

# Journal of the Senate

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THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rabbi Tobi M. Weisman of Montpelier.

## Message from the House No. 33

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Rebecca Silbernagel, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed House bills of the following titles:

**H. 676.** An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects.

**H. 736.** An act relating to lead poisoning prevention.

**H. 919.** An act relating to workforce development.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

## Bills Referred

House bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred:

### **H. 676.**

An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects.

To the Committee on Finance.

### **H. 736.**

An act relating to lead poisoning prevention.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

### **H. 919.**

An act relating to workforce development.

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To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

**Bill Passed**

**S. 53.**

Senate bill of the following title was read the third time and passed:

An act relating to a universal, publicly financed primary care system.

**Bill Passed**

Senate bill entitled:

**S. 85.** An act relating to simplifying government for small businesses.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed on a roll call, Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Senator Sirotkin having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

**Roll Call**

**Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were:** Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Branagan, Bray, Brock, Brooks, Campion, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Flory, Ingram, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Pearson, Pollina, Rodgers, Sirotkin, Soucy, Starr, Westman, White.

**Those Senators who voted in the negative were:** None.

**The Senator absent and not voting was:** Sears.

**Bill Passed**

**S. 253.**

Senate bill of the following title was read the third time and passed:

An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

**Bill Amended; Bill Passed**

**S. 260.**

Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to funding the cleanup of State waters.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senator Bray moved to amend the bill in Sec. 3, 10 V.S.A. § 1389, in subdivision (a)(1)(B)(i), by striking out the following: “, including appropriate block grant amounts from the Agency of Natural Resources’ River Basin Block Grant Program” and in subdivision (d)(2), by striking out the second sentence of the subdivision in its entirety.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed, on a roll call, Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Senator Bray having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

#### **Roll Call**

**Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were:** Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Branagan, Bray, Brock, Brooks, Campion, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Flory, Ingram, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Pearson, Pollina, Rodgers, Sirotkin, Soucy, Starr, Westman, White.

**Those Senators who voted in the negative were:** None.

**The Senator absent and not voting was:** Sears.

#### **Bill Passed**

##### **S. 262.**

Senate bill of the following title was read the third time and passed:

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to the Medicaid program and the Department of Vermont Health Access.

#### **Bill Amended; Bill Passed**

##### **S. 276.**

Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to rural economic development.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senator Bray moved to amend the bill by adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 2a and its reader assistance as follows:

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\* \* \* Environmental Permitting Fees \* \* \*

Sec. 2a. 3 V.S.A. § 2822(j) is amended to read:

(j) In accordance with subsection (i) of this section, the following fees are established for permits, licenses, certifications, approvals, registrations, orders, and other actions taken by the Agency of Natural Resources.

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(26) For individual conditional use determinations, for individual wetland permits, for general conditional use determinations issued under 10 V.S.A. § 1272, or for wetland authorizations issued under a general permit, an administrative processing fee assessed under subdivision (2) of this subsection (j) and an application fee of:

(A) \$0.75 per square foot of proposed impact to Class I or II wetlands.

(B) \$0.25 per square foot of proposed impact to Class I or II wetland buffers.

(C) Maximum fee, for the conversion of Class II wetlands or wetland buffers to cropland use or for installation of a pipeline in a wetland for the transport of manure for the purposes of farming, as that term is defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6001(22), \$200.00 per application. As used in this subdivision, “cropland” means land that is used for the production of agricultural crops, including row crops, fibrous plants, pasture, fruit-bearing bushes, trees, or vines, and the production of Christmas trees.

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Which was agreed to.

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

**Bill Passed**

**S. 281.**

Senate bill of the following title was read the third time and passed:

An act relating to the Systemic Racism Mitigation Oversight and Equity Review Board.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until eleven o'clock and thirty minutes in the morning.