

Journal of the House

Friday, March 20, 2015

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Speaker.

Senate Bills Referred

Senate bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 41

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to developing a strategy for evaluating the effectiveness of individual tax expenditures;

Was taken up, read the first time and referred to the committee on Ways & Means.

S. 73

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to State regulation of rent-to-own agreements for merchandise;

Was taken up, read the first time and referred to the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

S. 115

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to expungement of convictions based on conduct that is no longer criminal;

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

Bills Referred to Committee on Appropriations

House bills of the following titles, appearing on the Calendar, carrying appropriations, under the rule, were referred to the committee on Appropriations:

H. 35

House bill, entitled

An act relating to improving the quality of State waters

H. 488

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the State's Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation

H. 361

House bill, entitled

An act relating to making amendments to education funding, education spending, and education governance

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

H. 109

Rep. Sweaney of Windsor moved that the committee on Government Operations be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to the regulation of signage under municipal land use bylaws

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

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

H. 333

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

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

And that the bill be committed to the committee on Commerce & Economic Development, which was agreed to.

Third Reading; Bills Passed

House bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time and passed:

H. 483

House bill, entitled

An act relating to home improvement fraud

H. 484

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Favorable Report; Third Reading Ordered

H. 363

Rep. Beyor of Highgate, for the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Petroleum Cleanup Fund

Reported in favor of its passage. The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time and third reading ordered.

Bill Read Second Time; Amended and Third Reading Ordered

H. 480

Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury spoke for the committee on Education.

House bill entitled

An act relating to making miscellaneous technical and other amendments to education laws

Rep. Komline of Dorset, for the committee on Ways and Means recommended that the bill ought to pass.

The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up and read the second time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? **Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury** moved to amend the bill as follows:

By striking Sec. 9 (district spending adjustment) and its related reader assistance heading in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 9. [Deleted.]

Which was agreed to and third reading ordered.

**Senate Proposal of Amendment to House Proposal
of Amendment, Concurred in**

S. 6

Senate bill, entitled

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

The Senate has concurred in the House proposal of amendment with the following amendment thereto:

By adding a new Sec. 6 to read as follows:

Sec. 6. 33 V.S.A. § 5284 is amended to read:

§ 5284. DETERMINATION AND ORDER

(a) In a hearing on a motion for youthful offender status, the Court shall first consider whether public safety will be protected by treating the youth as a youthful offender. If the Court finds that public safety will not be protected by treating the youth as a youthful offender, the Court shall deny the motion and return the case to the ~~Family~~ Criminal Division of the Superior Court pursuant to subsection 5281(d) of this title. If the Court finds that public safety will be protected by treating the youth as a youthful offender, the Court shall proceed to make a determination under subsection (b) of this section.

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And by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and eight minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Savage of Swanton**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 19.

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. 68

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 South Burlington High School Division I girls' and boys' championship tennis teams;

H.C.R. 69

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Essex Union High School Hornets Division I girls' ice hockey championship team;

H.C.R. 70

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 and 10th consecutive Essex Union High School Hornets' girls' gymnastics State championship team;

H.C.R. 71

House concurrent resolution honoring Nancy Zorn for her 15 years of outstanding leadership as Executive Director of the Green Mountain United Way;

H.C.R. 72

House concurrent resolution congratulating University of Vermont women's ice hockey Catamount Amanda Pelkey on scoring her 100th college career point;

H.C.R. 73

House concurrent resolution designating March 17, 2015 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day in Vermont;

H.C.R. 74

House concurrent resolution congratulating Abigail Hawkins on her winning first place in the oratory category at the 2015 Vermont Debate and Forensics League State championship;

H.C.R. 75

House concurrent resolution honoring the humanitarian efforts of the Vermont Haiti Project and recognizing its social and cultural contributions to the State of Vermont;

H.C.R. 76

House concurrent resolution recognizing important legal milestones in the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities and designating March 18, 2015 as Disability Awareness Day at the State House;

H.C.R. 77

House concurrent resolution welcoming the Friends of UVM Baseball to the State House;

H.C.R. 78

House concurrent resolution designating August 9, 2015, as Genealogy Day in Vermont;

H.C.R. 79

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 South Burlington High School Rebels Division I boys' cross-country championship team;

H.C.R. 80

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Williston All-Stars Little League baseball state championship baseball team;

[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.]