

Journal of the House

Friday, February 21, 2020

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Elissa Johnk, First Congregational Church, Burlington.

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred to committee or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 928

By Rep. McCullough of Williston,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to health and safety warnings on consumer products containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 929

By Reps. Burditt of West Rutland and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting law enforcement use of facial recognition systems;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 930

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Batchelor of Derby, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Martel of Waterford, McCoy of Poultney, Morrissey of Bennington, Quimby of Concord, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Sibia of Dover and Strong of Albany,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to accountable care organization benchmarks and recertification;

To the committee on Health Care.

Action on Bill Postponed

S. 240

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to recruiting new remote workers and new relocating workers

Was taken up and pending consideration of the report of the committee on Commerce and Economic Development, on motion of **Rep. O'Sullivan of Burlington**, action on the bill was postponed until February 25, 2020.

Senate Proposal of Amendment to House Proposal of Amendment to Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in

H. 760

The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled

An act relating to fiscal year 2020 budget adjustments

The Senate concurs in the House proposals of amendment to the Senate proposals of amendment with further proposal of amendment as follows:

In the *Third* House proposal of amendment by striking out Sec. 70a in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 70a to read as follows:

Sec. 70a. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; GRADUATED

SANCTIONS; REENTRY HOUSING; REPORT

(a) On or before April 1, 2020, the Department of Corrections shall report to the Senate Committee on Judiciary, the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on how to strengthen existing graduated sanctions and incentives policies to ensure they reflect current research on best practices for responses to violation behavior that most effectively achieve behavior change and uphold public safety. The Department shall also identify reentry housing needs for corrections populations. As a part of this work, the Department shall submit its recommendations including initial cost estimates regarding:

(1) formalizing the use of incentives and sanctions in supervision practices at a 4:1 ratio and require incentives to be entered and tracked in the community supervision case management system;

(2) analyzing how supervision staff currently understand, implement, and input data regarding the Department's graduated sanctions policy to identify where practices differ across the State and, where necessary, provide additional staff training on the use and tracking of graduated sanctions;

(3) developing and implement a homeless screening tool for use when a person is booked into or released from Department facilities and track reports of homelessness among corrections populations in the Department's case management system;

(4) identifying and quantify high utilizers of corrections, homeless, and behavioral health services; inform statewide permanent supportive housing planning; and establish data match partnerships with appropriate Agency of Human Services departments to match Department of Corrections, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and Medicaid information;

(5) establishing a collaborative approach for the Department, the Department of Mental Health, and the Vermont Department of Health to contract with housing providers to coordinate responses for shared clients and identify how the State can better leverage local and federal housing vouchers;

(6) leveraging federal Medicaid funding or other funding to allow the Department's contractors' clients to stay in supportive housing after they are no longer under the supervision of the Department;

(7) reducing barriers to recovery housing by establishing evidence-based norms and expectations for contracts and certifications for sober and recovery housing providers, including allowing for the use of medications and restricting evictions due to relapse;

(8) redefining housing requirements for incarcerated persons in order to receive approval for furlough release; and

(9) improving data and case management systems.

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 568

House bill, entitled

An act relating to human trafficking and prostitution

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 688

House bill, entitled

An act relating to addressing climate change

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and thirty-seven minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S.41.

Concurrent Resolutions Adopted

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted on the part of the House.

H.C.R. 252

House concurrent resolution congratulating Pathways Vermont on its 10th anniversary;

H.C.R. 253

House concurrent resolution congratulating Burlington International Airport on its centennial;

H.C.R. 254

House concurrent resolution honoring Williston Town Clerk Deborah Beckett for her outstanding municipal public service;

H.C.R. 255

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Montpelier High School Solons State championship girls' ultimate team;

H.C.R. 256

House concurrent resolution congratulating Robert Morlino of Pawlet on being named the 2019 Vermont Emergency Management Director of the Year;

H.C.R. 257

House concurrent resolution honoring Norwich University's 23rd President, Dr. Richard W. Schneider;

H.C.R. 258

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 White River Valley High School Wildcats Division III championship softball team;

H.C.R. 259

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 White River Valley High School Wildcats Division III championship baseball team;

H.C.R. 260

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Montpelier High School Solons State championship boys' ultimate team;

H.C.R. 261

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's arrival in the New World;

H.C.R. 262

House concurrent resolution congratulating Heritage Landscapes and Patricia O'Donnell on receipt of the 2019 Landscape Architecture Firm Award;

H.C.R. 263

House concurrent resolution in memory of journalist and former State and Barre City official Arthur Anton Ristau;

H.C.R. 264

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Senior Games Association;

H.C.R. 265

House concurrent resolution in memory of Jake Burton Carpenter of Stowe;

S.C.R. 18

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Eric Peterson for his visionary leadership at the Oldcastle Theatre Company in Bennington.

[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2020, seventy-fifth Biennial session.]