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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Emilie Kornheiser of Brattleboro.

Committee Bill Introduced

H. 945

By the committee on Commerce and Economic Development,

An act relating to creating a COVID-19 Manufacturing Grant Program;

Was read and pursuant to House rule 48, bill placed on the Calendar for Notice. Thereupon, carrying an appropriation, the bill was referred to the committee on Appropriations pursuant to House rule 35(a).

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment

S. 333

Senate bill, entitled

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

Was taken up and pending third reading of the bill, Rep. LaClair of Barre Town moved to amend the bill as follows:

By striking out subsections (g) and (h) in their entireties and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (g) to read:

(g) Resumption of actions. Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, ejectment actions for nonpayment of rent pursuant to 9 V.S.A. § 4476(a) and ejectment actions for breach of a rental agreement pursuant to 9 V.S.A. § 4467(b) may proceed in court when the Governor terminates the state of emergency by declaration.

Which was disagreed to. Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.
Rules Suspended; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered; Rules Suspended; Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence

S. 344

On motion of Rep. McCoy of Poultney, the rules were suspended and Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to temporary municipal tax rate provisions in response to COVID-19

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

Rep. Gannon of Wilmington, for the committee on Government Operations, 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.

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; Bills Messaged to Senate Forthwith

On motion of Rep. McCoy of Poultney, the rules were suspended and the following bills were ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith:

S. 333

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

S. 344

Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to temporary municipal tax rate provisions in response to COVID-19

Adjournment

At eleven o'clock and fifty-two minutes in the forenoon, on motion of Rep. McCoy of Poultney, the House adjourned until Monday, May 4, 2020, at nine o’clock in the forenoon.