

Journal of the House

Thursday, February 23, 2017

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Representative Douglas Gage of Rutland City.

Rep. Krowinski of Burlington in chair.

Rules Suspended; House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally 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 as follows:

H. 400

By Reps. Mrowicki of Putney and Keefe of Manchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to evaluating access to and use of long-acting reversible contraceptives;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 401

By Reps. Poirier of Barre City and Conlon of Cornwall,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to card tournaments hosted by nonprofit organizations;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 402

By Reps. Greshin of Warren, Wright of Burlington and Condon of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a statewide per pupil spending amount;

To the committee on Education.

H. 403

By Reps. Wood of Waterbury and Browning of Arlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to preserving health care professionals' independent medical judgment;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 404

By Reps. Till of Jericho, Burke of Brattleboro, Cina of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Fields of Bennington, Howard of Rutland City, Morris of Bennington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro and Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Medicaid reimbursement for long-acting reversible contraceptives;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 405

By Reps. Marcotte of Coventry and Botzow of Pownal,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fantasy sports contests;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 406

By Reps. Carr of Brandon, Keenan of St. Albans City and Marcotte of Coventry,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creation of the Telecommunications Technology Council;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 407

By Reps. Troiano of Stannard, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buckholz of Hartford, Burke of Brattleboro, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Fields of Bennington, Haas of Rochester, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lanpher of Vergennes, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mrowicki of Putney, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury,

Sullivan of Dorset, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Wood of Waterbury and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to excluding from household income the first \$30,000.00 in income of a person who takes care of a relative who is 70 years of age or older;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 408

By Reps. Wright of Burlington, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Browning of Arlington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Condon of Colchester, Devereux of Mount Holly, Frenier of Chelsea, Gamache of Swanton, Higley of Lowell, Jickling of Brookfield, Keefe of Manchester, Lawrence of Lyndon, McCoy of Poultney, Morrissey of Bennington, Ode of Burlington, Pearce of Richford, Rosenquist of Georgia, Smith of Derby and Strong of Albany,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a process for accounting for unfunded education mandates;

To the committee on Education.

H. 409

By Reps. Greshin of Warren and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to teacher's health care premium cost share;

To the committee on Education.

H. 410

By Reps. Gardner of Richmond, McCormack of Burlington, Buckholz of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Gannon of Wilmington, Hill of Wolcott, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Squirrell of Underhill, Sullivan of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington and Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to adding products to Vermont's energy efficiency standards for appliances and equipment;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 411

By Reps. Gardner of Richmond, McCormack of Burlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buckholz of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, Dunn of Essex, Gannon of Wilmington, Hill of Wolcott, Keefe of Manchester, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Squirrell of Underhill, Sullivan of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, Weed of Enosburgh and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont's energy efficiency standards for appliances and equipment;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 412

By Reps. Stevens of Waterbury, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Fields of Bennington, Lalonde of South Burlington, Morris of Bennington, Rachelson of Burlington and Troiano of Stannard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a homeless bill of rights and prohibiting discrimination against people without homes;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 413

By Reps. Ode of Burlington, Bock of Chester, Christie of Hartford, Dunn of Essex, Gannon of Wilmington, Lefebvre of Newark, McFaun of Barre Town, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Walz of Barre City, Weed of Enosburgh and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a weatherization of subsidized housing tax credit;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 414

By Reps. Donahue of Northfield and Lewis of Berlin,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to spousal maintenance;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 415

By Reps. Belaski of Windsor, Emmons of Springfield and Bartholomew of Hartland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to computer voice stress analyzers;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 416

By Reps. O'Sullivan of Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Hill of Wolcott, Sullivan of Burlington and Webb of Shelburne,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting the banning of specific breeds of dog;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 417

By Reps. Hooper of Montpelier, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Bock of Chester, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston and Walz of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to authorizing municipalities to regulate the surface water use of public waters used as drinking water supplies;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 418

By Reps. Gonzalez of Winooski, Cina of Burlington and Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Judicial Rotation System Study Committee;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 419

By Reps. Troiano of Stannard, Cina of Burlington, Fields of Bennington, Gannon of Wilmington, Hooper of Brookfield, Lalonde of South Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Viens of Newport City, Walz of Barre City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to recording of criminal and civil offenses by law enforcement officers;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 420

By Reps. Sheldon of Middlebury, Brumsted of Shelburne, Conlon of Cornwall, Gonzalez of Winooski, Lalonde of South Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston and Scheu of Middlebury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to site management practices for solar siting;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 421

By Reps. Ode of Burlington, Belaski of Windsor, Christie of Hartford, Gannon of Wilmington, Joseph of North Hero, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the jurisdiction of the Environmental Division;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 422

By Reps. Grad of Moretown, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Head of South Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho and Townsend of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to confiscation of dangerous or deadly weapons from a person arrested or cited for domestic assault;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 423

By Reps. Lalonde of South Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Viens of Newport City and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to monetary thresholds for criminal penalties;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 424

By Reps. Sheldon of Middlebury, Conquest of Newbury, Brumsted of Shelburne, Conlon of Cornwall, Gonzalez of Winooski, Jickling of Brookfield, Lalonde of South Burlington, Lefebvre of Newark, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Quimby of Concord, Scheu of Middlebury and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife.

H. 425

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Condon of Colchester, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Gamache of Swanton, Hooper of Brookfield, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Kimbell of Woodstock, Lewis of Berlin, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Sibilica of Dover, Sullivan of Dorset, Troiano of Stannard, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a statewide school district;

To the committee on Education.

H. 426

By Reps. Wright of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, McCormack of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Ode of Burlington and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing the weighting factor for students for whom English is not the primary language;

To the committee on Education.

H. 427

By Rep. Conquest of Newbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding career technical education programming;

To the committee on Education.

H. 428

By Reps. Gonzalez of Winooski, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington and Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to tipped minimum wage;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 429

By Reps. Wood of Waterbury, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lanpher of Vergennes, McFaun of Barre Town, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard and Walz of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishment of a communication facilitator program;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 430

By Reps. Sheldon of Middlebury, Bartholomew of Hartland, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buckholz of Hartford, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Colburn of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Gonzalez of Winooski, Hooper of Brookfield, Jickling of Brookfield, Lalonde of South Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Scheu of Middlebury and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a regenerative agriculture program;

To the committee on Agriculture & Forestry.

H. 431

By Rep. McCormack of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to securing the safety of the electrical power grid from an electromagnetic pulse attack or severe solar storm;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 432

By Reps. Botzow of Pownal, Marcotte of Coventry and Poirier of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use of credit information for personal insurance;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 433

By Reps. Stevens of Waterbury and Carr of Brandon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to health and safety warnings on sugar-sweetened beverages;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 434

By Reps. Noyes of Wolcott, Wood of Waterbury, Ainsworth of Royalton, Briglin of Thetford, Buckholz of Hartford, Haas of Rochester, Hill of Wolcott, Keefe of Manchester, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lucke of Hartford, Martel of Waterford, McFaun of Barre Town, Mrowicki of Putney, Olsen of Londonderry, Pugh of South Burlington, Rosenquist of Georgia, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sullivan of Dorset, Troiano of Stannard, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury and Yacavone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to home-delivered meals as a reimbursable covered service;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 435

By Reps. O'Sullivan of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Christie of Hartford, Burke of Brattleboro, Carr of Brandon, Cina of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Fields of Bennington, Hill of Wolcott, Howard of Rutland City, Lalonde of South Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Till of Jericho, Troiano of Stannard, Weed of Enosburgh and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to regulation of substance abuse recovery homes under local land use bylaws;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 436

By Reps. O'Sullivan of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Christie of Hartford, Burke of Brattleboro, Carr of Brandon, Cina of Burlington, Donovan

of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Fields of Bennington, Hill of Wolcott, Howard of Rutland City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lanpher of Vergennes, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Till of Jericho, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Weed of Enosburgh and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to residential rental agreements for substance abuse recovery homes;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 437

By Reps. Lefebvre of Newark and Ode of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to education taxes for certain school districts;

To the committee on Education.

H. 438

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Connor of Fairfield, Dunn of Essex, McCullough of Williston, O'Sullivan of Burlington and Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to health promotion;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 439

By Reps. Ode of Burlington, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Lefebvre of Newark, McFaun of Barre Town, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Rachelson of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the determination of weighted long-term membership of school districts;

To the committee on Education.

H. 440

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Burke of Brattleboro, O'Sullivan of

Burlington, Weed of Enosburgh and Young of Glover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to certifying livestock and poultry as humanely raised, handled, and slaughtered;

To the committee on Agriculture & Forestry.

H. 441

By Reps. Weed of Enosburgh, Buckholz of Hartford, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Donovan of Burlington, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Gonzalez of Winooski, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Potter of Clarendon, Stevens of Waterbury, Troiano of Stannard and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to lead testing in schools;

To the committee on Education.

H. 442

By Reps. Ode of Burlington, Christensen of Weathersfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Houghton of Essex and Stuart of Brattleboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the salaries of designated agency employees;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 443

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Cina of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Lalonde of South Burlington, Miller of Shaftsbury, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Weed of Enosburgh and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to statewide professional regulation standards for the licensure of applicants with criminal conviction histories;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 444

By Reps. Noyes of Wolcott, Hill of Wolcott and Kitzmiller of Montpelier,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to providing law enforcement authority to environmental
enforcement officers;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 445

By Rep. Stevens of Waterbury,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to work conditions in the practice of pharmacy;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 446

By Reps. Lanpher of Vergennes and Cina of Burlington,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring a town to conduct an additional audit when its
town clerk and treasurer are the same individual;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 447

By Reps. Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Hebert of Vernon and Stuart of
Brattleboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to interchangeable biological products;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 448

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Briglin of Thetford, Hooper of Montpelier
and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the elimination of tax and other incentives under Act 46;

To the committee on Education.

Rep. Johnson of South Hero presiding.

House Resolution Adopted**H.R. 11**

House resolution, entitled

House resolution commending the friendly bilateral relations between Taiwan and both the United States and the State of Vermont and supporting Taiwan's full participation in the international community

Was taken up and adopted on the part of the House.

Bill Recommended**H. 50**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to extending the current expiration date of the telecommunications siting law

Pending the report of the committee on Energy and Technology, **Rep. Carr of Brandon** moved to recommit the bill to the committee on Energy and Technology, which was agreed to.

Third Reading; Bill Passed**H. 201**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to length of stay at designated shelters

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

**Committee Relieved of Consideration
and Bill Committed to Other Committee****H. 386**

Rep. Lippert of Hinesburg moved that the committee on Health Care be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to home health agency provider taxes

And that the bill be committed to the committee on Ways and Means, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

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