

Journal of the House

Friday, May 29, 2020

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. James Gregoire of Fairfield.

Committee Bill Introduced

H. 960

By the committee on Health Care,

An act relating to miscellaneous health care provisions;

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

Senate Bill Referred

S. 125

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact

Was read and referred to the committee on Health Care.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 190

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the Standard Offer Program

Was read and referred to the committee on Energy and Technology.

House Resolution Adopted

H.R. 20

House resolution, entitled

House resolution extending the House declaring a state of emergency

Offered by the Committee on Rules

Whereas Governor Philip B Scott declared a state of emergency with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic until June 15, 2020, and

Whereas the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued guidelines for people to maintain a safe social distance of six feet and minimize gatherings to reduce the infection rates of COVID-19, and

Whereas the separation of powers between branches of government necessitates the Governor's Declaration of Emergency does not include the Legislative Branch, and

Whereas the House of Representatives must meet in order to address the needs of Vermonters and confront the threat of COVID-19 to the State of Vermont, and

Whereas the House must complete its business in the safest manner possible to prevent the spread of COVID-19, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That based on the Governor's declared state of emergency, Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and protecting the safety of Vermonters, the House of Representatives declares that there is a state of emergency until June 30, 2020 for its rules and procedures

Which was read and adopted.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 55

By Senator Ashe,

J.R.S. 55. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, May 28, 2020, or, Friday, May 29, 2020, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

Was taken up, read and adopted in concurrence.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 942

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation

Was taken up read the third time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill pass? **Rep. Krowinski of Burlington** 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 bill pass? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 147. Nays, 0.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais	Giambatista of Essex	Notte of Rutland City
Anthony of Barre City	Gonzalez of Winooski	Noyes of Wolcott
Austin of Colchester	Goslant of Northfield	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Bancroft of Westford	Grad of Moretown	Ode of Burlington
Bartholomew of Hartland	Gregoire of Fairfield	O'Sullivan of Burlington
Batchelor of Derby	Haas of Rochester	Page of Newport City
Bates of Bennington	Hango of Berkshire	Pajala of Londonderry
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Harrison of Chittenden	Palasik of Milton
Birong of Vergennes	Hashim of Dummerston	Partridge of Windham
Bock of Chester	Helm of Fair Haven	Patt of Worcester
Brennan of Colchester	Higley of Lowell	Potter of Clarendon
Briglin of Thetford	Hill of Wolcott	Pugh of South Burlington
Brownell of Pownal	Hooper of Montpelier	Quimby of Concord
Browning of Arlington	Hooper of Randolph	Rachelson of Burlington
Brumsted of Shelburne	Hooper of Burlington	Ralph of Hartland
Burditt of West Rutland	Houghton of Essex	Redmond of Essex
Burke of Brattleboro	Howard of Rutland City	Reed of Braintree
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	James of Manchester	Rogers of Waterville
Canfield of Fair Haven	Jerome of Brandon	Rosenquist of Georgia
Carroll of Bennington	Jessup of Middlesex	Savage of Swanton
Chase of Colchester	Killackey of South Burlington	Scheu of Middlebury
Chesnut-Tangerman of	Kimball of Woodstock	Scheuermann of Stowe
Middletown Springs	Kitzmiller of Montpelier	Seymour of Sutton
Christensen of Weathersfield	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Shaw of Pittsford
Christie of Hartford	Krowinski of Burlington	Sheldon of Middlebury
Cina of Burlington	LaClair of Barre Town	Sibilia of Dover
Coffey of Guilford	LaLonde of South	Smith of Derby
Colburn of Burlington	Burlington	Smith of New Haven
Colston of Winooski	Lanpher of Vergennes	Squirrell of Underhill
Conlon of Cornwall	Lefebvre of Newark	Stevens of Waterbury
Conquest of Newbury	Leffler of Enosburgh	Strong of Albany
Copeland Hanzas of	Lippert of Hinesburg	Sullivan of Dorset
Bradford	Long of Newfane	Sullivan of Burlington
Corcoran of Bennington	Macaig of Williston	Szott of Barnard
Cordes of Lincoln	Marcotte of Coventry	Taylor of Colchester
Cupoli of Rutland City	Martel of Waterford	Terenzini of Rutland Town
Demrow of Corinth	Masland of Thetford	Till of Jericho
Dickinson of St. Albans	Mattos of Milton	Toleno of Brattleboro
Town	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Toll of Danville
Dolan of Waitsfield	McCormack of Burlington	Toof of St. Albans Town
Donahue of Northfield	McCoy of Poultney	Townsend of South
Donovan of Burlington	McCullough of Williston	Burlington
Durfee of Shaftsbury	McFaun of Barre Town	Troiano of Stannard
Elder of Starksboro	Morgan of Milton	Tully of Rockingham
Emmons of Springfield	Morris of Springfield	Walz of Barre City
Fagan of Rutland City	Morrissey of Bennington	Webb of Shelburne

Fegard of Berkshire	Mrowicki of Putney	Wood of Waterbury
Feltus of Lyndon	Murphy of Fairfax	Yacovone of Morristown
Gamache of Swanton	Myers of Essex	Yantachka of Charlotte
Gannon of Wilmington	Nicoll of Ludlow	Young of Greensboro
Gardner of Richmond	Norris of Shoreham	

Those who voted in the negative are: none

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

Graham of Williamstown White of Hartford

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

H. 959

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

An act relating to education property tax

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

Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury spoke for the committee on Ways and Means.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? **Rep. Browning of Arlington** 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 bill be read a third time? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 127. Nays, 20.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais	Gardner of Richmond	Noyes of Wolcott
Anthony of Barre City	Giambatista of Essex	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Austin of Colchester	Gonzalez of Winooski	Ode of Burlington
Bancroft of Westford	Goslant of Northfield	O'Sullivan of Burlington
Bartholomew of Hartland	Grad of Moretown	Page of Newport City
Batchelor of Derby	Haas of Rochester	Pajala of Londonderry
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Beck of St. Johnsbury	Harrison of Chittenden	Partridge of Windham
Birong of Vergennes	Hashim of Dummerston	Patt of Worcester
Bock of Chester	Helm of Fair Haven	Potter of Clarendon
Brennan of Colchester	Hill of Wolcott	Pugh of South Burlington
Briglin of Thetford	Hooper of Montpelier	Rachelson of Burlington
Brownell of Pownal	Hooper of Randolph	Ralph of Hartland
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Carroll of Bennington	Jerome of Brandon	Seymour of Sutton
Chase of Colchester	Jessup of Middlesex	Shaw of Pittsford
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Conquest of Newbury	Long of Newfane	Szott of Barnard
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Feltus of Lyndon	Nicoll of Ludlow	Yantachka of Charlotte
Gannon of Wilmington	Norris of Shoreham	Young of Greensboro
	Notte of Rutland City	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Browning of Arlington *	Higley of Lowell	Quimby of Concord
Burditt of West Rutland	LaClair of Barre Town	Rosenquist of Georgia
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Leffler of Enosburgh	Savage of Swanton
Donahue of Northfield	Martel of Waterford	Scheuermann of Stowe
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Gregoire of Fairfield	Morgan of Milton	Terenzini of Rutland Town
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Graham of Williamstown	Kitzmiller of Montpelier
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Rep. Browning of Arlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote no because this bill raises property tax rates in a recession, which runs the risk of making the recession worse. The burden of the difficult situation in

which we find ourselves should be borne by the state not the property taxpayers, many of whom cannot bear it.”

Rep. Scheu of Middlebury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes on H959. The \$156 million projected deficit in the education fund is a COVID-19 problem, NOT a school budget problem. Communities across the state passed what they believed were responsible and appropriate school budgets this year. We cannot punish schools, students, and communities for a global pandemic that is entirely not their fault.

In fact, when students come back to school, they are likely to need more assistance, not less, and we must ensure we have the resources to allow schools to do what we are asking of them. We need this bill so our schools and communities can move forward.”

Rep. Sibilia of Dover explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This bill does not acknowledge or address the inequity in opportunities these rates will purchase for all Vermont students as has been clearly documented in the pupil weighting study this body requested. Nonetheless, it is not practical to have all districts revote budgets and our students need our education system to function. And so I vote yes.”

Rep. Webb of Shelburne explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes on this bill. It protects communities from the anticipated double digit property tax increases; sets a more stable foundation to provide education and support for students in the midst of a global pandemic; and provides options as we increase our understanding of possible uses of federal funds particularly for struggling students as well as the resources from our own changing economy.”

Rep. Wood of Waterbury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes because I agree school districts need to know what they are dealing with July 1st. However, as such a large part of state expenditures, I also believe school expenditures, along with others, will need to be part of the solution to recover from the financial crisis we are facing.”

Rules Suspended; Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in**H. 951**

Appearing on the Calendar for Notice, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and House bill, entitled

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

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY STATEWIDE EDUCATION
PROPERTY TAX BORROWING PROGRAM

(a) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to establish a program to assist municipalities required to make a short-term borrowing to manage the cash flow effects of statewide education property tax deferrals or delays in receipt of such taxes by municipalities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This program shall be administered in a way that is consistent with section 5001 of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116–136 (the CARES Act) and any guidance or regulations issued pursuant to that section, and that allows the State to recover, to the maximum extent possible, the short-term borrowing costs payable to municipalities from the Coronavirus Relief Fund established by section 5001 of the CARES Act, as may be amended, or any other federal funds that may be granted to the State and used to reimburse short-term borrowing costs.

(b) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) “Municipality” means a city, town, incorporated village, the unorganized towns and gores of Essex County, Buel’s Gore, and any incorporated school district with authority to collect statewide education property taxes.

(2) “Short-term borrowing costs” means interest incurred for short-term borrowing directly attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic, including interest on letters or lines of credit, revenue anticipation notes, tax anticipation notes, and bond anticipation notes. “Short-term borrowing costs” does not mean the principal payments of any borrowing or any interest on borrowing not directly attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic.

(c) Program. The Municipal Emergency Statewide Education Property Tax Borrowing Program is established to authorize the State Treasurer to make

payments to municipalities to cover the short-term borrowing costs incurred that are attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic.

(d) Application. A municipality that has duly authorized a short-term borrowing directly attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic may apply to the State Treasurer for payment under the Program. The application shall be in the manner prescribed by the Treasurer and shall include, at a minimum:

(1) the amount and type of short-term borrowing costs that the municipality seeks to have reimbursed;

(2) the municipality's 2020 tax collection date;

(3) an explanation, with supporting documentation, of the municipality's under-collection or delay in statewide education property tax collection attributable to COVID-19; and

(4) certification by the municipality, and supporting documentation, that such costs meet the definition of short-term borrowing as defined in subdivision (b)(2) of this section and the eligibility criteria as defined in subsection (e) of this section.

(e) Eligibility. Payments under the Program shall be available only to a municipality, as that term is defined in subdivision (b)(1) of this section, subject to the following criteria:

(1) Short-term borrowing costs were not included in the municipality's budget or any amendment to the budget enacted on or prior to March 27, 2020.

(2) Short-term borrowing costs were incurred during the period beginning on March 1, 2020 and ending on December 30, 2020.

(3) The borrowing was made for the purpose of managing the cash flow effects of statewide education property tax deferrals or delays as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

(4) The expenses must be consistent with use of funds authorized in section 5001 of the CARES Act, as may be amended, or the requirements of any other federal funds that may be granted to the State and used to support the Program.

(5) Any borrowing interest must be commercially reasonable based on published municipal indices or prevailing bank rates.

(f) Administration.

(1) The Treasurer shall specify the form of certification to the municipalities not later than seven days after enactment of this act and begin accepting applications not later than ten days after enactment of this act.

(2) The Treasurer may be reimbursed for any expenditure made in the administration of the provisions of this section.

(g) Records. A municipality shall keep records sufficient to demonstrate that the amount of payments to the municipality has been used in accordance with this section.

Sec. 2. MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY STATEWIDE EDUCATION
PROPERTY TAX BORROWING; APPROPRIATION

The sum of up to \$2,700,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2020 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Office of the State Treasurer for use in FY 2020 and FY 2021 for the purpose of providing payments under the Municipal Emergency Statewide Education Property Tax Borrowing Program described in Sec. 1 of this act. Any appropriation amount carried forward to FY 2021 under this section shall revert to the Coronavirus Relief Fund after all eligible short-term borrowing costs incurred through December 30, 2020 have been expended.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

And that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read:

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

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

Rules Suspended; Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in

H. 953

Appearing on the Calendar for Notice, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and House bill, entitled

An act relating to fiscal year 2020 supplemental budget adjustments

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.138 is amended to read:

Sec. B.138 Renter rebate

Grants	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>8,100,000</u>
Total	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>8,100,000</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>8,100,000</u>

Total	9,500,000	8,100,000
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Sec. 2. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.145 is amended to read:

Sec. B.145 Total general government

Source of funds

General fund	93,659,436	92,266,436
Transportation fund	4,019,636	4,019,636
Special funds	14,959,116	14,959,116
Federal funds	1,116,678	1,116,678
Internal service funds	125,854,235	125,854,235
Interdepartmental transfers	7,215,255	7,215,255
Enterprise funds	23,052	23,052
Pension trust funds	9,704,432	9,704,432
Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,125,701</u>	<u>1,125,701</u>
Total	257,677,541	256,284,541

Sec. 3. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.219 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 9 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs

Personal services	833,614	833,614
Operating expenses	173,955	173,955
Grants	<u>43,300</u>	<u>33,300</u>
Total	1,050,869	1,040,869

Source of funds

General fund	803,651	793,651
Special funds	147,218	147,218
Federal funds	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total	1,050,869	1,040,869

Sec. 4. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.240 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 10 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

General fund	164,720,860	164,710,860
Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
Special funds	88,767,278	88,767,278
Tobacco fund	561,843	561,843
Federal funds	54,587,748	54,587,748
ARRA funds	921,260	921,260
Interdepartmental transfers	14,655,414	14,655,414
Enterprise funds	<u>11,472,400</u>	<u>11,472,400</u>
Total	355,936,803	355,926,803

Sec. 5. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.301 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 12 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment

Operating expenses	3,150,212	3,150,212
Grants	<u>1,630,119,013</u>	<u>1,629,912,361</u>
Total	<u>1,633,269,225</u>	<u>1,633,062,573</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>557,208,815</u>	513,632,278
Special funds	<u>34,969,169</u>	44,969,169
Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
State health care resources fund	21,101,110	22,601,110
Federal funds	<u>983,572,979</u>	1,015,442,864
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,367,779</u>	<u>25,367,779</u>
Total	<u>1,633,269,225</u>	<u>1,633,062,573</u>

Sec. 6. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.306 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 14 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration

Personal services	140,308,825	140,308,825
Operating expenses	29,905,859	29,905,859
Grants	<u>6,764,723</u>	<u>6,764,723</u>
Total	<u>176,979,407</u>	<u>176,979,407</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>32,242,529</u>	32,228,890
Special funds	6,096,108	6,096,108
Federal funds	<u>124,749,165</u>	124,735,526
Global Commitment fund	9,369,215	9,369,215
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,522,390</u>	<u>4,549,668</u>
Total	<u>176,979,407</u>	<u>176,979,407</u>

Sec. 7. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.307 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 15 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global commitment

Personal services	547,983	547,983
Grants	<u>725,790,989</u>	<u>718,744,003</u>
Total	<u>726,338,972</u>	<u>719,291,986</u>
Source of funds		
Global Commitment fund	<u>726,338,972</u>	<u>719,291,986</u>
Total	<u>726,338,972</u>	<u>719,291,986</u>

Sec. 8. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.309 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 17 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state only

Grants	<u>53,864,800</u>	<u>49,128,572</u>
Total	<u>53,864,800</u>	<u>49,128,572</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	42,034,845	39,150,622
Global Commitment fund	11,829,955	9,892,450
Enterprise funds	<u>0</u>	<u>85,500</u>
Total	<u>53,864,800</u>	<u>49,128,572</u>

Sec. 9. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.310 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 18 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver matched

Grants	<u>33,297,789</u>	<u>33,076,106</u>
Total	<u>33,297,789</u>	<u>33,076,106</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	12,140,974	11,896,989
Federal funds	<u>21,157,815</u>	<u>21,179,117</u>
Total	<u>33,297,789</u>	<u>33,076,106</u>

Sec. 10. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.313 is amended to read:

Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs

Personal services	4,363,807	4,363,807
Operating expenses	255,634	255,634
Grants	<u>51,538,398</u>	<u>50,316,237</u>
Total	<u>56,157,839</u>	<u>54,935,678</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	1,946,686	1,946,686
Special funds	1,170,177	1,170,177
Tobacco fund	949,917	949,917
Federal funds	17,574,970	17,574,970
Global Commitment fund	<u>34,516,089</u>	<u>33,293,928</u>
Total	<u>56,157,839</u>	<u>54,935,678</u>

Sec. 11. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.314 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 19 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services	32,137,652	32,342,021
Operating expenses	4,434,083	4,434,083
Grants	<u>237,094,507</u>	<u>237,759,022</u>
Total	<u>273,666,242</u>	<u>274,535,126</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	7,699,658	7,699,658
Special funds	1,684,904	1,480,535
Federal funds	9,132,390	10,205,643
Global Commitment fund	255,076,042	255,076,042
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>73,248</u>	<u>73,248</u>
Total	<u>273,666,242</u>	<u>274,535,126</u>

Sec. 12. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.318 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 22 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development

Personal services	4,618,948	4,618,948
Operating expenses	1,031,325	1,031,325
Grants	<u>79,924,977</u>	<u>84,335,043</u>
Total	<u>85,575,250</u>	<u>89,985,316</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	39,843,744	39,843,744
Special funds	1,820,000	1,820,000
Federal funds	33,144,045	37,554,111
Global Commitment fund	10,744,961	10,744,961
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>22,500</u>	<u>22,500</u>
Total	<u>85,575,250</u>	<u>89,985,316</u>

Sec. 13. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.325 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 26 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic opportunity

Personal services	522,340	522,340
Operating expenses	43,673	43,673
Grants	<u>10,137,256</u>	<u>12,471,323</u>
Total	<u>10,703,269</u>	<u>13,037,336</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	5,037,111	5,037,111
Special funds	57,990	57,990
Federal funds	4,778,480	7,112,547
Global Commitment fund	<u>829,688</u>	<u>829,688</u>
Total	<u>10,703,269</u>	<u>13,037,336</u>

Sec. 14. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.346 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 34 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund	1,007,088,907	960,370,523
Special funds	123,986,513	123,782,144
Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
State health care resources fund	21,101,110	22,601,110
Federal funds	1,424,376,911	1,464,072,845
Global Commitment fund	1,593,280,128	1,583,073,476
Internal service funds	2,035,610	2,035,610
Interdepartmental transfers	36,346,190	46,373,468
Permanent trust funds	25,000	25,000
Enterprise funds	0	85,500
Total	4,231,328,577	4,225,507,884

Sec. 15. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.711 is amended to read:

Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs

Personal services	21,732,819	21,732,819
Operating expenses	6,821,783	6,821,783
Grants	32,104,881	31,354,321
Total	60,659,483	59,908,923

Source of funds

General fund	7,994,351	7,994,351
Special funds	19,641,195	18,890,635
Federal funds	31,935,599	31,935,599
Interdepartmental transfers	1,088,338	1,088,338
Total	60,659,483	59,908,923

Sec. 16. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

Source of funds

General fund	29,608,969	29,608,969
Special funds	60,039,636	59,289,076
Fish and wildlife fund	9,236,567	9,236,567
Federal funds	54,971,917	54,971,917
Interdepartmental transfers	10,178,254	10,178,254
Permanent trust funds	60,000	60,000
Total	164,095,343	163,344,783

Sec. 17. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.802 is amended to read:

Sec. B.802 Housing & community development

Personal services	3,723,802	3,723,802
Operating expenses	779,039	779,039
Grants	<u>11,773,050</u>	<u>11,673,050</u>
Total	<u>16,275,891</u>	<u>16,175,891</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	2,753,913	2,753,913
Special funds	<u>5,185,233</u>	<u>5,085,233</u>
Federal funds	7,883,744	7,883,744
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>453,001</u>	<u>453,001</u>
Total	<u>16,275,891</u>	<u>16,175,891</u>

Sec. 18. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.813 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 38 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development

Source of funds		
General fund	16,529,933	16,529,933
Special funds	<u>18,730,826</u>	<u>18,630,826</u>
Federal funds	30,578,334	30,578,334
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>522,588</u>	<u>522,588</u>
Total	<u>66,361,681</u>	<u>66,261,681</u>

Sec. 19. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.902 is amended to read:

Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings

Operating expenses	<u>907,746</u>	<u>307,746</u>
Total	<u>907,746</u>	<u>307,746</u>
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	<u>907,746</u>	<u>307,746</u>
Total	<u>907,746</u>	<u>307,746</u>

Sec. 20. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.903 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 39 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development

Personal services	53,367,048	53,367,048
Operating expenses	217,771,750	217,771,750
Grants	<u>27,258,553</u>	<u>27,258,553</u>
Total	<u>298,397,351</u>	<u>298,397,351</u>
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	40,775,234	41,675,234
TIB fund	<u>12,955,317</u>	<u>12,055,317</u>
Federal funds	244,272,581	244,272,581

Interdepartmental transfers	191,790	191,790
Local match	<u>202,429</u>	<u>202,429</u>
Total	298,397,351	298,397,351

Sec. 21. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.914 is amended to read:

Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges

Personal services	3,239,423	3,239,423
Operating expenses	10,143,100	9,843,100
Grants	<u>451,328</u>	<u>451,328</u>
Total	13,833,851	13,533,851
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	1,304,648	1,004,648
TIB fund	701,815	701,815
Federal funds	10,887,721	10,887,721
Local match	<u>939,667</u>	<u>939,667</u>
Total	13,833,851	13,533,851

Sec. 22. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.919 is amended to read:

Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program

Operating expenses	204,000	204,000
Grants	<u>2,694,000</u>	<u>2,576,515</u>
Total	2,898,000	2,780,515
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	700,000	700,000
Special funds	770,000	652,515
Federal funds	<u>1,428,000</u>	<u>1,428,000</u>
Total	2,898,000	2,780,515

Sec. 23. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.922 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 42 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds		
Transportation fund	256,457,422	256,457,422
TIB fund	14,417,132	13,517,132
Special funds	<u>1,410,000</u>	1,292,515
Federal funds	319,145,747	319,145,747
Internal service funds	20,112,038	20,112,038
Interdepartmental transfers	1,789,815	1,789,815
Local match	<u>1,142,096</u>	<u>1,142,096</u>
Total	614,474,250	613,456,765

Sec. 24. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. E.219 as amended by 2020 Acts

and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 53 is further amended to read:

Sec. E.219 Military – veterans' affairs

(a) Of this appropriation, \$1,000 shall be used for continuation of the Vermont Medal Program; \$4,800 shall be used for the expenses of the Governor's Veterans' Advisory Council; and \$5,000 shall be used for the Military, Family, and Community Network; ~~and \$10,000 shall be granted to the American Legion for the Boys' State and Girls' State programs.~~

Sec. 25. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. E.905 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 58 is further amended to read:

Sec. E.905 ~~SUPPLEMENTAL MAINTENANCE OR PROJECT SPENDING~~

~~(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706 and the limits on program, project, or activity spending authority approved in the fiscal year 2020 Transportation Program, the Secretary of Transportation, with the approval of the Secretary of Administration and subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, may transfer up to \$3,000,000.00 in Transportation Fund appropriations, other than appropriations for the Town Highway State Aid, Structures, and Class 2 roadway programs as follows:~~

~~(1) to the Transportation — Maintenance State System (8100002000) appropriation, for the specific purpose of addressing the overall cost of highway maintenance during fiscal year 2020.~~

~~(2) to the Transportation — Program Development (8100001100) appropriation, for the specific purpose of averting delays to project schedules.~~

~~(b)(1) If a contemplated transfer of an appropriation would not significantly delay the planned work schedule of a project, the Secretary may execute the transfer and shall give prompt notice thereof to the Joint Fiscal Office and to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation when the General Assembly is in session and, when the General Assembly is not in session, to the Joint Fiscal Office and the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee.~~

~~(2) If a contemplated transfer of an appropriation would, by itself, significantly delay the planned work schedule of a project, the Secretary:~~

~~(A) when the General Assembly is in session, may execute the transfer, but shall give the House and Senate Committees on Transportation advance notice of at least 10 business days prior to executing the transfer; or~~

~~(B) when the General Assembly is not in session, may execute the transfer, but shall give prompt notice of the transfer to the Joint Fiscal Office~~

and the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee.

~~(c) In July 2020, the Secretary of Administration shall report all appropriations reductions made under the authority of this section to the Joint Fiscal Office, the Joint Fiscal Committee, and the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee. [Repealed.]~~

Sec. 26. CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC RESPONSE HUMAN SERVICES;
FEDERAL FUNDS AUTHORIZATION

(a) The Agency of Human Services estimates \$6,117,944 of expenses will be incurred related to the coronavirus pandemic and COVID-19 emergency response for the provision of emergency food assistance and costs for establishing isolation housing and recovery options for vulnerable populations with potential COVID-19 disease or exposure. These expenses also include rent, staffing, security, supplies, and telemedicine capacity.

(b) In fiscal year 2020, the Agency of Human Services is authorized to expend FEMA funds for 75% Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursement for these incurred expenditures. State matching funds have been authorized in the May 11, 2020 Joint Fiscal Committee approved plan for the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Sec. 27. APPROPRIATION USE REPORTING REQUIREMENT

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in August 2020 on the use of the funds appropriated from the Agency of Human Services Central Office earned federal receipts via Interdepartmental transfers appropriated in Sec. 5 of this act by further amending 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.301.

Sec. 27a. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. E.301 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 55 is further amended to read:

Sec. E.301 Secretary's Office – Global Commitment

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(c) Up to ~~\$15,400,000~~ \$25,367,779 is transferred from the Agency of Human Services Federal Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund consistent with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301 – Secretary's Office – global commitment of this act.

Sec. 28. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. D.101 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 45 is further amended to read:

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, AND RESERVES

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(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2020:

(1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from the funds indicated:

21405	<u>Bond Investment Earnings</u>		<u>2,738,248.00</u>
21923	Historic Property Stab & Rehab		32,917.00
22005	AHS Central Office earned federal receipts		15,874,593.00
50300	Liquor Control Fund	18,370,000.00	<u>23,000,000.00</u>
50400	<u>Vermont Life Magazine Fund</u>		<u>375,000.00</u>
62100	Unclaimed Property Fund	2,889,512.00	<u>3,470,512.00</u>
	Caledonia Fair		5,000.00
	North Country Hospital Loan		24,047.30

(2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred from the following funds to the General Fund in fiscal year 2020. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred from each fund and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency, office, or department reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory requirements.

21638	AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order	2,000,000.00	<u>4,000,000.00</u>
21928	Secretary of State Services Fund	2,032,817.00	<u>2,432,817.00</u>

(3) In fiscal year 2020, notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.228, ~~\$33,104,193~~ \$36,104,193 of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (Fund Number 21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (Fund Number 21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (Fund Number 21080) shall be transferred to the General Fund.

(4) The following amounts shall be transferred from the General Fund to the funds indicated:

21370	Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund		1,500,000.00
21555	Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund		1,476,322.00
56100	Workers' Compensation Fund		2,715,144.00
56200	State Liability Insurance Fund		2,323,899.00

56300 Risk Management – all other insurance	128,000.00
58600 Equipment Revolving Fund	581,928.00

(A) Of the amount transferred to the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund, \$865,000 is intended to meet additional projected funding needs for fiscal year 2020, and the remainder is to be applied toward prefunding projected needs for fiscal year 2021.

(B) Of the amount transferred to the Equipment Revolving Fund, \$581,928 shall be for the intended purpose of establishing revolving loans for Information Technology needs and shall be tracked and reported separately from other Equipment Revolving Fund activity.

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(f) The following General Fund amount shall be reserved in fiscal year 2020 for fiscal year 2021 budget expenditures: \$18,365,715. These funds shall be unreserved in fiscal year 2021. In fiscal year 2020, any unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year General Fund surplus remaining after satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308 and notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c shall remain in the General Fund and available for appropriation in fiscal year 2021.

Sec. 29. USE OF GENERAL FUND RESERVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 FINANCIAL CLOSE OUT

(a) To the extent funds are required to close the General Fund in balance for fiscal year 2020, the following amounts are unreserved:

(1) First, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c, up to \$31,553,274 is unreserved from the General Fund Balance Reserve (aka Rainy Day Fund).

(2) Second, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308, up to \$79,823,411 is unreserved from the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve.

(3) Finally, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c, up to \$98,236,983 is unreserved from Human Services Caseload Reserve.

(b) Should federal fiscal assistance to states become available, including the ability for utilization of interfund borrowing from the Coronavirus Relief Fund that would allow for the use of such federal funding to be directly applied to the General Fund or applied to fiscal year 2020 General Fund expenditures, such funds shall be applied as allowed to reduce or eliminate the need to utilize the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 30. APPLICATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 DEFERRED TAX PAYMENTS COLLECTED IN FISCAL YEAR 2021

(a) To the extent that tax payments that were due to the State in fiscal year 2020 but were deferred as a result of state and federal emergency action taken in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic are received into the General Fund through August 15, 2020, funds from such payments shall be transferred or reserved as follows:

(1) First, to the extent any interfund loan was made from the Coronavirus Relief Fund under the provision of Sec. 29(b) of this act, in an amount to repay the balance of the interfund loan.

(2) Second, in the Human Services Caseload Reserve, in an amount to bring this reserve balance up to \$98,236,983.

(3) Third, in the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve, in an amount to bring this reserve balance up to \$81,472,791.

(4) Fourth, in General Fund Balance Reserve (aka Rainy Day Fund), in an amount to bring this reserve balance up to \$31,553,274.

(5) Finally, any additional amounts received from such payments shall remain available in the General Fund for appropriation in fiscal year 2021.

Sec. 31. FISCAL YEAR 2020 CLOSE OUT APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706, in order to facilitate fiscal year 2020 financial closure of the State, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may, upon approval of the Governor, transfer fiscal year 2020 balances of appropriations up to \$250,000, and, upon approval of the Emergency Board, transfer fiscal year 2020 balances at or over \$250,000 made under any appropriation act for the support of the government from one component of an agency, department, or other unit of the Executive Branch of State government, to any component of the same agency, department, or unit. The Commissioner shall provide a report on all transfers made under the provisions of this subsection to the Joint Fiscal Committee in August 2020.

(b) Notwithstanding any other act or provision of law, the Legislative Branch of State government, in order to facilitate fiscal year 2020 financial closure of the Legislative Branch budgets, may transfer up to \$250,000 between appropriation units within the Legislative Branch.

Sec. 32. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 49 is amended to read:

Sec. 49. FISCAL YEAR 2020 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2020, the sum of \$370,000 is appropriated to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to departments to provide funding

for the fiscal year 2020 change to the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System's employer contribution rate.

~~(b) In fiscal year 2020, the sum of \$25,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the commissioning of the USS Vermont.~~

~~(e) In fiscal year 2020, the sum of \$450,000 is appropriated to the Secretary of State for calendar year 2020 general election expenditures.~~

Sec. 33. VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION; INTENT

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly in fiscal year 2021 to fund the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation base appropriation at the level of \$19,978,588 for the 2020–2021 academic year.

Sec. 34. MEDICAID NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION

(a) In fiscal year 2021, prior to executing a contract to provide Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation services, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide to the Joint Fiscal Committee for review and approval a detailed analysis demonstrating that by executing such a contract:

(1) no State policy, including the coordinated delivery of transportation services in the Elders and Persons with Disability program and the Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation program, will be compromised;

(2) there will be no degradation of service to eligible individuals; and

(3) the financial stability of the State's public transportation systems will be maintained.

(b) The analysis shall also include the impact of the Agency of Transportation's investments in vehicles, technology, and other capital investments on the coordinated service delivery model.

Sec. 35. CENTRAL GARAGE FUND REPORT

(a) The Agency of Transportation shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee and to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation on September 1, 2020 on the status of the Central Garage Fund and the plan to address any negative projected balance in the Fund.

* * * Coronavirus Relief Fund * * *

Sec. 36. ONE-TIME CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF)
APPROPRIATIONS

(a) The following appropriations are authorized on a one-time basis in fiscal year 2020 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) established under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to

address necessary expenditures with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency. These expenditures were not accounted for in the State budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 and were incurred during the period that began on March 1, 2020, in accordance with the Department of Treasury's April 22, 2020 interpretation of limitations on the permissible use of fund payments. These appropriations shall carry forward to fiscal year 2021, as needed.

(1) Joint Fiscal Committee: \$600,000 is appropriated to the Legislative Joint Fiscal Committee for use or transfer to appropriation units within the General Assembly as necessary to reimburse eligible fiscal year 2020 expenditures. The transfers shall be reviewed and approved through traditional transfer approval processes by the Secretary of Administration. The Joint Fiscal Office shall provide a list of the COVID-19 expenditures funded by this appropriation and related documentation and transfers to other legislative departments to the Joint Legislative Management Committee, the Joint Fiscal Committee, and the Commissioner of Finance and Management on or before July 30, 2020.

(2) Legislature: \$750,000 is appropriated to the Legislature for costs incurred beyond the budgeted 18-week legislative session in fiscal year 2020 due to the response to the Coronavirus pandemic, which includes delays and an extension to legislative work necessitated in the transition to remote or partially remote work for the Legislature.

(3) Agency of Natural Resources: \$2,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources to be transferred to the Agency's departments as needed to support sanitation efforts at public facilities.

(4) The Vermont State Colleges (VSC): \$12,515,500 is granted to the Vermont State Colleges. \$5,117,792 to cover the cost of rooms and meals refunds provided to students due to campus closures during the spring 2020 semester due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The remaining amount is for other expenses incurred or anticipated to be incurred by June 30, 2020 for COVID-19 response, including distance learning, equipment and supplies, facilities alterations, and staff or contractual costs related to the response.

(5) The University of Vermont (UVM): \$8,691,500 is granted to the University of Vermont. \$5,016,300 to cover the cost of rooms and parking refunds provided to students due to campus closure during the spring 2020 semester due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The remaining amount is for other expenses incurred or anticipated to be incurred by June 30, 2020 for COVID-19 response, including distance learning, equipment and supplies, facilities alterations and staff or contractual costs related to the response.

(6) The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC): \$5,100,000 is granted to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for increased tuition grants to students as a result of reduced household income in the 2020 calendar year as well as increased demand for skills enhancement grants due to the economic impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic.

(7) The Agency of Human Services (AHS) for Emergency Medical/Ambulance Services: \$3,000,000 is appropriated to AHS for Emergency Medical/Ambulance Services costs and financial assistance during the pandemic allocated as follows:

(A) \$900,000 for the necessary training and support of EMTs including volunteers and paramedic education, these funds may be transferred to the Department of Health for disbursement as necessary.

(B) \$100,000 for AHS in coordination with the Department of Financial Regulation (DFR) to engage through sole source contract one or more financial consultants to assist EMS service providers with applications needed for federal provider relief funds related to coronavirus funding; state prospective payments related to coronavirus through the Agency of Human Services and the Department of Vermont Health Access; and other grant funding that may be available in response to the pandemic.

(C) \$2,000,000, of which five percent shall be reserved for extraordinary financial relief to State EMS providers upon demonstrated need and the remainder of which may be used to make EMS provider stabilization grants in a manner determined by AHS that recognizes the need for administrative simplicity and EMS provider organization size.

(8) Department of Corrections: \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Corrections for support of necessary changes in community supervision and community programming resulting from COVID-19 impacts. This may include transfers or grant funding to diversion or community justice programs to maintain these programs to meet increased demand following reduced judicial operations due to the pandemic.

(9) State's Attorneys: \$818,000 is appropriated to the Department of State's Attorneys for costs incurred or anticipated to be incurred by June 30, 2020 in response to the pandemic.

(10) Defender General: \$419,000 is appropriated to the Defender General for costs incurred or anticipated to be incurred by June 30, 2020 in response to the pandemic.

(11) Vermont Center for Crime Victims Services: \$275,000 is appropriated to Center for Crime Victims Services for costs incurred or anticipated to be incurred by June 30, 2020 in response to the pandemic.

(12) Judiciary: \$4,910,500 is appropriated to the Judiciary for costs directly related to impacts from the pandemic. These funds enable Judicial operations to resume in a safe manner, including the support of remote operations, expenditures for hazard pay for public-facing staff, and expenditures to expediently address the backlog of cases resulting from reduced Judicial operations during the pandemic.

(A) The establishment of sixteen (16) exempt full-time limited service positions is authorized, as needed. Given the time frame faced in establishing the pandemic response work, use of temporary positions or contracts may be utilized as an alternative to filling new limited service positions.

Sec. 37. FULL COST ACCOUNTING OF CORONAVIRUS PERSONAL SERVICE EXPENSES

(a) The State Treasurer shall make a determination of the impact on State Retirement System actuarial obligations of any personnel expenses, hazard pay, overtime, or other personal services costs that are incurred through December 30, 2020 due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Upon approval of the Secretary of Administration, said amount shall be appropriated and transferred from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the State Retirement System in fiscal years 2020 or 2021. The State Treasurer shall report the amount transferred under this authority to the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Commissioner of Finance and Management.

Sec. 38. EFFECTIVE DATE

(a) This act shall take effect on passage.

And by renumbering all the sections of the bill to be numerically correct (including internal references) and adjusting all of the totals to be arithmetically correct.

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 956

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to alcoholic beverage laws

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence**S. 283**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the Town of Hartford's tax increment financing district

Was taken up, read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Rules Suspended; Bills Messaged to Senate Forthwith

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

H. 942

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation

H. 956

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to alcoholic beverage laws

H. 951

House bill, entitled

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

H. 953

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fiscal year 2020 supplemental budget adjustments

S. 283

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the Town of Hartford's tax increment financing district

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations**S. 338**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to justice reinvestment

Carrying an appropriation, under rule 35(a), was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

Message from the Senate No. 45

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Bloomer, its Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 166. An act relating to reforming the State Board of Education.

S. 233. An act relating to uniform licensing standards.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 793. An act relating to the powers and duties of the Auditor of Accounts.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 948. An act relating to temporary municipal proceedings provisions in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Adjournment

At twelve o'clock and forty-two minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Monday, June 1, 2020, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 55.