

# Journal of the House

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Thursday, February 1, 2018

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

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Pastor Rosaire Bisson of the Christ Community Alliance Church, Barre, VT.

## Rules Suspended; House Bills 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 or placed on the Calendar as follows:

### H. 795

By Reps. Ode of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use of funds by school districts and municipalities;

To the committee on Education.

### H. 796

By Reps. Sibilia of Dover, Forguites of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Keefe of Manchester, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Parent of St. Albans Town, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sullivan of Dorset and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

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

To the committee on Education.

### H. 797

By Reps. Colburn of Burlington, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to unlawful possession of a regulated drug;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 798**

By Rep. Houghton of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to allowing a court to order child support to be continued until the child attains 26 years of age for purposes of health insurance and cash medical support;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 799**

By the committee on Judiciary,

An act relating to notice of sale of property subject to unpaid property taxes;

Pursuant to House rule 48, bill placed on the Calendar for notice.

**H. 800**

By Rep. Kimbell of Woodstock,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the valuation of taxable property in Vermont;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 801**

By Rep. Mrowicki of Putney,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to strict liability for damages caused by domestic dogs;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 802**

By Rep. Conquest of Newbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to rural economic development infrastructure districts;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 803**

By Rep. Keefe of Manchester,

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House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the medical marijuana program;

To the committee on Human Services.

**H. 804**

By Reps. Helm of Fair Haven, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Myers of Essex and Quimby of Concord,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to trustee process of income tax refunds and renter rebates;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

**H. 805**

By Rep. Sibilica of Dover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a "high performance" exemption from the energy efficiency charge;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

**H. 806**

By Reps. Belaski of Windsor and Bartholomew of Hartland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Southeast State Correctional Facility Study Committee;

To the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

**H. 807**

By Rep. Jessup of Middlesex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the education spending calculation for the Town of East Montpelier;

To the committee on Education.

**H. 808**

By Reps. Brennan of Colchester and Poirier of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to all-terrain vehicles;

To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 809**

By Rep. Jickling of Randolph,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fees for motor vehicle operating records;

To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 810**

By Rep. Brennan of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to recalibration of ignition interlock devices;

To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 811**

By Reps. McCoy of Poultney, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Bock of Chester, Botzow of Pownal, Brennan of Colchester, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Frenier of Chelsea, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of Randolph, Jickling of Randolph, Keefe of Manchester, Kimbell of Woodstock, LaClair of Barre Town, Marcotte of Coventry, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Parent of St. Albans Town, Poirier of Barre City, Read of Fayston, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Squirrell of Underhill, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Dorset, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Turner of Milton, Viens of Newport City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wright of Burlington and Young of Glover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to promoting and expanding workforce development and recruitment;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 812**

By Rep. Fields of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

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An act relating to employee scheduling;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

**H. 813**

By Reps. Head of South Burlington, Squirrell of Underhill and Sullivan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a procedure for municipal corporations to retain or release title to certain lease lands;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 814**

By Rep. Keefe of Manchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to designating a public assistance officer within the Agency of Human Services;

To the committee on Human Services.

**H. 815**

By Reps. Marcotte of Coventry, Toll of Danville, Viens of Newport City, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Martel of Waterford, Quimby of Concord, Smith of Derby, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury and Young of Glover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the inspection, licensure, and taxation of short-term rentals;

To the committee on Human Services.

**H. 816**

By Reps. Jessup of Middlesex, Buckholz of Hartford and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to informing custodians and guardians of the duties involved with child custody;

To the committee on Human Services.

**H. 817**

By Rep. Fields of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the method of notification to persons substantiated for child abuse or neglect;

To the committee on Human Services.

**H. 818**

By Rep. Howard of Rutland City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a surcharge on income taxes;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 819**

By Reps. Beck of St. Johnsbury and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to municipal authority to adopt nuisance ordinances regarding marijuana odor;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 820**

By Reps. Lippert of Hinesburg, Briglin of Thetford, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Donahue of Northfield, Dunn of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Houghton of Essex, Morris of Bennington and Pugh of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring consent to photograph, film, or record at a peer support group meeting;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 821**

By Reps. Botzow of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington and Morrissey of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to liability coverage for health care navigators;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 822**

By Reps. Morrissey of Bennington, Turner of Milton, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Beyor of Highgate, Canfield of Fair Haven, Devereux of Mount Holly, Frenier of Chelsea, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Graham of Williamstown, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Myers of Essex, Pearce of Richford, Savage of Swanton, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Terenzini of Rutland Town and Viens of Newport City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to repealing Vermont's certificate of need laws;

To the committee on Human Services.

**H. 823**

By Reps. Turner of Milton, Gamache of Swanton and Savage of Swanton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing Medicaid work requirements;

To the committee on Health Care.

**H. 824**

By Reps. Yacovone of Morristown and Keenan of St. Albans City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to regulation of ambulatory surgical centers;

To the committee on Health Care.

**H. 825**

By Reps. Turner of Milton, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gamache of Swanton, McCoy of Poultney and Savage of Swanton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to limiting the length of the legislative session;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 826**

By Reps. Gannon of Wilmington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Devereux of Mount Holly, Gardner of Richmond, LaClair of Barre Town, Townsend of South Burlington and Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to applying for an early voter absentee ballot on the day preceding an election;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 827**

By Reps. Gannon of Wilmington, Brumsted of Shelburne and Sibia of Dover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to electrician licensure by endorsement;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 828**

By Reps. Gannon of Wilmington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Gardner of Richmond, Harrison of Chittenden and Townsend of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to disclosures in campaign finance law;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 829**

By Reps. LaClair of Barre Town, Bancroft of Westford, Brumsted of Shelburne, Canfield of Fair Haven, Devereux of Mount Holly, Gannon of Wilmington and Harrison of Chittenden,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to appointing town grand jurors;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 830**

By Rep. Stuart of Brattleboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to municipal notice regarding disability benefits available due to post-traumatic stress disorder;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 831**

By Rep. Baser of Bristol,

House bill, entitled



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An act relating to funding for an accelerated weatherization program;  
To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

**H. 832**

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Grad of Moretown and Stuart of Brattleboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to regulating precious metal dealers;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 833**

By Reps. Botzow of Pownal, Marcotte of Coventry, Frenier of Chelsea, Hill of Wolcott, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kimbell of Woodstock, McCoy of Poultney, Myers of Essex, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro and Sullivan of Dorset,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to providing workforce training funds for small businesses;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 834**

By Rep. Webb of Shelburne,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to school suspensions;

To the committee on Education.

**H. 835**

By Rep. Lanpher of Vergennes,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to property taxation of trailer coaches;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 836**

By Rep. Grad of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to electronic court filings for relief from abuse orders;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 837**

By Reps. Gannon of Wilmington and Sibia of Dover,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to solid waste management;  
To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife.

**H. 838**

By Reps. Gannon of Wilmington, Bock of Chester, Conquest of Newbury,  
Harrison of Chittenden, Kimbell of Woodstock, Pajala of Londonderry, Sibia  
of Dover and Weed of Enosburgh,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to the priorities for water quality aid to municipalities;  
To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife.

**H. 839**

By Reps. Canfield of Fair Haven, Baser of Bristol, Beck of St. Johnsbury,  
Brennan of Colchester, Christie of Hartford, Condon of Colchester, Cupoli of  
Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Fagan of Rutland City, Frenier of  
Chelsea, Gage of Rutland City, Hebert of Vernon, Juskiewicz of Cambridge,  
Keefe of Manchester, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lewis of  
Berlin, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Mattos of Milton, McCoy  
of Poultney, Morrissey of Bennington, Norris of Shoreham, Parent of St.  
Albans Town, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Read of Fayston,  
Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Sibia of Dover, Smith of Derby,  
Terenzini of Rutland Town, Turner of Milton, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury and  
Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to making numerous tax changes, including exempting  
certain Social Security benefits and military retirement pay from State  
taxation;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

**Third Reading; Bill Passed****H. 410**

House bill, entitled

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

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Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

**Third Reading; Bill Passed**

**H. 132**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to limiting landowner liability for posting the dangers of swimming holes

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

**Third Reading; Bill Passed**

**H. 271**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

**Remarks Journalized**

On motion of **Rep. Lucke of Hartford**, the following remarks by **Rep. Morris of Bennington** were ordered printed in the Journal:

“Madam Speaker:

Today, the students at Montpelier High School today held a ceremony in the raising of the Black Lives Matter Flag. This was a student-led effort and approved unanimously by their school board in support of their efforts. This effort was a way to stand in solidarity with the black students at the school and bear witness to the stories of black youth on their lived experiences in Vermont. Many members of this body were able to attend the flag-raising this morning that was gorgeous, peaceful and powerful. The students were surrounded by their peers, family and community in this historic moment. It was Vermont leading the way, as we should. I thank the members who came out today and the many more who have signed on to a letter of support to the school. Thank you.

**Adjournment**

At one o'clock and fifteen 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.