

Journal of the House

Friday, February 15, 2019

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Colors Presented

Colors were presented by the Eagle Scouts.

Thereupon, the Eagle Scouts led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Representative Kevin Christie of Hartford.

Pages Honored

In appreciation of their many services to the members of the General Assembly, the Speaker recognized the following named Pages who are completing their service today and presented them with commemorative pins:

Shaylene Abraham of Barre Town

Lillian Boutin of Montpelier

Luca DeRuzza of Stowe

Michael Fernandez of Thetford Center

Megan Gemignani of Middlebury

Madeline Pike of Richford

Myles Rossi of Waterbury Center

Alivia Roth of Burlington

Sarah Sides of Williston

Rules Suspended; House Bills Introduced

Pending first reading of the bills, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 242

By Rep. Brennan of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to making energy efficiency charges, energy assistance program fees, and electric discount program fees voluntary;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 243

By Rep. Browning of Arlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fossil fuel subsidies;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 244

By Reps. Browning of Arlington and Sullivan of Dorset,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to award requirements for building communities grants in fiscal years 2020 and 2021;

To the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 245

By Reps. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Haas of Rochester, McCormack of Burlington, Ralph of Hartland and Sullivan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating the State Bank of Vermont Study Committee;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 246

By Reps. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs and Browning of Arlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to forgone revenue from tax increment financing districts;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 247

By Rep. Troiano of Stannard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Adjutant and Inspector General;

To the committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

H. 248

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. 249

By Reps. Colston of Winooski and McCormack of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to additional Reach Up Program benefits;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 250

By Reps. Sullivan of Dorset and Bates of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the regulation of cannabis;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 251

By Reps. Grad of Moretown, Colburn of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington and Young of Greensboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expungement of misdemeanor marijuana possession convictions;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 252

By Rep. Kimbell of Woodstock,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to use value appraisals;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 253

By Rep. Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to insurance coverage for fertility preservation for insureds diagnosed with cancer;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 254

By Reps. Bartholomew of Hartland, Bock of Chester and O'Brien of Tunbridge,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to adequate shelter for livestock;

To the committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 255

By Rep. Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to electric vehicle charging station parking spaces;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 256

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Browning of Arlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Colburn of Burlington and Kornheiser of Brattleboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to invasive plant control in State highway rights-of-way;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 257

By Reps. Emmons of Springfield, Bock of Chester and Forguites of Springfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to labeling of roll-off dumpsters;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife.

H. 258

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Browning of Arlington and Yacovone of

Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing an amyotrophic lateral sclerosis registry;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 259

By Reps. Anthony of Barre City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Walz of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a shared social worker position within the Montpelier and Barre Police Departments;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 260

By Rep. Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to sudden cardiac arrest prevention during school athletic activities;

To the committee on Education.

H. 261

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs and Colburn of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to public notice of land application of biosolids and septage;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife.

H. 262

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Colburn of Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to drinking water public notice requirements;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife.

House Resolution Referred to Committee**H.R. 6**

House resolution, entitled

House resolution amending the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives related to the introduction of bills

Offered by: Representatives Higley of Lowell, Bancroft of Westford, Bock of Chester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Goslant of Northfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Kimbell of Woodstock, Lefebvre of Newark, Leffler of Enosburgh, Martel of Waterford, Page of Newport City, Potter of Clarendon, Quimby of Concord, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Seymour of Sutton, Smith of Derby, Strong of Albany, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Whereas, the Office of Legislative Council's receipt of a large number of standard-form bill drafting requests from members after the convening of the biennial and adjourned sessions of the General Assembly has proven increasingly challenging, and

Whereas, placing a limit on the number of member-initiated standard-form bill drafting requests, after the convening of the biennial and adjourned sessions of the General Assembly, combined with the authority of the House Rules Committee to grant a waiver in specific circumstances, would ease the heavy early-session workload on the Office of Legislative Council and still allow for legitimate bill requests that could not have been anticipated by the first day of the biennial or adjourned sessions, and

Whereas, members would still be authorized to request an unlimited number of standard-form bills prior to the convening of the biennial session and during the legislative interim, and these rule changes would not impact the ability of members to introduce municipal charter amendment legislation following the Town Meeting Day recess, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

First: That Rule 40(a)(1) of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives be amended to read:

40(a) During the first year of the biennium:

(1) Except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no member may introduce a bill into the House drafted in standard form unless he or she submits the request to Office of Legislative Council on or before the last legislative day of January and approves the bill for public release on or before the fourth legislative day before the end of February. Prior to the first day of the first year of the biennium, a member may request an unlimited number of

bills drafted in standard form that shall be approved for public release on or before the fourth legislative day before the end of February. Thereafter, except with the prior consent of the House Rules Committee, a member may request a maximum of five bills drafted in standard form from the first day of the biennium until the last legislative day of January that shall be approved for public release on or before the fourth legislative day before the end of February.

Second: That Rule 40(b)(1) of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives be amended to read:

40(b) During the second year of the biennium:

(1) ~~Except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules,~~

~~no member may introduce a bill into the House drafted in standard form unless he or she submits the request to the Office Legislative Council on or before the fifteenth day of January, and approves the bill for public release on or before the last legislative day of January. Prior to the first day of the second year of the biennium, a member may request an unlimited number of bills drafted in standard form that shall be approved for public release on or before the last legislative day of January. Thereafter, except with the prior consent of the House Rules Committee, a member may request a maximum of five bills drafted in standard form from the first day of the second year of the biennium until the 15th day of January that shall be approved for public release on or before the last legislative day of January.~~

Which was read and referred to the committee on Rules.

Committee Appointment

The Speaker appointed **Representative Hango of Berkshire** to the committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 7

House bill, entitled

An act relating to second degree aggravated domestic assault

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Favorable Report; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 218

Rep. Rosenquist of Georgia, for the committee on Human Services, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to lead poisoning prevention

Reported in favor of its passage. The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time and third reading ordered.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and nine minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 15.

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. 47

House concurrent resolution honoring Susan and Richard Collitt for their 40-plus years of dedicated proprietorship of the Ripton Country Store.;

H.C.R. 48

House concurrent resolution congratulating Maddie Folsom on being named the 2018 Vermont Gatorade Girls' Volleyball Player of the Year;

H.C.R. 49

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II championship boys' lacrosse team;

H.C.R. 50

House concurrent resolution congratulating Foster Brothers Farm of Addison County on being named the 2019 Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year;

H.C.R. 51

House concurrent resolution in memory of Rutland Town municipal leader Richard S. Lloyd;

H.C.R. 52

House concurrent resolution congratulating Thetford Academy on the observance of its bicentennial;

H.C.R. 53

House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of Public,

Educational, and Government Access cable television channels and their associated Community Media Access Centers;

H.C.R. 54

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont Court Diversion on its 40th anniversary;

H.C.R. 55

House concurrent resolution honoring Garry Montague on the conclusion of 53 years as a barber and 47 years as the owner of Garry's Barbershop in Essex Junction;

S.C.R. 4

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former NOFA-VT Executive Director and organic farming pioneer advocate, Enid Wonnacott;

[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 2019, seventy-fifth Biennial session.]