vera Harrington of Brattleboro on her 103rd birthday;

[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2015, seventy-third Biennial session.]