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

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 Middletown Springs    Kitzmiller of Montpelier    Shaw of Pittsford
Christensen of Weathersfield    Kornheiser of Brattleboro    Sheldon of Middlebury
Cina of Burlington    Krowinski of Burlington    Sibilia of Dover
Coffey of Guilford    LaClair of Barre Town    Smith of Derby
Colburn of Burlington    LaLonde of South    Smith of New Haven
Colston of Winooski    Burlington    Squirrel of Underhill
Conlon of Cornwall    Lanpher of Vergennes    Stevens of Waterbury

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

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 Poultny, 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 Poultny 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.