

Journal of the House

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Geof Hewitt, Poet from Calais VT.

Pledge of Allegiance

Page Colby Morehouse of Williston led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 committee and referred or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 650

By Reps. Gannon of Wilmington and LaClair of Barre Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to boards and commissions;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 651

By Reps. Browning of Arlington and Sullivan of Dorset,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the professional regulation of sex workers;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 652

By Rep. Sullivan of Dorset,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to victim compensation for relocation expenses;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 653

By Reps. Grad of Moretown, LaLonde of South Burlington and Colburn of

Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding access to expungement and sealing of criminal history records;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 654

By Rep. Nicoll of Ludlow,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting National Guard income in eligibility calculations for the Child Care Financial Assistance Program;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 655

By Reps. McCarthy of St. Albans City, Gregoire of Fairfield and Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to privacy protections and short-term rentals;

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

H. 656

By Reps. Partridge of Windham, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bock of Chester, Fegard of Berkshire, Graham of Williamstown, Norris of Shoreham, O'Brien of Tunbridge and Strong of Albany,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects;

To the committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 657

By Rep. Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the fuel tax and weatherization and to a motor fuel fee and electric vehicle incentives and town highway aid;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 658

By Rep. McCullough of Williston,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the land application of sludge and septage;

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

H. 659

By Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting grooming a child for sexual contact;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 660

By Reps. Bartholomew of Hartland and Ralph of Hartland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to computer voice stress analyzers;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 661

By Reps. Partridge of Windham, Coffey of Guilford, Colston of Winooski, Fegard of Berkshire, Trieber of Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing special education State aid for prekindergarten students;

To the committee on Education.

H. 662

By Reps. Partridge of Windham, Colston of Winooski, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham and Troiano of Stannard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding public high school choice to the seventh and eighth grades;

To the committee on Education.

H. 663

By Reps. McFaun of Barre Town, Brumsted of Shelburne, Haas of Rochester, Nicoll of Ludlow, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Pugh of South Burlington, Rosenquist of Georgia, Till of Jericho and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding access to contraceptives;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 664

By Reps. Terenzini of Rutland Town, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Hango of Berkshire, Helm of Fair Haven, McCoy of Poultney, Morgan of Milton, Page of Newport City, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton and Smith of Derby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to pedestrians on roadways;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 665

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Batchelor of Derby, Strong of Albany and Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to making proficiency-based learning and proficiency-based graduation voluntary;

To the committee on Education.

H. 666

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Noyes of Wolcott, Patt of Worcester and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to pretrial release of a person charged with impaired driving with serious bodily injury or death resulting;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 667

By Reps. Till of Jericho, Carroll of Bennington, Fegard of Berkshire, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of

Vergennes, Ode of Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Sullivan of Burlington and Townsend of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a parental exemption from jury duty;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 668

By Rep. Cupoli of Rutland City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to evidence-based structured literacy instruction for students in kindergarten–grade 3 and students with dyslexia and to teacher preparation programs;

To the committee on Education.

H. 669

By Rep. Webb of Shelburne,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to evidence-based structured literacy instruction for students in kindergarten–grade 3;

To the committee on Education.

H. 670

By Reps. McCormack of Burlington and Cina of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to municipal authority to limit the increase of rental rates;

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

H. 671

By Reps. Gannon of Wilmington and Harrison of Chittenden,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the position of high bailiff;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 672

By Rep. Townsend of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the disclosure of adoption records;
To the committee on Human Services.

H. 673

By Reps. Partridge of Windham, Bock of Chester, Fegard of Berkshire,
Graham of Williamstown and Strong of Albany,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to tree wardens;

To the committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 674

By Reps. Bartholomew of Hartland and Partridge of Windham,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to clarifying the definition of development used for use
value appraisals;

To the committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 675

By Rep. Mrowicki of Putney,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Wholesale Spirits Study Committee;

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

H. 676

By Rep. Sibia of Dover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to clean grid optimization;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 677

By Reps. Webb of Shelburne and Brumsted of Shelburne,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont's income tax deduction for medical expenses;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 678

By Reps. Canfield of Fair Haven and Helm of Fair Haven,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of the adoption of the charter of the Town of Fair Haven;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 679

By Reps. Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gamache of Swanton and Savage of Swanton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to voter approval of water supply rates;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 680

By Reps. Marcotte of Coventry, Bancroft of Westford, Carroll of Bennington, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Jerome of Brandon, Morris of Springfield, O'Sullivan of Burlington and Ralph of Hartland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the workers' compensation rate of contribution;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 681

By Reps. Marcotte of Coventry, Bancroft of Westford, Carroll of Bennington, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Jerome of Brandon, Morris of Springfield, O'Sullivan of Burlington and Ralph of Hartland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to employer registration for unemployment insurance;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 682

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe and Patt of Worcester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to making 30 V.S.A. § 248a permanent;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 683

By Reps. Dolan of Waitsfield, Sheldon of Middlebury, Anthony of Barre City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bates of Bennington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Coffey of Guilford, Colston of Winooski, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Fegard of Berkshire, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Killacky of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lefebvre of Newark, McCullough of Williston, Morgan of Milton, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralph of Hartland, Scheu of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, White of Hartford and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting incidental take of migratory birds;

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

H. 684

By Reps. Till of Jericho, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Fegard of Berkshire, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Ode of Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Townsend of South Burlington and White of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to consent by minors to preventative services for sexually transmitted diseases;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 685

By Rep. Houghton of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the definition and performance of surgery;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 686

By Reps. Fegard of Berkshire, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Brownell of Pownal, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carroll of Bennington, Chesnut-

Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Cupoli of Rutland City, Demrow of Corinth, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donovan of Burlington, Gamache of Swanton, Gardner of Richmond, Gonzalez of Winooski, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Hashim of Dummerston, Helm of Fair Haven, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, James of Manchester, Jessup of Middlesex, Killacky of South Burlington, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Leffler of Enosburgh, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Norris of Shoreham, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Palasik of Milton, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralph of Hartland, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Seymour of Sutton, Shaw of Pittsford, Sibilias of Dover, Smith of New Haven, Squirrell of Underhill, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Szott of Barnard, Toof of St. Albans Town, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard and White of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to coding and billing standards for surgical revision after chest wall reconstruction;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 687

By Reps. Demrow of Corinth, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Briglin of Thetford, Carroll of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Patt of Worcester, Ralph of Hartland, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Dorset, Till of Jericho, Trieber of Rockingham, Webb of Shelburne and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Parent Child Center Network;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 688

By Reps. Briglin of Thetford, Colburn of Burlington, Copeland Hanzas of Bradford, Hooper of Montpelier, LaLonde of South Burlington, Sibilias of Dover, Ancel of Calais, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Brownell of

Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Colchester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donovan of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Gonzalez of Winooski, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Hashim of Dummerston, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Jessup of Middlesex, Killacky of South Burlington, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krowinski of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Patt of Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralph of Hartland, Redmond of Essex, Reed of Braintree, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Burlington, Szott of Barnard, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, White of Hartford, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to addressing climate change;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 689

By Rep. Harrison of Chittenden,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to municipal concerns with hemp facilities;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 690

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to State aid for school construction for merged school districts;

To the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 691

By Reps. Fagan of Rutland City and Kimbell of Woodstock,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use of debt proceeds in tax increment financing districts;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 692

By Reps. Briglin of Thetford and Sibilila of Dover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to providing mandatory cybersecurity awareness training to municipal employees;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 693

By Reps. Conlon of Cornwall, Austin of Colchester, Elder of Starksboro, Hooper of Randolph, James of Manchester and LaLonde of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to eliminating eligible school construction costs from a school district's excess spending;

To the committee on Education.

H. 694

By Reps. Lefebvre of Newark, Hill of Wolcott, Morgan of Milton, Page of Newport City, Palasik of Milton, Rosenquist of Georgia, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of Derby, Squirrell of Underhill and Strong of Albany,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to vanity veteran vehicle registration plates;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 695

By Reps. Bancroft of Westford, Christie of Hartford, Batchelor of Derby, Brumsted of Shelburne, Gamache of Swanton, Goslant of Northfield, Hango of Berkshire, Morgan of Milton, Myers of Essex, Page of Newport City, Palasik of Milton, Smith of Derby and White of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the income tax exemption for Social Security;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 696

By Reps. Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Brumsted of Shelburne, Carroll of Bennington, Christie of Hartford, Donahue of Northfield, Fegard of Berkshire, Gamache of Swanton, Goslant of Northfield, Hango of Berkshire, Morgan of Milton, Myers of Essex, Page of Newport City, Palasik of Milton and Smith of Derby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont's income tax deduction for medical expenses;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 697

By Reps. Dolan of Waitsfield, Birong of Vergennes, Anthony of Barre City, Hill of Wolcott, Morris of Springfield and O'Sullivan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a local option tax for smaller towns;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 698

By Reps. Ralph of Hartland, Colburn of Burlington and Gonzalez of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to an additional purchase and use tax on new motor vehicles that exclusively run on an internal combustion engine;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 699

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Anthony of Barre City, Cina of Burlington, Fegard of Berkshire and McCullough of Williston,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of the bicycle safety vehicle registration plate;

To the committee on Transportation.

Message from the Senate No. 2

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:

Pursuant to the request of the House for a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate bill entitled:

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

The President announced the appointment as members of such Committee on the part of the Senate:

Senator Sirotkin
Senator Clarkson
Senator Balint

Pursuant to the request of the House for a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill entitled:

H. 107. An act relating to paid family and medical leave.

The President announced the appointment as members of such Committee on the part of the Senate:

Senator Sirotkin
Senator Clarkson
Senator Balint

The Senate has on its part adopted Senate concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

S.C.R. 14. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Glenn Gershaneck for his exemplary roles in journalism and public service..

S.C.R. 15. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Joel Theodore Cope for his exemplary leadership of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District..

S.C.R. 16. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Community College of Vermont on its 50th anniversary..

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

H.C.R. 191. House concurrent resolution designating January 2020 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont.

H.C.R. 192. House concurrent resolution congratulating former Manchester Selectboard member and U.S. Army Lieutenant William B. Finn on his 90th birthday.

H.C.R. 193. House concurrent resolution congratulating St Johnsbury Academy Hilltopper Mate Koszo on winning the 2019 boys' individual State tennis championship.

H.C.R. 194. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 West Rutland High School Golden Horde Division IV championship softball team.

H.C.R. 195. House concurrent resolution congratulating Harry Chandler on his 100th birthday.

H.C.R. 196. House concurrent resolution honoring Camille George of Richmond for her laudable career of service to older Vermonters and persons with disabilities.

H.C.R. 197. House concurrent resolution designating January 15, 2020 as Homelessness Awareness Day at the State House.

H.C.R. 198. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Twin Valley High School Wildcats Division IV championship boys' soccer team.

H.C.R. 199. House concurrent resolution in memory of Emily Mason of Brattleboro.

Message from the Senate No. 3

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 adopted joint resolution of the following title:

J.R.S. 33. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

Adjournment

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