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


Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Speaker.

House Bill Introduced

H. 514

By the committee on Government Operations,
An act relating to elections corrections;
Which was read first time and pursuant to House rule 48, bill placed on the Calendar for notice.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 22

Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to increased penalties for possession, sale, and dispensation of fentanyl
Was read first time and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 112

Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to creating the Spousal Support and Maintenance Task Force
Was read first time and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 230

House bill, entitled
An act relating to consent by minors for mental health treatment related to sexual orientation and gender identity
Was taken up and read the third time.
Speaker Johnson of South Hero in chair.

Pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Rep. Terenzini of Rutland Town demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 125. Nays, 12.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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Those who voted in the negative are:

Beyor of Highgate  Helm of Fair Haven  Strong of Albany
Canfield of Fair Haven  Hubert of Milton  Tate of Mendon
Gage of Rutland City  LaClair of Barre Town  Terenzini of Rutland Town
Graham of Williamstown *  Smith of New Haven  Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh *

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Bachelor of Derby  Gamache of Swanton  Morrissey of Bennington
Burditt of West Rutland  Hebert of Vernon  Rachelson of Burlington
Condon of Colchester  Higley of Lowell  Sheldon of Middlebury
Emmons of Springfield  Morris of Bennington  Sullivan of Burlington

Representative Graham of Williamstown explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I believe parents have the right to know what’s going on with their minor children. There are many parents in the chambers here today. Am I to understand you won’t want to know about your children?”

Representative Lucke of Hartford explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

While some parents can be the greatest advocates, others can be adversaries when it comes to certain issues children are wrestling with. My vote today is one of hope that minors have access to explore who they are becoming and in many cases help them and their families celebrate who they are.”

Representative Mrowicki of Putney explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

One again our children look to us to find safe haven under delicate and sometimes dangerous circumstances. This bill says you are safe to be who you are, in Vermont.”

Representative Stuart of Brattleboro explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Children with gender identity and sexual orientation differences have rights, too. Madam Speaker, many of these individuals become young adults that take their own lives at far greater rates than the rest of the population. The rate of suicide among these youth ranges from approximately 20 to 42 percent higher than their peers.

Madame Speaker, I am proud to vote in favor of H. 230. The world needs
to become a kinder, gentler place. Our strength as a nation is diversity. We need to learn to fully embrace our differences.”

**Representative Tate of Mendon** explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We talk about removing “barriers to care” without fully acknowledging that by that we mean that parents are the barriers. I am not a barrier to my child’s care. It is, rather, my life’s calling.”

**Representative Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh** explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted No. In extreme cases the judiciary is empowered to terminate parental rights. With this bill, certain parental rights are terminated universally without due process. This is appalling and the overall effects will be negative.”


**Third Reading; Bill Passed**

**H. 290**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to clarifying ambiguities relating to real estate titles and conveyances

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

**Third Reading; Bill Passed**

**H. 312**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to retirement and pensions

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

**Third Reading; Bill Passed**

**H. 411**

House bill, entitled

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

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.
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Bill Amended, Read Third Time and Passed

H. 462

House bill, entitled
An act relating to social media privacy for employees

Was taken up and pending third reading of the bill, Rep. Donahue of Northfield moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec.1, 21 V.S.A. § 495k, in subsection (f), following “Nothing in this section shall preclude an employer from requesting” by inserting the words “or requiring an employee to provide”

Which was agreed to. Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 502

House bill, entitled
An act relating to modernizing Vermont’s parentage laws

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 503

House bill, entitled
An act relating to bail

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 506

Rep. LaClair of Barre Town spoke for the committee on Government Operations.

House bill entitled
An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time and third reading ordered.
Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 507


House bill entitled

An act relating to Next Generation Medicaid ACO pilot project reporting requirements

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time and third reading ordered.

Committee Relieved of Consideration and Bill Committed to Other Committee

H. 485

Rep. Grad of Moretown moved that the committee on Judiciary be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to the eligibility of a new resident for a Vermont driver’s license or permit

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

S. 87

Rep. Grad of Moretown moved that the committee on Judiciary be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to sexual exploitation of students

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

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and fifty minutes in the forenoon, on motion of Rep. Turner of Milton, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.