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


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, Sibilia 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**


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 Poulney, 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, Sibilia 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 Brantree, Rosenquist of Georgia, Scheu of Middlebury, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, Squirrel 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-Tangeman 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**


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


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 helden 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:


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  McCarthy of St. Albans City  Townsend of South
Town  McCormack of Burlington  Burlington
Dolan of Waitsfield  McCoy of Poulney  Trieber of Rockingham
Donovan of Burlington  McCullough of Williston  Triano of Stannard
Durfee of Shaftsbury  McFaun of Barre Town  Walz of Barre City
Elder of Starksboro  Morgan of Milton  Webb of Shelburne
Emmons of Springfield  Morris of Springfield  White of Hartford
Fagan of Rutland City  Morrissey of Bennington  Wood of Waterbury
Fegard of Berkshire  Mrowicki of Putney  Yacovone of Morristown
Feltus of Lyndon  Murphy of Fairfax  Yantachka of Charlotte
Gamache of Swanton  Myers of Essex  Young of Greensboro
Gannon of Wilmington  Nicoll of Ludlow
Gardner of Richmond  Norris of Shoreham
Giambatista of Essex  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 Vermonter's 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.