

Journal of the House

Friday, April 20, 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 Rep. Brian Cina of Burlington.

Message from the Senate No. 54

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 House proposals of amendment to Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 164. An act relating to establishing the Unused Prescription Drug Repository Program.

S. 182. An act relating to the investment authority of municipal trustees of public funds.

S. 237. An act relating to providing representation to needy persons concerning immigration matters.

S. 282. An act relating to health care providers participating in Vermont's Medicaid program.

And has concurred therein.

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

H. 690. An act relating to explanation of advance directives and treating clinicians who may sign a DNR/COLST.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

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

H. 294. An act relating to inquiries about an applicant's salary history.

H. 333. An act relating to identification of gender-free restrooms in public

buildings and places of public accommodation.

H. 603. An act relating to human trafficking.

H. 696. An act relating to establishing a State individual mandate.

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

Action on Bill Postponed

S. 267

House bill, entitled

An act relating to timing of a decree nisi in a divorce proceeding

Was taken up and pending the reading of the report of the committee on Judiciary, on motion of **Rep. Lalonde of South Burlington**, action on the bill was postponed until April 24, 2018.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 927

House bill, entitled

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

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Bill Committed

S. 70

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the nutritional requirements for children's meals

Appearing on the Calendar for action, was taken up and pending the reading of the report of the committee on Human Services, on motion of **Rep. Haas of Rochester**, the bill was committed to the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

Second Reading; Proposal of Amendment Agreed to;

Third Reading Ordered

S. 85

Rep. Hill of Wolcott, for the committee on Commerce and Economic Development, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to simplifying government for small businesses

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence with proposal of amendment as follows by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. SIMPLIFYING GOVERNMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES;

ONE-STOP BUSINESS PORTAL

(a) The Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development, and the Secretary of Digital Services or their designees shall serve as a steering committee that, in collaboration with leaders of the Program to Improve Vermont Outcomes Together, other State agencies, and business community stakeholders, shall gather requirements and review and consider the necessary procedural and substantive steps to create a one-stop business portal for businesses, entrepreneurs, and citizens that provides information about starting and operating a business in Vermont.

(b) The steering committee shall evaluate the cost and efficacy of potential features of the portal, including features that:

(1) enhance State websites to simplify registrations and provide a clear compilation of other State business requirements, including permits and licenses;

(2) simplify the mechanism for making payments to the State, by allowing a person to pay amounts he or she owes to the State for taxes, fees, or other charges to a single recipient within State government;

(3) simplify annual filing requirements by allowing a person to make a single filing to a single recipient within State government and check a box if nothing substantive has changed from the prior year;

(4) provide guidance, assistance with navigation, and other support to persons who are forming or operating a small business;

(5) after registration, provide information about additional and ongoing State requirements and a point of contact to discuss questions or explore any assistance needed;

(6) provide guidance and information about State and federal programs and initiatives, as well as State partner organizations and Vermont-based businesses of interest; and

(7) map communication channels for project updates, including digital channels such as e-mail, social media, and other communications.

(c) State agencies and departments shall provide assistance to the steering committee upon its request.

(d) On or before January 15, 2019, the Secretary of State, on behalf of the steering committee, shall submit a design proposal, including a project scope, timeline, and roadmap and the resources and any statutory or regulatory changes needed to implement a one-stop business portal.

(e) The steering committee shall focus its review on providing services through the one-stop business portal primarily for the benefit of businesses with 20 or fewer employees.

(f) The Agency of Digital Services shall temporarily assign a project manager or business analyst to report directly to the Secretary of State to assist with the implementation of this act.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on passage, except that Sec. 1(f) shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time, the report of the committee on Commerce and Economic Development agreed to and third reading ordered.

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 27

House bill, entitled

An act relating to eliminating the statute of limitations on prosecutions for sexual assault

Was taken up and pending the question, Will the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment? on motion of **Rep. Lalonde of South Burlington**, action on the bill was postponed until April 24, 2018.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and three minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 56.

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.

H.C.R. 328

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Rivendell Academy

Raptors Division IV championship boys' soccer team;

H.C.R. 329

House concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial of Newport City;

H.C.R. 330

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Our Community Cares Camp organization on entering its 10th year of operation;

H.C.R. 331

House concurrent resolution honoring Dawn Francis for her career achievements as a regional planner, municipal administrator, and public policy advocate;

H.C.R. 332

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 BFA-St. Albans Comets Division I championship girls' ice hockey team;

H.C.R. 333

House concurrent resolution honoring Karen Richard for her exemplary municipal public service career in the town of Colchester;

H.C.R. 334

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 BFA-St. Albans Comets State championship girls' snowboarding team;

H.C.R. 335

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Mount Anthony Union High School wrestling team on its 30th consecutive State championship;

H.C.R. 336

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

H.C.R. 337

House concurrent resolution designating April 2018 as Veterans Suicide Awareness Month in Vermont;

H.C.R. 338

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Middlebury Union High School Tigers Division II championship boys' Nordic skiing team;

H.C.R. 339

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Middlebury Union High School Tigers Division II championship girls' Nordic skiing team;

H.C.R. 340

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont's electric utility lineworkers for their special role in the creation, maintenance, and restoration of the State's electric power line system;

H.C.R. 341

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Senior Games Association for its encouragement of physical fitness for older Vermonters;

H.C.R. 342

House concurrent resolution congratulating Wallace L. Mattison of Pownal on his appointment as Chevalier of the Legion of Honor of France;

H.C.R. 343

House concurrent resolution congratulating Special Olympics International on its 50th anniversary and extending best wishes to the Special Olympics Vermont delegation competing in the Special Olympics 2018 USA Games;

H.C.R. 344

House concurrent resolution commending the agriculture community's contributions in support of the objectives of Earth Day;

H.C.R. 345

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Vermont-associated winter Olympians;

[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.]