

Journal of the House

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bor Yang of Pittsfield, VT, Executive Director, VT Human Rights Commission.

Pledge of Allegiance

Page Nora O'Grady of South Burlington 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. 780

By Rep. Birong of Vergennes,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to listing the price of spirits and fortified wines;

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

H. 781

By Reps. Birong of Vergennes, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Fegard of Berkshire and Lanpher of Vergennes,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to farm-based manufacturers of alcoholic beverages;

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

H. 782

By Reps. Marcotte of Coventry, Sheldon of Middlebury and Stevens of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to community and housing investment;

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

H. 783

By Reps. Killacky of South Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Austin of Colchester, Biron of Vergennes, Chase of Colchester, Christie of Hartford, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Gardner of Richmond, Gonzalez of Winooski, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, LaLonde of South Burlington, Marcotte of Coventry, Page of Newport City, Rachelson of Burlington, Redmond of Essex, Stevens of Waterbury, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, White of Hartford and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to recovery residences;

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

H. 784

By Reps. LaClair of Barre Town, Brownell of Pownal, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Hooper of Burlington, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Morgan of Milton, Seymour of Sutton, Smith of New Haven and Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to modifying the title exemption for older vehicles;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 785

By Rep. Copeland Hanzas of Bradford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Green Mountain Care Board authority over prescription drug costs;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 786

By Rep. Copeland Hanzas of Bradford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to eliminating cost-sharing requirements for primary care;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 787

By Rep. Copeland Hanzas of Bradford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to hospital use of savings from 340B drug pricing;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 788

By Rep. Copeland Hanzas of Bradford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to technical corrections for the 2020 legislative session;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 789

By Reps. Donovan of Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Lanpher of Vergennes, Masland of Thetford, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, Troiano of Stannard and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to imposing an income tax surcharge to reduce State retirement liabilities;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 790

By Reps. Gregoire of Fairfield, Donahue of Northfield, Fegard of Berkshire, Graham of Williamstown, Hango of Berkshire, Higley of Lowell, Lefebvre of Newark, Martel of Waterford, Mattos of Milton, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Norris of Shoreham, Noyes of Wolcott, Page of Newport City, Palasik of Milton, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Seymour of Sutton, Strong of Albany and Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting social security income from Vermont's personal income tax;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 791

By Reps. Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Bancroft of Westford,

Batchelor of Derby, Burditt of West Rutland, Donahue of Northfield, Gamache of Swanton, Goslant of Northfield, Graham of Williamstown, Higley of Lowell, LaClair of Barre Town, Martel of Waterford, Mattos of Milton, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Nicoll of Ludlow, Norris of Shoreham, Noyes of Wolcott, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Palasik of Milton, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Seymour of Sutton, Strong of Albany and Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting military retirement pay from Vermont's personal income tax;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 792

By Reps. Yacovone of Morristown, Anthony of Barre City, Carroll of Bennington, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cordes of Lincoln, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Fegard of Berkshire, Lanpher of Vergennes, Morris of Springfield, Patt of Worcester, Sullivan of Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, White of Hartford and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to imposing an income tax surcharge to reduce State retirement liabilities;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 793

By Rep. Copeland Hanzas of Bradford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the powers and duties of the Auditor of Accounts;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 794

By Reps. Yantachka of Charlotte, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bancroft of Westford, Bock of Chester, Brumsted of Shelburne, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Dolan of Waitsfield, Fegard of Berkshire, Gannon of Wilmington, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Hooper of Burlington, Jerome of Brandon, Kimbell of Woodstock, Lefebvre of Newark, Leffler of Enosburgh, Morgan of Milton,

Nicoll of Ludlow, Redmond of Essex, Reed of Braintree, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sibia of Dover, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Troiano of Stannard and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism;

To the committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 795

By Reps. Rogers of Waterville, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cordes of Lincoln, Donahue of Northfield, Houghton of Essex, Page of Newport City and Smith of Derby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing hospital price transparency;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 796

By Reps. Rogers of Waterville, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cordes of Lincoln, Donahue of Northfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury and Smith of Derby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to recommendations regarding ownership of medical data in electronic health records;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 797

By Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to student athlete compensation;

To the committee on Education.

H. 798

By Reps. Webb of Shelburne, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Conlon of Cornwall, Demrow of Corinth, Dolan of Waitsfield, Hooper of Randolph, Jerome of Brandon, Killacky of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, McCullough of Williston, Ode of Burlington, Ralph of Hartland, Scheu of Middlebury, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of

South Burlington, Walz of Barre City and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use of biochar;

To the committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 799

By Reps. Notte of Rutland City, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cordes of Lincoln, Fegard of Berkshire, Lefebvre of Newark, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Seymour of Sutton and White of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the registration process for ground-mounted solar systems;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 800

By Reps. Rogers of Waterville, Nicoll of Ludlow, Carroll of Bennington, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Hashim of Dummerston, Hooper of Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Lippert of Hinesburg, Morris of Springfield, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ralph of Hartland, Sheldon of Middlebury and White of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to legislative compensation during adjournment;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 801

By Reps. Donovan of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Lanpher of Vergennes, Masland of Thetford, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to statewide public school employee health benefits;

To the committee on Education.

H. 802

By Reps. Grad of Moretown, Page of Newport City, Strong of Albany and Troiano of Stannard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the education of military families;

To the committee on Education.

H. 803

By Reps. Page of Newport City, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Higley of Lowell, LaClair of Barre Town, Marcotte of Coventry, McCoy of Poultney, Palasik of Milton, Strong of Albany and Terenzini of Rutland Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding access to information about special education;

To the committee on Education.

H. 804

By Reps. James of Manchester, Webb of Shelburne, Bock of Chester, Cordes of Lincoln, Houghton of Essex, Jerome of Brandon, O'Brien of Tunbridge and Redmond of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to equitable access to a high-quality education through community schools;

To the committee on Education.

H. 805

By Reps. Donovan of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Lanpher of Vergennes, Masland of Thetford, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the collective bargaining rights of teachers;

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

H. 806

By Rep. Nicoll of Ludlow,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to cable television programming packages;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 807

By Reps. Fagan of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Howard of Rutland City and Notte of Rutland City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to an electric company's Emerald Ash Borer assessment;

To the committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 808

By Reps. Donahue of Northfield, Bancroft of Westford, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington, Jessup of Middlesex and Myers of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use of deadly force by law enforcement;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 809

By Rep. Gregoire of Fairfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to banning the lottery;

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

H. 810

By Reps. O'Brien of Tunbridge, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bock of Chester, Coffey of Guilford, Colston of Winooski, Demrow of Corinth, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Fegard of Berkshire, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Killacky of South Burlington, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Masland of Thetford, Morris of Springfield, Notte of Rutland City, Page of Newport City, Redmond of Essex, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, White of Hartford, Yacovone of Morristown and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to first aid training for school bus operators;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 811

By Reps. Brumsted of Shelburne, Harrison of Chittenden, Sibilica of Dover, Anthony of Barre City, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland,

Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Briglin of Thetford, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Cupoli of Rutland City, Demrow of Corinth, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Gamache of Swanton, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Haas of Rochester, Hango of Berkshire, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex, Jerome of Brandon, Killacky of South Burlington, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaClair of Barre Town, Lefebvre of Newark, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Nicoll of Ludlow, Notte of Rutland City, Pajala of Londonderry, Palasik of Milton, Patt of Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Redmond of Essex, Reed of Braintree, Rosenquist of Georgia, Scheu of Middlebury, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, Squirrell of Underhill, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Toof of St. Albans Town, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the requirement to pass a civics test for high school graduation;

To the committee on Education.

H. 812

By Reps. Rogers of Waterville, Burke of Brattleboro, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Colchester, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Donovan of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Fegard of Berkshire, Houghton of Essex, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Lanpher of Vergennes, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Morris of Springfield, Nicoll of Ludlow, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Pugh of South Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Walz of Barre City and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to universal school breakfast and lunch for all public-school students;

To the committee on Education.

H. 813

By Reps. Myers of Essex, Batchelor of Derby, Gregoire of Fairfield and Hango of Berkshire,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a Vermont personal income tax credit for premiums paid for long-term care insurance;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 814

By Reps. Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Szott of Barnard, Birong of Vergennes, Colburn of Burlington, Killacky of South Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Redmond of Essex and White of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to leave from employment for victims of domestic or sexual violence;

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

H. 815

By Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the installation of fireblocking in single-family dwellings;

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

H. 816

By Reps. McCoy of Poultney, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, Norris of Shoreham, Notte of Rutland City, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford and Terenzini of Rutland Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a mental health mobile response unit pilot program in the city of Rutland;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 817

By Reps. Toof of St. Albans Town, Elder of Starksboro, Goslant of Northfield, Hango of Berkshire, Hooper of Randolph, Mattos of Milton and Morgan of Milton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to universal afterschool programming;

To the committee on Education.

H. 818

By Reps. Hooper of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Batchelor of Derby, Brownell of Pownal, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Donovan of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, Macaig of Williston, McCormack of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Palasik of Milton, Patt of Worcester, Sullivan of Burlington, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Troiano of Stannard, Yacovone of Morristown and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the contractual rights of members of the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 819

By Reps. Hooper of Montpelier, Emmons of Springfield, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester and Shaw of Pittsford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to criminal and civil surcharges;

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

H. 820

By Reps. Howard of Rutland City, Anthony of Barre City, Cordes of Lincoln, Donovan of Burlington, Fagan of Rutland City, Hooper of Burlington, Killacky of South Burlington, White of Hartford and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of the Vermont State Building Security Board;

To the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 821

By Reps. Hooper of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Brownell of Pownal, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of

Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Donovan of Burlington, Gardner of Richmond, Howard of Rutland City, Killacky of South Burlington, Morris of Springfield, Nicoll of Ludlow, Notte of Rutland City, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Palasik of Milton, Patt of Worcester and Ralph of Hartland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to binding interest arbitration for employees of the Vermont Judiciary and the Vermont State Colleges;

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

H. 822

By Reps. Cordes of Lincoln, Briglin of Thetford, Masland of Thetford, Cina of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Colchester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Copeland Hanzas of Bradford, Donovan of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Fegard of Berkshire, Gardner of Richmond, Gonzalez of Winooski, Hango of Berkshire, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Jerome of Brandon, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lanpher of Vergennes, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Morgan of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Nicoll of Ludlow, O'Brien of Tunbridge, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Palasik of Milton, Patt of Worcester, Smith of Derby, Sullivan of Burlington, Szott of Barnard, Toof of St. Albans Town, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to limiting out-of-pocket expenses for prescription insulin drugs;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 823

By Reps. Brumsted of Shelburne, Till of Jericho, Ancel of Calais, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bock of Chester, Christensen of Weathersfield, Colston of Winooski, Conlon of Cornwall, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Gamache of Swanton, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Hango of Berkshire, Houghton of Essex, Jerome of Brandon, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lippert of Hinesburg, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Notte of Rutland City, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Patt of Worcester, Rachelson of Burlington, Redmond of Essex,

Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibilia of Dover, Sullivan of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Wood of Waterbury and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 824

By Reps. Cordes of Lincoln, Hooper of Burlington and Lanpher of Vergennes,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to required medical personnel for dental procedures using sedation or anesthesia;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 825

By Reps. Cordes of Lincoln and Hooper of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to limitations on health care contract provisions and surprise medical bills;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 826

By Reps. Cordes of Lincoln, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cina of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Rogers of Waterville, Townsend of South Burlington and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to authorized professional use of regulated drugs;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 827

By Reps. Gregoire of Fairfield, Austin of Colchester, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Demrow of Corinth, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Gamache of Swanton, Hango of Berkshire, Morgan of Milton, Notte of Rutland City, Noyes of Wolcott, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Rosenquist of Georgia, Seymour of Sutton, Smith of New Haven, Strong of

Albany and White of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the beverage container redemption system;

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

H. 828

By Reps. Cordes of Lincoln, Burke of Brattleboro, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cina of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sullivan of Burlington and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont standards for issuing a Clean Water Act section 401 certification;

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

H. 829

By Reps. Squirrell of Underhill, Dolan of Waitsfield, McCullough of Williston and Ode of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use of the pesticide chlorpyrifos;

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

Message from the Senate No. 4

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 concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

H.C.R. 200. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Hazelett Corporation in Colchester on its centennial.

H.C.R. 202. House concurrent resolution in memory of Lindy S. Lynch.

H.C.R. 203. House concurrent resolution designating January 22, 2020 as Mentoring Day at the State House.

Third Reading; Bill Passed**H. 554**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of the dissolution of the Village of Perkinsville and the merger of the Village with the Town of Weathersfield

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Proposed Amendment to the Vermont Constitution Adopted**Proposal #2**

Rep. Kitzmiller of Montpelier recommended for the committee on Government Operations, to which had been referred the Proposal, reported in favor of its adoption in concurrence.

PROPOSAL 2

Sec. 1. HISTORY; PURPOSE

(a) History. While Vermont was the first state to include a prohibition on slavery in its Constitution in 1777, it was only a partial prohibition, applicable to adults reaching a certain age, “unless bound by the person’s own consent, after arriving to such age, or bound by law for the payment of debts, damages, fines, costs, or the like.” The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified in 1865, prohibited slavery within the United States “except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted[.]” Despite subsequent revisions to it, the Vermont Constitution continues to contain only a partial prohibition on slavery.

(b) Purpose. This proposal would amend the Constitution of the State of Vermont to eliminate reference to slavery. Eliminating reference to slavery in the Vermont Constitution will serve as a foundation for addressing systemic racism in our State’s laws and institutions.

Sec. 2. Article 1 of Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

Article 1. [All persons born free; their natural rights; ~~slavery prohibited~~]

That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety; ~~therefore no person born in this country, or brought from over sea, ought to be holden by law, to serve any person as a servant, slave or apprentice, after arriving to the age of twenty-one years, unless bound by the person's own consent, after arriving to such age, or bound by law for the payment of debts, damages, fines, costs, or the like.~~

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

The amendment set forth in Sec. 2 shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Vermont on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 2022 when ratified and adopted by the people of this State in accordance with the provisions of 17 V.S.A. chapter 32.

Thereupon the Proposal, having appeared on the Calendar for Notice for four legislative days pursuant to House rule 51a, was taken up and read.

Pending the question, Shall the proposal be adopted? **Rep. Kitzmiller of Montpelier** 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 proposal be adopted? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 145. Nays, 0.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais	Gonzalez of Winooski	Noyes of Wolcott
Anthony of Barre City *	Goslant of Northfield	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Austin of Colchester	Graham of Williamstown	Ode of Burlington
Bancroft of Westford	Gregoire of Fairfield	O'Sullivan of Burlington
Bartholomew of Hartland	Haas of Rochester	Page of Newport City
Batchelor of Derby	Hango of Berkshire	Pajala of Londonderry
Bates of Bennington	Harrison of Chittenden	Palasik of Milton
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Hashim of Dummerston	Partridge of Windham
Birong of Vergennes	Helm of Fair Haven	Patt of Worcester
Bock of Chester	Higley of Lowell	Potter of Clarendon
Brennan of Colchester	Hill of Wolcott	Pugh of South Burlington
Briglin of Thetford	Hooper of Montpelier	Rachelson of Burlington
Brownell of Pownal	Hooper of Randolph	Ralph of Hartland
Browning of Arlington	Hooper of Burlington	Redmond of Essex
Brumsted of Shelburne	Houghton of Essex	Reed of Braintree
Burditt of West Rutland	Howard of Rutland City	Rogers of Waterville
Burke of Brattleboro	James of Manchester	Rosenquist of Georgia
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Jerome of Brandon	Savage of Swanton
Canfield of Fair Haven	Jessup of Middlesex	Scheu of Middlebury
Carroll of Bennington	Killacky of South Burlington	Scheuermann of Stowe
Chase of Colchester	Kimbell of Woodstock	Seymour of Sutton
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Kitzmiller of Montpelier *	Shaw of Pittsford
Christensen of Weathersfield	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Sheldon of Middlebury
Christie of Hartford *	Krowinski of Burlington	Sibilia of Dover
Cina of Burlington	LaClair of Barre Town	Smith of Derby
Coffey of Guilford	LaLonde of South Burlington	Squirrell of Underhill
Colburn of Burlington	Lanpher of Vergennes	Stevens of Waterbury
Colston of Winooski	Lefebvre of Newark	Strong of Albany
Conlon of Cornwall	Leffler of Enosburgh	Sullivan of Dorset
Conquest of Newbury	Lippert of Hinesburg	Sullivan of Burlington
Copeland Hanzas of Bradford	Long of Newfane	Szott of Barnard
	Macaig of Williston	Taylor of Colchester
		Terenzini of Rutland Town

Corcoran of Bennington	Marcotte of Coventry	Till of Jericho
Cordes of Lincoln	Martel of Waterford	Toleno of Brattleboro
Cupoli of Rutland City	Masland of Thetford	Toll of Danville
Demrow of Corinth	Mattos of Milton	Toof of St. Albans Town
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Townsend of South Burlington
Dolan of Waitsfield	McCormack of Burlington	Trieber of Rockingham
Donovan of Burlington	McCoy of Poultney	Troiano of Stannard
Durfee of Shaftsbury	McCullough of Williston	Walz of Barre City
Elder of Starksboro	McFaun of Barre Town	Webb of Shelburne
Emmons of Springfield	Morgan of Milton	White of Hartford
Fagan of Rutland City	Morris of Springfield	Wood of Waterbury
Fegard of Berkshire	Morrissey of Bennington	Yacovone of Morristown
Feltus of Lyndon	Mrowicki of Putney	Yantachka of Charlotte
Gamache of Swanton	Murphy of Fairfax	Young of Greensboro
Gannon of Wilmington	Myers of Essex	
Gardner of Richmond	Nicoll of Ludlow	
Giambatista of Essex	Norris of Shoreham	
	Notte of Rutland City	

Those who voted in the negative are: none

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

Donahue of Northfield	Quimby of Concord
Grad of Moretown	Smith of New Haven

Rep. Anthony of Barre City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Our act this morning honors an urging by Vermont Supreme Court Justice Thomas Hayes. In a case known as ‘Jewell’ Justice Hayes announced our constitution, ‘while not the only star in the sky, it is certainly the brightest.’

He urged resort to our founding document as the primary defense of liberty.”

Rep. Christie of Hartford explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes for Proposition 2. After visiting with my fellow Vermonters from all over the state there came a clear consensus that this was the right thing to do. I would like to thank our Speaker, Government Operations, and all leadership for aligning this historic event to the holiday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”

Rep. Kitzmiller of Montpelier explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I want to thank my colleagues for this overwhelming support!”

Adjournment

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