

# Journal of the House

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**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

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

## **Devotional Exercises**

In lieu of devotional exercises, a moment of silence was observed.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Page Lindsey Bigelow of Warren led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **House Bill Introduced**

### **H. 549**

By Reps. Terenzini of Rutland Town, Bancroft of Westford, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Brennan of Colchester, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Lefebvre of Newark, Myers of Essex, Savage of Swanton and Smith of New Haven,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of the dissolution of Rutland Fire District No. 10;

Was read and referred to the committee on Government Operations.

## **Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means**

### **S. 86**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing the legal age for buying and using cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and other tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age

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

## **Message from the Senate No. 38**

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 considered a concurrent resolution originating in the House of the following title:

**H.C.R. 141.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the Capitol Police on the department's 20th anniversary.

And has adopted the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment in the adoption 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. 138.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division II girls' ice hockey championship team.

**H.C.R. 139.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Rutland High School Raiders Vermont Division I and New England Division II cheerleading championship team.

**H.C.R. 140.** House concurrent resolution honoring William Eugene Griffin on the completion of an extraordinary career as the Vermont Chief Assistant Attorney General.

**H.C.R. 142.** House concurrent resolution recognizing the second full week in May as Women's Lung Health Week in Vermont.

#### **Message from the Senate No. 39**

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 considered bills originating in the House of the following titles:

**H. 358.** An act relating to technical corrections.

**H. 427.** An act relating to a uniform process for foreign credential verification in the Office of Professional Regulation.

**H. 436.** An act relating to international wills.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

**J.R.S. 24.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

**Third Reading; Bill Passed****H. 539**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Stowe and to the merger of the Town and the Stowe Fire District No. 3

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

**Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence****S. 89**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to allowing reflective health benefit plans at all metal levels

Was taken up, read the third time and passed in concurrence.

**Second Reading; Proposal of Amendment Agreed to;  
Third Reading Ordered****S. 49**

**Rep. Squirrell of Underhill**, for the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

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

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence with proposal of amendment as follows:

**Sec. 1. FINDINGS**

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Perfluoroalkyl, polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and other perfluorochemicals are a large group of human-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950s.

(2) PFAS may enter the environment from numerous industrial or commercial sources, including when emitted during a manufacturing process, from the disposal of goods containing PFAS, or from leachate from landfills.

(3) Many PFAS do not readily break down and persist in the environment for a very long time, especially in water, and, consequently, PFAS can be found in many bodies of water and in the blood of humans and wildlife.

(4) The Vermont Department of Health has adopted a health advisory level for certain PFAS of 20 parts per trillion.

(5) The Vermont Water Supply Rule provides that the Secretary of Natural Resources may adopt a Vermont Department of Health advisory level as a maximum contaminant level for a substance.

(6) The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) has adopted the 20 parts per trillion level as part of ANR's Remediation of Contaminated Properties Rule and Groundwater Protection Rule and Strategy, but not as part of the Vermont Water Supply Rule or the Vermont Water Quality Standards.

(7) To prevent further contamination of State water, and to reduce the potential harmful effects of PFAS on human health and the environment, the State of Vermont should:

(A) require the Agency of Natural Resources to adopt by rule maximum contaminant level or levels for PFAS under the Vermont Water Supply Rule;

(B) prior to adoption by rule of maximum contaminant level or levels for PFAS, require public water systems to monitor for certain PFAS chemicals and respond appropriately when results indicate levels of PFAS in excess of the Vermont Department of Health advisory level;

(C) require the Agency of Natural Resource to adopt surface water quality standards for certain PFAS chemicals; and

(D) authorize the Agency of Natural Resources to require any permitted facility to monitor for any release of a chemical that exceeds a health advisory issued by the Vermont Department of Health.

## Sec. 2. INTERIM DRINKING WATER STANDARD; TESTING; PER AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Perfluoroalkyl, polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS substances" means perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances that are detectable using standard analytical methods established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, including regulated PFAS contaminants.

(2) "Regulated PFAS contaminants" means perfluorooctanoic acid, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, perfluorohexane sulfonic acid, perfluorononanoic acid, and perfluoroheptanoic acid.

(b) On or before December 1, 2019, all public community water systems and all nontransient, noncommunity water systems shall conduct monitoring

for the maximum number of PFAS substances detectable from standard laboratory methods.

(c) After completion of initial monitoring under subsection (b), a public community water system or a nontransient, noncommunity water system shall conduct continued monitoring for the presence of regulated PFAS contaminants in drinking water supplied by the system as follows until adoption of the rules required under subsection 3(a) of this act:

(1) If initial monitoring results detect the presence of any regulated PFAS contaminants individually or in combination at or above the Vermont Department of Health advisory level of 20 parts per trillion, the public water system shall conduct continued quarterly monitoring.

(2) If initial monitoring results detect the presence of any regulated PFAS contaminants individually or in combination at or above the reporting level of two parts per trillion but below the Vermont Department of Health advisory level of 20 parts per trillion, the public water system shall conduct continued monitoring annually.

(3) If initial monitoring results detect the presence of any regulated PFAS contaminants below the reporting level of two parts per trillion, the public water system shall conduct continued monitoring every three years.

(d) If monitoring results under subsections (b) or (c) of this section confirm the presence of any regulated PFAS contaminants individually or in combination in excess of the Vermont Department of Health advisory level of 20 parts per trillion, the Agency of Natural Resources shall:

(1) direct the public water system to implement treatment or other remedy to reduce the levels of regulated PFAS contaminants in the drinking water of the public water system below the Vermont Department of Health advisory level; and

(2) direct the public water system to issue a “do not drink” notice to all users of the public water system until the treatment under subdivision (1) of this subsection is completed.

(e) The Secretary may enforce the requirements of this section under 10 V.S.A. chapter 201. A person may appeal the acts or decisions of the Secretary of Natural Resources under this section under 10 V.S.A. chapter 220.

### Sec 3. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

WATER SUPPLY RULE; MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL  
FOR PER AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES;  
STANDARD FOR PER AND POLYFLUOROALKYL

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SUBSTANCES; CLASS OR SUBCLASSES

(a) On or before February 1, 2020, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall file under 3 V.S.A. § 841 a final proposed rule with the Secretary of State and the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules establishing under the Department of Environmental Conservation's Water Supply Rule a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for perfluorooctanoic acid, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, perfluorohexane sulfonic acid, perfluorononanoic acid, and perfluoroheptanoic acid. The Secretary shall use the Vermont Department of Health's health advisory level for perfluorooctanoic acid, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, perfluorohexane sulfonic acid, perfluorononanoic acid, and perfluoroheptanoic acid as the initial basis for developing the MCL under this subsection and may propose adjustments or variances from the advisory level based on scientific evidence, industry standards, or public input.

(b) On or before August 1, 2020, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall initiate a public notice and comment process by publishing an advance notice of proposed rulemaking regarding the regulation under the Department of Environmental Conservation's Water Supply Rule of per and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) compounds as a class or subclasses.

(c) On or before March 1, 2021, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall either:

(1) file a proposed rule with the Secretary of State regarding the regulation of PFAS compounds under the Department of Environmental Conservation's Water Supply Rule as a class or subclasses; or

(2) publish a notice of decision not to regulate PFAS compounds as a class or subclasses under the Department of Environmental Conservation's Water Supply Rule that includes, at a minimum, an identification of all legal, technical, or other impediments to regulating PFAS compounds as a class or subclasses and a detailed response to all public comments received.

(d) If the Secretary of Natural Resources proposes a rule pursuant to subsection (c), on or before December 31, 2021, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall file a final rule with the Secretary of State regarding the regulation of PFAS compounds as a class or subclasses under the Department of Environmental Conservation's Water Supply Rule.

Sec. 4. REPEAL; INTERIM DRINKING WATER MONITORING; PFAS  
CONTAMINANTS

Sec. 2 (interim drinking water monitoring; PFAS contaminants) shall be repealed on the effective date of the rules required under Sec. 3(a) of this act.

Sec 5. VERMONT WATER QUALITY STANDARDS; PER AND  
POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES

(a) On or before January 15, 2020, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall publish a plan for public review and comment for adoption of surface water quality standards for per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that shall include, at a minimum, a proposal for standards for:

(1) perfluorooctanoic acid; perfluorooctane sulfonic acid; perfluorohexane sulfonic acid; perfluorononanoic acid; and perfluoroheptanoic acid; and

(2) the PFAS class of compounds or subgroups of the PFAS class of compounds.

(b) On or before January 1, 2024, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall file a final rule with the Secretary of State to adopt surface water quality standards for, at a minimum, perfluorooctanoic acid, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, perfluorohexane sulfonic acid, perfluorononanoic acid, and perfluoroheptanoic acid.

Sec 6. INVESTIGATION OF POTENTIAL SOURCES OF PER AND  
POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES CONTAMINATION

On or before June 1, 2019, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall publish a plan for public review and comment to complete a statewide investigation of potential sources of per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination. As part of this investigation, the Secretary shall conduct a pilot project at public water systems to evaluate PFAS that are not quantified by standard laboratory methods using a total oxidizable precursor assay or other applicable analytical method to evaluate total PFAS. The Secretary of Natural Resources shall initiate implementation of the plan not later than July 1, 2019.

Sec 7. 3 V.S.A. § 2810 is added to read:

§ 2810. INTERIM ENVIRONMENTAL MEDIA STANDARDS

The Secretary of Natural Resources may require any entity permitted by the Agency of Natural Resources to monitor the operation of a facility, discharge, emission, or release for any constituent for which the Department of Health has established a health advisory. The Secretary may impose conditions on a permitted entity based on the health advisory if the Secretary determines that the operation of the facility, discharge, emission, or release may result in an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the natural environment. The authority granted to the Secretary under this section shall last not longer than two years from the date the health advisory was adopted.

Sec. 8. 10 V.S.A. § 8003 is amended to read:

§ 8003. APPLICABILITY

(a) The Secretary may take action under this chapter to enforce the following statutes and rules, permits, assurances, or orders implementing the following statutes, and the Board may take such action with respect to subdivision (10) of this subsection:

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(28) 30 V.S.A. § 255, relating to regional coordination to reduce greenhouse gases; ~~and~~

(29) 10 V.S.A. § 1420, relating to abandoned vessels; and

(30) 3 V.S.A. § 2810, relating to interim environmental media standards.

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Sec. 9. 10 V.S.A. § 8503 is amended to read:

§ 8503. APPLICABILITY

(a) This chapter shall govern all appeals of an act or decision of the Secretary, excluding enforcement actions under chapters 201 and 211 of this title and rulemaking, under the following authorities and under the rules adopted under those authorities:

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(2) 29 V.S.A. chapter 11 (management of lakes and ponds).

(3) 24 V.S.A. chapter 61, subchapter 10 (relating to salvage yards).

(4) 3 V.S.A. § 2810 (interim environmental media standards).

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Sec. 10. ENVIRONMENTAL MEDIA STANDARDS; GUIDANCE; PLAN

(a) On or before January 1, 2020, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall publish a guidance document for public review and comment that sets forth detailed practices for implementation by the Secretary of Natural Resources of interim environmental media standards authority under 3 V.S.A. § 2810.

(b) On or before January 1, 2020, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall publish for public review and comment a plan to collect data for contaminants in drinking water from public community water systems and all nontransient noncommunity water systems for which a health advisory has been established but no maximum contaminant level has been adopted.



Sec. 11. AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES CONTAMINANTS OF  
EMERGING CONCERN PILOT PROJECT

On or before January 15, 2020, the Agency of Natural Resources shall submit to the House Committees on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife and on Commerce and Economic Development and the Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Energy and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs a report regarding the management at landfills of leachate containing contaminants of emerging concern (CECs). The report shall include:

(1) the findings of the leachate treatment evaluation conducted at any landfill in Vermont;

(2) the Agency of Natural Resources' assessment of the results of landfill leachate evaluations; and

(3) the Agency of Natural Resources' recommendations for treatment of CECs in leachate from landfills, including whether the State should establish a pilot project to test methods for testing or managing CECs in landfill leachate.

Sec. 12. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time and the report of the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife agreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? **Rep. Squirrell of Underhill** 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 read a third time? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 135. Nays, 1.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais	Gregoire of Fairfield	Ode of Burlington
Anthony of Barre City	Haas of Rochester	O'Sullivan of Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Hango of Berkshire	Page of Newport City
Bancroft of Westford	Harrison of Chittenden	Pajala of Londonderry
Bartholomew of Hartland	Hashim of Dummerston	Palasik of Milton
Batchelor of Derby	Helm of Fair Haven	Partridge of Windham
Bates of Bennington	Higley of Lowell	Patt of Worcester
Birong of Vergennes	Hill of Wolcott	Potter of Clarendon
Bock of Chester	Hooper of Montpelier	Pugh of South Burlington
Brennan of Colchester	Hooper of Randolph	Quimby of Concord
Briglin of Thetford	Houghton of Essex	Rachelson of Burlington
Brownell of Pownal	Howard of Rutland City	Ralph of Hartland
Brumsted of Shelburne	James of Manchester	Redmond of Essex

Burditt of West Rutland	Jerome of Brandon	Rogers of Waterville
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Jickling of Randolph	Rosenquist of Georgia
Canfield of Fair Haven	Killacky of South Burlington	Savage of Swanton
Carroll of Bennington	Kimbell of Woodstock	Scheu of Middlebury
Chase of Colchester	Kitzmiller of Montpelier	Scheuermann of Stowe
Christensen of Weathersfield	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Seymour of Sutton
Christie of Hartford	LaClair of Barre Town	Shaw of Pittsford
Cina of Burlington	LaLonde of South	Sheldon of Middlebury
Coffey of Guilford	Burlington	Sibilia of Dover
Colston of Winooski	Lanpher of Vergennes	Smith of Derby
Conlon of Cornwall	Lefebvre of Newark	Smith of New Haven
Conquest of Newbury	Leffler of Enosburgh	Squirrell of Underhill
Copeland-Hanzas of	Lippert of Hinesburg	Stevens of Waterbury
Bradford	Long of Newfane	Strong of Albany
Corcoran of Bennington	Macaig of Williston	Sullivan of Dorset
Cordes of Lincoln	Marcotte of Coventry	Sullivan of Burlington
Cupoli of Rutland City	Martel of Waterford	Szott of Barnard
Demrow of Corinth	Masland of Thetford	Taylor of Colchester
Dickinson of St. Albans	Mattos of Milton	Till of Jericho
Town	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Toleno of Brattleboro
Dolan of Waitsfield	McCormack of Burlington	Toll of Danville
Durfee of Shaftsbury	McCoy of Poultney	Toof of St. Albans Town
Elder of Starksboro	McCullough of Williston	Townsend of South
Emmons of Springfield	McFaun of Barre Town	Burlington
Fagan of Rutland City	Morgan of Milton	Trieber of Rockingham
Fegard of Berkshire	Morrissey of Bennington	Troiano of Stannard
Feltus of Lyndon	Mrowicki of Putney	Walz of Barre City
Gamache of Swanton	Murphy of Fairfax	Webb of Shelburne
Gannon of Wilmington	Myers of Essex	White of Hartford
Gardner of Richmond	Nicoll of Ludlow	Wood of Waterbury
Giambatista of Essex	Norris of Shoreham	Yacovone of Morristown
Goslant of Northfield	Notte of Rutland City	Yantachka of Charlotte
Graham of Williamstown	Noyes of Wolcott	Young of Greensboro
	O'Brien of Tunbridge	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beck of St. Johnsbury

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

Browning of Arlington  
 Burke of Brattleboro  
 Chesnut-Tangerman of  
 Middletown Springs  
 Colburn of Burlington

Donahue of Northfield  
 Donovan of Burlington  
 Gonzalez of Winooski  
 Grad of Moretown  
 Hooper of Burlington

Jessup of Middlesex  
 Krowinski of Burlington  
 Terenzini of Rutland Town

**Favorable Report; Second Reading;  
Third Reading Ordered**

**S. 53**

**Rep. Christensen of Weathersfield**, for the committee on Health Care, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

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

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence

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

**Favorable Report; Second Reading;  
Third Reading Ordered**

**S. 68**

**Rep. Killacky of South Burlington**, for the committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to Indigenous Peoples' Day

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence

The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up and read the second time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? **Rep. Kornheiser of Brattleboro** 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 read a third time? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 113. Nays, 24.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais	Hashim of Dummerston	Partridge of Windham
Anthony of Barre City	Hill of Wolcott	Patt of Worcester
Austin of Colchester	Hooper of Montpelier	Potter of Clarendon
Bancroft of Westford	Hooper of Randolph	Pugh of South Burlington
Bartholomew of Hartland	Houghton of Essex	Rachelson of Burlington
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Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Kitzmiller of Montpelier	Scheuermann of Stowe
Carroll of Bennington	Kornheiser of Brattleboro *	Seymour of Sutton

Chase of Colchester	LaClair of Barre Town	Shaw of Pittsford
Christensen of Weathersfield	LaLonde of South Burlington	Sheldon of Middlebury
Christie of Hartford *		Sibilia of Dover
Cina of Burlington	Lanpher of Vergennes	Smith of New Haven
Coffey of Guilford	Lefebvre of Newark	Squirrell of Underhill
Colston of Winooski	Leffler of Enosburgh	Stevens of Waterbury *
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Corcoran of Bennington	Marcotte of Coventry	Taylor of Colchester
Cordes of Lincoln	Masland of Thetford	Till of Jericho
Demrow of Corinth	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Toleno of Brattleboro *
Dolan of Waitsfield	McCormack of Burlington	Toll of Danville
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Donovan of Burlington	McFaun of Barre Town	Trieber of Rockingham
Durfee of Shaftsbury	Morgan of Milton	Troiano of Stannard
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Fegard of Berkshire	Myers of Essex	White of Hartford
Feltus of Lyndon	Nicoll of Ludlow	Wood of Waterbury
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Gardner of Richmond	Noyes of Wolcott	Yantachka of Charlotte
Giambatista of Essex	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Young of Greensboro
Haas of Rochester	O'Sullivan of Burlington	
Harrison of Chittenden	Page of Newport City	
	Pajala of Londonderry	
	Palasik of Milton	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Batchelor of Derby	Gamache of Swanton *	McCoy of Poultney
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Goslant of Northfield *	Morrissey of Bennington
Brennan of Colchester	Graham of Williamstown	Norris of Shoreham *
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Canfield of Fair Haven	Hango of Berkshire	Smith of Derby *
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Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Grad of Moretown	Ode of Burlington
	Hooper of Burlington	Terenzini of Rutland Town

**Rep. Christie of Hartford** explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes because our community, Hartford, voted yes to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day by a substantial margin. The Abenaki community has held a gathering each year where the White River and Connecticut River converge. The Hartford members are proud to vote yes for our whole community.”

**Rep. Gamache of Swanton** explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

While I am in full support of establishing an Indigenous Peoples' Day, I strongly oppose eliminating the recognition and substitution of Columbus Day as the goal in this purpose. I proposed in committee that a separate date be established for Indigenous Peoples' recognition in February, the same month that celebrates both Black History and American History, as well as Columbus. It should serve as an opportunity to expand knowledge of all documented historical facts in schools as part of the curriculum. It was voted down.”

**Rep. Goslant of Northfield** explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I am disappointed that this bill replaces Columbus Day. I would have supported the bill had it recognized both Columbus and Indigenous Peoples' Day.”

**Rep. Gregoire of Fairfield** explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Indigenous people deserve recognition by our society. What they deserve is their own unique day honoring their heritage and contributions, not a political ploy replacing a day recognizing another historical figure regardless of how we may now perceive him or other figures of the past.”

**Rep. Kornheiser of Brattleboro** explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Passing this bill, while a very simple act, asks us some very essential questions – What intention do we set with our attention? What stories do we tell our children? How do we make sense of our history and how does this changing knowledge affect how we build our future? By enacting Indigenous Peoples' Day we have an opportunity to right historical damages and shift our attention to where it is most needed.”

**Rep. Mrowicki of Putney** explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We lose nothing but gain much in taking this small but significant step, to at long last recognize the first peoples of this state and nation, from whom we took much including using the political system of the Iroquois to develop our own political system.”

**Rep. Norris of Shoreham** explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

It is important enough that Indigenous Peoples’ Day should be a special day and not a replacement for someone else’s day.”

**Rep. Smith of Derby** explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I don’t believe that Columbus Day should be replaced with a day of recognition titled ‘Indigenous Peoples’ Day.’ I do however believe that the Native Americans of the State of Vermont do very much deserve their day of recognition! And deserve to be named as Native Americans and not Indigenous.”

**Rep. Stevens of Waterbury** explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

S.68 is a simple bill with a high level of importance. It will allow us to acknowledge that the indigenous people of Vermont deserve recognition in a way that all Vermonters will appreciate – with a respect that solemnizes their fate and heritage.”

**Rep. Toleno of Brattleboro** explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The history of oppression, genocide, and cultural desecration which accompanied the expansion of European power into the lands of our native peoples is well documented, but seldom reflected in our public discourse. May this bill serve as a small step towards the deeper reconciliation with our collective past we must make, by marking the year with an opportunity to revisit a fuller and more inclusive narrative of our history.”

### **Rules Suspended; Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in**

#### **H.C.R. 141**

Appearing on the Calendar for notice, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and House resolution, entitled

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Capitol Police on the department’s 20th anniversary

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the House concurrent resolution by striking out the *first* Whereas clause in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Whereas, the first State House Security Officer was Raymond H. Quero, a U.S. Marine veteran of the Korean War and an 8 year veteran of the Montpelier City Police Force who served the General Assembly for 24 years, from 1972 until his death in 1995 and whose service was so exemplary that he was honored in J.R.H. 58 (1996 R-88) and in Act No. 185 (1996) in Sec. 1(a)(6), and

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

#### **Vermont State Infrastructure Bank Board Appointed**

Pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 280e, the Chair hereby appoints the following member to the Vermont State Infrastructure Bank Board:

**Rep. Lanpher of Vergennes**

#### **Art in State Buildings Advisory Committee Announced**

Pursuant to 29 V.S.A. § 47, the Chair hereby announced the following member of the Art in State Buildings Advisory Committee:

**Rep. Emmons of Springfield**

#### **Vermont Milk Commission Appointed**

Pursuant to 6 V.S.A. § 2922, the Chair hereby appoints the following member to the Vermont Milk Commission:

**Rep. Norris of Shoreham**

#### **Building Bright Futures Council Appointed**

Pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 4602, the Chair hereby appoints the following member to the Building Bright Futures Council:

**Rep. Brumsted of Shelburne**

#### **Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel Appointed**

Pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 1700, the Chair hereby appoints the following member to the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel as follows:

**Rep. Sibilio of Dover**

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**Vermont State Council for Interstate Adult  
Offender Supervision Appointed**

Pursuant to 28 V.S.A. § 1354, the Chair hereby appoints the following member to the Vermont State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision as follows:

**Rep. Emmons of Springfield**

**Human Services And Educational Facilities  
Grant Advisory Committee Appointed**

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 5606(b), the Chair hereby appoints the following member to the Human Services and Educational Facilities Grant Advisory Committee:

**Rep. Noyes of Wolcott**

**Adjournment**

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