Friday, May 3, 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 Rep. Mari Cordes of Lincoln, Caleb Elder of Starksboro, Kathleen James of Manchester and Committee Assistant Shannon Esrich.

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
S. 54

Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to the regulation of cannabis

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
S. 58

Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to the State hemp program

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

Remarks Journalized

On motion of Rep. Donahue of Northfield, the following remarks by Rep. Page of Newport City were ordered printed in the Journal:

“Madam Speaker:

Yesterday was National Prayer Day. We as Vermonters and Americans have a lot to be thankful for and much to reflect upon. I wonder how many also knew that it was Holocaust Remembrance Day. Just like WWII veterans, the number of Holocaust survivors is dwindling.

The New York Times report on Thursday said a survey indicated that the memory of the Holocaust is also fading.
The survey said 31 percent of Americans - and 41 percent of millennials - believe 2 million or fewer Jews were killed in the Holocaust while the actual number is around 6 million, the Times reported. The survey also said 41 percent of Americans - and 66 percent of millennials - cannot say what Auschwitz was, and 52 percent of Americans incorrectly think Hitler came to power through force, the Times reported.

Lest we forget.

This phrase goes back to 1897 and was first used in an 1897 Christian poem written by Rudyard Kipling called Recessional. It is commonly used in war remembrance services but I think that it is appropriate here in relation to the dangers of failing to remember.

'God of our fathers, known of old, 
Lord of our far-flung battle line, 
Beneath whose awful hand we hold 
Dominion over palm and pine-
Lord of Hosts, be with us yet, 
Lest we forget - lest we forget”

Message from the Senate No. 49

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 bill originating in the House of the following title:

**H. 26.** An act relating to restricting retail and Internet sales of electronic cigarettes, liquid nicotine, and tobacco paraphernalia in Vermont.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has considered bills originating in the House of the following titles:

**H. 79.** An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school grant assistance.

**H. 104.** An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation.

**H. 275.** An act relating to the Farm-to-Plate Investment Program.

**H. 511.** An act relating to criminal statutes of limitations.

**H. 521.** An act relating to amending the special education laws.
And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and fifty-seven minutes in the forenoon, on motion of Rep. McCoy of Poultney, the House adjourned until Monday, May 6, 2019, at one o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 26.

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 hereby adopted on the part of the House.

H.C.R. 154

House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative David L. Deen of Westminster;

H.C.R. 155

House concurrent resolution honoring Fair Haven Grade School principal Wayne Cooke on his exemplary career in public education;

H.C.R. 156

House concurrent resolution in memory of Georgia community leader Harold Edmund Wilcox;

H.C.R. 157

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium on its 125th anniversary of conducting continuous meteorological services;

H.C.R. 158

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers boys’ Alpine ski team on winning its second consecutive State championship;

H.C.R. 159

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers boys’ and girls’ Alpine skiing teams on winning the trophy for the highest combined score at the State championship meet;

H.C.R. 160

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 St. Johnsbury
Academy Division I girls’ indoor track team on winning the school’s fifth consecutive Division I championship;

**H.C.R. 161**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I championship boys’ basketball team;

**H.C.R. 162**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division III championship field hockey team;

**H.C.R. 163**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the St. Johnsbury Academy girls’ basketball team on winning the school’s second consecutive Division I championship;

**H.C.R. 164**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018–2019 Colchester High School debate program for its outstanding record and State championship victory;

[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.]