

Journal of the House

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

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

Rep. Krowinski of Burlington in chair.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Joan Javier-Duval, Unitarian Church, Montpelier.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 335

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to universal access to afterschool programs

Was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 41

By Senator Ashe,

J.R.S. 41. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 21, 2020, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

Was taken up, read and adopted in concurrence.

Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered

H. 674

Rep. Bartholomew of Hartland, for the committee on Agriculture and Forestry, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

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

Reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1 (definition of development), by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1 to read as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 3752(8) is amended to read:

(8) “Housesite” means the two acres of land surrounding ~~any house, mobile home, or a dwelling.~~ More than one dwelling may share the same housesite, provided the dwellings are contained within a two-acre area.

Second: That after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to the definition of housesite for use value appraisals”

The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for Notice, was taken up, read the second time, report of the committee on Agriculture and Forestry agreed to and third reading ordered.

Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in

H. 83

The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled
An act relating to female genital cutting

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. chapter 70 is added to read:

CHAPTER 70. FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION OR CUTTING

§ 3151. FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION OR CUTTING PROHIBITED

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) “Health care professional” means an individual, partnership, corporation, facility, or institution licensed or certified or authorized by law to provide professional health care services.

(2) “Midwife” means a midwife licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 85.

(b) Female genital mutilation or cutting prohibited. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person shall:

(1) Knowingly circumcise, excise, or infibulate the whole or any part of the labia majora or labia minora or clitoris of another person who has not attained 18 years of age.

(2) Knowingly incise, prick, scrape, or cauterize any part of the labia majora or labia minora or clitoris of another person who has not attained 18 years of age.

(c) Exceptions. A medical procedure is not a violation of this section if it is:

(1) necessary to the health of the person on whom it is performed and is performed by a health care professional; or

(2) performed on a person in labor or who has just given birth and is performed for medical purposes connected with that labor or birth by a health care professional, midwife, or person in training to become a health care professional or midwife.

(d) Defense. It is not a defense to a charge under this section that the person on whom the procedure is performed, or any other person, believes that the procedure is required as a matter of custom or ritual or that the person on whom the procedure is performed, or that person's parent or guardian, consented to the procedure.

(e) Transportation prohibited. A person shall not knowingly transport a person into or out of this State for the purpose of conduct that would be a violation of this section.

(f) Penalty. A person who violates subdivision (b)(2) of this section shall be imprisoned not more than two years or fined not more than \$500.00, or both. A person who violates subdivision (b)(1) or subsection (e) of this section shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than \$20,000.00, or both.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

And that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read:

An act relating to prohibiting female genital mutilation or cutting.

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

Action on Bill Postponed

S. 23

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing the minimum wage

Was taken up and pending the call of the roll, on motion of **Rep. Stevens of Waterbury**, action on the bill was postponed until February 25, 2020.

Adjournment

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