

Journal of the House

Thursday, April 23, 2020

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

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of a devotional.

Communication from the Governor

April 11, 2020

The Honorable Mitzi Johnson
Speaker of the House
115 State Street, Drawer 33
Montpelier, Vermont 05633-5301

Dear Speaker Johnson,

I have the great honor to inform you that I have appointed Kelley Tully of Bellows Falls, Vermont to serve in the General Assembly representing House District Windham-3.

Sincerely,

/s/Philip B. Scott
Governor

PBS/jm

C: James Condos, Secretary of State
William MaGill, Clerk of the House

New Member Seated; Committee Appointment Announced

Kelley Tully of Bellows Falls, the newly appointed member, having previously taken and subscribed the oath administered by the Clerk, as required by the Constitution and laws of the State, took up her seat 120. Thereupon, the Speaker appointed **Rep. Tully of Bellows Falls** to the committee on Judiciary.

Committee Appointment Changes

The Speaker announced the following changes to committees:

Rep. Kornheiser of Brattleboro to the committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill Introduced**H. 943**

Reps. McCarthy of St. Albans City and Toof of St. Albans Town introduced a bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of St. Albans

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on Government Operations.

Senate Bill Referred**S. 114**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the emergency judicial response to the COVID-19 public health emergency

Was read and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill Referred**S. 182**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to government operations regarding the emergency medical services and public safety in response to COVID-19

Was read and referred to the committee on Government Operations.

Senate Bill Referred**S. 333**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a moratorium on ejectment and foreclosure actions during the COVID-19 emergency

Was read and referred to the committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

Senate Bill Referred**S. 340**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to FY 2020 interfund borrowing authority

Was read and referred to the committee on Appropriations.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 341

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to disclosure of tax information to facilitate the provision of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits

Was read and referred to the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

Remote Voting Pursuant to Temporary Rule Ratified

Pending the question, Shall the House approve remote voting pursuant to temporary House Rule 9A? **Rep. Donahue of Northfield** 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 House approve remote voting pursuant to temporary House Rule 9A? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 148. Nays, 0.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais	Goslant of Northfield	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Anthony of Barre City	Grad of Moretown	Ode of Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Graham of Williamstown	O'Sullivan of Burlington
Bancroft of Westford	Gregoire of Fairfield	Page of Newport City
Bartholomew of Hartland	Haas of Rochester	Pajala of Londonderry
Batchelor of Derby	Hango of Berkshire	Palasik of Milton
Bates of Bennington	Harrison of Chittenden	Partridge of Windham
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Hashim of Dummerston	Patt of Worcester
Birong of Vergennes	Helm of Fair Haven	Potter of Clarendon
Bock of Chester	Higley of Lowell	Pugh of South Burlington
Brennan of Colchester	Hill of Wolcott	Quimby of Concord
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	Kitzmiller of Montpelier	Shaw of Pittsford
Middletown Springs	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Sheldon of Middlebury
Christensen of Weathersfield	Krowinski of Burlington	Sibilia of Dover
Cina of Burlington	LaClair of Barre Town	Smith of Derby
Coffey of Guilford	LaLonde of South	Smith of New Haven
Colburn of Burlington	Burlington	Squirrell of Underhill
Colston of Winooski	Lanpher of Vergennes	Stevens of Waterbury
Conlon of Cornwall	Lefebvre of Newark	Strong of Albany

Conquest of Newbury	Leffler of Enosburgh	Sullivan of Dorset
Copeland Hanzas of Bradford	Lippert of Hinesburg	Sullivan of Burlington
Corcoran of Bennington	Long of Newfane	Szott of Barnard
Cordes of Lincoln	Macaig of Williston	Taylor of Colchester
Cupoli of Rutland City	Marcotte of Coventry	Terenzini of Rutland Town
Demrow of Corinth	Martel of Waterford	Till of Jericho
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Masland of Thetford	Toleno of Brattleboro
Dolan of Waitsfield	Mattos of Milton	Toll of Danville
Donahue of Northfield *	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Toof of St. Albans Town
Donovan of Burlington	McCormack of Burlington	Townsend of South Burlington
Durfee of Shaftsbury	McCoy of Poultney	Troiano of Stannard
Elder of Starksboro	McCullough of Williston	Tully of Rockingham
Emmons of Springfield	McFaun of Barre Town	Walz of Barre City
Fagan of Rutland City	Morgan of Milton	Webb of Shelburne
Fegard of Berkshire	Morris of Springfield	White of Hartford
Feltus of Lyndon	Morrissey of Bennington	Wood of Waterbury
Gamache of Swanton	Mrowicki of Putney	Yacovone of Morristown
Gannon of Wilmington	Murphy of Fairfax	Yantachka of Charlotte
Gardner of Richmond	Myers of Essex	Young of Greensboro
Giambatista of Essex	Nicoll of Ludlow	
Gonzalez of Winooski	Norris of Shoreham	
	Notte of Rutland City	
	Noyes of Wolcott	

Those who voted in the negative are: none

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

Christie of Hartford

Rep. Donahue of Northfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We are in an extraordinary time, where safety requires that we avoid coming together as a group, and yet, we cannot simply suspend our responsibilities. Despite its flaws in allowing us to fully meet our obligations for representation, we must do what we can to make a remote system serve its functions in order to move emergency responses forward and to maintain government functions, during the time that we have declared a state of emergency resulting from this pandemic. I thank the Speaker for her leadership in helping us chart this balance.”

Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in

H. 741

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

An act relating to criminal record checks on contractors working in State-owned or -leased facilities

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 2, 20 V.S.A. § 2056i, by striking out subsection (e) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(e) Process for sending information. The Commissioner may inform the contractor in writing of the approved level of access granted for each person for which a record was obtained, but shall not reveal the content of the record to the contractor.

Second: In Sec. 2, 20 V.S.A. § 2056i, by striking out subsection (h) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(h) Confidentiality. Criminal records and criminal record information received under this section are designated confidential unless, under subsection (e) of this section, or State or federal law or regulation, the record or information may be disclosed to specifically designated persons.

Third: In Sec. 3, Effective Date, by striking out the following: “July 1, 2020” and inserting in lieu thereof the word passage

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

**Favorable Report; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered;
Rules Suspended; Third Reading; Bill Passed; Rules Suspended; Bill
Messaged to Senate Forthwith**

S. 316

Rep. Grad of Moretown, for the committee on Judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to execution of wills during an emergency

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence.

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

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bill placed on all remaining stages of passage. Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Thereupon on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney** the rules were suspended and the bill was ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith.

Recess

At eleven o'clock and forty-three minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker declared a recess until one o'clock in the afternoon.

At one o'clock and two minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

**Rules Suspended; Second Reading; Favorable Report;
Third Reading Ordered; Rules Suspended; Third Reading;
Bill Passed in Concurrence**

S. 340

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to FY 2020 interfund borrowing authority

Pending entry on the Calendar for Notice, was taken up for immediate consideration.

Rep. Townsend of South Burlington, for the committee on Appropriations, to which had been referred the Senate bill reported in favor of its passage in concurrence.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time and third reading was ordered.

Thereupon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bill placed on all remaining stages of passage. Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

**Rules Suspended; Second Reading;
Third Reading Ordered; Rules Suspended; Third Reading;
Bill Passed in Concurrence**

S. 341

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to disclosure of tax information to facilitate the provision of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits

Pending entry on the Calendar for Notice, was taken up for immediate consideration.

Rep. Marcotte of Coventry, for the committee on Commerce and Economic Development, to which had been referred the Senate bill reported in favor of its passage in concurrence.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time and third reading was ordered.

Thereupon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bill placed on all remaining stages of passage. Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

**Rules Suspended; Second Reading; Proposal of Amendment Agreed to;
Third Reading Ordered; Rules Suspended; Third Reading;
Bill Passed in Concurrence With Proposal of Amendment**

S. 114

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the emergency judicial response to the COVID-19 public health emergency

Pending entry on the Calendar for Notice, was taken up for immediate consideration.

Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington, for the committee on Judiciary, to which had been referred the Senate bill reported in favor of its passage in concurrence with proposal of amendment as follows:

In Sec. 5, suspension and extension of statutory time frames, by striking out subdivision (3) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(3) [Deleted.]

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time, the report of the committee on Judiciary was agreed to and third reading was ordered.

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bill placed on all remaining stages of passage. Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Rules Suspended; Bill Messaged to Senate Forthwith

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bill was ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith.

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Adjournment

At three o'clock and thirteen minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at eight o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.