Journal of the House

Friday, April 13, 2018

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Speaker.

Message from the Senate No. 49

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 bill originating in the House of the following title:

**H. 843.** An act relating to technical corrections.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

Message from the Senate No. 50

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 bill originating in the House of the following title:

**H. 673.** An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the Reach Up program.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

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

**H. 551.** An act relating to flying the Green Mountain Boys Flag at the State House.

**H. 566.** An act relating to animal cruelty.

**H. 874.** An act relating to inmate access to prescription drugs.
H. 906. An act relating to professional licensing for service members and veterans.

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

H. 836. An act relating to electronic court filings for relief from abuse orders.

And has concurred therein.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the eleventh day of April, 2018, he approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S. 55. An act relating to the disposition of unlawful and abandoned firearms.

S. 128. An act relating to executive sessions under the Open Meeting Law.

S. 169. An act relating to nonresident clergy authorized to solemnize marriages.

S. 221. An act relating to establishing extreme risk protection orders.

S. 291. An act relating to the annual town meeting of the unified towns and gores of Essex County.

Message from Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Ms. Brittney L. Wilson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that on the eleventh day of April 2018, he signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 846  An act relating to the application of general law to chartered municipalities

H. 829  An act relating to appointing town grand jurors

H. 422  An act relating to removal of firearms from a person arrested or cited for domestic assault
House Bill Introduced

H. 927

By Hooper of Montpelier and Kitzmiller of Montpelier introduced a bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Montpelier

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

Rules Suspended; Bill Committed

S. 225

On motion of Rep. Pugh of South Burlington, the rules were suspended and House bill, entitled

An act relating to An act relating to pilot programs for coverage by commercial health insurers of costs associated with medication-assisted treatment;

Appearing on the Calendar for notice, was taken up for immediate consideration.

Thereupon, pending second reading, the bill was committed to the committee on Health Care on motion of Rep. Pugh of South Burlington.

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence With Proposal of Amendment

S. 29

Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to decedents’ estates
Was taken up, read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence With Proposal of Amendment

S. 101

Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to the conduct of forestry operations
Was taken up, read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.
Adjournment

At ten o'clock and twenty-six minutes in the forenoon, on motion of Rep. Turner of Milton, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at ten o’clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 55.

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 herby adopted in concurrence.

H.C.R. 316

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Mount St. Joseph Academy Mounties on winning a fourth consecutive Division IV girls’ basketball championship;

H.C.R. 317

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Windsor High School Yellowjackets Division III championship girls’ basketball team;

H.C.R. 318

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers State championship boys’ alpine skiing team;

H.C.R. 319

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Boys & Girls Clubs of Vermont’s 2018 Youth of the Year honorees;

H.C.R. 320

House concurrent resolution recognizing the centrality of small business in the growth and prosperity of the Vermont economy;

H.C.R. 321

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the federal Fair Housing Act and designating April 2018 as Fair Housing Month in Vermont;

H.C.R. 322

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Jr Iron Chef VT winning teams;

H.C.R. 323

House concurrent resolution designating Tuesday, April 10, 2018 as Equal Pay Day;
H.C.R. 324

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Vermont FARMS 2+2 program for its contribution to Vermont’s agricultural heritage and the program’s 2018 scholarship recipients;

H.C.R. 325

House concurrent resolution honoring Rutland Superintendent of Schools Mary Moran on her extraordinary 47-year career in public education;

H.C.R. 326

House concurrent resolution congratulating Owen Pelletier of Rivendell Academy on being named a 2017 Valley News High School Athlete of the Year;

H.C.R. 327

House concurrent resolution honoring Chittenden community leader Robert Bearor;

[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 2018, seventy-fourth Biennial session.]