

Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted the Father Dwight Baker of Northfield.

Pledge of Allegiance

The President then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

Joint Senate Resolution Recommended

J.R.S. 10.

Senator Mullin moved to recommitted Joint Senate resolution entitled:

Joint resolution expressing deep concern over growing wealth and income inequality and the decline of family income in Vermont.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs.

Thereupon, pending the question, Shall the joint resolution be recommitted to the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs?, Senator Sirotkin moved that the joint resolution be ordered to lie.

Which was disagreed to.

Thereupon, the question, Shall the joint resolution be recommitted to the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs? was agreed to.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and is as follows:

By Senators Baruth and Benning,

J.R.S. 25. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April 24, 2015, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

H. 488.

House bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice and carrying an appropriation or requiring the expenditure of funds, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

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

Bill Introduced

Senate bill of the following title was introduced, read the first time and referred:

S. 150.

By Senator White,

An act relating to the Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Proposals of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered

H. 241.

Senator Lyons, for the Committee on Health & Welfare, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to rulemaking on emergency involuntary procedures.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec.1, subsection (a), subdivisions (1) and (2)(B), by striking out the words "as a nurse practitioner" after Vermont Board of Nursing where it twice appears

Second: By striking out Sec. 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 7251 is amended to read:

§ 7251. PRINCIPLES FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE REFORM

The General Assembly adopts the following principles as a framework for reforming the mental health care system in Vermont:

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(9) Individuals with a psychiatric disability or mental condition who are in the custody or temporary custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health and who receive treatment in an acute inpatient hospital unit, intensive residential recovery facility, or a secure residential recovery facility shall be afforded ~~at least the same~~ rights and protections ~~as those individuals cared for at the former Vermont State Hospital~~ that reflect evidence-based best practices aimed at reducing the use of emergency involuntary procedures.

And that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with such proposals of amendment.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, the proposals of amendment were collectively agreed to, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Bill Passed in Concurrence

H. 483.

House bill entitled:

An act relating to home improvement fraud.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senator Sirotkin, moved that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 1, 13 V.S.A. § 2029(b)(1)(B)(i), after the word “payment”, by inserting the words for any uncompleted work

Thereupon, pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by Senator Sirotkin?, Senator Sirotkin requested and was granted leave to withdraw the recommendation of amendment.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Message from the House No. 51

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Melissa Kucserik, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has considered a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 141. An act relating to possession of firearms.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.