

Journal of the House

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

At ten o'clock in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Speaker.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Boy Scouts of Ferrisburgh, VT presented the colors and led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. 848

By Rep. Masland of Thetford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the School of Tech pilot program;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

H. 849

By Rep. Masland of Thetford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the Pathways to Prosperity;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 171

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to eligibility for pretrial risk assessment and needs screening

Was read and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Third Reading; Bills Passed

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

H. 400

House bill, entitled

An act relating to various changes to judicial procedure;

H. 677

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Restitution Unit;

H. 845

House bill, entitled

An act relating to legislative review of certain report requirements;

Action on Bill Postponed**H. 187**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to absence from work for health care and safety

Was taken up and pending the question, Shall the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment?, on motion of **Rep. Head of South Burlington**, action on the bill was postponed until the next legislative day.

Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered**H. 625**

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

An act relating to extending the exemption from encumbrance on title of properties subject to a pretransition stormwater permit

Reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, after “shall be repealed on June 30, ~~2016~~” and before the period by striking out “2017” and inserting in lieu thereof “2018”

Second: In Sec. 2, 27 V.S.A. § 613, in subdivision (b)(2), after “June 30, ~~2016~~” and before “, the mortgagor” by striking out “2017” and inserting in lieu thereof “2018”

The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time, report of the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources agreed to and third reading ordered.

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 611

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fiscal year 2016 budget adjustments

Was taken up and pending the question, Shall the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment?, on motion of **Rep. Johnson of South Hero**, action on the bill was postponed until Thursday, February 18, 2016.

Remarks Journalized

On motion of **Rep. Lippert of Hinesburg**, the following remarks by **Rep. McCullough of Williston** were ordered printed in the Journal:

“Mr. Speaker:

It’s what we got

Open winter’s a sick winter;
Towns’ snowplow budgets look’n fat;
Contractor plowboys... not so much.

Open winter’s good for predators;
Owls, hawks, fox feeling fat;
Mice, moles, bunnies... not so much.

Open winter’s good for deer;
Moving easy, finding food, feeling fat;
Partridge, loggers, denned up bears... not so much.

Open winter’s a sick winter;
Water parks good, so’s the wood pile.
Businesses off, skiing’s flat... state’s treasury too.

So it is with legislation; workin’ hard to find that balance.
Robbing Peter, paying Paul, good for Paul; Peter, not so much.
Without rancor,... it’s what it is. It’s what we got!”

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

H. 560

Rep. Brennan of Colchester moved that the committee on Transportation be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to traffic safety

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

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and twenty five minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in the afternoon.