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

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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

\textbf{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.

\textbf{Remote Voting Pursuant to Temporary Rule Ratified}

Pending the question, Shall the House approve remote voting pursuant to temporary House Rule 9A? \textbf{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
Anthony of Barre City
Austin of Colchester
Bancroft of Westford
Bartholomew of Hartland
Batchelor of Derby
Bates of Bennington
Beck of St. Johnsbury
Birong of Vergennes
Bock of Chester
Brennan of Colchester
Briglin of Thetford
Brownell of Pownal
Browning of Arlington
Brumsted of Shelburne
Burditt of West Rutland
Burke of Brattleboro
Campbell of St. Johnsbury
Canfield of Fair Haven
Carroll of Bennington
Chase of Colchester
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs
Christensen of Weathersfield
Cina of Burlington
Coffey of Guilford
Colburn of Burlington
Colston of Winooski
Conlon of Cornwall

Goslant of Northfield
Grad of Moretown
Graham of Williamstown
Gregoire of Fairfield
Haas of Rochester
Hango of Berkshire
Harrison of Chittenden
Hashim of Fair Haven
Higley of Lowell
Hill of Wolcott
Hooper of Montpelier
Hooper of Randolph
Hooper of Burlington
Houghton of Essex
Howard of Rutland City
James of Manchester
Jerome of Brandon
Jessup of Middlesex
Killacky of South Burlington
Kimbell of Woodstock
Kitzmiller of Montpelier
Kornheiser of Brattleboro
Krowinski of Burlington
LaClair of Barre Town
LaLonde of South
Burlington
Lanpher of Vergennes
Lefebvre of Newark

O'Brien of Tunbridge
Ode of Burlington
O'Sullivan of Burlington
Page of Newport City
Pajala of Londonderry
Partridge of Windham
Patt of Worcester
Potter of Clarendon
Pugh of South Burlington
Quimby of Concord
Rachelson of Burlington
Ralph of Hartland
Redmond of Essex
Reed of Brantree
Rogers of Waterville
Rosenquist of Georgia
Savage of Swanton
Scheu of Middlebury
Scheuermann of Stowe
Seymour of Sutton
Shaw of Pittsford
Sheldon of Middlebury
Sibilia of Dover
Smith of Derby
Smith of New Haven
Squirrel of Underhill
Stevens of Waterbury
Strong of Albany
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 Poultnex, 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 Poultnex 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 Poultey, the House adjourned until tomorrow at eight o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.