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, Treiber 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, Treiber 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. Sibilia 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


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-

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


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, Sibia of Dover, Ancel of Calais, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Brownell of

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 Sibilia 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**

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. 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. 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.