Journal of the House

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

At one o'clock and fifty-eight minutes in the afternoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Pastor Rosaire Bisson, Christ Community Alliance Church, Barre, VT.

House Bill Introduced

H. 543

By the committee on Corrections and Institutions

House bill, entitled

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding

Pursuant to House rule 48, the bill was placed on the Calendar for notice. Pending appearance on the Calendar for notice, carrying an appropriation, under rule 35(a), was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 53

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to determining the proportion of health care spending allocated to primary care

Was read and referred to the committee on Health Care.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 55

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials

Was read and referred to the committee on Human Services.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 73

Senate bill, entitled

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An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers
Was read and referred to the committee on Health Care.

**Senate Bill Referred**

**S. 112**

Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to earned good time
Was read and referred to the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

**Senate Bill Referred**

**S. 134**

Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to background investigations for State employees with access to federal tax information
Was read and referred to the committee on Government Operations.

**Senate Bill Referred**

**S. 141**

Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to nutritional requirements for children’s meals
Was read and referred to the committee on Human Services.

**Senate Bill Referred**

**S. 169**

Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to firearms procedures
Was read and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

**Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**

**J.R.S. 20**

By Senator Ashe,

**J.R.S. 20.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

**Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:**

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, March 29, 2019, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

Was taken up, read and adopted in concurrence.
Third Reading; Bill Passed  
H. 205

House bill, entitled  
An act relating to the regulation of neonicotinoid pesticides  
Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed  
H. 342

House bill, entitled  
An act relating to qualification for a public defender  
Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Bill Taken Up; Consideration Interrupted  
H. 439

House bill, entitled  
An act relating to the Home Weatherization Assistance Program  
Was taken up and pending third reading of the bill, Reps. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs and Yacovone of Morristown moved to amend the bill as follows:

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. INCOME TAX RATES; APPROPRIATION

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for taxable year 2019 and after, income tax rates under 32 V.S.A. § 5822(a)(1)–(5), after taking into consideration any inflation adjustments to taxable income as required by 32 V.S.A. § 5822(b)(2), shall be changed so that taxable income that was subject to a rate of 8.75 percent in taxable year 2018 shall be taxed at the rate of 9.15 percent instead, in order to fund weatherization program under chapter 25 of Title 33. When preparing the Vermont Statutes Annotated for publication, the Office of Legislative Council shall revise the tables in 32 V.S.A. § 5822(a)(1)–(5) to reflect the changes to the tax rates and tax brackets made in this section.

(b) For fiscal year 2020 and after, it is the intent of the General Assembly to allocate $5 million in income tax revenue raised in this bill to the existing recipients of the Home Weatherization Assistance Program, and to allocate an additional $5 million in income tax revenue to expanding the Home
Weatherization Assistance Program to benefit individuals with up to 120 percent of the area median income, or 120 percent of the State median income, whichever is higher, pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 2502.

Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 435 is amended to read:

§ 435. GENERAL FUND

(a) There is established the General Fund which shall be the basic operating fund of the State. The General Fund shall be used to finance all expenditures for which no special revenues have otherwise been provided by law.

(b) The General Fund shall be composed of revenues from the following sources:

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(5) Individual 98.9 percent of the income taxes levied pursuant to chapter 151 of this title;

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Sec. 3. 33 V.S.A. § 2501 is amended to read:

§ 2501. HOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE FUND

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(b) The Fund shall be composed of the receipts from the gross receipts tax on retail sales of fuel imposed by section 2503 of this title, 1.1 percent of the income taxes levied pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 151, such funds as may be allocated from the Oil Overcharge Fund, such funds as may be allocated from the federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program, and such other funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly.

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Sec. 4. 33 V.S.A. § 2502(b)(3) is amended to read:

(3) The Director, in collaboration with the weatherization service providers and other stakeholders, shall develop the State program so that it will include:

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(B) With regard to multi-family buildings, requiring either of the following requirements to be met:

(i) At least 25 percent or more of the tenants in the building are eligible for the Program.
(ii) At least 50 percent of the units are weatherization affordable, and at least one tenant of the building has applied for the Program and has been determined to be eligible. For purposes of this subdivision, “weatherization affordable” means a unit having a rent that is established at less than 30 percent of the income level established by computing $0.12$ percent of the area median income level or $0.12$ percent of the State median income level, whichever is higher, for the relevant household size. Relevant household size means the number of bedrooms in the unit, plus one.

(C) Establishing Program eligibility levels at $0.8$ $1.2$ percent of the area median income, or $0.8$ $1.2$ percent of the State median income, whichever is higher. Subject to the priority under section 2608 of this title given to participants in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program, the State program shall, when weighing factors to assign priority to buildings or units eligible for weatherization assistance, assign the greatest weight to those buildings and units that require the highest energy usage.

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Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section shall take effect on passage.

(b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 1 (income tax rates; appropriation) shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2019 and the income tax rate change shall apply to taxable year 2019 and after.

(c) Secs. 2–3 (income tax allocation) and 4 (eligibility levels) shall take effect July 1, 2019 and apply to fiscal year 2020 and after.

Recess

At two o'clock and fourteen minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

At three o'clock and eight minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Consideration Resumed; Bill Amended; Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 439

Consideration resumed on House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Home Weatherization Assistance Program

Thereupon, the amendment as offered by Reps. Chestnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs and Yacovone of Morristown was disagreed to on a division of Yeas 15, and Nays 110.
Pending the third reading of the bill, Rep. Mattos of Milton moved to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1 (fuel tax), in the section heading, after the word “FUEL” but before the word “TAX” by inserting the word “CARBON”

Second: By inserting a Sec. 1a to read as follows:

Sec. 1a. CONFORMING REVISIONS

When preparing the Vermont Statutes Annotated for publication, the Office of Legislative Council shall make the following revisions throughout the statutes as needed for consistency with Sec. 1 of this act, as long as the revisions have no other effect on the meaning of the affected statutes:

(1) replace references to the “fuel tax” in 33 V.S.A. § 2503 with “fuel carbon tax” in Title 33; and

(2) make revisions that are substantially similar to those described in subdivision (1) of this subsection in other titles of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Mattos of Milton? Rep. McCoy of Poultney demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Mattos of Milton? was decided in the negative. Yeas, 38. Nays, 102.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bancroft of Westford  Batchelor of Derby  Beck of St. Johnsbury  Brennan of Colchester  Burditt of West Rutland  Canfield of Fair Haven  Cupoli of Rutland City  Dickinson of St. Albans  Town  Donahue of Northfield  Fagan of Rutland City  Gamache of Swanton  Goslant of Northfield

Bancroft of Westford  Batchelor of Derby  Beck of St. Johnsbury  Brennan of Colchester  Burditt of West Rutland  Canfield of Fair Haven  Cupoli of Rutland City  Dickinson of St. Albans  Town  Donahue of Northfield  Fagan of Rutland City  Gamache of Swanton  Goslant of Northfield

Graham of Williamstown  Gregoire of Fairfield  Hango of Berkshire  Harrison of Chittenden  Helm of Fair Haven  Higley of Lowell  LaClair of Barre Town  Leffler of Enosburgh  Martel of Waterford  Mattos of Milton  McCoy of Poultney  McFaun of Barre Town  Morgan of Milton

Graham of Williamstown  Gregoire of Fairfield  Hango of Berkshire  Harrison of Chittenden  Helm of Fair Haven  Higley of Lowell  LaClair of Barre Town  Leffler of Enosburgh  Martel of Waterford  Mattos of Milton  McCoy of Poultney  McFaun of Barre Town  Morgan of Milton

Morrissey of Bennington  Page of Newport City  Palasik of Milton  Quimby of Concord  Rosenquist of Georgia  Scheuermann of Stowe  Seymour of Sutton  Shaw of Pittsford  Smith of Derby  Smith of New Haven  Strong of Albany  Terenzini of Rutland Town  Toof of St. Albans Town

Morrissey of Bennington  Page of Newport City  Palasik of Milton  Quimby of Concord  Rosenquist of Georgia  Scheuermann of Stowe  Seymour of Sutton  Shaw of Pittsford  Smith of Derby  Smith of New Haven  Strong of Albany  Terenzini of Rutland Town  Toof of St. Albans Town

Those who voted in the negative are:

Ancel of Calais  Anthony of Barre City  Austin of Colchester  Bartholomew of Hartland  Bates of Bennington

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Feltus of Lyndon  Forguites of Springfield  Gannon of Wilmington  Gardner of Richmond  Giambatista of Essex

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Notte of Rutland City  Noyes of Wolcott  Ode of Burlington  O'Sullivan of Burlington  Pajala of Londonderry

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Birong of Vergennes Grad of Moretown Partridge of Windham
Bock of Chester Haas of Rochester Patt of Worcester
Briglin of Thetford Hashim of Dummerston Potter of Clarendon
Brownell of Pownal Hill of Wolcott Pugh of South Burlington
Browning of Arlington Hooper of Montpelier Rachelson of Burlington
Brumsted of Shelburne Hooper of Randolph Ralph of Hartland
Burke of Brattleboro Hooper of Burlington Redmond of Essex
Campbell of St. Johnsbury Houghton of Essex Rogers of Waterville
Carroll of Bennington James of Manchester Scheu of Middlebury
Chase of Colchester Jerome of Brandon Sheldon of Middlebury
Chesnut-Tangerman of Jessup of Middlesex Sibilia of Dover
Middletown Springs Jickling of Randolph Squirrel of Underhill
Christensen of Weathersfield Killacky of South Burlington Stevens of Waterbury
Christie of Hartford Kimbell of Woodstock Sullivan of Dorset
Cina of Burlington Kitzmiller of Montpelier Sullivan of Burlington
Coffey of Guilford Kornheiser of Brattleboro Szott of Barnard
Colburn of Burlington Krowinski of Burlington Taylor of Colchester
Colston of Winooski LaLonde of South Till of Jericho *
Conlon of Cornwall Burlington Toleno of Brattleboro
Conquest of Newbury Lanpher of Vergennes Toll of Danville
Copeland-Hanzas of Long of Newfane Townsend of South
Bradford Macaig of Williston Burlington
Corcoran of Bennington Marcotte of Coventry Trieb of Rockingham
Cordes of Lincoln Masland of Thetford Troiano of Stannard
Demrow of Corinth McCarthy of St. Albans City Walz of Barre City
Dolan of Waitsfield McCormack of Burlington Webb of Shelburne
Durfee of Shaftsbury McCullough of Williston Wood of Waterbury
Elder of Starkboro Mrowicki of Putney Yacovone of Morristown
Emmons of Springfield Murphy of Fairfax Yantachka of Charlotte
Fegard of Berkshire Myers of Essex Young of Greensboro *
Nicoll of Ludlow

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Donovan of Burlington Lefebvre of Newark O’Brien of Tunbridge
Gonzalez of Winooski Lippert of Hinesburg Savage of Swanton
Howard of Rutland City Norris of Shoreham White of Hartford

**Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury** explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Vermonters deserve transparency. The fuel tax is a tax on carbon heating fuels, with the revenue used to reduce carbon usage. It is a carbon tax whether it is convenient to say it or not.”

**Rep. Till of Jericho** explained his vote as follows:

“I vote no. This is not a carbon tax. A carbon tax is based on the amount of carbon released when a fuel is burned. Here we have tax based on gallons
purchased. Propane, diesel, and kerosene each release different amounts of carbon but are taxed the same in this bill.

The purpose of a carbon tax is to alter behavior. The purpose of this bill is to alter buildings to reduce money spent on heating and cooling and to improve people’s health.”

**Rep. Young of Greensboro** explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Not in my wildest dreams did I ever imagine so many of my Republican colleagues voting to create a carbon tax.”

Pending the third reading of the bill, **Rep. Graham of Williamstown** moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 1 (33 V.S.A. § 2503), in subdivision (a)(1), after the words “at the rate of $0.02 $0.04 per gallon”, by inserting the following:

: provided, however, that dyed diesel fuel delivered to a farm business regulated under 6 V.S.A. chapter 215 or to a forestry operation, as that term is defined under 10 V.S.A. § 2602, shall be exempt from the tax under this subdivision

Pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Graham of Williamstown? **Rep. McCoy of Poultny** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Graham of Williamstown? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 74. Nays, 66.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

- Bancroft of Westford
- Batchelor of Derby
- Beck of St. Johnsbury *
- Biron of Vergennes
- Bock of Chester
- Brennan of Colchester
- Brownell of Pownal
- Brumsted of Shelburne
- Burditt of West Rutland *
- Campbell of St. Johnsbury *
- Canfield of Fair Haven
- Chase of Colchester
- Chesnut-Tangeman of
- Middletown Springs
- Conquest of Newbury
- Cordes of Lincoln
- Cupoli of Rutland City
- Gannon of Wilmington
- Goslant of Northfield
- Graham of Williamstown
- Gregoire of Fairfield
- Hango of Berkshire
- Harrison of Chittenden
- Hashim of Dummerston
- Helm of Fair Haven
- Higley of Lowell
- Hill of Wolcott
- Hooper of Randolph
- Jerome of Brandon
- Jessup of Middlesex
- Jickling of Randolph
- Kimbell of Woodstock
- LaClair of Barre Town
- Leffler of Enosburgh
- Nicoll of Ludlow
- Norris of Shoreham
- Notte of Rutland City
- Noyes of Wolcott
- O'Brien of Tunbridge
- Page of Newport City
- Pajala of Londonderry
- Palasik of Milton
- Potter of Clarendon
- Quimby of Concord
- Rogers of Waterville
- Rosenquist of Georgia
- Scheuermann of Stowe
- Seymour of Sutton
- Shaw of Pittsford
- Sibilia of Dover
- Smith of Derby
Those who voted in the negative are:

- Ancel of Calais
- Anthony of Barre City
- Austin of Colchester
- Bartholomew of Hartford *
- Bates of Bennington
- Briglin of Thetford
- Browning of Arlington
- Burke of Brattleboro
- Carroll of Bennington
- Christensen of Weathersfield
- Christie of Hartford
- Cina of Burlington
- Coffey of Guilford
- Colburn of Burlington
- Colston of Winooski
- Conlon of Cornwall
- Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford
- Corcoran of Bennington
- Dolan of Waitsfield
- Durfee of Shafsbury
- Elder of Starksboro
- Emmons of Springfield
- Gardner of Richmond
- Giambatista of Essex
- Grad of Moretown
- Hooper of Montpelier
- Hooper of Burlington
- Houghton of Essex
- James of Manchester
- Killacky of South Burlington
- Kitzmiller of Montpelier
- Kornheiser of Brattleboro
- Krowinski of Burlington
- LaLonde of South Burlington
- Lanpher of Vergennes
- Long of Newfane
- Macaig of Williston
- Masland of Thetford
- McCarthy of St. Albans City
- McCormack of Burlington
- McCullough of Williston
- Mrowicki of Putney
- Moll of Burlington
- Myers of Essex

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

- Donovan of Burlington
- Gonzalez of Winooski
- Howard of Rutland City
- Lefebvre of Newark
- Lippert of Hinesburg
- Savage of Swanton

Rep. Bartholomew of Hartford explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I’ve served on the Agriculture and Forestry Committee for quite a few years. Therefore, I clearly understand that our farmers are struggling and was seriously tempted to vote for this amendment. However, this is an important bill that begins to address the challenges presented by climate change. It’s a
small step to address the easiest way to reduce the amount of fossil fuel we use. This is fuel that is needlessly wasted due to our housing inventory that is in desperate need of weatherization. Our greatest fuel efficiency comes from fuel we don’t use. The time to find easy and inexpensive solutions to climate change passed long ago. The path forward in finding a solution will not be easy and will touch everyone.”

Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Vermont’s farmers and foresters are on the ropes. They will be heartened to know we’ve reduced their tax burden.”

Rep. Burditt of West Rutland explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I find it interesting 7-8 years ago we passed a Working Landscapes bill that in part gave relief to the forestry industry. Today we are potentially revoking part of that relief.”

Rep. Campbell of St. Johnsbury explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I am sympathetic to the needs of farmers, foresters, and the construction industry. As this is not a heating use, and the intent of the tax is to reduce heating use, and also in the spirit of compromise, I vote to support this amendment.”

Pending the third reading of the bill, Rep. Leffler of Enosburgh moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 1 (33 V.S.A. § 2503), by inserting a subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the rates of taxation in subsections (a)(1)-(3) of this section shall not be increased any more than once every five years.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to weatherization funded through carbon taxation”

Rep. Bartholomew of Hartland raised a Point of Order in that the amendment would bind a future legislature which the Speaker ruled well taken pursuant to Sec. 13(5) of Masons Manual of Legislative Procedure.

Pending the question the third reading of the bill, Rep. Browning of Arlington moved to amend the bill as follows:
By striking out Sec. 1 (33 V.S.A. § 2503) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 2503 is amended to read:

§ 2503. FUEL TAX

(a)(1) There is imposed a tax on the retail sale of heating oil, propane, kerosene, and other dyed diesel fuel delivered to a residence or business, at the rate of $0.02 $0.03 per gallon.

(2) There is imposed a gross receipts tax of 0.75 0.875 percent on the retail sale of natural gas and 1.125 percent on the retail sale of coal.

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Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bancroft of Westford  Fegard of Berkshire  McFaun of Barre Town
Brownell of Pownal  Feltus of Lyndon  Rosenquist of Georgia
Browning of Arlington  Higley of Lowell  Sullivan of Dorset
Brumsted of Shelburne  LaClair of Barre Town  Young of Greensboro
Demrow of Corinth  Marcotte of Coventry
Donahue of Northfield  Martel of Waterford

Those who voted in the negative are:

Ancel of Calais  Gardner of Richmond  Noyes of Wolcott
Anthony of Barre City  Giambatista of Essex  O'Brien of Tunbridge
Austin of Colchester  Goslant of Northfield  Ode of Burlington
Bartholomew of Hartland  Grad of Moretown  O'Sullivan of Burlington
Batchelor of Derby  Graham of Williamstown  Page of Newport City
Bates of Bennington  Gregoire of Fairfield  Pajala of Londonderry
Beck of St. Johnsbury  Haas of Rochester  Palasik of Milton
Biron of Vergennes  Hango of Berkshire  Partridge of Windham
Bock of Chester  Harrison of Chittenden  Patt of Worcester
Brennan of Colchester  Hashim of Dummerston  Potter of Clarendon
Briglin of Thetford  Helm of Fair Haven  Pugh of South Burlington
Burditt of West Rutland  Hill of Wolcott  Quimby of Concord
Burke of Brattleboro  Hooper of Montpelier  Racheison of Burlington
Campbell of St. Johnsbury  Hooper of Randolph  Ralph of Hartland
Canfield of Fair Haven  Hooper of Burlington  Redmond of Essex
Carroll of Bennington  Houghton of Essex  Rogers of Waterville
Chase of Colchester  James of Manchester  Scheu of Middlebury
Rep. Browning of Arlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes for an increase in funding for low income home weatherization using 50% increase in the fuel tax. This is a common sense and balanced compromise between no increase and a 100% increase in that tax.”

Rep. Seymour of Sutton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Be it a 1 cent increase or a 2 cent increase, the people of Vermont have still been taxed too much.”
Pending the third reading of the bill, Rep. Leffler of Enosburgh moved to amend the bill as follows:

By striking out Sec. 3 (effective dates) in its entirety and by inserting Secs. 3 and 4 to read as follows:

Sec. 3. 33 V.S.A. § 2503(a) is amended to read:

(a)(1) There is imposed a tax on the retail sale of heating oil, propane, kerosene, and other dyed diesel fuel delivered to a residence or business, at the rate of \$0.04 \$0.02 per gallon.

(2) There is imposed a gross receipts tax of 1.0 0.75 percent on the retail sale of natural gas and 1.5 percent on the retail sale of coal.

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Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019, except for Sec. 3 (rates) that shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Leffler of Enosburgh? Rep. Leffler of Enosburgh demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Leffler of Enosburgh? was decided in the negative. Yeas, 19. Nays, 117.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bancroft of Westford    Beck of St. Johnsbury    Brennan of Colchester    Brownell of Pownal    Browning of Arlington    Canfield of Fair Haven    Cupoli of Rutland City

Donahue of Northfield    Goslant of Northfield    Graham of Williamstown    Harrison of Chittenden    Helm of Fair Haven    Higley of Lowell    LaClair of Barre Town

Leffler of Enosburgh    McCoy of Poultney    McFaun of Barre Town    Quimby of Concord    Seymour of Sutton

Those who voted in the negative are:

Ancel of Calais    Anthony of Barre City    Austin of Colchester    Bartholomew of Hartland    Batchelor of Derby    Bates of Bennington    Birong of Vergennes    Bock of Chester    Brilgin of Thetford    Brumsted of Shelburne    Burditt of West Rutland

Gannon of Wilmington    Gardner of Richmond    Giambatista of Essex    Grad of Moretown    Gregoire of Fairfield    Haas of Rochester    Hango of Berkshire    Hashim of Dummerston    Hill of Wolcott    Hooper of Montpelier    Hooper of Randolph

O'Sullivan of Burlington    Page of Newport City    Pajala of Londonderry    Palasik of Milton    Partridge of Windham    Patt of Worcester    Pugh of South Burlington    Racleson of Burlington    Ralph of Hartland    Redmond of Essex    Rogers of Waterville
Burke of Brattleboro  |  Hooper of Burlington  |  Rosenquist of Georgia  
Campbell of St. Johnsbury  |  Houghton of Essex  |  Scheu of Middlebury  
Carroll of Bennington  |  James of Manchester  |  Scheuermann of Stowe  
Chase of Colchester  |  Jerome of Brandon  |  Shaw of Pittsford  
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs  |  Jessup of Middlesex  |  Sheldon of Middlebury  
Christensen of Weathersfield  |  Killacky of South Burlington  |  Smith of Derby  
Christie of Hartford  |  Kimbell of Woodstock  |  Smith of New Haven  
Cina of Burlington  |  Kornheiser of Brattleboro  |  Squirrel of Underhill  
Coffey of Guilford  |  Krowinski of Burlington  |  Stevens of Waterbury  
Colburn of Burlington  |  LaLonde of South  |  Sullivan of Dorset  
Colston of Winooski  |  Burlington  |  Sullivan of Burlington  
Conlon of Cornwall  |  Lanpher of Vergennes  |  Szott of Barnard  
Conquest of Newbury  |  Long of Newfane  |  Taylor of Colchester  
Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford  |  Macaig of Williston  |  Terenzini of Rutland Town  
Cores of Lincoln  |  Matthews of Milton  |  Toll of Jericho  
Demrow of Corinth  |  McCarthy of St. Albans City  |  Toof of St. Albans Town  
Dickinson of St. Albans Town  |  McCormack of Burlington  |  Townsend of South  
Durfee of Shaftsbury  |  Murphy of Fairfax  |  Walz of Barre City  
Emmons of Springfield  |  Myers of Essex  |  Webb of Shelburne  
Fagan of Rutland City  |  Nicoll of Ludlow  |  Yantachka of Charlotte  
Fegard of Berkshire  |  Norris of Shoreham  |  Young of Greensboro  
Feltus of Lyndon  |  Notte of Rutland City  |   |
Forguites of Springfield  |  Noyes of Wolcott  |   |
Gamache of Swanton  |  O’Brien of Tunbridge  |  |
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Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Donovan of Burlington  |  Lippert of Hinesburg  |  Strong of Albany  
Gonzalez of Winooski  |  Martel of Waterford  |  White of Hartford  
Howard of Rutland City  |  Mrowicki of Putney  |  Wood of Waterbury  
Kitzmiller of Montpelier  |  Potter of Clarendon  |   |
Lefebvre of Newark  |  Savage of Swanton  |   |

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

**Third Reading; Bill Passed**

**H. 531**

House bill, entitled
An act relating to Vermont’s child care and early learning system
Was taken up, read the third time.
Pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Rep. Pugh of South Burlington demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 133. Nays, 0.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais
Anthony of Barre City
Austin of Colchester
Bancroft of Westford
Bartholomew of Hartland
Batchelor of Derby
Bates of Bennington
Beck of St. Johnsbury
Biron of Vergennes
Bock of Chester
Briglin of Thetford
Brownell of Pownal
Browning of Arlington
Brumsted of Shelburne
Burditt of West Rutland
Burke of Brattleboro
Campbell of St. Johnsbury
Canfield of Fair Haven
Carroll of Bennington
Chase of Colchester
Chesnut-Tangeman of
Middletown Springs
Christensen of Weathersfield
Cina of Burlington
Coffey of Guilford
Colburn of Burlington
Colston of Winooski
Conlon of Cornwall
Conquest of Newbury
Copeland-Hanzas of
Bradford
Corcoran of Bennington
Cordes of Lincoln
Cupoli of Rutland City
Demrow of Corinth
Dickinson of St. Albans
Town
Dolan of Waitsfield
Donahue of Northfield
Durfee of Shaftsbury
Elder of Starkboro
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Hooper of Randolph
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Houghton of Essex
Jerome of Brandon
Jessup of Middlesex *
Killacky of South Burlington
Kimbell of Woodstock
Kornheiser of Brattleboro
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O'Sullivan of Burlington
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Partridge of Windham
Patt of Worcester
Pugh of South Burlington *
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**Rep. Jessup of Middlesex** explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

H.531 addresses three important areas. First, it expands high quality and affordable childcare slots. Second, it incentivizes those who care for our youngest Vermonters to stay in the field. And third, it allows parents and guardians to return to the workforce. In sum, H.531 exemplifies ‘doing well by doing good.’”

**Rep. Nicoll of Ludlow** explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes today for childcare providers and small businesses throughout our state.”

**Rep. Ode of Burlington** explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Passage of this childcare bill is a ‘win’ for Vermont. It is essential for continued economic development. It helps businesses, small and large. It supports parents and children. It is important to our workforce. And it sends a signal to young families that Vermont strives to continue to be a healthy place to live and to raise a family.”

**Rep. Pugh of South Burlington** explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

There would be one more enthusiastic yes if the representative from Waterbury, one of the bill reporters, had been able to be here this evening.”
Third Reading; Bill Passed
H. 513
House bill, entitled
An act relating to broadband deployment throughout Vermont
Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed
H. 526
House bill, entitled
An act relating to town clerk recording fees and town restoration and preservation reserve funds
Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed
H. 536
House bill, entitled
An act relating to education finance
Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Action on Bill Postponed
H. 524
House bill, entitled
An act relating to health insurance and the individual mandate
Was taken up and pending the reading of the report of the committee on Health Care, on motion of Rep. Houghton of Essex, action on the bill was postponed until March 28, 2019.

Action on Bill Postponed
S. 14
Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to extending the moratorium on home health agency certificates of need
Was taken up and pending the reading of the report of the committee on Human Services, on motion of Rep. Nicoll of Ludlow, action on the bill was postponed until March 28, 2019.
Bill Amended; Read Third Time; Bill Passed
H. 533

House bill, entitled
An act relating to workforce development

Was taken up and pending third reading of the bill, Rep. Shaw of Pittsford
moved to amend the bill as follows:

By adding a Sec. 12a to read:

Sec. 12a. CORRECTIONS; WORKFORCE TRAINING

(a)(1) On or before October 10, 2019, the Department of Corrections and the Department of Labor shall execute a memorandum of understanding regarding a standardized program of education and training for all new and existing probation and parole officers that includes components related to:

(A) minimizing barriers for offenders to obtaining and maintaining employment; and

(B) minimizing the impact of program and supervision requirements on the offender’s employment, including monitoring and facilitating compliance with Department of Corrections case plan goals based on best practices and consistent with public safety.

(2) The Departments shall provide written notice when the memorandum of understanding is executed to the chairs of the House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on Corrections and Institutions and to the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Institutions.

(3) The Departments shall ensure that all incumbent probation and parole officers receive the education and training under the program on or before July 1, 2020.

(b) The Department of Corrections shall collaborate with the Department of Motor Vehicles and other partners as necessary to ensure that a sentenced inmate is provided with at least one form of government-issued identification, not to include an inmate identification card, upon release from incarceration.

(c) Reports.

(1) On or before August 15, 2019, the Departments of Corrections and Labor shall report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee concerning the Departments’ progress towards developing the memorandum of understanding as required by this section.
(2) On or before December 15, 2020, the Departments of Corrections and Labor shall report to the House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on Corrections and Institutions and to the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Institutions concerning the implementation of this section.

Which was agreed to. Thereupon, the bill was read the third time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Rep. Marcotte of Coventry demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 124. Nays, 0.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais  Forguites of Springfield  Norris of Shoreham
Anthony of Barre City  Gamache of Swanton  Notte of Rutland City
Austin of Colchester  Gannon of Wilmington  Noyes of Wolcott
Bancroft of Westford  Giambatista of Essex  Ode of Burlington
Bartholomew of Hartland  Goslant of Northfield  O'Sullivan of Burlington
Batchelor of Derby  Grad of Moretown  Page of Newport City
Bates of Bennington  Graham of Williamstown  Pajala of Londonderry
Beck of St. Johnsbury  Haas of Rochester  Palasik of Milton
Birong of Vergennes  Hango of Berkshire  Partridge of Windham
Bock of Chester  Harrison of Chittenden  Patt of Worcester
Briglin of Thetford  Hashim of Dummerston  Pugh of South Burlington
Brownell of Pownal  Helm of Fair Haven  Quimby of Concord
Browning of Arlington  Higley of Lowell  Rachelson of Burlington
Brumsted of Shelburne  Hill of Wolcott  Ralph of Hartland
Burditt of West Rutland  Hooper of Montpelier  Redmond of Essex
Burke of Brattleboro  Hooper of Randolph  Rogers of Waterville
Campbell of St. Johnsbury  Hooper of Burlington  Rosenquist of Georgia
Canfield of Fair Haven  Houghton of Essex  Scheu of Middlebury
Carroll of Bennington  James of Manchester  Scheuermann of Stowe
Chase of Colchester  Jerome of Brandon  Seymour of Sutton
Chesnut-Tangeman of  Jessup of Middlesex  Shaw of Pittsford
Middletown Springs  Jickling of Randolph  Sheldon of Middlebury
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Conquest of Newbury  Lanpher of Vergennes  Sullivan of Burlington
Copeland-Hanzas of  Leffler of Enosburgh  Taylor of Colchester
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Corcoran of Bennington  Macaig of Williston  Till of Jericho
Cordes of Lincoln  Marcotte of Coventry  Toleno of Brattleboro
Cupoli of Rutland City  Mattos of Milton  Toll of Danville
Demrow of Corinth  McCarthy of St. Albans City  Toof of St. Albans Town
Dickinson of St. Albans  McCormack of Burlington  Townsend of South
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Howard of Rutland City O'Brien of Tunbridge
                        Potter of Clarendon

Adjournment

At six o'clock and fifty-two minutes in the evening, on motion of Rep. McCoy of Poulney, the House adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon.