

Journal of the House

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Barbara Murphy of Fairfax.

Message from the Senate No. 46

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 considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bill of the following title:

S. 255. An act relating to captive insurance.

And has concurred therein.

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

H. 554. An act relating to approval of the dissolution of the Village of Perkinsville and the merger of the Village with the Town of Weathersfield.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

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

H. 788. An act relating to technical corrections for the 2020 legislative session.

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

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolutions of the following titles:

J.R.S. 54. Joint resolution relating to the annual State lands transactions.

J.R.S. 56. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

Senate Bill Referred**S. 166**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to reforming the State Board of Education

Was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Senate Bill Referred**S. 233**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to uniform licensing standards

Was read and referred to the committee on Government Operations.

Bill Amended; Read Third Time; Bill Passed**H. 959**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to education property tax

Was taken up and pending third reading of the bill, **Reps. Beck of St. Johnsbury, Till of Jericho, Ancel of Calais, Anthony of Barre City, Brennan of Colchester, Canfield of Fair Haven, Donovan of Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Masland of Thetford, Scheu of Middlebury and Young of Greensboro** moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 2 (Education Fund deficit), by striking the section in its entirety and inserting a new Sec. 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. EDUCATION FUND DEFICIT; REPAYMENT

If a deficit in the Education Fund is projected or created for fiscal year 2021, it is the intent of the General Assembly to address the deficit as follows:

- (1) using federal funds to the greatest extent possible;
- (2) applying reversions;
- (3) drawing down the stabilization reserve;
- (4) using other sources of revenue;
- (5) reducing costs;
- (6) borrowing pursuant to Sec. 3 of this act; and
- (7) using any other source of funding, including making appropriations from the General Fund or other funds.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Browning of Arlington** moved to amend the bill as follows:

By inserting before the reader assistance heading a new Sec. 5 and its reader assistance heading to read as follows:

* * * Education Finance Reform * * *

Sec. 5. EDUCATION FINANCE REFORM

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the system for funding public education in this State be reformed to ensure greater sustainability, efficiency, and equity. The House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance shall develop proposals for reform concerning the equalized pupil weighting formula, the property tax credit program, the formula for setting statewide education property tax rates, and the elimination of obligations from the Education Fund that are not directly related to funding public education in this State. On or before March 1, 2021 and annually until 2025, the Committees shall report on their progress to the General Assembly through the introduction of bills or publication of issue briefs.

And by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep Browning of Arlington? **Rep. McFaun of Barre Town** 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 amended as offered by Rep Browning of Arlington? was decided in the negative. Yeas, 48. Nays, 97.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Bancroft of Westford | Harrison of Chittenden | Page of Newport City |
| Batchelor of Derby | Helm of Fair Haven | Pajala of Londonderry |
| Bates of Bennington | Higley of Lowell | Palasik of Milton |
| Brownell of Pownal | Kimbell of Woodstock | Quimby of Concord |
| Browning of Arlington * | LaClair of Barre Town | Rosenquist of Georgia |
| Burditt of West Rutland | Lefebvre of Newark | Savage of Swanton |
| Chesnut-Tangerman of
Middletown Springs | Leffler of Enosburgh | Scheuermann of Stowe |
| Cupoli of Rutland City | Marcotte of Coventry | Seymour of Sutton |
| Donahue of Northfield | Martel of Waterford | Shaw of Pittsford |
| Fagan of Rutland City | Mattos of Milton | Smith of Derby |
| Feltus of Lyndon | McCoy of Poultney | Strong of Albany |
| Gamache of Swanton | McFaun of Barre Town | Sullivan of Dorset |
| Goslant of Northfield | Morgan of Milton | Szott of Barnard |
| Graham of Williamstown | Morris of Springfield | Terenzini of Rutland Town |
| Gregoire of Fairfield | Morrissey of Bennington | Toof of St. Albans Town |
| | Myers of Essex | |

Hango of Berkshire

Norris of Shoreham

Those who voted in the negative are:

Ancel of Calais	Gardner of Richmond	Ode of Burlington
Anthony of Barre City	Giambatista of Essex	O'Sullivan of Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Gonzalez of Winooski	Partridge of Windham
Bartholomew of Hartland	Grad of Moretown	Patt of Worcester
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Haas of Rochester	Potter of Clarendon
Birong of Vergennes	Hashim of Dummerston	Pugh of South Burlington
Bock of Chester	Hill of Wolcott	Rachelson of Burlington
Brennan of Colchester	Hooper of Montpelier	Ralph of Hartland
Briglin of Thetford	Hooper of Randolph	Redmond of Essex
Brumsted of Shelburne	Hooper of Burlington	Reed of Braintree
Burke of Brattleboro	Houghton of Essex	Rogers of Waterville
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Howard of Rutland City	Scheu of Middlebury
Canfield of Fair Haven	James of Manchester	Sheldon of Middlebury
Carroll of Bennington	Jerome of Brandon	Sibilia of Dover *
Chase of Colchester	Jessup of Middlesex	Squirrell of Underhill
Christensen of Weathersfield	Killacky of South Burlington	Stevens of Waterbury
Christie of Hartford	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Sullivan of Burlington
Cina of Burlington	Krowinski of Burlington	Taylor of Colchester
Coffey of Guilford	LaLonde of South	Till of Jericho
Colburn of Burlington	Burlington	Toleno of Brattleboro
Colston of Winooski	Lanpher of Vergennes	Toll of Danville
Conlon of Cornwall	Lippert of Hinesburg	Townsend of South
Conquest of Newbury	Long of Newfane	Burlington
Copeland Hanzas of	Macaig of Williston	Troiano of Stannard
Bradford	Masland of Thetford	Tully of Rockingham
Corcoran of Bennington	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Walz of Barre City
Cordes of Lincoln	McCormack of Burlington	Webb of Shelburne
Demrow of Corinth	McCullough of Williston	White of Hartford
Dolan of Waitsfield	Mrowicki of Putney	Wood of Waterbury
Durfee of Shaftsbury	Murphy of Fairfax	Yacovone of Morristown
Elder of Starksboro	Nicoll of Ludlow	Yantachka of Charlotte
Emmons of Springfield	Notte of Rutland City	Young of Greensboro*
Fegard of Berkshire	Noyes of Wolcott	
Gannon of Wilmington	O'Brien of Tunbridge	

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

Dickinson of St. Albans
TownDonovan of Burlington
Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Smith of New Haven

Rep. Browning of Arlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes to ensure that we actually reform our education finance system to make it more equitable, more efficient, and more sustainable. Without a framework of accountability to support the tax committees by requiring reports

on their progress in developing proposals we are less likely to get this important work done for Vermonters.”

Rep. Sibilía of Dover explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Our students and taxpayers need us to take more than symbolic actions on their behalf.”

Rep. Young of Greensboro explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This amendment would achieve exactly nothing so I vote no.”

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Ralph of Hartland** moved to amend the bill as follows:

By striking Sec. 5 (effective date) and its reader assistance heading in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * High-Value Homestead Property Surcharge * * *

Sec. 5. 32 V.S.A. § 5402 is amended to read:

§ 5402. EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX LIABILITY

(a) A statewide education tax is imposed on all nonhomestead and homestead property at the following rates:

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(3) The surcharge rate for homestead properties with a fair market value exceeding \$1,000,000.00 shall be \$0.50 per \$100.00 of value.

(b) The statewide education tax shall be calculated as follows:

(1) The Commissioner of Taxes shall determine for each municipality the education tax rates under subsection (a) of this section, divided by the municipality’s most recent common level of appraisal. The legislative body in each municipality shall then bill each property taxpayer at the homestead or nonhomestead rate determined by the Commissioner under this subdivision, multiplied by the education property tax grand list value of the property, properly classified as homestead or nonhomestead property and without regard to any other tax classification of the property. Statewide education property tax bills shall show the tax and any surcharge due and the calculation of the rate determined under subsection (a) of this section, divided by the municipality’s most recent common level of appraisal, multiplied by the current grand list value of the property to be taxed. Statewide education

property tax bills shall also include language provided by the Commissioner pursuant to subsection 5405(g) of this title.

(2) Taxes and any surcharge assessed under this section shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as taxes assessed under chapter 133 of this title with no tax classification other than as homestead or nonhomestead property; provided, however, that the tax levied under this chapter shall be billed to each taxpayer by the municipality in a manner that clearly indicates the tax is separate from any other tax assessed and collected under chapter 133, including an itemization of the separate taxes due. The bill may be on a single sheet of paper with the statewide education tax and other taxes presented separately and side by side.

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(c) The treasurer of each municipality shall by December 1 of the year in which the tax ~~is~~ and any surcharge are levied and on June 1 of the following year pay to the State Treasurer for deposit in the education fund one-half of the municipality's statewide nonhomestead tax; ~~and~~ one-half of the municipality's homestead education tax, as determined under subdivision (b)(1) of this section; and one-half of the municipality's surcharge imposed under subdivision (a)(3) of this section. The Secretary of Education shall determine the municipality's net nonhomestead education tax payment and its net homestead education tax payment to the State based on grand list information received by the Secretary ~~no~~ not later than the March 15 prior to the June 1 net payment. Payment shall be accompanied by a return prescribed by the Secretary of Education. The municipality may retain 0.225 of one percent of the total education tax collected, only upon timely remittance of net payment to the State Treasurer. The municipality may also retain \$15.00 for each late property tax credit claim filed after April 15 and before September 2, as notified by the Department of Taxes, for the cost of issuing a new property tax bill.

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Sec. 6. 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a) is amended to read:

(a) The Education Fund is established to comprise the following:

(1) all revenue paid to the State from the statewide education tax on nonhomestead and homestead property and the surcharge on homestead property under 32 V.S.A. chapter 135;

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* * * Effective Dates * * *

Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020 except, notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Secs. 5 (surcharge on homestead property) and 6 (Education Fund) shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2020 and apply to any grand list lodged after that date.

Which was disagreed to.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Ralph of Hartland** moved to amend the bill as follows:

By inserting before the reader assistance heading a new Sec. 5 and its reader assistance headings to read as follows:

* * * Education Property Tax; Property Classification Report * * *

Sec. 5. REPORT; DEPARTMENT OF TAXES; PROPERTY

CLASSIFICATION

On or before December 15, 2020, the Department of Taxes, with the assistance of the Joint Fiscal Office and the Office of Legislative Council, shall submit a report to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance that studies the impact and feasibility of creating a third classification of property for the purposes of the statewide education property tax that shall comprise nonhomestead, non-commercial, and non-agricultural properties with a fair market value exceeding \$1,000,000.00.

And by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Ralph of Hartland? **Rep. Szott of Barnard** 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 amended as offered by Rep. Ralph of Hartland? was decided in the negative. Yeas, 13. Nays, 131.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Burke of Brattleboro	Colburn of Burlington *	Mrowicki of Putney
Chase of Colchester	Gonzalez of Winooski	Nicoll of Ludlow
Chesnut-Tangerman of	Haas of Rochester	Ralph of Hartland *
Middletown Springs *	Hashim of Dummerston	Szott of Barnard
Cina of Burlington	Hill of Wolcott	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Ancel of Calais	Graham of Williamstown	O'Sullivan of Burlington
Anthony of Barre City	Gregoire of Fairfield	Page of Newport City
Austin of Colchester	Hango of Berkshire	Pajala of Londonderry

Bancroft of Westford	Harrison of Chittenden	Palasik of Milton
Bartholomew of Hartland	Helm of Fair Haven	Partridge of Windham
Batchelor of Derby	Higley of Lowell	Patt of Worcester
Bates of Bennington	Hooper of Montpelier	Potter of Clarendon
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Hooper of Randolph	Pugh of South Burlington
Birong of Vergennes	Hooper of Burlington	Quimby of Concord
Bock of Chester	Houghton of Essex	Rachelson of Burlington
Brennan of Colchester	Howard of Rutland City	Redmond of Essex
Briglin of Thetford	James of Manchester	Reed of Braintree
Brownell of Pownal	Jerome of Brandon	Rogers of Waterville
Browning of Arlington	Jessup of Middlesex	Rosenquist of Georgia
Brumsted of Shelburne	Killacky of South Burlington	Savage of Swanton
Burditt of West Rutland	Kimbell of Woodstock	Scheu of Middlebury
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Scheuermann of Stowe
Canfield of Fair Haven	Krowinski of Burlington	Seymour of Sutton
Carroll of Bennington	LaClair of Barre Town	Shaw of Pittsford
Christensen of Weathersfield	LaLonde of South Burlington	Sheldon of Middlebury
Christie of Hartford	Lanpher of Vergennes	Sibilia of Dover
Coffey of Guilford	Lefebvre of Newark	Smith of Derby
Colston of Winooski	Leffler of Enosburgh	Squirrell of Underhill
Conlon of Cornwall	Lippert of Hinesburg	Stevens of Waterbury
Conquest of Newbury	Long of Newfane	Strong of Albany
Copeland Hanzas of Bradford	Macaig of Williston	Sullivan of Dorset
Corcoran of Bennington	Marcotte of Coventry	Sullivan of Burlington
Cordes of Lincoln *	Martel of Waterford	Taylor of Colchester
Cupoli of Rutland City	Masland of Thetford	Terenzini of Rutland Town
Demrow of Corinth	Mattos of Milton	Till of Jericho
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Toleno of Brattleboro
Dolan of Waitsfield	McCormack of Burlington	Toll of Danville
Donahue of Northfield	McCoy of Poultney	Toof of St. Albans Town
Durfee of Shaftsbury	McCullough of Williston	Townsend of South Burlington
Elder of Starksboro	McFaun of Barre Town	Troiano of Stannard
Emmons of Springfield	Morgan of Milton	Tully of Rockingham
Fagan of Rutland City	Morris of Springfield	Walz of Barre City
Fegard of Berkshire	Morrissey of Bennington	Webb of Shelburne *
Feltus of Lyndon	Murphy of Fairfax	White of Hartford
Gamache of Swanton	Myers of Essex	Wood of Waterbury
Gannon of Wilmington	Norris of Shoreham	Yacovone of Morristown
Gardner of Richmond	Notte of Rutland City	Yantachka of Charlotte
Giambatista of Essex	Noyes of Wolcott	
Goslant of Northfield	O'Brien of Tunbridge	
	Ode of Burlington	

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

Donovan of Burlington	Kitzmiller of Montpelier	Young of Greensboro
Grad of Moretown	Smith of New Haven	

Rep. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This amendment would not impose a tax or otherwise alter the existing tax structure. What it would do is simply direct a study to gain more information on a complex and necessary topic.”

Rep. Colburn of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We are in an economic and moral crisis where Vermonters are waiting in lines for food and being turned away, and where marginalized and oppressed peoples are being disproportionately affected by the economic impacts of the pandemic, including in our educational settings. This was a study on the feasibility of taxing second homes valued at over a million dollars. If we want to move through this crisis with an eye to equity, we are going to have to reject the status quo and start moving forward with conversations about how the wealthiest Vermonters can contribute their fair share.”

Rep. Cordes of Lincoln explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I wholeheartedly support work to make our tax system more progressive and more equitable to many thousands of Vermonters, I want to be certain we don't hurt Vermont landowners that have large pieces of property, much of it generational, but don't have large financial reserves. We need more time in this legislature than this amendment allows.”

Rep. Ralph of Hartland explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I support this amendment because it is just a study which will explore creating a 3rd tax category for high value 2nd homes separate from commercial and agricultural properties. More studies will help us better understand what the impacts of this restructuring will have. This new tax category could make it easier in the future to put more of the tax burden on these wealthy individuals and lessen the burden on regular Vermonters. To quote Melody Hobson, president and co-CEO of Ariel Investments and a member of the board of directors at Starbucks, JPMorgan Chase and Quibi. 'So much of this unrest, this civil unrest, is tied to economic inequality. That's just a fact. We need to move the needle on this economic inequality.'”

Rep. Webb of Shelburne explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote no. By looking at property value without considering income of the owners will contribute to moving the rest of our lakeshore, mountain, and valuable properties out of the hands of Vermonters.”

Thereupon, the bill was read a third time and passed.

Recess

At one o'clock and sixteen minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker declared a recess until two o'clock in the afternoon.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Message from the Senate No. 47

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 bill of the following title:

S. 348. An act relating to temporary elections procedures in the year 2020.

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. 438. An act relating to the Board of Medical Practice and the licensure of physicians and podiatrists.

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

Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered

H. 716

Rep. Lefebvre of Newark for the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, to which had been referred House bill entitled,

An act relating to Abenaki hunting and fishing licenses

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4255 is amended to read:

§ 4255. LICENSE FEES

* * *

(c) A permanent or free license may be secured on application to the Department by a person qualifying as follows:

* * *

(7) A person who is a certified citizen of one of the State-recognized Native American Indian tribes may receive a free permanent combination hunting and fishing license upon submission of a current and valid tribal identification card or if the person is a minor, upon written certification from the minor's parent or guardian that the minor is a citizen of the State-recognized Native American Indian tribes.

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Sec. 2. REPORT

On or before January 15, 2022, the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife shall report to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy the number of licenses issued pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4255(c)(7).

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

Rep. Kornheiser of Brattleboro, for the committee on Ways and Means, recommended that the bill ought to pass when amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4255 is amended to read:

§ 4255. LICENSE FEES

* * *

(c) A permanent or free license may be secured on application to the Department by a person qualifying as follows:

* * *

(7) A certified citizen of a Native American Indian tribe that has been recognized by the State pursuant to 1 V.S.A. chapter 23 may receive a free permanent fishing license or, if the person qualifies for a hunting license, a free permanent combination hunting and fishing license upon submission of a current and valid tribal identification card.

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Sec. 2. REPORT

On or before January 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife shall report to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife and

the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy the number of licenses issued pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4255(c)(7).

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time, the report of the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife was substituted by the report of the committee on Ways and Means.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, as substituted? **Rep. Brennan of Colchester** moved to amend the report of the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, as substituted, as follows:

In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 4255, by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4255 is amended to read:

§ 4255. LICENSE FEES

* * *

(c) A permanent or free license may be secured on application to the Department by a person qualifying as follows:

* * *

(7) A Vermont resident who is a certified citizen of a Native American Indian tribe that has been recognized by the State pursuant to 1 V.S.A. chapter 23 may receive a free permanent fishing license or, if the person qualifies for a hunting license, a free permanent combination hunting and fishing license upon submission of a current and valid tribal identification card.

* * *

Which was disagreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, as substituted? **Rep. Helm of Fair Haven** moved to amend the report of the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, as substituted, as follows:

In Sec. 3, EFFECTIVE DATE, by striking it in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 4049 is amended to read:

§ 4049. FISH AND WILDLIFE TRUST FUND

(a) The General Assembly recognizes the importance to the people of Vermont of conserving Vermont's fish and wildlife resources. Therefore, in order to provide the opportunity for Vermonters to invest in the future of its fish and wildlife resources, there is hereby created a Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife Fund which shall consist of:

(1) receipts from sales of any lifetime licenses created pursuant to subsection 4279(f) of this title;

(2) any gifts, grants, or contributions made to the Trust Fund;

(3) transfers from the Attorney General Complex Litigation Special Fund established pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 167a in the amount of the previous year's revenue lost from the issuance of free permanent licenses pursuant to subsection § 4255(c)(7) of this title; and

(4) funds that may be appropriated by the General Assembly.

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Sec. 4. 3 V.S.A. § 167a is amended to read:

§ 167a. COMPLEX LITIGATION SPECIAL FUND

(a) There is established the Complex Litigation Special Fund pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 to be available for expenditure by the Attorney General, as annually appropriated or authorized pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511~~7~~. The funds shall:

(1) be used to pay nonroutine expenses, not otherwise budgeted, incurred in the investigation, prosecution, and defense of complex civil and criminal litigation. These expenses may include, for example, costs incurred for expert witnesses and for support staff and technology needed to review and manage voluminous documents in discovery and at trial in complex cases.;

(2) be transferred, on or before March 1 annually, to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund to replace revenue lost from the issuance of free permanent licenses pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4255(c)(7).

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Which was disagreed to.

Thereupon, pending the question, shall the bill be amended as recommended by the committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, as substituted? **Rep. Burditt of West Rutland** moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, which was disagreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, as substituted? **Rep. Dolan of Waitsfield** 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 amended as recommended by the Committee of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, as amended? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 138. Nays, 5.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais	Giambatista of Essex	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Anthony of Barre City	Gonzalez of Winooski	Ode of Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Goslant of Northfield	O'Sullivan of Burlington
Bancroft of Westford	Grad of Moretown	Page of Newport City
Bartholomew of Hartland	Graham of Williamstown	Pajala of Londonderry
Batchelor of Derby	Gregoire of Fairfield	Palasik of Milton
Bates of Bennington	Haas of Rochester	Partridge of Windham
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Hango of Berkshire	Patt of Worcester
Birong of Vergennes	Harrison of Chittenden	Potter of Clarendon
Briglin of Thetford	Hashim of Dummerston	Pugh of South Burlington
Brownell of Pownal	Hill of Wolcott	Quimby of Concord
Brumsted of Shelburne	Hooper of Montpelier	Rachelson of Burlington
Burditt of West Rutland	Hooper of Randolph	Ralph of Hartland
Burke of Brattleboro	Hooper of Burlington	Redmond of Essex
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Houghton of Essex	Reed of Braintree
Canfield of Fair Haven	Howard of Rutland City	Rogers of Waterville
Carroll of Bennington	James of Manchester	Rosenquist of Georgia
Chase of Colchester	Jerome of Brandon	Savage of Swanton
Chesnut-Tangerman of	Jessup of Middlesex	Scheu of Middlebury
Middletown Springs	Killacky of South Burlington	Scheuermann of Stowe
Christensen of Weathersfield	Kimbell of Woodstock	Seymour of Sutton
Christie of Hartford	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Shaw of Pittsford
Cina of Burlington	Krowinski of Burlington	Sheldon of Middlebury
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Colburn of Burlington	Burlington	Smith of New Haven
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Copeland Hanzas of	Long of Newfane	Sullivan of Dorset
Bradford	Macaig of Williston	Sullivan of Burlington
Corcoran of Bennington	Marcotte of Coventry	Szott of Barnard
Cordes of Lincoln	Masland of Thetford	Taylor of Colchester
Cupoli of Rutland City	Mattos of Milton	Terenzini of Rutland Town
Demrow of Corinth	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Till of Jericho
Dickinson of St. Albans	McCormack of Burlington	Toleno of Brattleboro
Town	McCoy of Poultney	Toll of Danville
Dolan of Waitsfield	McCullough of Williston	Toof of St. Albans Town
Donahue of Northfield	McFaun of Barre Town	Townsend of South
Donovan of Burlington	Morgan of Milton	Burlington
Durfee of Shaftsbury	Morris of Springfield	Troiano of Stannard

Elder of Starksboro	Morrissey of Bennington	Tully of Rockingham
Emmons of Springfield	Mrowicki of Putney	Walz of Barre City
Fagan of Rutland City	Murphy of Fairfax	Webb of Shelburne
Fegard of Berkshire	Myers of Essex	White of Hartford
Feltus of Lyndon	Nicoll of Ludlow	Yacovone of Morristown
Gamache of Swanton	Norris of Shoreham	Yantachka of Charlotte
Gannon of Wilmington	Notte of Rutland City	Young of Greensboro
Gardner of Richmond	Noyes of Wolcott	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Brennan of Colchester	Higley of Lowell	Martel of Waterford
Helm of Fair Haven	LaClair of Barre Town	

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

Bock of Chester	Kitzmiller of Montpelier	Smith of Derby
Browning of Arlington	Leffler of Enosburgh	Wood of Waterbury

Thereupon, third reading was ordered.

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 833

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the interbasin transfer of surface waters

Was taken up and pending third reading, on motion of **Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury**, action on the bill was postponed until June 10, 2020.

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 99

House bill, entitled

An act relating to trade in covered animal parts or products

Was taken up and pending consideration of the report of the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, on motion of **Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury**, action on the bill was postponed until June 10, 2020.

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 880

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Abenaki place names on State park signs

Was taken up and pending consideration of the report of the committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs, on motion of **Rep. Stevens of Waterbury**, action on the bill was postponed until June 12, 2020.

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 940

House bill, entitled

An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training

Was taken up and pending second reading, on motion of **Rep. Bartholomew of Hartland**, action on the bill was postponed until June 12, 2020.

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 581

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the funding of the Department of Fish and Wildlife

Was taken up and pending the reading of the report of the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, on motion of **Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury**, action on the bill was postponed until June 10, 2020.

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 783

House bill, entitled

An act relating to recovery residences

Was taken up and pending consideration of the report of the committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs, on motion of **Rep. Killacky of South Burlington**, action on the bill was postponed until June 10, 2020.

Bill Ordered to Lie

H. 162

House bill, entitled

An act relating to removal of buprenorphine from the misdemeanor crime of possession of a narcotic

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up and pending consideration of the report of the committee on Judiciary, on motion of **Rep. Grad of Moretown** the bill was ordered to lie.

Bill Ordered to Lie**H. 492**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a homeless bill of rights and prohibiting discrimination against people without homes

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up and pending consideration of the report of the committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs, on motion of **Rep. Stevens of Waterbury** the bill was ordered to lie.

Bill Ordered to Lie**H. 535**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Brattleboro

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up and pending consideration of the report of the committee on Government Operations, on motion of **Rep. Gannon of Wilmington** the bill was ordered to lie.

Action on Bill Postponed**H. 923**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to entering a vehicle without legal authority or consent

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up and pending consideration of the report of the committee on Judiciary, on motion of **Rep. Grad of Moretown** action on the bill was postponed until June 12, 2020.

Committee Bill Introduced**H. 961**

By the committee on Appropriations,

An act relating to making first quarter fiscal year 2021 appropriations for the support of State government, federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) appropriations, pay act appropriations, and other fiscal requirements for the first part of the fiscal year;

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

Notice.

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.

H. 959

House bill, entitled

An act relating to education property tax

Adjournment

At four o'clock and fifty-two minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Friday June 5, 2020, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.