

Journal of the House

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

At ten o'clock in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Pastor Herb Hatch, Old Brick Church, East Montpelier, VT.

Pledge of Allegiance

Page Isabella Bevins of Plainfield led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Message from the Senate No. 19

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 on its part passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 24. An act relating to naming the Courthouse located at 9 Merchants Row in Rutland.

S. 84. An act relating to emissions inspections.

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

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

H.C.R. 56. House concurrent resolution honoring Floyd W. Van Alstyne for his six decades of civic leadership in the Town of Barnard.

H.C.R. 57. House concurrent resolution honoring former Pittsfield Town Clerk Patty Haskins for her exemplary municipal public service.

H.C.R. 58. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Rutland Herald reporter and Renaissance man Bernard H. Crosier.

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. 401

By Reps. O'Sullivan of Burlington, Christie of Hartford, Jerome of Brandon, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Ralph of Hartland, Till of Jericho and Troiano of Stannard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Vermont National Guard;

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

H. 402

By Reps. Killacky of South Burlington, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Brumsted of Shelburne, Colston of Winooski, Demrow of Corinth, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Gamache of Swanton, Gardner of Richmond, Gonzalez of Winooski, Hooper of Burlington, James of Manchester, Notte of Rutland City, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Redmond of Essex, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to food security for veterans;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 403

By Rep. Helm of Fair Haven,

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. 404

By Rep. Brennan of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to administration and implementation of water quality projects;

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

H. 405

By Reps. Hooper of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Cina of Burlington, Demrow of Corinth,

Durfee of Shaftsbury, Fegard of Berkshire, Hashim of Dummerston, Jerome of Brandon, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Palasik of Milton, Till of Jericho and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to harassing marketing or solicitation of vulnerable adults;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 406

By Rep. Leffler of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to screening students for dyslexia and ensuring teachers receive training concerning dyslexia;

To the committee on Education.

H. 407

By Reps. Savage of Swanton and Gamache of Swanton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating the Vermont Native American Scholarship Program;

To the committee on Education.

H. 408

By Reps. McCullough of Williston, Macaig of Williston and Squirrel of Underhill,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reducing the risk of head injury during athletic events;

To the committee on Education.

H. 409

By Reps. Hooper of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Brownell of Pownal, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cina of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Dolan of Waitsfield, Gannon of Wilmington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Nicoll of Ludlow, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Patt of Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Ralph of Hartland and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to single-use plastic bags and single-use plastic containers;

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

H. 410

By Rep. McCullough of Williston,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to hunting and trapping;

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

H. 411

By Rep. McCullough of Williston,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to nuisance wildlife and trapping;

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

H. 412

By Reps. Masland of Thetford and Briglin of Thetford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to parental rights and responsibilities;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 413

By Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to recognition and enforcement of Canadian domestic violence protection orders;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 414

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Briglin of Thetford and McCullough of Williston,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to allowing towns to appoint a town energy committee;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 415

By Reps. Donovan of Burlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown

Springs, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Hooper of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Troiano of Stannard and Walz of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to consumer protection and prohibiting special heating fuel charges;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 416

By Reps. Browning of Arlington and Sullivan of Dorset,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing Vermont's earned income tax credit;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 417

By Reps. Masland of Thetford and Briglin of Thetford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to appurtenant dwelling units under the use value appraisal program;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 418

By Reps. Donovan of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Sullivan of Burlington and Troiano of Stannard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in municipal elections;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 419

By Reps. Grad of Moretown and LaLonde of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to criminal threatening;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 420

By Reps. Briglin of Thetford, Browning of Arlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Elder of Starksboro, James of Manchester, Lefebvre of Newark, Masland of Thetford, Partridge of Windham, Stevens of Waterbury and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to authorized spending of Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program grants;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 421

By Reps. Shaw of Pittsford and Jerome of Brandon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to in-state generation facility certificate of public good transferability;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 422

By Rep. Hooper of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to notice of property tax appeals;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 423

By Reps. Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Christie of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Cordes of Lincoln, James of Manchester, LaLonde of South Burlington, McCullough of Williston and Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to public institutions using net metering;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 424

By Rep. Pugh of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 425

By Rep. Christie of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 426

By Rep. Shaw of Pittsford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the deadline to prepare local election ballots;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 427

By Reps. Colston of Winooski, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Gonzalez of Winooski, Killacky of South Burlington and Redmond of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a uniform process for foreign credential verification in the Office of Professional Regulation;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 428

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Donovan of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Patt of Worcester, Ralph of Hartland, Till of Jericho, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to collective bargaining;

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

H. 429

By Reps. Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Anthony of Barre City, Christie of

Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Donovan of Burlington, McCarthy of St. Albans City, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Szott of Barnard, Troiano of Stannard and Walz of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing the minimum wage and phasing out the tipped minimum wage;

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

H. 430

By Reps. Christie of Hartford, Harrison of Chittenden and Shaw of Pittsford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Municipal Labor Relations Act;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 431

By Rep. Christie of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting agreements that prevent an employee from working for the employer or an affiliate of the employer;

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

H. 432

By Reps. Ralph of Hartland, Cina of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski and Hooper of Randolph,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the residential building energy standards;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 433

By Reps. Young of Greensboro, Dolan of Waitsfield, Grad of Moretown, Rogers of Waterville, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe and Sheldon of Middlebury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the tax on spirits and fortified wines;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 434

By Rep. Donahue of Northfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to including the amount expended by an employer for health insurance in the determination of the minimum wage;

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

H. 435

By Reps. Ode of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington and O'Sullivan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the exemption of military retirement pay from State income taxation;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 436

By Rep. Hashim of Dummerston,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to international wills;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 437

By Rep. Lippert of Hinesburg,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting the inclusion of brokers' fees in premiums for large group health insurance plans;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 438

By Rep. Lippert of Hinesburg,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Board of Medical Practice and the licensure of physicians and podiatrists;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 439

By Reps. Troiano of Stannard and Sullivan of Burlington,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to the Home Weatherization Assistance Program;
To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 440

By Reps. Cordes of Lincoln, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington,
Colston of Winooski, Elder of Starksboro and O'Brien of Tunbridge,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to the Vermont Building Energy Labeling System;
To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 441

By Reps. Conquest of Newbury, Bartholomew of Hartland, Fegard of
Berkshire, Graham of Williamstown, Houghton of Essex, O'Brien of
Tunbridge, Partridge of Windham and Strong of Albany,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to exempting veterinary supplies from sales tax;
To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 442

By Reps. Forguites of Springfield, Emmons of Springfield, Bock of
Chester, Brennan of Colchester, Christensen of Weathersfield, Conlon of
Cornwall and Gannon of Wilmington,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to downtown and village center tax credits in an opportunity
zone;
To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 443

By Reps. Pugh of South Burlington, Birong of Vergennes, McCarthy of St.
Albans City and White of Hartford,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to child passenger restraining systems;
To the committee on Human Services.

H. 444

By Reps. Sibia of Dover, Szott of Barnard, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Jickling of Randolph, Nicoll of Ludlow and Pajala of Londonderry,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to ranked choice voting;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 445

By Rep. Jickling of Randolph,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to developing a strategy for addressing the unaffordability of health insurance;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 446

By Reps. Jickling of Randolph, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cina of Burlington, Conquest of Newbury, Donahue of Northfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Sibia of Dover, Smith of Derby and Szott of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to access to health care in rural Vermont;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 447

By Reps. Browning of Arlington and Sullivan of Dorset,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to funding the Vermont Employees' Retirement System and the Vermont Teachers' Retirement System;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 448

By Reps. Anthony of Barre City, Walz of Barre City, Browning of Arlington, Donovan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford and Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to funding affordable housing initiatives;

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

H. 449

By Rep. Briglin of Thetford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to borrowing authority for supervisory unions;

To the committee on Education.

H. 450

By Reps. Toof of St. Albans Town, Batchelor of Derby, Brennan of Colchester, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden and Leffler of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of the Vermont Housing Incentive Program;

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

H. 451

By Reps. White of Hartford, Anthony of Barre City, Birong of Vergennes, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Hooper of Burlington, James of Manchester, McCullough of Williston and Scheu of Middlebury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding the scope of the beverage container redemption system;

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

H. 452

By Reps. Jickling of Randolph, Chase of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Hooper of Randolph, Kimbell of Woodstock, Rogers of Waterville and Sibia of Dover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to enforcement of environmental violations occurring on trails;

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

H. 453

By Rep. Burditt of West Rutland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting the use, sale, or application of the herbicide atrazine;

To the committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 454

By Reps. Hooper of Montpelier, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Brumsted of Shelburne, Christensen of Weathersfield, Colston of Winooski, Forguites of Springfield, Gardner of Richmond, Hooper of Burlington, Killacky of South Burlington, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Macaig of Williston, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Pugh of South Burlington, Squirrel of Underhill, Sullivan of Burlington, Walz of Barre City, Wood of Waterbury and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to naming the State office building located at 133 State Street in Montpelier;

To the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 24

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to naming the Courthouse located at 9 Merchants Row in Rutland

Was read and referred to the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 84

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to emissions inspections

Was read and referred to the committee on Transportation.

**Committee Relieved of Consideration
and Bill Committed to Other Committee**

H. 193

Rep. Trieber of Rockingham moved that the committee on Appropriations be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a State funding match for Americorps members

And that the bill be committed to the committee on Commerce and Economic Development, which was agreed to.

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 97

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fiscal year 2019 budget adjustments

Was taken up and pending the question, Will the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment? on motion of **Rep. Hooper of Montpelier**, action on the bill was postponed until February 27, 2019.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and twenty-seven minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in the afternoon.