

# Journal of the House

Thursday, February 26, 2015

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

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Speaker.

## Message from Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Ms. Susan Allen, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the twenty-fifth day of February, 2015, he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

**H. 10 An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Barre**

**H. 16 An act relating to requiring an inmate to report to the Sex Offender Registry prior to release from a correctional facility**

## Message from the Senate No. 24

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part passed Senate bills of the following titles:

**S. 14.** An act relating to single dose, child-resistant packaging and labeling of marijuana-infused edible or potable products sold by a registered dispensary.

**S. 72.** An act relating to binding arbitration for State employees.

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

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**Rules Suspended; House Bills Introduced**

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

**H. 317**

By Reps. Savage of Swanton, Morrissey of Bennington, Tate of Mendon and Terenzini of Rutland Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to military pension income tax exemption;

To the committee on Ways & Means.

**H. 318**

By Reps. Gamache of Swanton, Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Beyor of Highgate, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gage of Rutland City, Graham of Williamstown, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Hubert of Milton, Komline of Dorset, LaClair of Barre Town, Lewis of Berlin, Morrissey of Bennington, Parent of St. Albans City, Quimby of Concord, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, Strong of Albany, Tate of Mendon, Terenzini of Rutland Town and Viens of Newport City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to discouraging the non-emergency use of emergency departments by Medicaid beneficiaries;

To the committee on Health Care.

**H. 319**

By Reps. Huntley of Cavendish, Berry of Manchester, Christie of Hartford, Connor of Fairfield, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Ellis of Waterbury, Fields of Bennington, French of Randolph, Masland of Thetford, Potter of Clarendon, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Glover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical personnel;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 320**

By Rep. Sweaney of Windsor,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to technical corrections;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 321**

By Reps. Sibia of Dover, Batchelor of Derby, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Conquest of Newbury, Eastman of Orwell, Hebert of Vernon, Martel of Waterford, Partridge of Windham, Young of Glover and Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring projected financial savings, tax rates, and educational opportunities in connection with mandated school district consolidation;

To the committee on Education.

**H. 322**

By Reps. Sibia of Dover and Partridge of Windham,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creation of a Small Schools Working Group;

To the committee on Education.

**H. 323**

By Reps. Huntley of Cavendish, Botzow of Pownal, Christie of Hartford, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Frank of Underhill, Krowinski of Burlington, Lalonde of South Burlington, Lenos of Shelburne, McCormack of Burlington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Russell of Rutland City, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Walz of Barre City and Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to double fines for speeding in school zones;

To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 324**

By Rep. Pearson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to making numerous changes to Vermont's tax laws;

To the committee on Ways & Means.

**H. 325**

By Rep. Haas of Rochester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to averaging capital gains for senior citizens;

To the committee on Ways & Means.

**H. 326**

By Reps. Savage of Swanton, Gamache of Swanton, Graham of Williamstown, Lewis of Berlin, Martel of Waterford and Smith of New Haven,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to aggravated murder for killing a firefighter or an emergency medical provider;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 327**

By Rep. O'Sullivan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to execution of court judgments on personal property;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 328**

By Reps. Yantachka of Charlotte, Smith of New Haven, Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Christie of Hartford, Cole of Burlington, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Colchester, Devereux of Mount Holly, Emmons of Springfield, Graham of Williamstown, Higley of Lowell, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lewis of Berlin, Macaig of Williston, Martin of Wolcott, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Derby, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Viens of Newport City, Walz of Barre City and Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to warranty obligations of equipment dealers and suppliers;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

**H. 329**

By Reps. Poirier of Barre City, Bancroft of Westford, Fields of Bennington, Gage of Rutland City, Morris of Bennington, Woodward of Johnson and Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the interstate Health Care Compact;

To the committee on Health Care.

**H. 330**

By Reps. Stevens of Waterbury and Ellis of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to limiting landowner liability for posting the dangers of swimming holes;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 331**

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Briglin of Thetford, Clarkson of Woodstock and McCormack of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to workers' compensation;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

**H. 332**

By Reps. Botzow of Pownal and Marcotte of Coventry,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to workers' compensation;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

**H. 333**

By Reps. Botzow of Pownal, Berry of Manchester, Donahue of Northfield, Miller of Shaftsbury and Morris of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to enhancing eligibility and work incentives for the Medicaid for Working Persons with Disabilities program;

To the committee on Human Services.

**H. 334**

By Reps. Gage of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dame of Essex, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gamache of Swanton, Graham of Williamstown, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Huntley of Cavendish, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Lawrence of Lyndon, Martel of Waterford, Parent of St. Albans City, Pearce of Richford, Quimby of Concord, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Tate of Mendon, Terenzini of Rutland Town and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to proof of Vermont residency for public assistance;

To the committee on Human Services.

**H. 335**

By Rep. Botzow of Pownal,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to authorized sole contractors;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

**H. 336**

By Rep. Stevens of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to rental housing;

To the committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs.

**H. 337**

By Reps. Gage of Rutland City, Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Branagan of Georgia, Graham of Williamstown, Lewis of Berlin, Martel of Waterford and Smith of New Haven,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to repurchasing inventory of snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles;

To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 338**

By Reps. Botzow of Pownal and Marcotte of Coventry,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to authorizing substitute collateral for mechanics' liens;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

**H. 339**

By Reps. Pearson of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Hooper of Montpelier, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Morris of Bennington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Stevens of Waterbury, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Woodward of Johnson, Yantachka of Charlotte and Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to paid family leave;

To the committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs.

**H. 340**

By Rep. Grad of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating an alternate income sensitivity system;

To the committee on Ways & Means.

**Senate Bill Referred****S. 14**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to single dose, child-resistant packaging and labeling of marijuana-infused edible or potable products sold by a registered dispensary;

Was taken up, read the first time and referred to the committee on Human Services.

**Senate Bill Referred****S. 72**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to binding arbitration for State employees.

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In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested;

Was taken up, read the first time and referred to the committee on Government Operations.

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

**H. 221**

**Rep. Emmons of Springfield** moved that the committee on Corrections & Institutions be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to criminal justice reform

And that the bill be committed to the committee on Judiciary, which was agreed to.

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

**H. 272**

**Rep. Clarkson of Woodstock** spoke for the committee on Ways & Means.

House bill entitled

An act relating to current use and technical tax changes

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

**Adjournment**

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