Journal of the House

Thursday, February 28, 2019

At one o'clock in the afternoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. Leon Dunkley, North Universalist Chapel Society, Woodstock, VT.

Message from the Senate No. 20

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. 23. An act relating to increasing the minimum wage.

S. 27. An act relating to maintaining the home health agency provider tax.

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

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. 480

By Reps. O'Brien of Tunbridge, Bock of Chester and Strong of Albany,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized milk;

To the committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 481

By Reps. Strong of Albany and Bock of Chester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to an unpasteurized milk sale pilot program and unpasteurized milk labeling and reporting requirements; To the committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 482

By Reps. Trieber of Rockingham, Anthony of Barre City, Bancroft of Westford, Bates of Bennington, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Bock of Chester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Randolph, Jickling of Randolph, LaLonde of South Burlington, Mattos of Milton, Murphy of Fairfax, Nicoll of Ludlow, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, Sibilia of Dover, Smith of Derby, Szott of Barnard, Toof of St. Albans Town, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Wood of Waterbury and Young of Greensboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to drink specials;

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

H. 483

By Rep. Colburn of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating the Vermont Private Attorneys General Act;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 484

By Rep. Burditt of West Rutland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to sports wagering;

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

H. 485

By Rep. Noyes of Wolcott,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to SerVermont;

To the committee on Human Services.

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H. 486

By Reps. Gonzalez of Winooski, Donovan of Burlington, Sheldon of Middlebury and Sullivan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a study of fragrances in State buildings;

To the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 487

By Reps. Fagan of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Harrison of Chittenden, Jerome of Brandon, Norris of Shoreham, Notte of Rutland City, Potter of Clarendon, Sullivan of Dorset and Terenzini of Rutland Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to changes to Act 250;

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

H. 488

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Cupoli of Rutland City and Sibilia of Dover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a statewide school district;

To the committee on Education.

H. 489

By Rep. Gannon of Wilmington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use of food residuals in farming operations;

To the committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 490

By Rep. Noyes of Wolcott,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to providing law enforcement authority to environmental enforcement officers;

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

H. 491

By Reps. Chase of Colchester, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Houghton of Essex, Jerome of Brandon and White of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the grounds for annulment of marriage;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 492

By Reps. Stevens of Waterbury, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington and Sullivan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a homeless bill of rights and prohibiting discrimination against people without homes;

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

H. 493

By Reps. Leffler of Enosburgh, Batchelor of Derby, Burditt of West Rutland, Carroll of Bennington, Fagan of Rutland City, Fegard of Berkshire, Graham of Williamstown, Higley of Lowell, Page of Newport City, Seymour of Sutton, Toof of St. Albans Town and White of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting Vermont agencies from assisting the federal government in the collection of private electronic communications data;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 494

By Reps. Trieber of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to ensuring inmates have the documentation necessary to secure employment upon release from a correctional facility;

To the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 495

By Rep. Noyes of Wolcott,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to criminal history record fee exemptions;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 496

By Reps. Carroll of Bennington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Austin of Colchester, Bates of Bennington, Bock of Chester, Burke of Brattleboro, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Dolan of Waitsfield, Elder of Starksboro, Fegard of Berkshire, Gannon of Wilmington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Hashim of Dummerston, Houghton of Essex, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Killacky of South Burlington, Morrissey of Bennington, Notte of Rutland City, O'Brien of Tunbridge, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralph of Hartland, Redmond of Essex, Sibilia of Dover, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Dorset, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington and White of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to bias-motivated crimes and misconduct;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 497

By Rep. Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the welfare of animals within pet care facilities;

To the committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 498

By Rep. Christie of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to penalties for DUI with aggravating circumstances;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 499

By Reps. Christie of Hartford, Anthony of Barre City, Chase of Colchester, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Donovan of Burlington, Gannon of Wilmington, Hashim of Dummerston, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City and Yantachka of Charlotte, House bill, entitled

An act relating to automobile insurance discounts for seniors;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 500

By Reps. Till of Jericho, Demrow of Corinth, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, Sullivan of Burlington and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to universal home visiting and parenting classes;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 501

By Rep. Colburn of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the distribution of fentanyl test strips;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 502

By Reps. Trieber of Rockingham, Haas of Rochester, Partridge of Windham and Redmond of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a provisional license to operate or provisional privilege to operate a motor vehicle to drive to work or school;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 503

By Rep. McCormack of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to studying an education income tax;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 504

By Reps. Lanpher of Vergennes and Birong of Vergennes, House bill, entitled

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An act relating to eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur for any child with type 1 diabetes or an autoimmune disorder;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 505

By Reps. Lanpher of Vergennes and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to enrollment in Medicare supplemental insurance policies;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 506

By Reps. Shaw of Pittsford, Coffey of Guilford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Demrow of Corinth, LaClair of Barre Town, McCormack of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington and Taylor of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use of single-use carryout bags;

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

H. 507

By Reps. Dolan of Waitsfield, Squirrell of Underhill and Webb of Shelburne,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to water quality financing;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 508

By Reps. Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Carroll of Bennington and Corcoran of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Bennington;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 509

By Reps. Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington and Hooper of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to designating Election Day as a State holiday;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 510

By Reps. Troiano of Stannard, Gonzalez of Winooski, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Brownell of Pownal, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Donovan of Burlington, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralph of Hartland, Redmond of Essex, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sullivan of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington and Walz of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing the minimum wage;

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

H. 511

By the committee on Judiciary,

An act relating to criminal statutes of limitations;

Pursuant to House rule 48, bill placed on the Calendar for notice.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 23

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing the minimum wage

Was read and referred to the committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 27

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to maintaining the home health agency provider tax

Was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Leave of House Granted; Vote Changed

Pursuant to House Rule 74, **Rep. Smith of New Haven** asked and was granted leave of the House to change his vote on H.57 An act relating to preserving the right to abortion, on the question of "Shall the bill pass?" when his vote was recorded as a yes and he was absent.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 140

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the State Advisory Panel on Special Education

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Adjournment

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