

Journal of the House

Friday, June 19, 2020

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Hal Colston of Winooski.

Message from the Senate No. 55

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

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

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

H. 961. 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.

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

The Senate has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill of the following title:

S. 128. An act relating to physician assistant licensure.

And has concurred therein.

The Senate has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill of the following title:

S. 338. An act relating to justice reinvestment.

And has concurred therein with an amendment in the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

House Resolution Adopted**H.R. 21**

House resolution, entitled

House resolution commemorating the 155th anniversary of Juneteenth and recognizing our State's and nation's continuing struggle for racial equality

Offered by: Representatives Christie of Hartford, Ancel of Calais, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Briglin of Thetford, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Colchester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Copeland Hanzas of Bradford, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Emmons of Springfield, Fegard of Berkshire, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex, James of Manchester, Jessup of Middlesex, Johnson of South Hero, Killacky of South Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lefebvre of Newark, Leffler of Enosburgh, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Nicoll of Ludlow, Norris of Shoreham, Notte of Rutland City, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Pugh of South Burlington, Redmond of Essex, Reed of Braintree, Rogers of Waterville, Scheu of Middlebury, Seymour of Sutton, Sibilial of Dover, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Tully of Rockingham, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, White of Hartford, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Greensboro

Whereas, on May 25, 2020, four Minneapolis police officers, including Derek Chauvin, responded to a call that George Floyd, an African American, was attempting to pay for a purchase with counterfeit currency, and

Whereas, Officer Chauvin knelt on George Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes, continuing this pressure unabated even after George Floyd protested that he could not breathe, and

Whereas, George Floyd became unconscious and died on the scene, and

Whereas, the police officers were fired; Officer Chauvin was charged with third-degree murder—a charge later upgraded to second-degree murder—and with second-degree manslaughter; and his colleagues were subsequently charged with aiding and abetting, and

Whereas, the majority of President Trump’s tweeting in response to the death has been highly inflammatory and racist, and he has advocated a much-criticized militaristic response, and

Whereas, George Floyd’s death again highlights the dangers and disparate treatment that persons of color confront in our nation, and

Whereas, his death followed a police officer’s fatal choking of Eric Garner in New York City; the deadly police shootings of Michael Brown Jr. in Ferguson, Missouri, and of Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky; the death of Freddie Carlos Gray Jr. in Baltimore, Maryland, after transport in a police van; and the civilian killings of Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Florida, and Ahmaud Arbery in Satilla Shores, Georgia, and

Whereas, Vermonters of color have experienced a higher rate of COVID-19 infections than has the State’s overall population, and

Whereas, Vermonters of color are subject to disparate law enforcement treatment, and

Whereas, the recent harassment of an African American family in Hartford was appalling, and

Whereas, today, Friday, June 19, 2020, marks the 155th anniversary of Union General Gordon Granger’s public reading, in Galveston, Texas, of General Order No. 3, announcing the freedom of all previously enslaved persons in Texas, and

Whereas, June 19, now known as Juneteenth, is the holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, and in 2008, the General Assembly enacted 1 V.S.A. § 375, designating the third Saturday of June as Juneteenth National Freedom Day in Vermont, and

Whereas, the observance of Juneteenth serves as a powerful reminder that the promise of racial equality continues to elude us, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body commemorates the 155th anniversary of Juneteenth and recognizes our State’s and nation’s continuing struggle for racial equality, and be it further

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Trump, the Vermont Congressional Delegation, and the Vermont Human Rights Commission.

Which was read.

Pending the question, Shall the House adopt the resolution? **Rep. Till of Jericho** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the House adopt the resolution? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 128. Nays, 17.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Emmons of Springfield	Murphy of Fairfax	White of Hartford
Fagan of Rutland City	Nicoll of Ludlow	Wood of Waterbury
Fegard of Berkshire *	Norris of Shoreham	Yacovone of Morristown
Feltus of Lyndon	Notte of Rutland City	Yantachka of Charlotte
Gannon of Wilmington	Noyes of Wolcott	Young of Greensboro
Gardner of Richmond	O'Brien of Tunbridge	
Giambatista of Essex	Ode of Burlington	
Gonzalez of Winooski	O'Sullivan of Burlington	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bancroft of Westford *	Hango of Berkshire	Myers of Essex
Brennan of Colchester	Helm of Fair Haven *	Quimby of Concord
Cupoli of Rutland City *	Higley of Lowell *	Rosenquist of Georgia
Gamache of Swanton *	LaClair of Barre Town	Smith of Derby *
Goslant of Northfield	Martel of Waterford	Strong of Albany
Graham of Williamstown	McCoy of Poultney *	

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

Burditt of West Rutland	Dickinson of St. Albans	Morrissey of Bennington
Conlon of Cornwall	Town	

Rep. Bancroft of Westford explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I could not bring myself to vote for this resolution given the divisive and political inflammatory statement regarding the President. If this derogatory statement had not been in the resolution, I would have supported and voted for it. It is this kind of political speak that divides instead of unifying.

I have serviced in the legislature for six years and today, Madame Speaker, you have allowed this body to sink to a new low. I naively believed that this was an august body with decorum standards beyond approach. We have well-defined protocols in how we address and interrogate House members. The interrogation protocol is designed to temper emotions, and stifle acrimony when contentious issues come before us. We are forbidden from impugning the honor and motives of members when we are on the floor. Sadly, this rule does not apply to anyone who is not a member. The actions of this body today made it clear that members can express their opinions, no matter how disrespectful and inflammatory they maybe about anyone except for House members.

I did not vote for President Trump and frequently disagree with his statements and positions. I understand that the passion of those opposing him run high, but it reflects poorly on this body when raw patrician politics is allowed to come to the floor of the House. I am absolutely sure that if I had a similar resolution drafted except that the past racially divisive stands of the

Democrat candidate for President were highlighted, it would not see the light of day.

I am ashamed of this body and, in the future, I will not be bound by any rules that precludes me from calling into question the integrity and motives of a member during floor time. I am embarrassed that this body has descended in to a political gutter.”

Rep. Cupoli of Rutland City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I have a different take on this Resolution. There is never any mention of the Italian Americans who arrived in America from Sicily in the early nineteen hundreds. Their skin was dark and many were lynched as they were considered as Black. We were subjected to racism back then.

My Italian American heritage has been violated by removing Columbus Day in our State, where many Italian Americans settled and made our marble and granite business famous all across America and beyond.

I have the most wonderful and talented Grandson who is biracial and could not be more proud of him and his accomplishments . I will celebrate Juneteenth with him.”

Rep. Donovan of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Marion Anderson, a talented African American singer said, 'No matter how big a nation is, it is no stronger than its weakest people, and as long as you keep a person down, some part of you has to be down there to hold him down, so it means you cannot soar as you might otherwise.' Let's soar together and finally rid our nation of this pandemic of racism.”

Rep. Fegard of Berkshire explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes on H.R. 21 to commemorate a day that represents so much about the hidden history of our nation. Victors write the history books and those in power have treated issues about race very much like a war.

The enslaved peoples who's sweat, blood and tears literally built the wealth of our nation's founding families on plantations as well as Wall Street, the White House, many other infrastructures that continue to serve populations of our nation's upper crust as well as public good. There are not statues of these people who struggled against odds few could imagine to not only survive atrocities and cruelties, but to bend their backs to labor for others and still have

the resilience to build communities that have persisted. Text books do not include the brutality of our nation's development and history into modern times. We do not read in our primary and secondary education text books about:

1) The Barbados model of slavery that created extreme wealth for sugar cane plantation owners by literally working their slaves to death, which is why they needed constant replenishment of slaves. This model was adopted by America's deep South states.

2) The hundreds of documented genocidal events during the Jim Crowe era, when most of the confederate monuments were erected. These massacres, which happened across our nation, were typically triggered by envy of white people about the progress their black neighbors were making in building their own lives and wealth after hundreds of years of enslavement and decades of continued abuse.

I vote yes to honor this day in part because my own great grandfather was a member of the KKK in Texas (but which we must remember had a robust membership and active agenda in Vermont). He was known for being lazy and mean, which fits the model of what I have seen of racists. I cannot do enough in my one life to address the harm that at least one of my own family members and all of his ilk have wreaked upon a people for no reason other than the color of their skin.

I vote yes because people should be judged on the content of their character, not the color of their skin, and we still have not gotten there.”

Rep. Higley of Lowell explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I support the section of the resolution acknowledging Juneteenth, the holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States and applaud my colleagues for bringing it forward.

I also support our Vermont law enforcement community and their efforts over the years to implement bias-free policing and applaud their efforts going forward in their willingness to work together with all Vermonters to end the pattern and practice of desperate, inequitable treatment of the people throughout the criminal justice system.”

Rep. Krowinski of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes. In recognizing the 155th year anniversary of Juneteenth it's important to name that people of color and other marginalized communities

still live and work under a different set of written and unwritten rules. Leaders in our communities, our state, and our country must commit lifting all people up and do what it takes to break down systemic racism in this county. Thank you.”

Rep. McCoy of Poultney explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I stand to recognize, reflect, and acknowledge the significant issues facing people of color in our communities, and to celebrate Juneteenth, the commemoration of General Granger’s reading of the federal order of emancipation of slaves. While there is still a great deal of work to do to ensure equality and justice for all in Vermont and throughout our country, Vermont has been a leader in the quest for equality and justice, and I am proud to stand on the shoulders of those past Vermont leaders.

All House Republicans were hopeful we could vote for this resolution today, but cannot, in good conscience, participate in trying to match President Trump’s deliberately provocative and inflammatory rhetoric with more of our own deliberately provocative rhetoric.

We should be setting an example as a way forward, and the provocative sections of this resolution, I’m afraid, are not the way to do that and are not examples I am proud of. I vote no.”

Rep. Mrowicki of Putney explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes for this timely opportunity to both celebrate such an important date in American history for our African-American brothers and sisters and also recognize that current events highlight how much work we still have to do. It also reminds as America looks for leadership on racism and so many other vital issues, we can't look to Washington. With the absence of real leadership on this in Washington, leadership on Systemic Racism and other Justice issues has to come from the states and grassroots. The next question then, is, who will join us in this work?”

Rep. Redmond of Essex explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes. I believe that silence is complicity. As a patriotic white American, I have a responsibility to name and call out the racism that the President foments in the national conversation, keeping white supremacy emboldened and intact. As Emma Lazarus said more than 100 years ago, 'until all are free, none of us are free.' May we realize the fullest breadth of the Juneteenth commemoration - expansive freedom for every human life”

Rep. Smith of Derby explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This resolution is inciting and that is not what we, as Vermonters, should be addressing in this time of turmoil in the Country! Juneteenth is a time for remembrance and heartfelt consideration and not for inciting! We all should remember the wisdom and sincerity of the Rev. Martin Luther King and this resolution does not go in that direction.”

Rep. Sullivan of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

It is time for all of us to explore deeply how to get beyond our racist past. Racism is a system that was developed to keep white men in power, both politically and economically. Remember, when black lives matter then all lives will matter. I was proud to vote for this resolution.”

Bill Amended; Consideration Interrupted

H. 966

House bill, entitled

An act relating to COVID-19 broadband connectivity and housing initiatives

Was taken up and pending third reading of the bill, **Reps. Pugh of South Burlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Gregoire of Fairfield, Haas of Rochester, McFaun of Barre Town, Nicoll of Ludlow, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Redmond of Essex, Rosenquist of Georgia and Wood of Waterbury** moved to amend the bill as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 1, purpose, in its entirety and inserting a new Sec. 1 to read as follows:

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this act is to appropriate \$111,130,100.00 from the State’s Coronavirus Relief Fund for necessary expenses incurred as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This appropriation shall be allocated as follows: \$43,068,500.00 for broadband connectivity and other initiatives and \$68,061,600.00 for housing initiatives.

Second: By inserting a Sec. 11a after Sec. 11, COVID-19 response; housing, to read as follows:

Sec. 11a. HOUSING, RENTAL ASSISTANCE, AND SUPPORT

SERVICES; CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND; APPROPRIATION

(a) The sum of \$16,061,600.00 is appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Department for Children and Families in fiscal year 2021 to fund programs and services that support safe, stable housing opportunities for Vermont households experiencing homelessness as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency and related administrative costs. The programs and services funded by this appropriation may include:

(1) expanding the Vermont Rental Subsidy program to provide homeless households with temporary rental assistance through December 30, 2020 as a bridge to public housing vouchers;

(2) providing or arranging for housing navigation and case management services, such as identifying housing barriers, needs, and preferences; developing and implementing plans to find and secure housing; conducting outreach to potential landlords; assisting with relocation logistics; developing permanent housing support crisis plans; and identifying other services necessary for households to maintain permanent housing;

(3) providing financial assistance to Vermont households who are living in motels to help them rapidly resolve their homelessness and enter into safe housing arrangements;

(4) supplementing the General Assistance motel voucher program to address the immediate housing needs of households who are currently living in motels or hotels around the State and whose motel or hotel lodging is related to a disruption to their previous housing situation as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

(5) capitalizing a housing risk pool for landlords to encourage rentals to individuals experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, which would help landlords lessen their risk of exposure to financial loss through December 20, 2020, while renting to households that have poor or no rental housing history as result of financial hardship due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(b) The General Assembly determines that the expenditure of monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund as set forth in this section is necessary to secure safe, stable housing opportunities for Vermont households experiencing homelessness, many of whom have been disproportionately impacted by unemployment, business closures, or business interruptions as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The number of households living in State-supported motels or hotels grew from approximately 300 to 1,400 over the course of two months. The COVID-19 pandemic has rendered housing in shelters incompatible with maintaining public health; increased the number of households experiencing homelessness and in need of housing supports to

obtain or maintain safe, stable housing; and created a demand for diverse social services to safely house these vulnerable Vermonters.

(c) The provision of housing programs and services is not compensable under this section to the extent that the same costs or expenses have been or will be covered by other federal funds.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, **Reps. Marcotte of Coventry, Bancroft of Westford, Carroll of Bennington, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Jerome of Brandon, Kimbell of Woodstock, Morris of Springfield, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Ralph of Hartland and Toleno of Brattleboro** moved to amend the bill as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 1 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1 to read:

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this act is to appropriate \$232,830,100.00 from the State's Coronavirus Relief Fund for necessary expenses incurred as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, allocated as follows: \$43,068,500.00 for broadband connectivity and other initiatives; \$68,061,600.00 for housing initiatives; and \$121,700,000.00 for economic relief to businesses and individuals.

Second: Following Sec. 10, by inserting a reader assistance heading and Secs. 10a–10e to read:

* * * COVID-19; Economic Relief for Businesses and Individuals * * *

Sec. 10a. ECONOMIC RELIEF FOR BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS;

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND; APPROPRIATIONS

(a) Determination of necessity due to COVID-19. The General Assembly determines that the expenditure of monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund pursuant to this section is necessary to provide support to individuals and businesses that have suffered economic harm due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(b) Appropriations. The following amounts are appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the named recipients for the purpose specified:

(1) \$5,000,000.00 to the Working Lands Enterprise Fund, which the Working Lands Enterprise Board shall use for grants to businesses within the agricultural, food and forest, and wood products industries for:

(A) recovering from verifiable losses incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

(B) developing new products or markets necessary for the sustainable viability of the business because of changes in the supply chain and relevant markets due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(2) \$5,000,000.00 to the Vermont Community Loan Fund, of which the Fund shall allocate \$2,500,000.00 to issue grants of not more than \$10,000.00 to woman-owned businesses and \$2,500,000.00 to issue grants of not more than \$10,000.00 to minority-owned businesses, to address economic harm suffered due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(A) A business is eligible for a grant if:

(i) The business suffered a 50 percent or greater reduction in revenue in a monthly or quarterly period from March 1, 2020 to September 1, 2020 as compared to the same period in 2019.

(ii) The business has no, or not more than five, employees.

(iii) A woman or a minority individual owns not less than 51 percent of the business, and the business meets the standard for being woman- or minority-owned established by the Department of Buildings and General Services.

(iv) The business certifies that it meets the eligibility requirements, that it will use funds for COVID-19 related business expenses on or before December 20, 2020, that it will document the expenses, that grants are subject to audit for three years, and that false or fraudulent claims will be prosecuted.

(B) The Vermont Commission on Women shall design a grant application and host an online application process.

(C) The Agency of Commerce and Community Development shall provide notice to applicants concerning allowable expenditures under the CARES Act and support outreach efforts through media outlets.

(D) The Vermont Commission on Women and a host nonprofit that works with minority businesses shall conduct outreach within their respective business communities and provide support for applicants as they research and apply for the grants.

(E) If any funds remain both unencumbered and unspent on September 1, 2020, the Agency and the Fund shall assess the participation rates in the grant programs and reallocate funds as necessary.

(3) \$3,000,000.00 to the Agency for Commerce and Community Development for emergency economic recovery grants under Sec. 3 of S.350 (2020), as enacted, to eligible businesses that provide highway and bridge maintenance services for the Agency of Transportation or municipal highway departments, or both, and that have suffered economic harm due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(4) \$3,000,000.00 to the Department of Tourism and Marketing to provide marketing support to businesses that have suffered economic harm due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(5) \$3,000,000.00 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to establish a Restart Vermont Technical Support Network to make available an appropriate level of professional assistance to businesses that have suffered economic harm due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(A) The Agency shall issue a request for proposals to service providers to establish a group of Recovery Navigators qualified to provide businesses with assistance in revising business models, business and financial planning, and grant and loan writing support.

(B) The request for proposals issued by the Agency shall solicit service providers adequately demonstrating their qualifications in areas including:

(i) operational expertise and ability in helping businesses modernize current operating practices;

(ii) knowledge and experience in developing digital strategies for retailers needing to establish a more robust and competitive online presence;

(iii) architecture and physical space design for optimal flow in restaurants adjusting their model and space to accommodate more takeout and less seating, space for meal preparation, and food delivery logistics;

(iv) reconfiguration of manufacturing equipment and processes to enable production of personal protective equipment, as well as accommodation of safety measures resulting from the COVID-19 emergency;

(v) technology or software consulting to agricultural producers and manufacturers on the utilization of technology to solve problems; and

(vi) legal and other professional services experienced in helping businesses develop turnaround plans, including restructuring debt, prioritization of payables, and orderly unwinding businesses.

(6) \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Housing and Community Development for grants to communities through the Better Places Program to purchase or lease equipment, including masks, sanitizing stations, hands free door pulls, outdoor tables and chairs, and other items used towards public safety measures and the mitigation of the spread of COVID-19, while enabling local businesses and organizations to reopen.

(7) \$70,200,000.00 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, in consultation with the Department of Taxes, to allocate for additional emergency economic recovery grants pursuant to Secs. 2–3 of S.350 (2020), as enacted, subject to the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee and to the following:

(A) The Agency and Department may issue grants to businesses that have suffered a 50 percent or greater reduction in revenue in a monthly or quarterly period from March 1, 2020 to September 1, 2020 as compared to the same period in 2019.

(B) If, on or before August 1, 2020, the Agency and the Department have not expended all of the funds appropriated in S.350 (2020), as enacted, the Agency and Department shall combine and distribute those funds with the amounts appropriated in this subdivision (7).

(8) \$1,500,000.00 to the Agency of Natural Resources for grants through the Outdoor Recreation Business Assistance Program.

(9) \$5,000,000 to Southeastern Vermont Community Action to act as fiscal agent for a Statewide program, Restaurants and Farmers Feeding the Hungry, the purpose of which is to provide assistance to Vermonters who are food insecure due to the COVID-19 public health emergency by engaging Vermont restaurants that have suffered economic harm due to the COVID-19 public health emergency to prepare meals using foodstuffs purchased from Vermont farms and food producers.

(A) SEVCA shall collaborate with State and nonprofit partners throughout Vermont, including the Agency of Commerce and Community Development; the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets; the Agency of Human Services; the Department of Public Safety; the Community Action Agencies; the Vermont Food Bank; Hunger Free Vermont; the Vermont Hunger Council; the Sustainable Jobs Fund/Farm to Plate; the Vermont Community Foundation; the Downtown Brattleboro Alliance; Shiftmeals; Mama Sezz; and others.

(B) Under the Program SEVCA and partners shall:

(i) establish multiple community-scale hubs across Vermont to coordinate restaurant engagement and distribution of not fewer than 15,000 meals per week;

(ii) engage a broad range of restaurants of various sizes to produce meals;

(iii) on average, purchase not less than 10 percent of ingredients from local farms and producers; and

(iv) augment the existing food distribution network to meet the increased food insecurity of residents.

(10) \$5,000,000.00 to the Vermont Arts Council for grants to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations that have suffered a 50 percent or greater reduction in revenue in a monthly or quarterly period from March 1, 2020 to September 1, 2020 as compared to the same period in 2019. As used in this subdivision, "revenue" does not include tax-deductible charitable donations.

(c) Administration of funds; reporting. A recipient of an appropriation to administer grants and other assistance in this section:

(1) may use funds for administrative expenses, provided that the expenses represent an increase over previously budgeted amounts and are limited to what is necessary;

(2) shall require an applicant for a grant to attest:

(A) to the intended use of a grant award;

(B) to commit to expending grant funds on or before December 20, 2020;

(C) if a business organization, that it is domiciled or has its primary place of business in Vermont as determined pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development pursuant to S.350 (2020), as enacted; and

(D) is open for business at the time of application, or is closed due to the COVID-19 public health emergency but has a good faith plan to reopen;

(3) shall disclose to applicants that all expenditures of funding from the Coronavirus Relief Fund are subject to audit by the State and may be recovered by the State if the recipient uses the funding for an ineligible purpose under the CARES Act, except in the case of a grant recipient that accepted grant funds in good faith reliance on the State concerning the business's eligibility for, or use of, the grant award;

(4) shall transfer funds that are both unencumbered and unspent as of November 15, 2020 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, which the Agency shall use to make additional emergency economic recovery grants; and

(5) shall submit to the General Assembly an initial report on or before August 15, 2020, and a final report on November 15, 2020, concerning the use of appropriated funds.

(d) Prohibition on multiple sources of funding.

(1) A business may apply for a grant of Coronavirus Relief Fund monies from multiple sources; provided, however, that:

(A) A business is eligible to receive only one grant of Coronavirus Relief Fund monies from among the programs and sources authorized in this section.

(B) A business that receives a grant of Coronavirus Relief Fund monies from a program or source that is not authorized in this section is ineligible for an additional grant from among the programs and sources authorized in this section, except that a business in the dairy sector may apply for a grant under subdivision (b)(1)(B) of this section provided that the award is not for the same documented COVID-19 related economic loss covered under other assistance from the Fund.

(2) The Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Department of Taxes, and economic development partners that receive appropriations pursuant to this section shall provide businesses with guidance and support to help identify the appropriate programs for which the business may be eligible for assistance.

(e) Public records; confidentiality.

(1) The name of a business that receives an award under this section and the amount of the award are public records subject to inspection and copying under the Public Records Act.

(2) Any application documents of a business containing federal identification numbers and sales amounts are subject to the confidentiality provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 3102 and are return information under that section.

(3) Data submitted by a business under this section to demonstrate costs or expenses shall be a trade secret exempt from public inspection and copying under 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(9), provided that submitted information may be used and disclosed in summary or aggregated form that does not directly or indirectly identify a business.

Sec. 10b. OUTDOOR RECREATION BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM; COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

(a) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to provide financial assistance to outdoor recreation businesses in the State to assist with compliance with or implementation of COVID-19 public health precautions.

(b) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) "Outdoor recreation business" means any person conducting a business or a service within the State that offers outdoor recreation as the principle part of the business or service, including outdoor outfitters, fishing guides, snowmobile tours, ski tours, and other eligible activities approved by the Secretary. An "outdoor recreation business" includes for-profit businesses, not-for-profit businesses, and charitable organizations organized under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

(2) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Natural Resources.

(c) Program establishment.

(1) The Secretary shall establish an Outdoor Recreation Business Assistance Program (Program) to provide grants to outdoor recreation businesses for costs or expenses necessary to comply with or implement COVID-19 public health precautions, including costs or expenses related to one or more of the following:

(A) cleaning or disinfection services or equipment;

(B) personal protection equipment for staff, customers, or participants;

(C) symptom monitoring or diagnosis to ensure safe participation by customers or participants;

(D) signage or informational material to inform staff, customers, and participants of necessary public health precautions;

(E) temporary staff housing necessary to maintain public health precautions;

(F) maintenance or repair of trails where damage is caused by increased usage during the declared COVID-19 public health emergency; and

(G) other improvements necessary to address public safety needs due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(2) In order to qualify for assistance under the Program, an outdoor recreation business shall:

(A) be currently operating or providing services; and

(B) accurately demonstrate to the Secretary or the Secretary's designee eligible costs or expenses that the outdoor recreation business incurred or will incur on or after March 1, 2020 and before December 20, 2020.

(e) Implementation and administration.

(1) The Secretary shall administer the Program and may implement the Program by:

(A) contracting with an independent public or private entity;

(B) contracting for or hiring up to two temporary positions at the Agency of Natural Resources; or

(C) reallocating existing Agency of Natural Resources staff positions to work exclusively on the Program or other CARES Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136 eligible activities.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Secretary may enter into a contract with an independent public or private entity as authorized under this section without the need to competitively bid the contract. For the purposes of the Program, the public health risk posed by COVID-19 shall be deemed to be an emergency situation that justifies the execution of a sole source contract pursuant to Bulletin 3.5, the State's Procurement and Contracting Procedures.

(e) Application; processing.

(1) The Secretary or the Secretary's designee shall create an application form that outdoor recreation businesses shall utilize when applying for an award. Applicants shall certify that all information they provide is truthful and accurate to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief.

(2) The Secretary or the Secretary's designee shall, based on the amount of cost or expense documented by the outdoor recreation business on the date the application is received, provide up to the maximum award authorized under this section. Applications shall be processed in the order received, but an application shall not be ready for evaluation until the Secretary or the Secretary's designee determines that the application is administratively complete and includes required proof of costs or expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(3) Once an outdoor recreation business submits a complete application and demonstrates eligible costs or expenses, the Secretary or the Secretary's designee shall promptly issue a payment, provided that the appropriated funds

have not been expended. The last payment may be a partial payment consisting of the remaining available funds.

(4) Each award under this section shall be a direct payment from the State of Vermont to an eligible outdoor recreation business. Outdoor recreation businesses shall not submit more than one application.

(f) Payment; maximum. The maximum amount of an award that may be awarded under this section shall be \$30,000.00.

(g) Program terms and limitations.

(1) The Secretary shall attempt to award grants equitably on a geographic basis across the State. After equity of geographic distribution is accounted for, grant payments under the Program shall be issued on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are awarded or December 20, 2020, whichever occurs first, provided that the costs or expenses are incurred and the funds fully expended on or before December 30, 2020.

(2) The name of an outdoor recreation business that receives an award under the Program and the amount of the award are public records subject to inspection and copying under the Public Records Act.

(3) Any application documents of an outdoor recreation business containing federal identification numbers and sales amounts are subject to the confidentiality provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 3102 and are return information under that section.

(4) Data submitted by an outdoor recreation business under this section to demonstrate costs or expenses shall be a trade secret exempt from public inspection and copying under 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(9), provided that the Secretary may use and disclose submitted information in summary or aggregated form that does not directly or indirectly identify an outdoor recreation business.

Sec. 10c. 24 V.S.A. § 2799 is added to read:

§ 2799. BETTER PLACES PROGRAM; CROWD GRANTING

(a)(1) There is created a Better Places Fund under 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5.

(2) The purpose of the Fund is to utilize crowdfunding to spark community revitalization through collaborative grantmaking for projects that create, activate, or revitalize public spaces.

(3) The Department of Housing and Community Development may administer the Fund in coordination with and support from other State agencies and nonprofit and philanthropic partners.

(b) The Fund is composed of the following:

- (1) State or federal funds appropriated by the General Assembly;
- (2) gifts, grants, or other contributions to the Fund;
- (3) proceeds from the issuance of general obligation bonds; and
- (4) any interest earned by the Fund.

(c) As used in this section, “public space” means an area or place that is open and accessible to all people, generally with no charge for admission, and includes village greens, squares, parks, community centers, town halls, libraries, and other publicly accessible buildings and connecting spaces such as sidewalks, streets, alleys, and trails.

(d)(1) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall establish an application process, eligibility criteria, and criteria for prioritizing assistance for awarding grants from the Fund.

(2) The Department may award a grant to a municipality or nonprofit organization for a project that is located in a designated downtown, village center, new town center, or neighborhood development area that will create a new public space or revitalize or activate an existing public space.

(3) The Department may develop matching grant eligibility requirements, such as requiring that to be eligible for a grant, a project shall use matching funds raised through a crowdfunding approach that includes multiple donors and other appropriate requirements to ensure a broad base of community and financial support for the project.

(e) The Department of Housing and Community Development, with the assistance of a fiscal agent, shall distribute funds under this section in a manner that provides funding for projects of various sizes in as many geographical areas of the State as possible.

(f) The Department of Housing and Community Development may use up to 15 percent of any appropriation to the Fund from the General Fund to assist with crowdfunding, administration, and technological needs of the Better Places Program.

(g) Beginning on January 15, 2021, and annually thereafter, the Department of Housing and Community Development shall submit to the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development an annual report regarding the activities and progress of the Better Places Program. The report shall:

(1) summarize the program activities in the preceding year and report on the number of awarded grants and the total grant funds allocated;

(2) report on partner resources and contributions to the Program; and

(3) report on any measurable economic activity that may include number of jobs created, number of visitors, the approximate number of square feet to be activated or redeveloped, and the number of volunteers engaged in the project.

Sec. 10d. WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATE OF CONTRIBUTION

For fiscal year 2021, after consideration of the formula in 21 V.S.A. § 711(b) and historical rate trends, the General Assembly determines that the rate of contribution for the direct calendar year premium for workers' compensation insurance shall remain at the rate of 1.4 percent. The contribution rate for self-insured workers' compensation losses and workers' compensation losses of corporations approved under 21 V.S.A. chapter 9 shall remain at one percent.

Sec. 10e. FRONT-LINE EMPLOYEES HAZARD PAY GRANT PROGRAM

(a) The purpose of this section is to appropriate \$20,000,000.00 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide grants to certain employers for the provision of hazard pay to front-line workers whose job placed them at an elevated risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, or both, during the first two months of the COVID-19 public health emergency in Vermont.

(b) There is established in the Agency of Administration the Front-Line Employees Hazard Pay Grant Program to administer and award grants to certain public safety, public health, health care, and human services employers whose employees were engaged in activities substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency during the eligible period. The Agency shall administer this program in a way that is consistent with the provisions of Secs. 12–15 of this act and section 5001 of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116–136 (the CARES Act), as may be amended, and any guidance or regulations issued pursuant to that section.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Agency" means the Agency of Administration

(2)(A) "Covered employer" means an entity that employs one or more individuals in Vermont in relation to its operation of one of the following:

(i) an assisted living residence as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 7102;

(ii) a nursing home as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 7102 and any employer that a nursing home has contracted with for the provision of physical, speech, respiratory, or occupational therapy, provided that such an employer shall only be permitted to receive a grant to provide hazard pay to its employees for therapy services provided in the nursing home;

(iii) a residential care home as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 7102;

(iv) a therapeutic community residence as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 7102;

(v) a health care facility as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9432 or a physician's office;

(vi) a dentist's office or a dental facility;

(vii) a homeless shelter;

(viii) a home health agency as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 6302 and any employer that a home health agency has contracted with to provide physical, speech, respiratory, or occupational therapy on its behalf, provided that such an employer shall only be permitted to receive a grant to provide hazard pay to its employees for therapy services provided on behalf of the home health agency;

(ix) a federally qualified health center, rural health clinic, or clinic for the uninsured;

(x) a program licensed by the Department for Children and Families as a residential treatment program;

(xi) an ambulance service or first responder service as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2651;

(xii) a morgue; or

(xiii) a provider of necessities and services to vulnerable or disadvantaged populations.

(B) "Covered employer" does not include:

(i) the State;

(ii) a political subdivision of the State;

(iii) the United States;

(iv) an agency designated to provide mental health or developmental disability services, or both, pursuant to 18 V.S.A. chapter 207;
or

(v) an agency with which the Commissioner of Mental Health or of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, or both, has contracted to provide specialized services pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 8912.

(3)(A) “Elevated risk of exposure to COVID-19” means the performance of a job that:

(i) has high potential for exposure to known or suspected sources of COVID-19, including through;

(I) providing in-person services or care to members of the public or clients; or

(II) cleaning or sanitizing the premises of a covered employer in a location that is used by members of the public or individuals who are known or suspected to have COVID-19;

(ii) requires frequent physical contact or close contact, or both, with people who may be infected with SARS-CoV-2, but who are not known or suspected COVID-19 patients; or

(iii) is located in an area with ongoing community transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and requires regular, close contact with members of the public.

(B) As used in this subdivision (b)(2), “close contact” means interactions with another individual that require the employee to be within six feet of that individual.

(4)(A) “Eligible employee” means an individual who:

(i) is employed by a covered employer that has applied for a grant through the Program;

(ii) performs a job that had an elevated risk of exposure to COVID-19 during the eligible period;

(iii) was unable to perform his or her job remotely or to telework, including by providing healthcare or other services by telephone, videoconference, or telehealth;

(iv) except in the case of employees of home health agencies and nursing homes, earns an hourly base wage of \$25.00 or less;

(v) worked at least 68 hours for a covered employer during the eligible period; and

(vi) is not eligible to receive monetary benefits for the performance of his or her job under any program authorized or implemented by the federal government.

(B) Notwithstanding subdivision (A)(i) of this subdivision (4), “eligible employee” includes an independent direct support provider who satisfies the requirements of subdivisions (A)(ii)–(vi) of subdivision (4) of this section.

(C) “Eligible employee” does not include:

(i) an independent contractor or self-employed individual; or

(ii) an individual who has received unemployment insurance benefits for any week during the eligible period.

(5) “Eligible period” means the period from March 13, 2020 through May 15, 2020, inclusive.

(6) “Independent direct support provider” has the same meaning as in 21 V.S.A. § 1631.

(7) “Program” means the Front-Line Employees Hazard Pay Grant Program.

(8) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Administration.

(d)(1) A covered employer may apply to the Secretary for a lump sum grant to provide hazard pay to eligible employees in the following amounts for the eligible period:

(A) \$1,400.00 for eligible employees who worked at least 216 hours in a job with an elevated risk of exposure to COVID-19 during the eligible period; and

(B) \$800.00 for employees who worked at least 68 hours and less than 216 hours in a job with an elevated risk of exposure to COVID-19 during the eligible period.

(2)(A) The number of hours worked by an eligible employee during the eligible period shall include any hours of employer-provided accrued paid leave or leave provided pursuant to the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act or the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act that were used by the eligible employee because he or she contracted COVID-19 or was quarantined because of exposure to COVID-19.

(B) The number of hours worked by an eligible employee during the eligible period shall not include:

(i) any hours of employer-provided accrued paid leave or leave provided pursuant to the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act or the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act that were used by the eligible employee to care for another individual; and

(ii) any hours of remote or telework performed by the eligible employee, including the provision of healthcare or other services by telephone, videoconference, or telehealth.

(3) An eligible employee may elect not to receive hazard pay funded by a grant provided pursuant to the Program by providing notice to his or her employer pursuant to procedures adopted by the employer.

(4) For the sole purpose of the administration of the Program and the provision of hazard pay to independent direct support providers, ARIS Solutions, as the fiscal agent for the employers of the independent direct support providers, shall have the authority to apply for a grant in the same manner as a covered employer and to disburse hazard pay funded by that grant to eligible independent direct support providers.

(e) In order to qualify for a grant under the Program, the Secretary shall require a covered employer to certify that:

(1) the grant funds shall only be used to provide hazard pay to eligible employees;

(2) eligible employees receiving hazard pay funded by the grant shall not be required to pay an administrative fee or other charge in relation to the employer requesting a grant to provide the employee with hazard pay;

(3) it has established a process to permit eligible employees to elect not to receive hazard pay funded by a grant provided pursuant to the Program and record keeping procedures to track which employees have elected not to receive a grant; and

(4) the covered employer shall not reduce or otherwise recoup any compensation paid to or owed to an eligible employee for work performed during the eligible period as a result of the eligible employee receiving hazard pay funded by a grant obtained through the Program.

(f) The amount of the grant provided to a covered employer shall equal the total amount of hazard pay that its eligible employees qualify for pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

(g) Each covered employer that receives a grant shall, not later than 90 days after receiving the grant and in no event later than December 1, 2020, report to the Agency on a standard form provided by the Secretary the amount of grant funds used to provide hazard pay to eligible employees and the amount of any remaining grant funds that were not spent. All unspent grant funds shall be returned to the Agency pursuant to a procedure adopted by the Secretary.

(h) The Secretary shall:

(1) adopt procedures for implementing the Program, which shall include a simple grant application process and a process to allow employers to report on their use of the grant funds awarded pursuant to this section;

(2) promote awareness of the Program, including through coordination with relevant trade groups and with the Agencies of Commerce and Community Development and of Human Services and the Department of Public Safety;

(3) award grants to covered employers on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to available funding; and

(4) adopt measurable goals, performance measures, and an audit strategy to assess the utilization and performance of the Program.

(i) In addition to any other reports required pursuant to this act, on or before November 15, 2020, the Secretary shall submit a report to the General Assembly concerning the implementation of this section, including:

(1) a description of the policies and procedures adopted to implement the Program;

(2) the promotion and marketing of the Program; and

(3) an analysis of the utilization and performance of the Program.

(j) Appropriation.

(1) The amount of \$20,000,000.00 is appropriated in fiscal year 2021 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Agency for use in fiscal year 2021 for the administration and payment of grants pursuant to the Front-Line Employees Hazard Pay Grant Program established in subsection (b) of this section.

(2) Any unexpended funds remaining after October 15, 2020 shall revert to the Coronavirus Relief Fund for reallocation.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to COVID-19 funding and assistance for broadband connectivity, housing, and economic relief”

Recess

Thereupon, pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Marcotte of Coventry and others? At twelve o'clock and fifty-one minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker declared a recess until fall of the gavel.

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

Consideration Resumed; Bill Amended; Third Reading; Bill Passed**H. 966**

Consideration resumed on House bill, entitled

An act relating to COVID-19 broadband connectivity and housing initiatives

Thereupon, the bill was amended as offered by **Rep. Marcotte of Coventry** and others and the bill was read the third time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill pass? **Rep. Feltus of Lyndon** 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, 143. Nays, 1.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais	Goslant of Northfield	Ode of Burlington
Anthony of Barre City	Grad of Moretown	O'Sullivan of Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Gregoire of Fairfield	Page of Newport City
Bancroft of Westford	Haas of Rochester	Pajala of Londonderry
Bartholomew of Hartland	Hango of Berkshire	Palasik of Milton
Batchelor of Derby	Harrison of Chittenden	Partridge of Windham
Bates of Bennington	Hashim of Dummerston	Patt of Worcester
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Higley of Lowell	Potter of Clarendon
Birong of Vergennes	Hill of Wolcott	Pugh of South Burlington
Bock of Chester	Hooper of Montpelier	Quimby of Concord
Briglin of Thetford	Hooper of Burlington	Rachelson of Burlington
Brownell of Pownal	Houghton of Essex	Ralph of Hartland
Browning of Arlington	Howard of Rutland City	Redmond of Essex
Brumsted of Shelburne	James of Manchester	Reed of Braintree
Burke of Brattleboro	Jerome of Brandon	Rogers of Waterville
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Jessup of Middlesex	Rosenquist of Georgia
Canfield of Fair Haven	Killacky of South Burlington	Savage of Swanton
Carroll of Bennington	Kimbell of Woodstock	Scheu of Middlebury
Chase of Colchester	Kitzmiller of Montpelier	Scheuermann of Stowe
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Seymour of Sutton
Christensen of Weathersfield	Krowinski of Burlington	Shaw of Pittsford
Christie of Hartford	LaClair of Barre Town	Sheldon of Middlebury
Cina of Burlington	LaLonde of South Burlington	Sibilia of Dover
Coffey of Guilford	Lanpher of Vergennes	Smith of Derby
Colburn of Burlington	Lefebvre of Newark	Smith of New Haven
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	Szott of Barnard
	Masland of Thetford	Taylor of Colchester
		Terenzini of Rutland Town

Cupoli of Rutland City	Mattos of Milton	Till of Jericho
Demrow of Corinth	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Toleno of Brattleboro
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	McCormack of Burlington	Toll of Danville
Dolan of Waitsfield	McCoy of Poultney	Toof of St. Albans Town
Donovan of Burlington	McCullough of Williston	Townsend of South 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	White of Hartford
Feltus of Lyndon	Murphy of Fairfax	Wood of Waterbury
Gamache of Swanton	Myers of Essex	Yacovone of Morristown
Gannon of Wilmington	Nicoll of Ludlow	Yantachka of Charlotte
Gardner of Richmond	Norris of Shoreham	Young of Greensboro
Giambatista of Essex	Notte of Rutland City	
Gonzalez of Winooski	Noyes of Wolcott	
	O'Brien of Tunbridge	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Donahue of Northfield

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

Brennan of Colchester	Graham of Williamstown	Hooper of Randolph
Burditt of West Rutland	Helm of Fair Haven	

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. 966

House bill, entitled

An act relating to COVID-19 funding and assistance for broadband connectivity, housing, and economic relief

Bill Committed

H. 581

House bill, entitled

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

Appearing on the Calendar for Action, was taken up and pending the report of the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, **Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury** moved to commit the bill to Appropriations, which was agreed to.

Bill Recommended**H. 940**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training

Appearing on the Calendar for Action, was taken up and pending second reading of the bill, **Rep. Bartholomew of Hartland** moved to recommit the bill to Agriculture and Forestry, which was agreed to.

Bill Recommended**H. 923**

House bill, entitled

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

Appearing on the Calendar for Action, was taken up and pending the report of the committee on Judiciary, **Rep. Grad of Moretown** moved to recommit the bill to Judiciary, which was agreed to.

Message from the Senate No. 56

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 a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 650. An act relating to boards and commissions.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

Adjournment

At two o'clock and fifty-eight minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 58.

Concurrent Resolutions Adopted

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted on the part of the House.

H.C.R. 321

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Bennington Selectboard Chair Thomas Jacobs;

H.C.R. 322

House concurrent resolution in memory of Putnam Wentworth Blodgett;

H.C.R. 323

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Harwood Union High School Highlanders and the Fair Haven Union High School Slaters on being named 2020 Division II girls' basketball co-champions;

H.C.R. 324

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Chroma Technology Corporation of Bellows Falls on winning the 2019 Deane C. Davis Outstanding Business of the Year Award;

[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2020, seventy-fifth Biennial session.]