

Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Bill Referred to Committee on Finance

H. 282.

House bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Finance:

An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation.

Bills Referred

House bills entitled:

H. 494. An act relating to approval of the adoption and codification of the charter of the Town of Weybridge.

H. 496. An act relating to approval of the adoption and codification of the charter of the Town of West Fairlee.

H. 499. An act relating to approval of the adoption and codification of the charter of the Town of Salisbury.

Were severally taken up and pursuant to Temporary Rule 44A were severally referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Rules Suspended; Bill Committed

H. 40.

Pending entry on the Calendar for notice, on motion of Senator Bray, the rules were suspended and House bill entitled:

An act relating to establishing a renewable energy standard and energy transformation program.

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

Thereupon, pending the reading of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources & Energy, Senator Bray moved that Senate Rule 49 be suspended in order to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with the report of the Committee on Natural Resources & Energy *intact*,

Which 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. 26. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, May 1, 2015, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

Joint Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 20.

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was read the third time and adopted on the part of the Senate:

Joint resolution relating to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation's lending authority.

Proposals of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered

H. 25.

Senator Balint, for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to natural burial grounds.

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

First: In Sec. 2, 18 V.S.A. § 5319, by striking out subsection (b) subdivision (1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (b) subdivision (1) to read as follows:

(b)(1) ~~No interment~~ Interment of any human body in the earth shall not be made unless the distance from the bottom of the outside coffin or body shall be

at least five feet below the natural surface of the ground, excepting only infants under four years of age, whose bodies shall be so interred that the bottom of the outside coffin enclosing them shall be at least three and one-half feet below the natural surface of the ground or if buried without a coffin shall be so interred that the bottom of the body shall be at least five feet below the natural surface of the ground.

Second: In Sec. 3, 18 V.S.A. § 5323(a) by striking out subdivision (1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (1) to read as follows:

(1) section 5310 of this title with regard to the method of platting so as to allow the use of any nonstandard method of locating human remains that enables demarcation in the town land record of the exact location and identity of each buried body, such as by mapping, surveying, or use of a global positioning system;

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.

Joint Resolutions Adopted in Concurrence

Joint House resolutions entitled:

J.R.H. 13. Joint resolution authorizing the Green Mountain Boys State educational program to use the State House.

J.R.H. 14. Joint resolution authorizing the Green Mountain Girls State educational program to use the State House.

Having been placed on the Calendar for action, were taken up.

Thereupon, the resolutions were severally adopted in concurrence.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, April 29, 2015.