

Journal of the House

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

At one o'clock in the afternoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Earl Kooperkamp, Church of the Good Shepherd, Barre.

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. 830

By Reps. Troiano of Stannard, Anthony of Barre City, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Conquest of Newbury, Demrow of Corinth, Fegard of Berkshire, Gannon of Wilmington, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex, Kimbell of Woodstock, LaLonde of South Burlington, Morris of Springfield, Nicoll of Ludlow, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Patt of Worcester, Rogers of Waterville, Sibia of Dover, Townsend of South Burlington, White of Hartford and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use of food residuals for farming;

To the committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 831

By Reps. Fagan of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Scheuermann of Stowe, Bancroft of Westford, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Brennan of Colchester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Gamache of Swanton, Goslant of Northfield, Howard of Rutland City, LaClair of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Notte of Rutland City, Page of Newport City, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford and Terenzini of Rutland Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to stormwater management;

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

H. 832

By Reps. Squirrell of Underhill, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Dolan of Waitsfield, McCullough of Williston, Ode of Burlington, Sheldon of Middlebury, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use and management of pesticides;

To the committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 833

By Reps. Mrowicki of Putney, Ode of Burlington, Bates of Bennington, Dolan of Waitsfield, Hill of Wolcott, Lefebvre of Newark, McCullough of Williston, Morgan of Milton, Sheldon of Middlebury and Squirrell of Underhill,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the interbasin transfer of surface waters;

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

H. 834

By Reps. Hooper of Burlington, Austin of Colchester, Brownell of Pownal, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donovan of Burlington, Harrison of Chittenden, Hooper of Randolph, Howard of Rutland City, Killacky of South Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Palasik of Milton, Patt of Worcester, Seymour of Sutton, Troiano of Stannard, Yacovone of Morristown and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reduced motor vehicle registration fees for veterans and the maintenance of a database of veterans in Vermont;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 835

By Reps. Beck of St. Johnsbury, Anthony of Barre City, Bancroft of Westford, Canfield of Fair Haven, Goslant of Northfield, Higley of Lowell, Mattos of Milton, Morgan of Milton, Page of Newport City and Trieber of Rockingham,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a vehicle miles traveled tax for plug-in electric vehicles;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 836

By Rep. Colburn of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a private right of action for deceptive communications to law enforcement officers made with the intent to discriminate, harass, or infringe on constitutional rights;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 837

By Reps. Gregoire of Fairfield, Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burditt of West Rutland, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fegard of Berkshire, Gamache of Swanton, Goslant of Northfield, Graham of Williamstown, Hango of Berkshire, Higley of Lowell, LaClair of Barre Town, Martel of Waterford, Mattos of Milton, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Norris of Shoreham, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Palasik of Milton, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Seymour of Sutton, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Toof of St. Albans Town and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to enhanced life estate deeds;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 838

By Reps. Savage of Swanton, Bancroft of Westford, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Donahue of Northfield, Fegard of Berkshire, Gamache of Swanton, McCoy of Poultney, Page of Newport City, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Terenzini of Rutland Town and Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to possession of firearms by persons convicted of a violent crime;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 839

By Reps. Canfield of Fair Haven, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Brennan of Colchester, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donahue of Northfield, Hango of Berkshire, LaClair of Barre Town, McCoy of Poultney, Morgan of Milton, Norris of Shoreham, Noyes of Wolcott, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of Derby, Strong of Albany and Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to tax relief for retired military, working youth, and renters;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 840

By Reps. Hooper of Burlington, Birong of Vergennes, Christie of Hartford, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Morris of Springfield, Nicoll of Ludlow, Notte of Rutland City, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Palasik of Milton, Ralph of Hartland and Seymour of Sutton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting pension income from State taxation;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 841

By Reps. Beck of St. Johnsbury, Anthony of Barre City, Bancroft of Westford, Goslant of Northfield, Masland of Thetford, Morgan of Milton and Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to repealing the sales tax exemption for cloud services and reallocating meals and rooms tax funds;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 842

By Rep. Smith of Derby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring active community notification upon release of sex offender who committed an offense against a minor;

To the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 843

By Rep. Nicoll of Ludlow,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to assault of a sports official;
To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 844

By Reps. Howard of Rutland City, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Fagan of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Hooper of Burlington, Morgan of Milton, Notte of Rutland City, Smith of Derby and Yantachka of Charlotte,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to allowing probation and parole officers to carry firearms while on duty;
To the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 845

By Reps. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs and Troiano of Stannard,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to review of orders placing the Vermont National Guard in federal active duty status;
To the committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

H. 846

By Reps. Noyes of Wolcott, Gregoire of Fairfield and Troiano of Stannard,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to exempting military retirement pay from Vermont's personal income tax and recruiting military veterans;
To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 847

By Rep. Smith of Derby,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to prohibiting flags other than the U.S. flag and State of

Vermont flag from being flown on public school property in Vermont;

To the committee on Education.

H. 848

By Reps. Beck of St. Johnsbury, Bancroft of Westford, Canfield of Fair Haven, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Mattos of Milton, McCoy of Poultney, Morgan of Milton, Page of Newport City and Savage of Swanton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a new State Employees' Retirement System and State Teachers' Retirement System;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 849

By Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to method of taxation on electronic cigarettes;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 850

By Reps. Hooper of Randolph, Batchelor of Derby, Elder of Starksboro, Higley of Lowell, Lefebvre of Newark, Mattos of Milton, Notte of Rutland City, Potter of Clarendon, Smith of Derby and Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to employment protection for volunteer firefighters;

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

H. 851

By Reps. Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Anthony of Barre City, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Donovan of Burlington, Killacky of South Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, Walz of Barre City and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a good cause standard for termination of employment;

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

H. 852

By Reps. Hooper of Randolph, Bock of Chester, Demrow of Corinth, Graham of Williamstown and O'Brien of Tunbridge,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to signal lamp permits for farm tractors and farm trucks;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 853

By Rep. Chase of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to discontinued highways, legal trails, and impassable or untraveled highways;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 854

By Rep. Chase of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the modification of a motor vehicle's exhaust system;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 855

By Rep. Chase of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the display of the front vehicle number plate;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 856

By Rep. Helm of Fair Haven,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to signs for Route 4A and Prospect Street along Route 4 in Fair Haven, VT, and Whitehall, NY;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 857

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Cina of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Gonzalez of Winooski, O'Sullivan of

Burlington, Redmond of Essex and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to ski area operators and skiing accident reports;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 858

By Reps. Hooper of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Birong of Vergennes, Brownell of Pownal, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Donovan of Burlington, Gardner of Richmond, Harrison of Chittenden, Howard of Rutland City, Morris of Springfield, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Notte of Rutland City, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Palasik of Milton, Ralph of Hartland and Troiano of Stannard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to taxation upon the transfer of tax-exempt property;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 859

By Reps. Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Colburn of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Killacky of South Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Reed of Braintree, Strong of Albany, White of Hartford and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to licensure of freestanding birth centers;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 860

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Colburn of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Gonzalez of Winooski and Ralph of Hartland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to next steps for implementation of Green Mountain Care;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 861

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Page of Newport City and

Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting medical examinations under anesthesia without informed consent;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 862

By Rep. Trieber of Rockingham,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a pet-friendly policy in State Office Buildings;

To the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 863

By Reps. Copeland Hanzas of Bradford, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Kornheiser of Brattleboro and O'Sullivan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to educating specified professionals on the State's energy goals;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 864

By Reps. Chase of Colchester and Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to renewable and responsibly sourced natural gas;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 865

By Reps. Chase of Colchester and Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to methane digesters, electric snowmobiles, and an electric police vehicle;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 866

By Rep. White of Hartford,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to emoji registration plates;
To the committee on Transportation.

H. 867

By Reps. Helm of Fair Haven, Conquest of Newbury, Houghton of Essex, Lanpher of Vergennes, Myers of Essex, Savage of Swanton, Townsend of South Burlington and Yacovone of Morristown,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to protecting and remediating at-risk cemeteries;
To the committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

H. 868

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Colburn of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Masland of Thetford, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralph of Hartland, Sheldon of Middlebury and Sullivan of Burlington,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to a regenerative economy;
To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 869

By Reps. Noyes of Wolcott and Troiano of Stannard,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to planning for the care and treatment of patients with cognitive impairments;
To the committee on Human Services.

H. 870

By Reps. Hooper of Randolph, Brumsted of Shelburne, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Nicoll of Ludlow, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Pajala of Londonderry, Redmond of Essex, Reed of Braintree and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the expanding eligibility and reducing co-payments in the Child Care Financial Assistance Program;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 871

By Reps. Hooper of Randolph, Demrow of Corinth and Reed of Braintree,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding mental health literacy outreach programs;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 872

By Reps. Christie of Hartford, Fegard of Berkshire, Jerome of Brandon, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Morris of Springfield, Townsend of South Burlington, Walz of Barre City, White of Hartford and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to net metering and municipalities;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 873

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington and Gardner of Richmond,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to mitigating factors in sentencing a minor for a crime;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 874

By Reps. Christie of Hartford, Szott of Barnard and White of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to law enforcement officers employed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 875

By Rep. Chase of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Vermont Telecommunications Authority;
To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 876

By Reps. Christie of Hartford, Fegard of Berkshire, Jerome of Brandon, Lanpher of Vergennes, Morris of Springfield, Townsend of South Burlington, Walz of Barre City, White of Hartford and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont's motor vehicle total loss threshold;
To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 877

By Reps. Gonzalez of Winooski and Stevens of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to imposing a property transfer tax surcharge on high-value properties;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 878

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield and Ralph of Hartland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to decriminalizing certain drugs commonly used for medicinal, spiritual, religious, or entheogenic purposes;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 879

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Gonzalez of Winooski, Houghton of Essex, Rachelson of Burlington and Ralph of Hartland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to unlawful electronic transmission of sexually explicit visual material;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 880

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Gonzalez of Winooski,

Houghton of Essex, Lippert of Hinesburg, Morgan of Milton, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Ralph of Hartland and White of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Abenaki place names on State park signs;

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

Message from the Senate No. 5

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has considered the report of the Committee of Conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon House bill of the following title:

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

And has accepted and adopted the same on its part.

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

J.R.S. 34. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 34

By Senator Ashe,

J.R.S. 34. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 24, 2020, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Was taken up, read and adopted in concurrence.

Rep. Krowinski of Burlington in chair.

Committee Bill; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 760

Rep. Toll of Danville spoke for the committee on Appropriations.

House bill entitled

An act relating to fiscal year 2020 budget adjustments

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for Notice, was taken up, read the second time and third reading ordered.

Adjournment

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