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

**Devotional Exercises**

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Janssen Willhoit of St. Johnsbury.

**Joint Resolution Placed on Calendar**

**J.R.H. 7**

Joint resolution authorizing the Green Mountain Boys State educational program to use the State House

Offered by: Representatives Marcotte of Coventry and Lawrence of Lyndon

*Whereas*, the American Legion Department of Vermont sponsors the Green Mountain Boys State educational program, providing a group of boys entering the 12th grade a special opportunity to study the workings of State government in Montpelier, and

*Whereas*, as part of their visit to the State’s capital city, the boys conduct a mock legislative session in the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the Sergeant at Arms shall make available the chambers and committee rooms of the State House for the Green Mountain Boys State educational program on Thursday, June 22, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the American Legion Department of Vermont in Montpelier.

Which was read and, in the Speaker’s discretion, placed on the Calendar for action on the next legislative day under Rule 52.

**Third Reading; Bill Passed**

**H. 520**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Stowe
Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Proposal of Amendment agreed to; Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment

S. 22

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to increased penalties for possession, sale, and dispensation of fentanyl

Was taken up and pending third reading of the bill, Rep. Colburn of Burlington and Rep. Conquest of Newbury moved to propose to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

After section 5, Effective Dates, that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to alternative approaches to addressing low-level illicit drug use and the ephedrine and pseudoephedrine registry”

Which was agreed to. Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Action on Bill Postponed

S. 23

House bill, entitled

An act relating to juvenile jurisdiction

Was taken up and pending the question shall the bill pass in concurrence with proposal of amendment? on motion of Rep. Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, action on the bill was postponed until April 18, 2017.

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment

S. 56

House bill, entitled

An act relating to life insurance policies and the Vermont Uniform Securities Act

Was taken up, read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Recess

At nine o'clock and forty-nine minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

At ten o'clock and twenty-two minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker called
the House to order.

Consideration Interrupted by Recess
H. 197

House bill, entitled
An act relating to mental health parity for workers’ compensation

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

Rep. Greshin of Warren moves that the bill be amended in Sec. 1, 21 V.S.A. § 601, subdivision (11)(I)(iii)(IV), after the first sentence, by inserting a second sentence to read “‘Rescue or ambulance worker’ does not include a member of a ski patrol while he or she is performing services for the ski patrol at a ski resort.”

Recess

At ten o’clock and thirty-five minutes, the Speaker declared a recess until ten o’clock and fifty minutes.

At ten o’clock and fifty-six minutes, the Speaker called the House to order.

Consideration Resumed; Consideration Interrupted
H. 197

Consideration resumed on House bill, entitled
An act relating to mental health parity for workers’ compensation

Thereupon, the amendment offered by Rep. Greshin of Warren was disagreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? Rep. Browning of Arlington moved to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1a, emergency personnel post-traumatic stress disorder; study of experience and costs; report, by striking out subdivisions (a)(2) and (3) in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof subdivisions (a)(2), (3), (4), and (5) to read:

(2) the cost of the workers’ compensation benefits provided for those claims;

(3) any changes in administrative or premium costs associated with those claims;

(4) the annual increase in workers’ compensation costs for Vermont municipalities and school districts for each fiscal year in comparison to the
average annual increase in workers’ compensation costs for Vermont municipalities and school districts from FY 2012 through FY 2017; and

(5) the total cost to reimburse municipalities and school districts for the amount by which the increase in their respective workers’ compensation costs during the prior fiscal year exceeded the historical average annual increase in workers’ compensation costs.

Second: In Sec. 1a, emergency personnel post-traumatic stress disorder; study of experience and costs; report, by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read:

(b)(1) On or before January 15 of each year from 2018 through 2020, the Commissioner shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Commerce and Economic Development, and on Health Care, and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Finance, and on Health and Welfare regarding its findings and any recommendations for legislative changes.

(2) On or before January 15, 2020, the Commissioner shall submit to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Commerce and Economic Development, and on Health Care, and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Finance, and on Health and Welfare proposed legislation to create a permanent funding stream to mitigate the impacts on local property tax rates of increased workers’ compensation costs for Vermont municipalities and school districts as a result of claims made pursuant to 21 V.S.A. § 601(11)(I) and (J).

Pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Browning of Arlington? Rep. Browning of Arlington demanded the yeas and nays which was sustained by the constitutional number.

Pending the call of the roll, Rep. Ainsworth of Royalton moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Health Care.

Recess

At eleven o'clock and fifteen minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

At eleven o'clock and fifty-nine minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Consideration Resumed; Bill Read Third Time and Passed

H. 197

Consideration resumed on House bill, entitled

An act relating to mental health parity for workers’ compensation
Thereupon, the motion to recommit the bill to the committee on Health Care was disagreed to.

Thereupon, the Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Browning of Arlington? was decided in the negative. Yeas, 45. Nays, 85.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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Rep. Browning of Arlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes to protect property taxpayers from the possible costs of yet another unfunded state mandate.”

Rep. Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted No. To carve out and require the state to reimburse for a mental injury, as if those are somehow less valid, less debilitating, less tragic for the injured worker and her family is a violation of the goal that we have expressed as a body here: injury is injury.

Instead I should hope we would celebrate the savings to our families and their employers that timely treatment of an injury has meant; that she could return to work, support her family, continue to do the job she loves, that her employer didn’t have to incur added expense of OT or substitute pay, and our municipal agencies and schools remain strong for us because their experienced individuals can remain on the job.”

Rep. Donahue of Northfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

“This amendment says that a separate funding stream for mental health injuries is an acceptable funding mechanism. We learned a long time ago that separate but equal is only separate, never equal.”

Rules Suspended; Reconsideration Agreed To

Rep. Turner of Milton moved to suspend the rules to permit reconsideration
in the same legislative day, which was agreed to.

**Rep. Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford,** assuring the Chair that she voted with the prevailing side when the House disagreed to the amendment offered by **Rep. Greshin of Warren,** moved to reconsider its vote, which was agreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? **Rep. Greshin of Warren** moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 1, 21 V.S.A. § 601, subdivision (11)(I)(iii)(IV), after the first sentence, by inserting a second sentence to read ““Rescue or ambulance worker” does not include a member of a ski patrol while he or she is performing services for the ski patrol at a ski resort.”

Which was disagreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? **Rep. Browning of Arlington** moved to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 21 V.S.A. § 601, after subdivision (11)(iii), by inserting a subdivision (11)(iv) to read:

(iv) The date of loss for a claim made pursuant to this subdivision (11) shall be the date of the initial diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder or the last active date of employment as a police officer, rescue or ambulance worker, or firefighter, whichever occurs first.

Second: In Sec. 2, effective date, by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting a new Sec. 2 to read:

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

(a) This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

(b) 21 V.S.A. § 601(11)(I) shall apply to claims for post-traumatic stress disorder that are first diagnosed on or after July 1, 2017.

Which was disagreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? **Rep. Browning of Arlington** moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 2, effective date, by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting a new Sec. 2 to read:

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) In Sec. 1, 21 V.S.A. § 601, subdivision (11)(I) shall take effect on July 1, 2017 and subdivision (11)(J) shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

(b) This section shall take effect on July 1, 2017.
Which was disagreed to.

Thereupon, the bill was read a third time and passed.

Message from the Senate No. 44

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

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

**H. 85.** An act relating to captive insurance companies.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has considered bills originating in the House of the following titles:

**H. 182.** An act relating to certain businesses regulated by the Department of Financial Regulation.

**H. 494.** An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to transportation-related law.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

**J.R.S. 18.** Joint resolution in support of combating the rise in hate crimes and bigotry.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill of the following title:

**S. 7.** An act relating to deferred sentences and the sex offender registry.

And has concurred therein.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the Thirteenth day of April, 2017, he approved and signed a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

**S. 13.** An act relating to fees and costs allowed at a tax sale.

The Senate has on its part adopted Senate concurrent resolution of the following title:
**S.C.R. 13.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont Technical College on its 150th anniversary and designating April 13, 2017 as Vermont Tech Day.

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

**H.C.R. 107.** House concurrent resolution designating April 2017 as Financial Capability Month in Vermont.

**H.C.R. 108.** House concurrent resolution designating Thursday, April 6, 2017 as Alzheimer’s Awareness Day at the State House.

**H.C.R. 109.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Alison Bechdel of Bolton on being named the third Vermont Cartoonist Laureate.

**H.C.R. 110.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Essex High School State championship Vermont-NEA Scholars’ Bowl team.

**H.C.R. 111.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Junior Iron Chef championship teams.

**H.C.R. 112.** House concurrent resolution honoring Alexander L. Aldrich for his two decades of exemplary leadership in the furtherance of the arts in Vermont.

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**H.C.R. 119.** House concurrent resolution commemorating the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Bennington.
H.C.R. 120. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Ludlow Rotary Club on its 90th birthday.

H.C.R. 121. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Proctor High School Phantoms Division IV championship boys’ basketball team.


Adjournment

At one o’clock and nine minutes in the afternoon, on motion of Rep. Turner of Milton, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at ten o’clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 30.

Concurrent Resolutions Adopted

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted in concurrence.

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[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts...]
and Resolves of the 2017, seventy-fourth Biennial session.]