

Journal of the House

Friday, May 8, 2020

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Marybeth Redmond of Essex.

Committee Bill Introduced

H. 951

By the committee on Appropriations,

An act relating to the municipal emergency statewide education property tax borrowing program;

Was read and pursuant to House rule 48, bill placed on the Calendar for Notice.

Rules Suspended; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered; Rules Suspended; Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 947

On Motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and House 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. Gardner of Richmond, spoke for the committee on Government Operations,

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.

**Rules Suspended; Second Reading;
Third Reading Ordered**

H. 948

On Motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and House bill, entitled

An act relating to temporary municipal proceedings provisions in response to the COVID-19 outbreak

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

Rep. LaClair of Barre Town, spoke for the committee on Government Operations

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

**Rules Suspended; Second Reading;
Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered; Rules Suspended;
Third Reading; Bill Passed**

H. 950

On Motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and House bill, entitled

An act relating to allowing remote witnesses for advance directives for a limited time

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

Rep. Haas of Rochester spoke for the committee on Human Services.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? **Rep. Haas of Rochester**, moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. § 9721, by striking out subdivision (b)(1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (b)(1) to read as follows:

(b)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection 9703(b) of this title to the contrary, an advance directive executed by a principal between February 15, 2020 and the effective date of this section shall be deemed to be valid even if the principal signed the advance directive outside the physical presence of one or both of the required witnesses, provided all of the following conditions were met with respect to each remote witness:

(A) the principal and the remote witness were known to each other;

(B) the remote witness was informed about the role of a witness to the execution of an advance directive; and

(C) the principal included on the advance directive the name and contact information for the witness.

Which 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.

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:

H. 947

House bill, entitled

An act relating to temporary municipal tax rate provisions in response to COVID-19

H. 950

House bill, entitled

An act relating to allowing remote witnesses for advance directives for a limited time

Remarks Journalized

On motion of **Rep. Sibia of Dover**, the following remarks by **Rep. Graham of Williamstown** were ordered printed in the Journal:

“Madam Speaker:

The end of a very long-standing tradition probably dating back to the creation of the House of Representatives as on May 2, 2020 there is no longer an active dairy farmer serving in State Legislature.”

Adjournment

At eleven o'clock and eighteen minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Monday, May 11, 2020, at nine o'clock in the forenoon. pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 50.