Journal of the House

Friday, March 15, 2019

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Pastor Lorena Dunham, Lamoille Valley Church of the Nazarene, Johnson, VT.

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred to committee or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H 522

By Reps. Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Brownell of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, James of Manchester and Sullivan of Dorset,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating the Vermont 250th Commission;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 524

By the committee on Health Care,

An act relating to health insurance and the individual mandate;

Pursuant to House rule 48, bill placed on the Calendar for notice. Pending appearance on the Calendar for Notice, affecting the revenue of the state, under rule 35(a), was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 525

By the committee on Agriculture and Forestry,

An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects;

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

Senate Bill Referred

S. 47

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the persons authorized to make contributions to candidates and political parties and to political committee names

Was read and referred to the committee on Government Operations.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 49

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the regulation of polyfluoroalkyl substances in drinking and surface waters

Was read and referred to the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 95

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to municipal utility capital investment

Was read and referred to the committee on Energy and Technology.

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 205

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the regulation of neonicotinoid pesticides

Appearing on the Calendar, affecting the revenue of the state, under rule 35(a), was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

H. 523

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to the State's retirement systems

Appearing on the Calendar, carrying an appropriation, under rule 35(a), was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

Committee Bill; Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered

H. 514

Rep. Young of Greensboro spoke for the committee on Ways and Means.

House bill entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? **Rep. Donahue of Northfield** moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 20 (household income), after the ellipses but before subdivision (4), by inserting the following:

(3) "Household" means, for any individual and for any taxable year, the individual and such other persons as resided with the individual in the principal dwelling at any time during the taxable year; provided, however, an individual's household shall not include other persons with separate leases, notwithstanding the fact that the individual and the other persons may share some spaces in common. A person who is not related to any member of the household and who is residing in the household under a written homesharing agreement pursuant to a nonprofit homesharing program or a person residing in a household who is hired as a bona fide employee to provide personal care to a member of the household and who is not related to the person for whom the care is provided shall not be considered to be a member of the household.

Thereupon, **Rep. Donahue of Northfield** asked and was granted leave of the House to withdraw her amendment and third reading was ordered.

Proposal of Amendment Agreed to; Joint Resolution Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment

J.R.S. 17

Joint Resolution, entitled

Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly to vote on the retention of eight Superior Judges and one Magistrate

Was taken up and pending the question Shall the Joint Resolution be adopted in concurrence?, **Rep. Rachelson of Burlington** moved to propose to the Senate to amend the resolution as follows:

In the final resolved clause by striking "March 28, 2019" and inserting in lieu thereof "March 27, 2019"

Which was agreed to. Thereupon, the resolution was adopted in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 278

House bill, entitled

An act relating to acknowledgment or denial of parentage

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 321

House bill, entitled

An act relating to aggravated murder for killing a firefighter or an emergency medical provider

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Committee Bill; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 518

Rep. Hashim of Dummerston spoke for the committee on Judiciary.

House bill entitled

An act relating to fair and impartial policing

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time and third reading ordered.

Bill Committed

H. 460

House bill, entitled

An act relating to sealing and expungement of criminal history records

Appearing on the Calendar for action, was taken up and pending the reading of the report of the committee on Judiciary, on motion of **Rep. Grad of Moretown**, the bill was committed to the committee on Ways and Means.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and thirty-eight minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 18.

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 herby adopted in concurrence.

H.C.R. 67

House concurrent resolution designating Tuesday, March 19, 2019 as Project Trio Day at the State House;

H.C.R. 68

House concurrent resolution congratulating Cabot Creamery Co-operative on its centennial;

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House concurrent resolution congratulating the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery on its centennial;

H.C.R. 70

House concurrent resolution honoring Dr. Dennis LeBlanc for his four decades of outstanding dental service in Derby;

H.C.R. 71

House concurrent resolution honoring civic activist Shirley Searles Squires of Guilford;

H.C.R. 72

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Windsor High School Division III championship baseball team;

H.C.R. 73

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Mt. Abraham Union High School Eagles Division II championship field hockey team;

H.C.R. 74

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Brookfield Ice Harvest at the Floating Bridge on its 40th anniversary and honoring the event's founder, Al Wilder;

H.C.R. 75

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks Division I championship boys' soccer team;

H.C.R. 76

House concurrent resolution congratulating The Pharmacy in Bennington and its founding pharmacists, Philip J. O'Neill and Edward P. Molloy, on the

retailer's 50th anniversary;

H.C.R. 77

House concurrent resolution congratulating Bennington Project Independence on its 40th anniversary and the 10th anniversary of its home at the Dr. Richard A. Sleeman Center;

H.C.R. 78

House concurrent resolution recognizing March 15, 2019 as Brain Injury Awareness Day in Vermont;

H.C.R. 79

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Norwich University professor and Northfield civic leader Donald MacPherson Wallace Jr.;

H.C.R. 80

House concurrent resolution designating March 12, 2019 as Vermont Lions Day at the State House;

H.C.R. 81

House concurrent resolution honoring Daniel Roberts on his half century of exemplary service as a Tunbridge volunteer firefighter;

H.C.R. 82

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Assistant Sergeant at Arms and Head Doorkeeper Laurence A. Wade Sr. of East Barre;

S.C.R. 6

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Linda Hall for her 30 years of outstanding volunteer leadership as the director of the Solomon Wright Public Library in Pownal;

[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.]